

## MY STAY IN TRALEE, IRELAND

Hello everyone!

My name is Riccardo Panese and thanks to the "kvplus" program, I have been living in a small town in the southwest of Ireland, Tralee, for the last 4 months. To date, I feel completely comfortable and at home.

After our arrival, the host families picked us up and we made us on our way home. Me and another kvplus student are living with Mary, a lovely and friendly woman. We have several conversations with her every day and go on a few trips around the Kerry region at the weekends.

After 2 orientation weeks in our school, we started our work experience. I work in a lovely hotel outside the city centre, the Manor West Hotel. In this family and children-oriented hotel, I can deal with customers and phone calls every day at the reception. The summer season, as well as the Halloween week were very appreciated by the guests, because special activities are also planned for the children, such as movie night or magic show. All employees are nice and ready to help - I am grateful for this great placement, as it allows me to be very close to the clients and improve my language skills. In addition, we also have school twice a week, on Tuesdays & Thursdays. In these lessons, we prepare for our Cambridge Exam by doing exercises & practice tests.

On weekends, trips are usually planned, either from the school or with the group/host family. I had the opportunity to visit a large part of the Kerry region, as well as other cities like Cork, Limerick, Killarney and Galway. Furthermore, our group meets on weekend evenings to spend time together and get to know new places and people.

In the last few weeks, I have been focused on our exams and have therefore made less trips. However, I am looking forward to the Christmas period so that I can visit the various Christmas markets around Ireland.

The time here has passed very quickly, and we will soon be on our way to France. But until then, I want to make the most of it and enjoy this beautiful country. I am very grateful to be part of the "kvplus" group, because this experience is unique and helps me to grow not only linguistically but also personally by getting to know new cultures and people. Thank you very much for the opportunity!

*Cliffs of Moher*



*Trip with the school*



*Night out*