

# My life in Tralee, Ireland

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Hi there! I hope you are doing well. My name is Belinda and I have been living in Tralee for the last two and a half months. I have already visited many stunning places here. In this report I am going to give you a brief insight into my life.

I am living in a small house with my host mother Katherina and her 18 years old son Jack. My host mothers fiancée doesn't live with us but he comes over quite frequently. Initially I hardly understood him because he is from the countryside and their accent is very strong. But after some time I got used to it. They are all incredibly lovely and welcomed me warmly.

For the first two weeks we went to school to brush up our English skills. Now we have evening classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Our teacher is very humorous and gives us lots of tips and tricks for the Proficiency Exam we take in December.



I started my work placement in the "Grand Hotel" but shortly I felt very out of place. I got introduced to my tasks briefly but was left alone most of the time. They had no time to train any new staff. So after some time I was able to change the work placement. I am now working in a Charity Shop as well as in our language school. In the Charity Shop I am sorting out donations and working behind the till. In school I am at the reception and doing a lot of administrative work.



Tralee is a very small but lovely town. Very surprisingly is that it is actually quite lively here. For instance we had the Rose of Tralee Festival and a Mamma Mia concert in August and a few smaller concerts throughout the other weeks. Furthermore there are quite a few pubs in Tralee to have a pint of Guinness. Besides exploring Tralee, I have already been to Dingle, Killarney, Galway, Limerick and Listowel. Although the public transport in Ireland does not really exist or frankly said is worse than anything, I somehow still managed to get to all those different places. In the first few weeks in Ireland the weather was exceptionally beautiful and so I went to the Banna Beach nearly every day.

The Irish love potatoes. In almost every meal you can find potatoes in different kinds of forms, be it chips, cooked potatoes or mashed potatoes. My host mother cooks delicious but enormous plates. So to keep myself fit I have joined the gym. On the weekends, I am usually out and about with my friends, exploring and enjoying Ireland to the fullest.

I would also like to say that I am very grateful for the opportunity to be part of the kv plus programme and would encourage everyone to participate in the programme as well.

See ya and until next time!



*Fenit Beach*



*Rose of Tralee Festival*



*Limerick*