LES DEUX IRLANDES – MARS 2024

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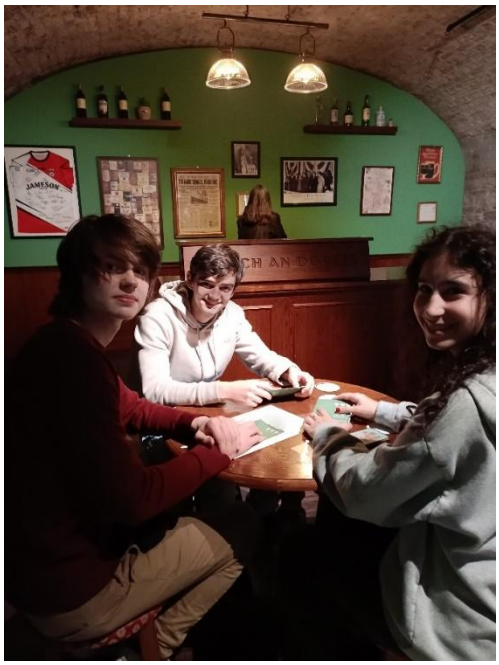
Day 1 by Cécile Dauchy

We arrived in Dublin on March 12th towards lunchtime. Upon our arrival we immediately took the bus heading towards downtown **Dublin**. This gave us the chance to get a glimpse of the city and discover the beautiful architecture of Dublin. We then had a quick moment for lunch before hopping back on the bus with a local guide who explained to us in great detail Irish history and the city's heritage, meanwhile showing us important historical landmarks and monuments. We stopped at **Phoenix park** which is a vast urban park located on the outskirts of Dublin, where we had the chance to discover the national Irish sport which is **hurling** and we got to see a beautiful deer, as well as the President's house named Áras an Uachtaráin. It also gave us the opportunity to enjoy Ireland's green landscapes. Our next stop was then the museum of immigration, the **EPIC museum**. This museum unravelled Ireland's rich immigrant history and showcased wonderful exhibits on those who journeyed to this country seeking a new beginning. After this visit it was time to meet our host families and rest a bit.

Irish sports in Phoenix Park

Áras an Uachtaráin


EPIC museum

Day 2 by Eden Grinshtein

On the second day of our trip, we all got ready separately at our host families', then headed to the bus to meet up. We drove to County Wicklow to hike in **Glendalough**, a

glacial valley, and walked around for a few hours. Once we were done, we had lunch outdoors before getting back on the bus. We then headed to **Dublin**, and by the time it was afternoon, we were visiting the National Gallery of Ireland, an art museum built in 1854, filled with many art pieces to observe, which we did until we reached night time. We all went back to our host families to have dinner with them and spend the night.

Glendalough

Preparation for Saint Paddy's

Dublin

General Post Office in O'Connell Street – memento of the 1916 Easter Rising

Molly Malone, a popular figure

the National Gallery, Dublin

Day 3 by Lena Guedj

The third day of our trip started by leaving our host families at 8 am. All of us had fun in the bus, we stopped at a rest area and each one took something to eat because some didn't have any breakfast. Then the car ride lasted about four hours to **Giant's Causeway**. We listened to music and did a blind test with different themes and some others were sleeping.

There we walked around and learned a lot about the myth and history of this coast. It was raining but we kept climbing and hiking. During the walk, we ate our lunch. After a while, we came back to the main entrance, and some students and the teachers bought gifts for their families. We left the site at 3 pm. Then took the bus again and stopped by **Dunluce castle** which is an old castle in ruins. We took a picture in front of the bus and got on the bus for our last destination the four-star hotel called **Stormont Hotel**, which is the name of the Parliament, in **Belfast**. We had some time to wash up and then we shared dinner. We had fun until 11 pm since it was our last night abroad!

Giant’s causeway

Dunluce Castle

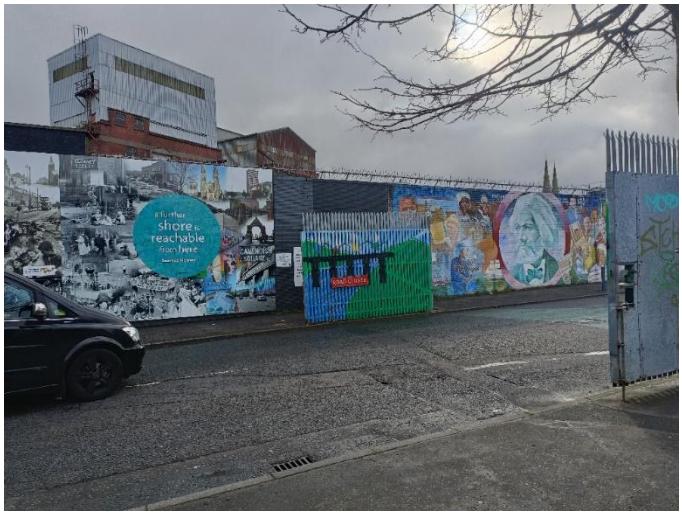
Day 4 from Charlotte Weill's notes

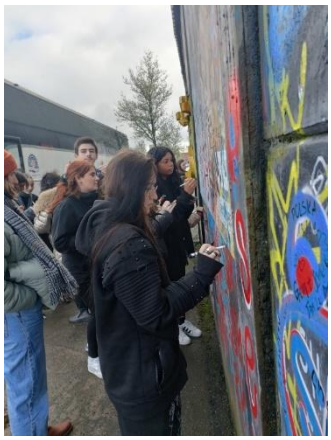
The group and I woke up at 7 am at the hotel to have breakfast and to be ready for our last day. At 8 am we were on the road to the centre of Belfast. From the bus, we saw **Stormont Parliament**, some old houses and finally we met our guide who told us a great deal guide about Ulster's history, from the Troubles in the 1960s up to nowadays. We saw several universities and colleges, like the

prestigious **Queen's university** as there are many students in Belfast. We stopped and spent some time near the **peace walls** separating the Shankill, the traditionally Protestant and loyalist neighbourhood, and the Catholic area. We had a look at the murals, which depict the region's past and present political and religious divisions. We even wrote some peace messages on a wall.

I was eager to see the unfamous prison, HM Prison Belfast, or Crumlin Road Gaol, which is the place where many IRA members went on a hunger strike in 1980. The more I heard about it, the more I wanted to see the place.

Finally, we visited the **Titanic museum,** which was both educative and entertaining. Belfast is the place where this famous liner was built. We then had a quick lunch in a pizzeria. We eventually drove back to Dublin to take our plane to Paris.





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