

April started with two weeks of Easter holidays. I was really looking forward to this break because my parents and my sister came over to Ireland to visit me for 12 days. I went to the airport to meet them and then we picked up our rental car for our stay and drove to our accommodation in County Clare which is in the west of Ireland, we decided to spend the holidays there to explore what the west of Ireland has to offer. We visited the famous Cliffs of Moher, drove along the west coast also known as the Wild Atlantic Way. We visited an Irish pub, ate fish and chips and just went out for a walk in the mountains or at the sea. We also went to Lahinch beach, which is a pretty famous beach to go surfing and on another day we drove back to Dublin because my family wanted to see the capital of Ireland.



Some of the weekends were really sunny and it wasn't raining so one day me and some friends went to the Herbert park in Dublin. It was quite busy because everyone was outside enjoying the good weather but we still had a good time. On another weekend I took the train to Howth and I went for a walk there. It was a perfect day for going on a walk as it was really warm and sunny. On the next day I went to an Irish dancing competition (Feis) of my two host sisters. I went to one before but this time they were dancing in groups and not alone so it was quite similar to the dancing I do at home (Marschtanz).



With school we went to Belfast in Northern Ireland to visit the Titanic quarter. We had a walking tour there and it was super interesting. We saw where the Titanic departed from and we also went into the Titanic hotel and in some of the rooms where the Titanic was designed. After that we had a taxi tour through Belfast and we were told a lot about the history of the civil war between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. Unfortunately we didn't have free time to walk around the city. That's why I went to Belfast again with a friend on a weekend and we visited other sights like the Belfast castle or the Botanic Gardens.

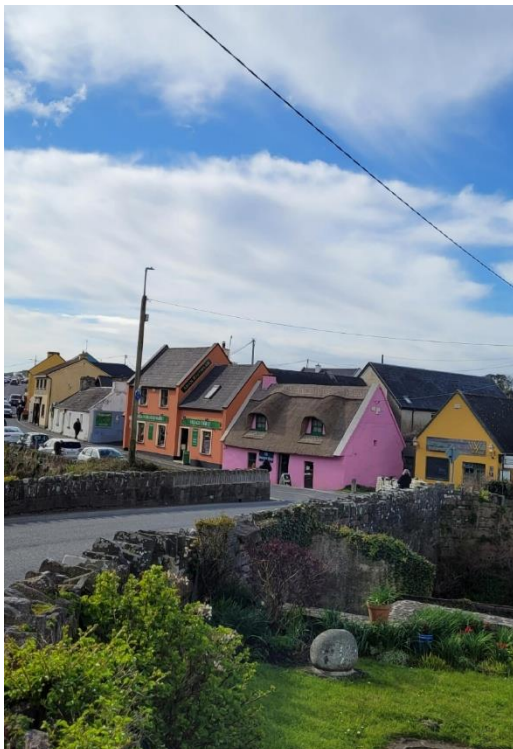
This month I also had my 3rd and last work experience of this year. I did it in the Park View Hotel in Newtownmountkennedy what was really handy because I could walk there. On Monday and Tuesday I was helping in the bar and restaurant of the hotel. I took orders of the guests, served them their food, cleared and cleaned the tables and set them up again afterwards. The staff showed me how to do all the different kinds of coffee and how to type an order into the system. The next two days I spent in the house keeping section. I was helping to clean the rooms by making the beds, hoovering the floors and emptying the bins. On my last day I was in the Hotel's function room. I set up the room for a christening on the following day. I covered the chairs with white covers, ironed the table cloth, polished the cutlery and set up the table with decorations and folded the napkins.



It was a good work experience and I liked that I could see the different jobs that have to be done in a hotel. In addition all the people who are working there were super nice and I enjoyed my week with them.

The three work experiences I had throughout the year were a really good opportunity to have a look into different jobs and to see what a normal working day looks like. I enjoyed all the work experiences I did, especially the 2nd one in the pharmacy as I learned a lot there.

I only have one month left before I go back home to Germany and I'll try to enjoy my time here as much as possible.



Doolin in County Clare



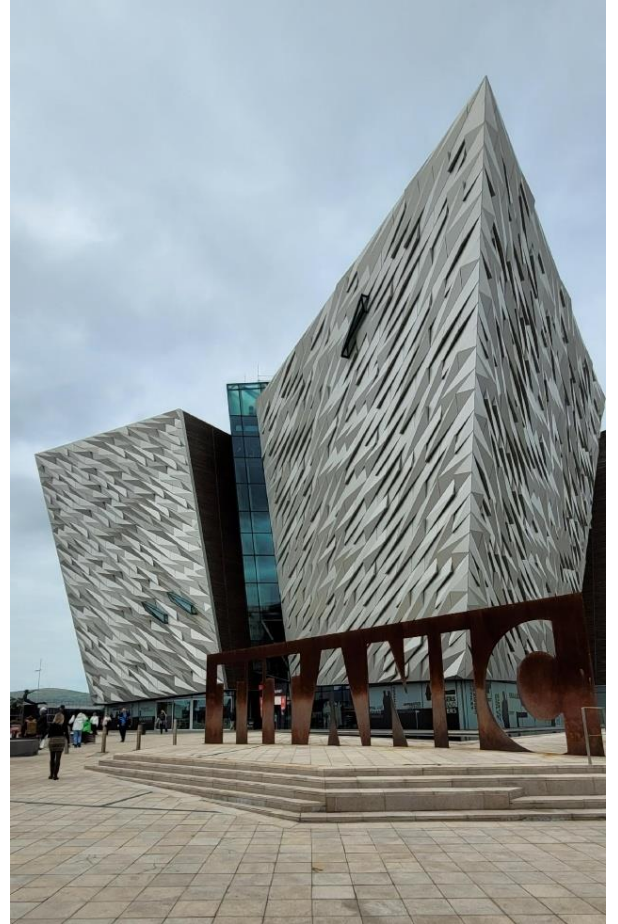
Cliffs of Moher



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Belfast castle



Titanic Museum, Belfast

Black Taxi tour

Belfast city

