

The Dublin Experience, 2015

This very month last year I was on a one-week cultural trip to Dublin. Before leaving we were, obviously, very excited, but we could not imagine that it would turn out to be such a great experience! The group was made up of twenty-two students and two teachers.

As soon as we arrived in Dublin, we met our host families. Everyone was very nice and helpful. Personally, I believe I couldn't have had a better host family. They were really kind and cordial! In addition to that, we had many experiences in the city that I think (and I'm sure my peers would agree with me) that all of the scheduled activities were just the best we could have ever wished for. However, I will mention just a few of them as they were quite a lot.

Firstly, I would like to mention our tour through a well-known chocolate factory: the entire experience was somehow magical. My classmates and I had the chance to go around a really beautiful building, and learn something about the history of chocolate, and eye-witness the process of making chocolate. Moreover, we had a kind of a workshop: each one of us was allowed to chocolate decorate a small chocolate bear!

The Viking Splash Tour was another enchanting event. The motto of the agency that organized our trip is "See Dublin by land and by water!" and that's exactly what happens during this tour: the vehicle being used is equipped for going on land as well as on water, and this makes the experience so extraordinarily special. It was, indeed, interesting and thrilling.

Finally, I would like to finish off by saying something about the schools we visited. All of them were really impressive. Both students and teachers were extremely friendly. All the activities we performed with the Irish students, including some folk Irish dance steps they taught us, were great fun! Several Convitto boys and girls are still in touch with the Irish students, and I myself believe that a lot of friends were made thanks to this trip. I think that not only friendships were built in Dublin.

A life experience like the one we lived can teach so much, even in such a short time. It teaches you to find new interests and helps with personal development. It helps you to improve your language skills too. Most of all, it gives you the opportunity of approaching a way of life different from yours. That is the reason why I believe that this experience was one of the best I have ever made in my life.

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