

## Exchange Semester in Ireland - HELL LARA

Hi, I'm Lara Hell and 17 years old. I was the first semester from this school year in Carlow, Ireland. Together with a Spanish girl I lived with a lovely host family. When I needed something they were there for me and helped me when I needed it. If I had any problems I also could inform my contact person in Ireland and at home.

I was at the Tyndall College in Carlow. The school life in Ireland is quite different compared with mine at home. I needed to wear a school uniform and I went from class to class for my selected subjects. Surprisingly, it wasn't hard for me to follow the lesson in English, and I found my way around very quickly. With the public transport I could get to my school and to many other places in Ireland. I visited many cities and sightseeing attractions with my friends. My favorite from all is Galway. I'm pretty sad that I didn't do much with my host family the only thing I did was going to play bingo. Which was very funny, and I really enjoyed it. Honestly, I would have loved it if we did more trips or activities together.

It's quite easy to make new friend especially with the other international students from all over the world. This way I didn't only get to know the Irish culture but also other cultures from the world. The only thing I struggled with was the food and I very missed the food at home. At the end I can say that I'm incredibly happy and grateful for my experience and I would always make the same choice again.