

FlyingLamas

Travel group

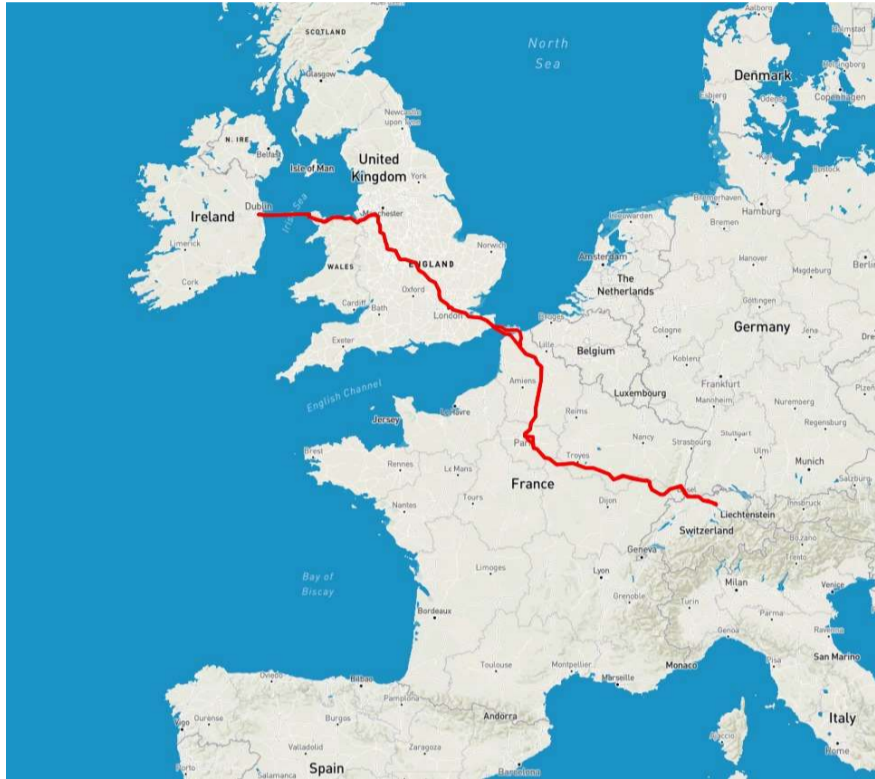
Age: 21 to 24 years

Number of participants: 2

Education: 4th and 6th semester Uni Zurich

Expectations for the trip

We hope that a variety of encounters will happen to us on our journey to and through Ireland. Encounters with the diverse culture, the people, with the breathtaking nature of the island. We look forward to culinary discoveries, to stories and to the notoriously temperamental weather. We hope to have many opportunities for adventure and moments of a new everyday life.



Personal added value of the trip

My aunt has lived in Ireland for a very long time. She always talks about the island's nature and the regular family walks through the national parks during her rare but extremely valuable visits. We had been thinking about a trip to Ireland for a long time, but it is always difficult to find overlapping free time with the coordination of our holidays. This time, however, it worked out and in view of the still potentially changing travel situations, we seized the opportunity to realise our repeatedly postponed trip to Ireland. Through the stories, films and reports, a wanderlust for the Emerald Isle had arisen in us that never really subsided. The anticipation is enormous, the excitement great, the environment hopefully taken into account as much as possible, the backpacks already packed in our heads.

Impact of the trip on the environment and people

One of the first decisions to be made was to forego the plane. A connection by train and ferry is possible and with an Interrail Pass, the planning of those was made a lot easier. Since we already knew about the hospitality of our relatives, we could consider in a second step how we would get around in the respective destinations. In order to keep our CO₂ emissions as low as possible, we decided to travel as far as possible by bicycle, which we could borrow from our host. If, due to the distance, neither walking nor bicycles made sense, we would then use public transport to get around. The hearty, meat-heavy cuisine of Ireland also came up. However, we would also like to keep our meat consumption to a minimum, which would give us the chance to get to know the vegetarian variety or variations of Irish dishes.

Changes through Shape Your Trip: We definitely learned the exact CO₂ emissions of our trip. Comparing the values with those of a flight was frightening. Positively frightening, because in addition to the joy of the actual act of travelling, we can have the impact of our planning in unchanging numbers in the back of our minds.

Motivation for participation

We would like to participate in Shape Your Trip because we think it is an excellent cause. With our participation, we hope to be one of many who became aware of this action and thus send a signal for the continuation of such nudges for climate-friendly travel. Of course, as part of the participants, the support of our trip to the land of the evergreen hills would be a welcome side effect :) But should this not happen, we are also just happy to be part of the action of you that emphasises, teaches and spreads the need for climate-friendly travel also for young people.

Key data of the trip

- Duration of trip: 15 days
- Total distance: 2576 km
- CO₂ emission: 10 kg / person / day

Route

From	To	Km	Means of transport
Zürich	Paris	487	Train
Paris	London	342	Train
London	Holyhead	366	Train
Holyhead	Dublin	93	Ferry
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Activities

Londres est une très grande ville. Les rues et les quartiers aux architectures les plus diverses sont en soi extrêmement intéressants. Outre ces sites et les monuments historiques connus, nous souhaitons visiter le musée d'histoire naturelle et la Tate Modern. Nos promenades dans la ville (très probablement des powerwalks) nous conduiront certainement aussi dans quelques librairies et nous donneront l'occasion d'explorer les célèbres boutiques de seconde main de Bricklane Road. Mais nous sommes surtout impatients de découvrir ce qui nous attend dans les parcs nationaux d'Irlande. Nous prévoyons de camper une nuit dans au moins deux de ces magnifiques paysages, avec une petite tente et le strict nécessaire. Bien entendu, uniquement là où cela est autorisé. Nous pourrions laisser le reste de nos bagages à notre base de Dublin jusqu'à notre retour. Jusqu'à présent, nous avons envisagé le parc national du Connemara et le parc national des montagnes de Wicklow. Outre les nuitées et les randonnées dans la nature sauvage de l'île, nous souhaitons également explorer suffisamment les villes de Dublin et Galway. Pour cela, nous avons pensé d'une part à des promenades de découverte et à des visites de certaines institutions culturelles, comme le National Museum of Ireland et le Galway Town Hall Theater.

Accommodation

We will both stay in London for two nights on the way there and one night on the way back in a simple, small hostel near Argyle Square, which is almost in the middle of London.

During the time we will spend in Ireland, we have the opportunity to stay at my aunt's house. She lives in Dublin, which is the ideal starting point for any of our activities.