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.

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.