

Voyage à Dublin avril 2023

Terminales section européenne anglais

Lycée Pierre Corneille Rouen



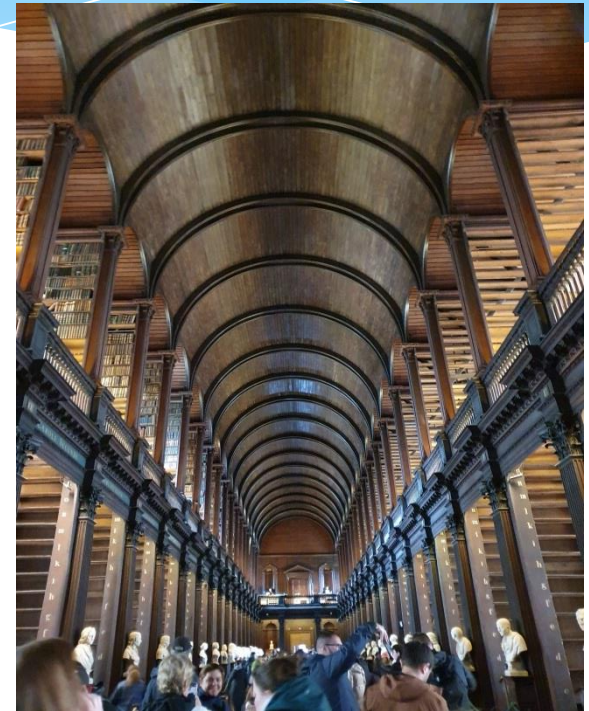
Day 1

Visiting Old Dublin

We flew into Dublin and had lunch in Saint Stephen's Green.



After lunch, our guide Shane Creegan showed us around Dublin on the coach driven by Frank and his mascots.



The afternoon was devoted to the visit of Trinity College, its old Library and the Book of Kells.

Day 1

as told by Elias and Malik

4:00 am

Each student arrived in front of Pierre Corneille high school .
With tired eyes and body, we sat on the bus and went to the airport.

6:00 am

While entering the airport, we slowly woke up and spent 2 hours ID checking and waiting for the plane to arrive.

8:45 am

The plane eventually arrived and the trip finally began.
We got on the plane and flew above the sea.

9:30 am

After a short but boring flight, we finally spotted the Irish Coast and we landed at Dublin's airport.

After another round of ID checking and an endless walk all around the airport, we were finally outside, breathing the Irish air and relaxing for a bit.

We then met our bus driver, Frank, and drove across the city.

11:30 am

We got off the bus, walked a little bit in St Stephen's Green Park and ate our sandwiches downtown. We then visited the city center on our own and we explored the different shops.

1:00 pm

Thereafter, we started a guided bus tour all around the city with Malcom, our local guide.

3:30 pm

At the end of the bus tour, we entered Trinity College, one of the most famous colleges in Ireland. We had free time and many of us went inside the College, talked with students and teachers.



The visit of Trinity College

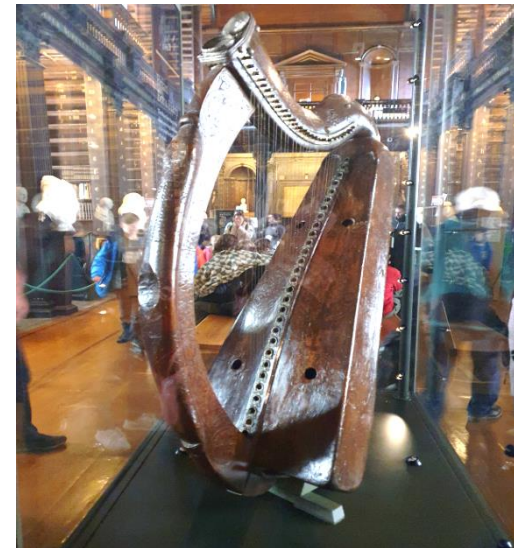
written by Jean-Matthieu, Léo and Théo

* We first visited an exhibition about the Book of Kells where we learnt about the craftsmanship and dedication that went into the creation of this book .

* Through an audio guide we discovered the pages of the book were made of leather from calves , and that the monks used plenty of medieval pigments. The main ink on the Book of Kells was the iron gall ink made with iron salts and a dozen of other colors.

* In addition to the discovery of the Book of Kells we discovered the oldest and largest library of Ireland. This library was created in 1592 and through the years has become a national symbol of Ireland. Nowadays, the library is a legal deposit, and the library has the right to receive works published in the country free of charge.

* Even if the exhibition about the conception of the Book of Kells was really interesting we unfortunately didn't have the opportunity to have a look at the real illuminations of the Book as the page that was exposed that day was only full of words. However, the Long Room which contained it was magnificent and the amount of books inside was breathtaking, moreover we were also able to have a look at the beautiful Brian Boru harp. All in all despite the disappointment of not being able to observe the genuine illuminations of the Book, this discovery of Trinity College was still a beautiful experience.



Day 2

The Irish Migration

We visited the Epic Museum relating the immigration of Irish people abroad over the centuries.



Our next steps took us on board the Jeanie Johnston ship.



Day 2

recalled by

Roumaïssa, Joséphine and Victoire

* **The EPIC museum (Irish immigration museum)**

It is an interactive museum that talks about all the Irish emigration from the Great Famine to the Troubles (1840s-1980s). We notably heard six testimonies of Irish emigrants who emigrated to the USA because of starvation or tensions. There are 20 rooms which relate the arrival of immigrants. There were high tech rooms such as «playing the world», where we had to take some pucks on a screen to discover the history of each sport in Ireland.

* **The Great Potato Famine Memorial**

This memorial is composed of some statues of famine victims. It was really striking because they are represented considerably thin with sunken cheeks as if they couldn't even walk.

* **The visit of Jeanie Johnston Ship**

This ship is a replica of the real Jeanie Johnston boat. We attended a guided tour in three different groups with a guide who told us the incredible history of this ship. We were told that this ship went on dozens of trips between Northern Ireland and the USA to have the Great Famine victims emigrate. Nevertheless, it isn't a ship like any other, in fact during the 1840s starvation, the trip aboard this ship was appalling and the Irish lost their life during the transatlantic crossing. Indeed, these ships were even nicknamed «coffins». However, the Jeanie Johnston was particular because nobody lost their life during these trips, hence its nickname : « The Miracle boat ».

We could see inside the representation of the victims of the starvation in wax statues. It was really striking because they were represented eating weird food, sharing their bed with three or four persons and they looked very thin and sick. We could realize the atrocity and the cruelty of that period in another way than just through class because we were included in this history for a few minutes, we could put ourselves in the shoes of the victims.

* *See some photos to improve the understanding of this trip on the right.*



The Celtic Dance Night

described by Zoë and Louise

On Thursday night we experienced Celtic music and dance in a restaurant.

We had dinner while the musicians were singing, we ate typical Irish meal as lamb, chicken, salmon or soup for instance. We even shared our dishes to taste every thing. We were sitting at 3 large tables so we could chat with everybody. We had a lot of fun seeing Victoire eat her spicy chili and turn red!

First of all, we listened to Celtic music which was entertaining and catchy. There were three musicians and they made us discover a new type of music and moreover a new aspect of the Irish culture which was more playful than museums.

Afterwards, four dancers came and showed us different ways to dance: with and without music, duos and quartets. Some of us even went on stage like Elias and danced with them. It was really fun to watch and catchy. Two of the musicians were playing the fiddle while two others kind of Irish guitar.

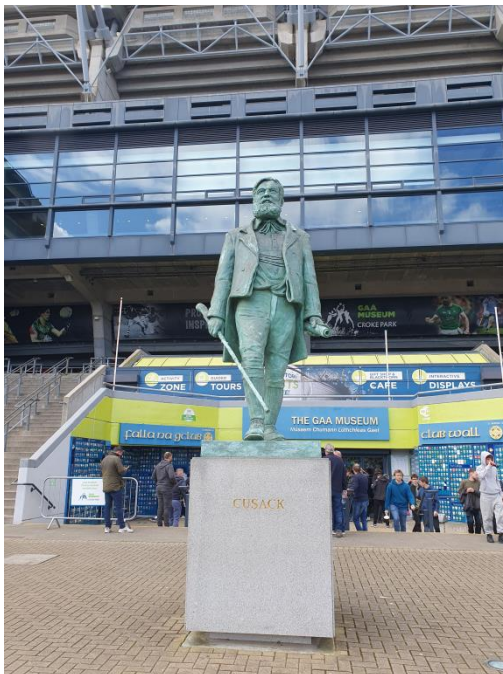
All in all it was our favourite moment of the trip because we laughed a lot and we weren't bored at all. The atmosphere was friendly because the table was big and we spent time with our classmates far away from school. We really enjoyed it! It was an excellent memory because we had a lot of fun!



Day 3

Discovering Gaelic Sports

In the morning, we discovered Clash Gaelic Games in Portmarnock near the bay of Dublin while in the afternoon we had a guided tour of Croke Park, and of the GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) Museum.



Day 3

experienced by
Satine, Raphaëlle and Claire

Playing Hurling and Gaelic football

The day after we went to a football field and a coach taught us how to play Gaelic football and hurling.

Gaelic football is a mix of football and rugby but it is less violent. Hurling is played with a wooden stick, a hurley, and a small ball. We had to wear helmets to protect ourselves not to get the ball in our faces. We enjoyed playing these sports but we weren't up to the job!

The GAA Gaelic Athletic Association Museum

The GAA Museum is dedicated to Gaelic sports offering interactive exhibits. There are many different Gaelic sports such as football or hurling.

We visited some places normally forbidden to the public, such as locker rooms and restrooms, We also went inside the stadium which was very high. At the entrance of the stadium there is a small square with a green statue of a man called Mickael Cuzak who founded the Gaelic Athletic Association.

There is a souvenir shop with lots of souvenirs that we can bring back to our family. That's what I did, I brought back magnets which are on my fridge today! There is also another room that offers games for adults and children while another one displays trophies.



Day 4

Strolling in Howth

On the last day of our trip, we went for a walk along the Irish sea on the cliffs of Howth in the north side of Dublin.

We had a typical fish'n'chips at lunch time that we enjoyed in this bright sunshiny day.



Day 4

tasted by
Alessio, Esope, Joseph and Lucien

On the last day of the trip to Dublin, Ireland in April with the school, we visited the cute town of Howth. Howth is a fishermen town, located a few kilometers away from Dublin. It features a touristic seafront, with many fresh fish and chips restaurants.

We earned our stay in this wonderful place as we hiked for an hour near the cliffs to reach this place. This stroll was very enjoyable as beautiful landscapes similar to the ones in Brittany or Normandy surrounded us.

During our free time, we wandered around in groups in the city. We stumbled upon a local market where independent artists and producers were selling their art works and delicious food. Some of the students decided to try a long onion stuffed hotdog, and they surely didn't regret their choice given how delicious it was !

As we were about to eat our delicious fish and chips, a well-known dish in Ireland, we were warned by our teacher that the seagulls could steal our lunch from us. We were going to eat on the port with everyone so we were very careful. The seagulls weren't the only animals we saw. We saw quite a lot of seals swimming around. A fisherman was even feeding two of them at some point. We also went shopping for souvenirs for our families before eating. The shops were lovely. Thus we bought a lot of food and goodies.



Miscellaneous impressions

Salomé

During the trip to Dublin, we went to the epic museum: The Irish Emigration Museum. I enjoyed it very much. We were autonomous in this museum, the principle being to go from room to room with each its history which has shaped Ireland. Each room has its particularity, the roots and the struggles of the Irish with for example the most famous one The Great Potato Famine . There are also rooms with sport, film or music history. Thanks to some interactive rooms we could answer questions, watch videos. It's a dark museum with lights and videos, photos displayed on screens. Irish history can be learned playfully and actively. To my mind this museum offers us a unique overview into the history and culture of Ireland. The museum was founded on the belief that emigration is one of the most interesting ways to fully understand a country. Furthermore, when we finished visiting the room we had to stamp a kind of passport which certified that we had learned little bits of the roots of Ireland which help us understand all its history at the end of the museum. Epic Museum pays tribute to Irish emigrants by telling their stories and keeping their memories alive. I highly recommend it.

Sarah

The trip to Dublin was a great experience. Globally, it was very interested to go in an English-speaking country because there is a huge difference between the France when it comes to culture, architecture and in habits. We had a lot of chance with my roommate because the family that was hosted us was lovely. We had the chance to speak a lot with them, to laugh. On the last night together, we even get to played at some games and watched a movie (in English of course) with popcorn. As far as I'm concerned, I especially loved the activity on the last day (Saturday). We went to Howth, a fishermen village. We took a short walk along the edge of the cliff to reach the village. I enjoyed this moment because it was like being cut off from the world, we had no time constraints so we could walk quietly and stop to take as many as photos we wanted. Once we reached the village, we were able to have a free quarter to walk around and buy souvenirs. The houses were built around the harbour and we even saw two sea lions! To conclude, I really enjoyed this moment of peace, but I also have excellent memories of the other days.

Maëva

In my opinion, the best day will have been Thursday, the 2nd day of our trip. Indeed, this day was to my mind the most complete day: in the morning, we visited the EPIC museum of Irish emigration and famine, which was rich in colors and animations, each more beautiful than the other and also very instructive. Then, we had some free time to eat and do some shopping, before heading to the opposite sidewalk to visit the Jeanie Johnston ship, the replica of the only boat where no one was mourned. Even more surprisingly, we learned that just days after the start of her maiden voyage, the Jeanie Johnston's passenger list had increased by one. A pregnant woman named Margaret Reilly gave birth to a healthy baby boy, whom she named after the ship, as well as its owner, doctor and crew members. His full name was: Nicholas, Richard, James, Thomas, William, John, Gabriel, Carls, Michael, John, Alexander, Trabaret, Archibald, Cornelius, Hugh, Arthur, Edward, Johnston Reilly. Or Nicholas Johnston Reilly for short. Once the visit was over, we have had two hours of free time, enough to go to the supermarket to buy scones for example or even tea biscuits. Finally, the Celtic dance show and music dinner at the end of the day will remain my best memory, due to the atmosphere that reigned in the room and the euphoria that resulted from it, especially when 1, then 3 students went spontaneously on stage to dance with the Irish dancers. At the end of the show, one of the musicians even thanked us for our enthusiasm.

Louise

It was a wonderful experience, because of Covid 19, we hadn't been able to travel with high school. Moreover I had never been to Dublin before so it was an interesting first visit of the city. We did activities that I surely wouldn't have done with my family like the night at the "Celtic Night" or trying Gaelic sport. I had a lot of fun. The experience that I have enjoyed the most during the travel is probably the night at the restaurant. I was at a table with all my friends and people I got to know during the trip so I laughed a lot. The food was delicious, and the music in the background was so traditional and maybe cliché that we all tried to set in the mood by singing and clapping with our hands. Some of our friends went on stage and danced with the "professionals" trying to dance like Irish people. I also danced with my friend but not on the stage, just next to the table because I'm quite shy but I had fun. However, I also appreciated the walk on the cliffs, the landscape was great. We learned more about the Irish culture and history. It was a great trip !

Eléni

I'm going to tell you about my trip to Dublin and more specifically about the moment that made the biggest impression on me. The moment that struck me most during my stay was the time we went to see a typical Irish dance show. In fact, one evening we went to a typical Irish restaurant that put on an Irish dance show while we ate. It was my favourite moment of the whole trip, because first of all the food was of very good quality and the show was very entertaining. What's more, the fact that we were getting together with friends to enjoy a show and a meal was great because we were able to dance and react together. I even remember that some of the students in our group were able to get on stage and learn Irish dancing in front of everyone, which made me laugh. All in all, the experience remains an unforgettable moment with friends where we were all able to celebrate and get into the spirit of Irish music, and it was extremely enriching from a cultural point of view.