Homeschool on the Road
The Year So Far
Our Route

Ireland (Republic)

Northern Ireland

Italy Up Next!
Homeschool at “home”
Learning to budget in the English Market

The girls were given €5 each to spend in the market and had to figure out what they could afford and how to decide what to buy.
We visited the Blackrock Observatory in Cork, Ireland that is inside a castle.
Where does it come from?

Visiting a period farm and milking a cow, learning how to make soda bread and churn butter.

Milking The Cow

Leaving the milk to sour for bread

Visiting Other Animals

On a period farm inside a national park in Killarney, Ireland where they make butter, soda bread and raise animals to preserve the style of three types of traditional farms.
Talking with a marine biologist and getting to use a microscope at the Aquarium of the Atlantic in Galway. We did a whale scavenger hunt around the museum to find the different types of whales found in Ireland.
Seeing things from different perspectives – The Blackhead Lighthouse

Learning about the geology and myths of the Burren complex

From Land

From Sea
Spending a LOT of time reading!

Reading on her own, and to friends & her sister

At a local bookstore in Galway

At the library in Derry
Learning About Local Legends

One of the things we have spent the most time doing is learning about local myths and legends. We bought two sets of books at different reading levels that were a classic and modern interpretation of Irish tales. We have had the opportunity to talk about the stories with locals, and visit most of the places where the stories took place. She has read both sets of books, we have read them to her, and she has read them to her sister. We also discuss the stories as we go through different parts of the country.

Making wishes at “the giant’s ironing stone”

Visiting some pirate queen Gráinne Mhaol’s castles
Making a pirate treasure map with hidden ink (lemon juice & baking soda/water – which one is better?)

Exploring acorns & writing the life cycle of an oak tree. The city of Derry (we stayed there for 3 weeks) is named after an ancient Oak Grove and the symbol of the Oak is very important in Northern Ireland.
Titanic Museum Belfast

Reading about the Titanic and then visiting where it was built
Irish Dancing Lessons
Augmented Reality

Flying a hot air balloon in virtual reality as a part of a history lesson in a museum and integrating technology into our schoolwork.
Scavenger Hunt on the Walls in Derry

Looking for what is the same and what is different from home from on top of the ancient city walls in Derry/Londonderry. The list included things to see and things to find that represented important parts of the city and that were not what we normally see in Anchorage.