

# Summer Junior West

# **Junior English Courses & Activities (West)**

Summer 2021

Ages: 12-17 years

Course Location: Clare (West of Ireland)

Dates: July 12th - 24th 2021



#### Introduction

#### Message from Managing Director

Each summer, the DLTC English Language School offers an exciting programme of English classes and extracurricular activities to foreign teenagers who want to learn English in the beautiful, exciting and spectacular West of Ireland. We are a family-run business and we provide a very personal service to each student. We take great care to ensure that students are safe, relaxed and enjoying themselves throughout their stay. As part of our comprehensive packages, DLTC:

- meets the student at the airport in Ireland;
- places them in accommodation with an Irish family;
- places them in English classes appropriate to their level of English;
- integrates them with other students;
- focuses on developing students fluency and speaking ability;
- provides them with a range of fun and interesting holiday activities;
- monitors their progress and contentment;
- finally returns them to the check-in and security gates at Airport for departure

Feel free to contact us on info@dltc.ie with any questions you have and we hope to hear from you soon!



Best wishes,

Bob Golden

**Managing Director** 

#### Covid-19 Notice

Please note that DLTC takes its commitment to the health and safety of its students, staff and partners very seriously. DLTC follows all Irish government guidelines and restrictions related to COVID-19. While COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions continue to be issued by governments and health authorities around the world, DLTC may not be in a position to fulfil the programs exactly as described in this brochure. DLTC may be required to alter programs at short notice. DLTC will do its best to be flexible and provide alternatives when required but cannot be held responsible or liable for any changes or losses that are related to outbreaks of COVID-19 or restrictions imposed.

#### **COVID "Book with Confidence" Guarantee**

Please see our "Booking Form - Terms and Conditions" for updated Booking Guarantee.

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## About our summer courses in Clare (West Coast of Ireland)

#### Who is our course for?

The programme is aimed at students from around the world between the ages of 12-17 years who wish to **learn or improve their English** and enjoy a holiday in Ireland at the same time. We welcome individual students arriving on their own as well as groups of up to 50 students at a time.

#### When is the course available?

The course is available between:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Arrivals and departures for Clare are generally on Sundays. Minimum stay is 2 weeks. Maximum stay in Clare is 2 weeks but those who want a longer stay can combine it with our course in Dublin (2 weeks in Clare and 1 or more week in Dublin)

#### Where does our course take place?

This course takes place in **County Clare** near Lahinch on the beautiful Atlantic West Coast of Ireland. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty with views of the world-famous Cliffs of Moher and nearby is the Unesco heritage site of The Burren National Park. The area has huge cultural significance and each summer many of the greatest traditional Irish musicians teach and perform here within the local community. The sporting significance of the area is also great and the county often wins all-Ireland competitions in the traditional Gaelic sports especially hurling. These are some of the things that our students will have the chance to experience – the natural beauty, the sports, the music, the traditions and wonderful home-cooked food!

- The course takes place in a local school which has all the facilities and recreation amenities of a modern school
- The school is near the popular tourist and surfing beaches of Lahinch and Spanish Point; the colourful town of Ennistymon; and the world-famous Cliffs of Moher.



**Beach at Spanish Point** 



- The area is a very popular tourist destination in summer with people from all over the world touring the west coast of Ireland and visiting the famous sights nearby: the Cliffs of Moher, the Aran Islands, the Burren, Bunratty Castle, and Galway city.
- It is a rural area that is very safe, peaceful and picturesque. It is a very traditional part of Ireland with traditional music, sports and food all alive and well and part of the student experience.
- Host families are located around the local area some in villages and some in the countryside in rural homes. We provide a private bus service to and from school and activities each day.



Views of The Cliffs of Moher



**Surfing at Spanish Point beach** 

#### What do we provide?

It's important when comparing and choosing schools to know what we include in our price and what other schools don't. Our comprehensive package (SJA-SP) includes all of the following:

- English Classes (Monday-Friday 09:15-12:30)
- Airport Arrival and Departure transport service from Shannon or Dublin Airports

- Accommodation + all meals (with Irish host family)
- Assessment Tests
- Private school bus service for travel to and from school and all activities
- Full Activity Programme over 2 weeks: 10 afternoons, 4 evenings and 2 full-day excursions. Activities are of high-quality, fun-filled and full of adventure.
- Course Certificate & Report
- 24-hour school contact number







#### A very personal and responsive service

In order to ensure that students and parents are as happy and relaxed as possible, we provide:

- 24-hour school contact number (for parents, students, and host families)
- A feedback form each week to check satisfaction with class, accommodation, meals, and general contentment
- personalised welcome pack on arrival
- personalized online level test before arrival
- individual speaking assessment on first morning at school
- active introductions to other students on the first morning so no student feels isolated
- "Meet your Peers" some classes and activities each week with Irish teenagers

## **About our English Classes**

We provide:

- 15 hours of General English classes per week (Monday-Friday 09:15-12:30)
- Experienced, native-speaking English teachers (qualified to Irish Department of Education standards)
- Up to 6 levels of English classes from Beginners (A1) to Advanced (C2)
- Online assessment test before arrival and personal oral test on first day
- Special focus on getting students 'speaking' and using the language successfully by focusing on topics relevant to the student
- Average class sizes of 10 students per class (Maximum 15)
- Use of all course materials
- Weekly monitoring of progress
- A short piece of homework most days this can involve getting students to find out information from their host families or some other task designed to exercise their English outside of class
- End-of-course Certificate and Statement of Results







#### We focus on 'speaking'

At DLTC English Language School, our belief is that you haven't really learned a language until you can speak it. Many students arrive at our school with some ability to answer English grammar questions in books but with little experience in using that knowledge and actually speaking the language. Therefore, while our classes also cover grammar, writing, listening and reading, our main focus is getting students to speak the language successfully. We do this by focusing on relevant, real-world topics that are of interest to the student and that are matched to their level. We have 6 class levels available from Elementary A1 to Advanced C1 so whether a student is only beginning in English or aiming for a Cambridge exam, we know our classes will help them succeed at their goals. Our aim is that at the end of the course each student will be able to talk about their summer in Ireland and depart with better fluency, an increased vocabulary and a greater confidence in their use of English.

#### **Typical Class Schedule**

	09:15-10:45	Break	11:00-12:30
Monday	Introductions, Oral Assessments, team building activities, speaking activities		General English Class
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	General English Class (incl homework correction, grammar and language topics, vocabulary building, listening, reading and writing exercises		Speaking Activities / introduction and review of worksheets related to afternoon activities / Project Work / Progress Test on Thursday
Friday	General English Class		Review of the week, activity worksheets, debates

#### Accommodation with Irish families

Students can choose to stay with a local family. Staying with one of our families is a great way to practise speaking English and to gain a real cultural experience by discovering what life is like in an Irish home. Our students often comment how they feel very welcome and at home .. and also how well they are fed!

Family traditions are very strong in the west of Ireland and host-families are delighted to welcome students into their home and to include them in their family activities.

#### What you can expect:

- A welcoming and caring Irish host family that is carefully selected and visited by course director
- Students can ask to stay in a village/town or out in the Irish countryside many students are delighted to find themselves living on typical Irish farm! (Students who want to stay in a more rural location may also choose to have a friend stay with them in order to feel more comfortable.)
- a **private bus service** that brings students to and from school each day
- Three healthy meals each day:
  - Breakfast: cereals, toast, fruit, tea/coffee/juice
  - Packed-lunch: fruit, sandwich, drink, crisps/bar
  - Dinner: pasta/rice/potatoes with meat and vegetables/salad with dessert
  - Vegetarian families are available. Special dietary needs (coeliac etc) can be catered for on request (costs may apply)
- a wide range of families which are matched to students' needs
- to improve the learning experience only one student of each mother-tongue in each house unless parents request otherwise (maximum 3 students per house) – see note below\*
- Laundry once a week
- Family details (including address, telephone numbers, names, ages and interests of the families) to be provided 3 weeks before arrival
  - \* **Please note:** younger students (aged under 13 years) may be required to share accommodation either with a friend or with another student of the same nationality as

themselves. Younger students can suffer from home-sickness (which can be difficult for the student and the host-family) and our experience is that this requirement encourages younger students to stay at home in the evening where they have the opportunity to interact more with the host family - instead of going out to spend time with their friend, they can do it at home.





#### **Arrival and Departure**

We take great care of our students from the moment of arrival at the airport in Ireland to the moment of 'see you next time' at the airport security gates and airport transfers are included in our accommodation package. Here's what we offer:

- o to meet the student personally in the Arrivals hall at the airport (*Shannon or Dublin see below*).
- o to bring the student to their host family and introduce them
- to provide a welcome pack which contains school ID card, local maps, school and family contact numbers, notepad and pen
- on departure to bring the student from host family to the airport and to bring the student to the airline check-in desk and the security gates for departure.
- o to sign for the student at the airport check-in desk (as required by some airlines) if traveling as an unaccompanied minor (extra fee applies)

Note: Students attending our West coast course in Clare may fly into Shannon or Dublin Airport. Dublin airport is approximately 4 hours from Clare — so *students arriving on Sunday into Dublin airport for our course in Clare must arrive between 7am and 5pm; and, for more comfortable travel times on departure, we suggest flights from Dublin should be between 1pm and midnight. Students arriving into Shannon airport for our course in Clare* can arrive on the Saturday or Sunday before the start of their course (between 8am and 10pm). It is possible to arrive and depart at either airport on other days but additional charges may apply. Accommodation is provided on a weekly basis so students will generally leave on the same day of the week they arrive.

**Groups (10 students or more)** can use either Dublin or Shannon airports (although cost of transfer from Shannon will cheaper). Groups are met at airport in the arrivals hall and are taken by private bus to the school where the students are introduced to their host families. Similarly on departure families bring their student(s) to school for departure by private bus to the airport.

## **Activity Programmes** (Clare, West of Ireland Course)

#### High Quality, Adventurous and Fun-Filled

All students attending our summer junior English course in Clare can enjoy our mixed activity programme. A **two week stay** includes a mixed balance of sports, entertainment, adventure and cultural visits with:

- o 10 afternoon activities (including some activities with Irish teenagers);
- o 4 evenings
- o 2 full-day excursions







#### **Sample Activities**

#### **Adventure & Entertainment**

Kayaking, archery, bowling, lazertag, surfing

#### Sports, Games, Art, Music

Traditional Gaelic Football and hurling, cooking, basketball, soccer, tag rugby, art and treasurehunts, ceili (Irish dance), tug-of-war - + opportunity to interact with Irish teens

#### **Sightseeing**

The famous Cliffs of Moher, Burren National Park, Bunratty Castle, Aran Islands, Galway or Limerick City, and Connemara.

#### **Day Excursions**

**Private bus tours** to famous locations including: the Cliffs of Moher, Galway City, Connemara, Aran Islands (by ferry), Bunratty Castle along with Bowling, Cycling and other activities







#### **Sample Schedule**

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WEEK 1	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Cooking & Art	
Tuesday	Surfing	Treasurehunt
Wednesday	Gaelic Football	
Thursday	Bowling Evening	Evening Dinner out
Friday	Ailwee Caves	
Saturday	Bunratty Castle & Folk Park with Shopping	
Sunday		
WEEK 2		
Monday	Sports & Irish Dancing	
Tuesday	Kayaking	Ceili (traditional music session)
Wednesday	Hurling (Traditional Sport)	
Thursday	Cliffs of Moher	
Friday	Bowling & Lazertag	Evening Dinner out
Saturday	Aran Islands visit by bicycle	







#### **Private Group Activity Programmes**

The DLTC can also provide tailor-made activity programmes for groups of 15 and more students. The group can attend our courses, stay with our families, be transferred to and from the airport and take part in their own activity programme or combine their own programme with some of our standard programme. Other possible options include tours to the West of Ireland and visits to Cliffs of Moher, Connemara, Burren, Aran Islands, Blarney Castle, Bunratty Castle, surfing, kayaking and more. Please contact us to discuss your particular requirements and receive a quote.

#### General Prices & Dates - Individuals

(Group prices for 10 or more students, please contact us)

- The Summer Junior English course in Clare (SJA-SP) is available for stays of 2/3 weeks on these dates:
  - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July
- Students who prefer a longer stay in Ireland can choose to stay additional weeks at our Summer Junior English Course in Dublin (see separate brochure)

# WHEN COMPARING PRICES WITH OTHER SCHOOLS, REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE ALREADY INCLUDED IN OUR PRICES:

- a <u>high quality and exciting activity programme</u> with our courses e.g. surfing, climbing, bowling, lazertag, Cliffs of Moher, Aran Islands, Connemara etc
- all booking fees and registration fees
- <u>private transfers to and from Dublin/Shannon Airport</u> on arrival and departure
- **private bus service to and from school each day** for the duration of the course

PROGRAMME	CODE	2 weeks (14 nights)	3 weeks (21 nights)	4 weeks (28 nights)	5+ Weeks (35+ nights)
West of Ireland only: English Course + Mixed Activities + Accommodation + Airport Transfers (Shannon Airport) + Private School Bus Service + Course Materials + DLTC Certificate + Welcome Pack	SJA-SP-sh	€1545	Not available	Not available	Not available
West of Ireland only: English Course + Mixed Activities + Accommodation + Airport Transfers (Dublin Airport) + Private School Bus Service + Course Materials + DLTC Certificate + Welcome Pack	SJA-SP-du	€1645	Not available	Not available	Not available
West of Ireland only + Dun Laoghaire: English Course + Mixed Activities + Accommodation + Airport Transfers (Dublin or Shannon Airports) + Private School Bus Service SP / Bus ticket DL + Course Materials + DLTC Certificate + Welcome Pack	SJA-SP+DL	Not available	€2365 (2 weeks Clare + 1 week Dun Laoghaire)	€3135 (2 weeks Clare + 2 weeks Dun Laoghaire)	+€650 per extra week (2 weeks Clare + 3 or more weeks in Dun Laoghaire)

Compare our prices - what is included?			
INCLUDED:	SJA - SP		
Classes (15 hours per week)	✓		
Family Accommodation (includes all meals)	✓		
Airport Transfers (to and from Dublin/Shannon airport)	✓		
Sightseeing/Activities (10 afternoons + 4 evenings in 2	✓		
2 Full-day Excursions per 2 weeks	✓		
Private Bus Service every day	✓		
Welcome Pack	✓		
Detailed Course Report and DLTC Certificate	✓		
Course Materials	✓		
24-hour Emergency Phone Number	✓		
No extra registration fee!!	✓		

#### Note

- There is a minimum stay 2 weeks
- Students should arrive at accommodation on Saturday or Sunday before starting course on Monday and should depart on the same day of the week as they arrived
- A charge of 35euro per night applies for each additional night in accommodation

# Special Offers for individuals/small groups

f ditc.language.school and

https://www.dltc.ie/special-offers/

#### How to book

#### **Individuals**

- Send us an email to info@dltc.ie and we will send you a booking form by email.
- Complete the booking form and send it back to us to info@dltc.ie.
- We will confirm within 48 hours and send you an invoice with bank details.
- 25% of the total should be paid by bank transfer within 10 working days to reserve place.
- The remaining 75% must be paid within 3 weeks before the start of the course
- 3 weeks before arrival we will send you details for arrival including: details of host family, airport arrival and transfers information, finalised activity schedule.

#### Groups (10 or more)

The DLTC welcomes groups from schools, private academies, travel organisations, and individual organisers. Send us an email to <a href="mailto:info@dltc.ie">info@dltc.ie</a> with your details (name, type of organisation, address, telephone number) and your requirements (dates, size of group, preferences etc). We will contact you directly to provide the best possible quote based on your needs.

# About the DLTC English Language School

The DLTC is an English language school based in Dublin, Ireland, and has been providing English language courses to foreign students since 2002. We specialise in providing courses with cultural, sporting, sightseeing and activity programmes to foreign teenagers and adolescents – coming to our courses either as individuals or as groups.

The DLTC English Language School is motivated by a very practical sense of learning. We believe that you haven't really 'learned' a language until you can speak it successfully. For that reason the main focus of all our courses is to get students to 'speak' English. Many students arrive on our courses knowing how to answer grammar questions but are not able to talk about themselves or their ideas. For that reason we spend as much class time as possible getting students to talk and getting students to talk about topics that are relevant and interesting to them. We believe that if a topic is not interesting or relevant, students won't want to talk; and if they don't want to talk, then they'll never learn to speak the language.

During the summer, the DLTC English Language School offers our Summer Junior English & Activity programmes in Dublin (Dun Laoghaire) and Clare (West of Ireland). This is a hugely popular programme and we have been operating it since 2003. On this programme, we welcome private individual students - who travel on their own or with friends - as well as larger groups of teenagers from language schools, secondary schools, and other youth organisations in any country.

During the spring and autumn, DLTC English Language School welcomes groups from secondary schools around Europe and the World who want to spend a study week in Ireland. We provide an English language course to suit the needs of the group; accommodation and meals with an Irish host family; transfer service to and from Dublin airport; and an activity programme specifically designed according to the wishes and budget of the group so that they can enjoy the famous sights and entertainment activities that Dublin and Ireland has to offer.

#### **Other Courses Available**

Contact us for details of our other courses:

- Summer Junior English & Activities in Dun Laoghaire (Dublin): 05/07/2021 07/08/2021
- Private English & Activity Programmes for School Groups in Dun Laoghaire (Dublin): Available on request March-June and September-November.

#### Contact Us

Call us or email us with questions, to arrange a visit or to book:

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