



# Study Holidays

*English for school groups*

Spring & Autumn 2024

Ages: **12-19** years

Location: **Dun Laoghaire (Dublin)**

Availability: **Feb-June** and **Sept-Nov**

Duration: Stays of between **5-14 nights**

*Groups Bookings only*



## Introduction

### Message from Managing Director

The DLTC English Language School (Dublin, Ireland) provides exciting English language study holidays to visiting school groups: The packages include English classes, local accommodation plus social, cultural and leisure activities. DLTC is a family run business since 2002 and we provide a very personal service to ensure that students have a safe, fun and educational stay.

Our typical Spring/Autumn Group package includes:

- Personal **meet and greet** at Dublin airport with **group transfers**;
- **Accommodation plus meals** with carefully selected Irish host families usually within 30 minutes of course centre;
- **English lessons:**
  - with qualified and experienced native-speaking teachers..
  - on relevant and interesting topics ..
  - that are focused to develop students' fluency
  - or cover any aspect of English required
- optional programme of fun, exciting and interesting **activities and excursions** that can be tailor-made to any budget;
- optional local transport ticket for use in the Dublin area

Feel free to contact us on [info@dltc.ie](mailto:info@dltc.ie) with any questions you have and we hope to hear from you soon!



*Best wishes,  
Bob Golden  
Managing Director*

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## About our English Study Holidays for School Groups

### Who are these study holidays for?

Our Study Weeks are aimed at groups of students from second-level schools around the world who are aged between 12-19 years of age; who wish to **attend an English course together** and enjoy a unique social and cultural experience in Ireland at the same time. We welcome groups with a minimum size of 15 up to a maximum of 55.

### When are the study holidays available?

The course is available on any week between the following dates with stays of between 6-14 nights:

- between February and June each year
- between September and November each year

For courses in July and August, please ask for a brochure for our **Summer Junior English with Activities Programme** which is available to individuals and groups.

### What do we provide?

Our English study holiday programmes can include the following:

#### Basic

- **English Lessons** (typically Monday-Friday 09:15-12:30)
- **Accommodation** either full-board or half-board as requested (with Irish host family usually within 10-35 minutes' walk of the centre)
- Personalised **Welcome Pack** on arrival
- **24-hour school contact number**
- **Group transfer service** to and from Dublin Airport on Arrival and Departure
- **Assessment Tests** (if required)
- **All class materials**
- **Course Certificate**

#### Options

- **Option:** Local Bus & Train ticket with unlimited use for duration of course (Recommended)
- **Option:** Activity Programme according to your preferences and budget – social, cultural, historic, adventure activities and sightseeing excursions that you can choose.



## A very personal and responsive service

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

- A customised activity and class programme organised well in advance of arrival to suit the groups' needs and budget
- personal meeting between DLTC coordinator and group leaders on arrival and during the course in order to answer questions and assist with issues arising
- 24-hour school contact number (for group leaders, 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 for students and leaders
- personalized online level test before arrival (if required)
- individual speaking assessment on first morning at school (if required)

## Where are our Study Holidays based?

The study holidays and English lessons take place at our course centres in and around **Dun Laoghaire** (pronounced like 'danliri').

Dun Laoghaire is a beautiful seaside town and is **part of Dublin**. It is an ideal base for teenage groups as it is near enough to the city centre to be able to explore there every day and yet far enough away so that students do not have to walk around the city centre late at night.

Dun Laoghaire has lots of transport links so Dublin city centre is only 20 minutes away to the north and the beautiful Irish landscapes of Wicklow are only 20 minutes away to the south

The centre of Dun Laoghaire has the size and atmosphere of a large village and yet it has all the amenities of a medium-sized town with shopping centres, cinema, cafes, library etc.



The area is well-known as being a very safe, picturesque and generally up-market part of Dublin. It is a very residential area and so most of our host-families are usually within a 10-35 minute walk of the course centres. Many of the host-families used by schools in Dublin city centre are actually located around Dun Laoghaire so with us you get the same host-families but students don't have to travel in and out of Dublin city to school every morning!

## About our English Classes

While all of our group courses can be customised, we typically provide:

- 20 classes (15 hours) of General English per week (Monday-Friday 09:15-12:30)
- Experienced, native-speaking English teachers (qualified to Irish Department of Education standards)
- Online assessment test before arrival (for stays of longer than 1 week)
- A focus on fun, relevant and interesting social, cultural and historical topics in order to get students 'speaking' and practising the language they have learnt – we can also cover special requests:
  - General English
  - Exam Preparation (Cambridge, Trinity, etc)
  - World of Work (CV preparations, interview preparation, presentations etc)
- Maximum class sizes of 15/16 students per class
- Content adapted to class levels and needs
- All course materials
- Weekly monitoring of progress (for stays of longer than 1 week)
- A short piece of homework each week - this can involve getting students to prepare a presentation for class based on information they must find out from their host families or from other native-speakers of English and which is designed to help them exercise their English outside of class
- End-of-course Certificate



## 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 in front of a native speaker. Therefore, while our classes may cover some grammar, writing, listening and reading, our main focus is getting students to gain confidence to speak the language. We do this by focusing on relevant, real-world topics that are of interest to the student

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and that are matched to their level - with topics on Irish, European and youth culture. Our aim is that at the end of the course each student will be able to talk about their experience in Ireland and that they will depart with better fluency, an increased vocabulary and a greater confidence in their use of English.

We can also focus on exam preparation such as **Cambridge First for Schools** etc, or on general preparation for the **world of work** (CVs, Interviews, presentation skills); or on specific vocational **English language (for Catering, Tourism etc)**.

## Typical Class Schedule & Contents

	09:15-10:45	Break	11:00-12:30
<b>Monday</b>	Introductions, Assessments (formal/informal), team building activities, speaking activities		Preview of this afternoon's activity/excursion with pre-teaching of vocabulary Preparation of small presentation by students on some aspect of their hometown / country (music, sport, culture etc). Assignment of projects (in pairs) on some aspect of Ireland (culture, food, sport, music etc) which students will have to present at the end of the week
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of yesterday's class and afternoon activity</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preview of the afternoon's activity/excursion with pre-teaching of vocabulary &amp; language required</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General English Class focusing on some aspect of grammar or language identified by teacher for extra work.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigation and Discussion of some Cultural, Social, Current Affairs topic</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fluency and Speaking Activities (games, quizzes, debates)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traditional Irish song</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>			Review of the week and Presentations by students on their topic for the week.

## Accommodation with Irish families

We provide accommodation for groups with local Irish families. It's a great way for students to practise speaking English and to gain a real cultural experience by discovering what life is like in an Irish home. Irish host families are very welcoming. They take a great interest in their guests and often include the student in the family activities. Our students often comment how they feel at home and like one of the family!

## What you can expect:

- A welcoming and caring Irish host family that is carefully selected and visited regularly by accommodation staff
- Full-board (3 meals per day) accommodation with healthy meals:
  - Breakfast: cereals, toast, fruit, tea/coffee/juice
  - Packed-lunch: fruit, sandwich, drink, crisps/bar (Full-board only)
  - 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)
- homes are typically within 30 minute (min. 5 minutes, max. 40 minutes) of the school - so there's no need to travel in and out of Dublin city centre each day.
- homes in safe, residential areas (no need to worry about students being placed in a busy city centre)
- a wide range of families which are matched to students' needs
- 2 or 3 students of the group per family (if you require it, please request a quote for one student of any mother-tongue in each house)
- Family details (including address, telephone numbers, names, ages and interests of the families) to be provided 3 weeks before arrival



## Arrival and Departure

Arrival and departure can be on any day of the week\*. Group Airport transfers are typically included in our standard programme for groups. Here's what we offer:

- to meet the group personally in the Arrivals hall of Dublin airport
- to bring the group by private bus to meet their host families
- to provide a welcome pack which contains school ID card, local bus & train travel pass, local maps, school and family contact numbers, notepad and pen
- to meet with group leaders on the first day and during the course to answer questions and assist with issues and to provide everything needed by leaders for your activity programme
- to bring the group on departure by private bus from the course centre to Dublin Airport

*(\* For the sake and comfort of the host-families, many of whom work during the week, we do require that arrivals and departs on weekdays are at reasonable times.)*



## Activity Programmes

### Quality, Adventurous, Fun-Filled, and Great Value

Groups may choose to have us organise an activity programme for the duration of their stay and we can work with you to provide a programme that suits the preferences and the budget of the group. These programmes generally need to be planned and booked well in advance of arrival in order to ensure availability.

A TYPICAL WEEKLY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME might include:

- 5 afternoon activities;
- 2 evenings
- 1 full-day excursion.

We understand that BUDGET IS IMPORTANT - so:

- We offer PROGRAMMES BASED ON ANY BUDGET you want
- We only charge you the cost of the activities – NO BOOKING FEES
- You can decide to have as many or as few activities as you want
- or you can even choose to organise your activity programme yourself.
- A typical activity programme can cost between 35-90euro per student per week depending on your budget



## How to Choose your Activity Programme

Ask us for a complete list of activities we can provide. Choose your activities and excursions from our list and send us your choices along with the approx. number of students and ages to [info@dltc.ie](mailto:info@dltc.ie) and we will respond with a price for that programme. If you are interested in activities or excursions not listed here, let us know and we will price them for you.

## Sample Full-day excursions

These could include any of the following options or possibly a mixture of them:

### *The West of Ireland – Atlantic Coast, Cliffs, Farms, Castles, Music and Sport*

West of Ireland and Cliffs of Moher – the Cliffs of Moher are probably the most famous tourist site in Ireland. Thanks to new motorways, it is now possible to visit the Cliffs from Dublin in one day – although it does require leaving Dun Laoghaire at about 7am in the morning and returning about 8pm. On this private tour, the group will have photo opportunities at various famous landmarks along the Wild Atlantic Way; will visit a working family farm in the famous Burren region (Unesco Area of Special Conservation); will get to experience some traditional Irish sport, music or cooking; and will spend time at the Cliffs and its visitor centre. Highly recommended!



### *Glendalough and Outdoor Adventure Activities*

Spend half the day in the Wicklow Mountains National Park at Glendalough, famous for its natural beauty and ancient history (as described above) and then spend the other half at an outdoor adventure activity centre.



### *Glendalough and Kilkenny Castle*

Spend half the day in the Wicklow Mountains National Park at Glendalough, famous for its natural beauty and ancient history (as described above) and then spend the other half at the medieval city of Kilkenny with a tour of its famous castle .....**Please contact us at [info@dltc.ie](mailto:info@dltc.ie) for full list of excursion options.**

## Sample Half-day / Afternoon Activity Options

### *Croke Park Stadium and GAA Museum*

Croke Park is the national home of the traditional Irish sports of Gaelic Football, Hurling and Camogie. These sports are unique to Ireland and are the most popular sports in the country. The GAA Museum offers a brilliant insight into the significance of these games in Ireland and also the opportunity to students to learn the games and test their skills. The stadium is one of the largest and most modern in Europe (holding more than 80,000 people) and makes clear the popularity and importance of these sports. Generally a very popular tour among students!



### *GAA Sport – Gaelic Football Session*



This is a great afternoon activity to choose particularly if the group has visited Croke Park and the GAA Museum. Gaelic Football is unique to Ireland and is the most popular sport in Ireland with clubs in every village, town and city in the country. It is sometimes described as a mixture of rugby and soccer but in reality it is a lot older than either of

those two sports. A top coach from a local GAA club will teach the students the rules and skills necessary to play the traditional sport of Gaelic Football and, by the end of the afternoon, the students will play a short, full-scale match. Highly recommended!

### *Guided Walking Tour of Dublin City*

Be guided through the history and culture of Dublin city with the best tour guides in the city.

### *Museums, Castles and Galleries*

Please contact us at [info@dltc.ie](mailto:info@dltc.ie) for full list of afternoon options.

## Sample Evening Activities

### *Traditional Irish Dancing*

We're very fortunate at DLTC to have the national headquarters of traditional Irish music within a 20 minute walk of our course centre. The Culturlann (as it is known in the Irish language) organises Ceilís (dances) on Friday nights specifically for newcomers. During the first part of the evening, students will learn some traditional dances and, during the second part, they get to put their learning into practice with a full ceili.

### *Bowling & Lazertag*

An evening bowling and other arcade games ..

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## Add a 1 or 2 night excursion to the West of Ireland and the Aran Islands

If you are interested, we can organise overnight excursions to the west of Ireland which can be added on to the start or end of your stay. The excursion is by private bus with the driver as tour guide. The accommodation is in hostel dorms. ..

Please contact us at [info@dltc.ie](mailto:info@dltc.ie) for full list of overnight excursion options.

## Booking a Group with DLTC

The DLTC welcomes groups from schools, private academies, travel organisations, and individual organisers. Send us an email to [info@dltc.ie](mailto:info@dltc.ie) 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 discuss your requirements and to provide the best possible quote.

Once the requirements and price have been agreed, we will send you a booking spreadsheet for the details of all students and leaders including their accommodation sharing preferences, dietary needs, allergies etc. We will also send you a booking agreement. When we receive the booking agreement from you, we will issue an invoice and a deposit of 25% of the total must be made to secure the booking.

Three weeks before arrival date, we will send you arrival information and host family details and the remaining balance of 75% of the total must be paid.

## 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. 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.

## Contact Us

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