

Experience Ireland



Irish Cultural Studies



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Language & Activity Holidays Ltd.



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Céad Mile Fáilte

(A hundred thousand welcomes)

There is no place quite like Ireland.....

Join us to experience the magic of the Emerald Isle where a truly Irish welcome awaits....

Experience Ireland is part of the **Language & Activity Holidays Group.**

We are located in the very heart of Cork City, South West Ireland. We are committed to providing the highest quality teaching available, while still retaining an elusive and unique quality – the personal touch. We can do that because we're a family business established over 30 years ago, and the college continues to be run by founder Valery Cullen and her son Marc.

Over 30,000 students have passed through our doors since we first opened. All of our centres are recognized by the Department of Education and Skills and we are members of Quality English. Indeed we were the first college in Ireland to be given this accolade, proof that our unique blend of high quality teaching in a friendly environment really works. When you put yourself in our hands, we take that responsibility very seriously.

As well as providing you with all the expert tuition you need, we also take care of everything from picking you up at the airport to arranging your accommodation and activities. Why? Because we want to make sure that you enjoy your stay in Ireland to the full!! The Cullen family have been welcoming international students for over 30 years and now extend that welcome to students from North America and Canada of Irish background and those who have an interest in Ireland, its culture, language, sport and people.

The land of James Joyce, Leprechauns and Riverdance.....



CEC has been recognised since its foundation by the Irish Department of Education and Science as a school for the teaching of English as a foreign language.



CEC is a member of Quality English, the organisation of leading, independent English language schools worldwide.



CEC is a founder member of MEI-RELSA, the government-approved body for standards in the English as a Foreign Language industry in Ireland.



Cork English College offers the world's most valuable range of English examinations and qualifications for language learners and teachers.



Managed by Enterprise Ireland, this government organisation is responsible for the development and growth of Irish enterprises in world markets.



CEC is the official TOEIC testing centre in Cork



CEC is a member of the Cork Chamber of Commerce

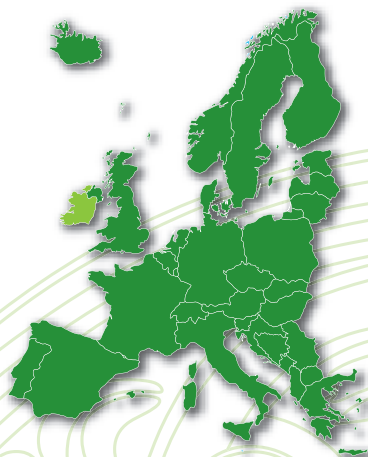


Experience Ireland is located in the centre of Cork City on the banks of the River Lee.

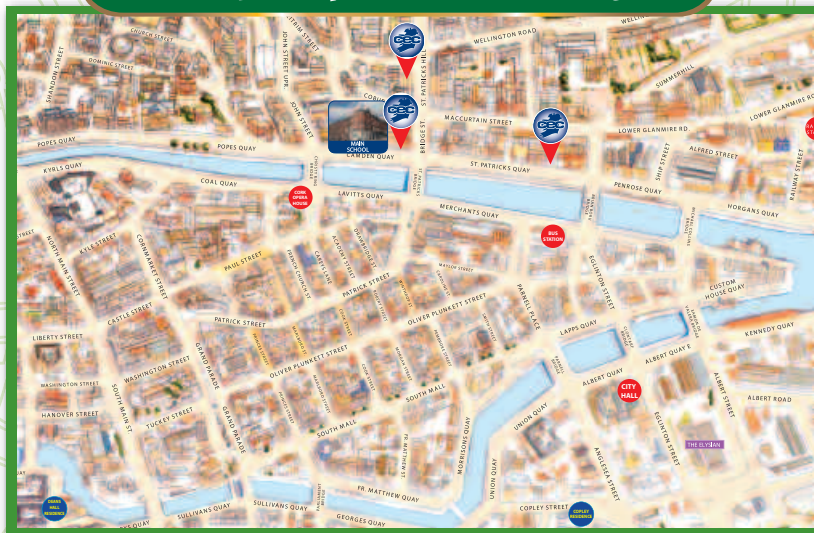
Cork City is a bustling university city and has always been considered an important seaport. It is built on two islands and the River Lee flows like a lifeline through the city with beautiful bridges interweaving and connecting the islands. The city itself has a rich heritage with many museums, art galleries and theatres intermingling with all the amenities of a modern city.

With a population of c180,000, Cork and its suburbs provide all the conveniences of the city in a safe and friendly environment where students can learn and interact with the local population.

The Lonely Planet guide named Cork as "One of the top 10 cities to visit in the world" in 2010 and Yahoo Travel have named Cork as "One of the Top 10 cities in Europe" in 2011.



Map Of Cork City



Experience Ireland Irish Cultural Studies



Duration: 3 weeks
Tuition: 15 hours per week
Accommodation: Host Family



Over 60 million
people worldwide
claim to have
Irish ancestry

The most important distinguishing characteristics of a culture are usually contained within its language. Irish plays a paramount role in the Irish national cultural identity and is a priceless repository of all that is truly Irish.

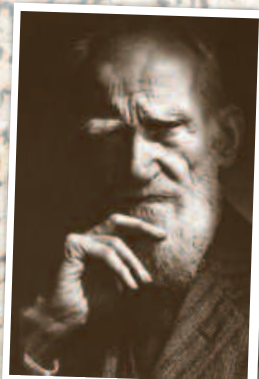
This course is ideal for students from abroad who have family connections with Ireland or who are interested in Irish history. Students in Experience Ireland Irish Heritage classes learn all aspects of Irish history while at the same time experiencing Irish hospitality by residing in a host family. Students will also learn about the economy of Ireland and about the influence of Ireland on other countries. Special attention will be given to Irish emigration to America and the results of this. Students will visit the town of Cobh in Cork where many Irish emigrants left to go to the US. Students will discover the treasured secrets of the Irish landscape, trace the history of family names, and learn about some of the most famous Irish people.

As Ireland is commonly known as the 'Land of Saints and Scholars', samples of poems and literature from current and past writers will also feature as part of the course. In addition, students will discover how the English spoken in Ireland has been influenced by the Gaelic language.

At **Experience Ireland** we make the learning experience fun and informative and the fact that students on this programme are part of an international group adds an exciting dimension to the experience – students come to meet the Irish but end up meeting the rest of the world. An exciting range of activities scheduled to take place in the afternoons and evenings allows the students to make friends for life.

Many of the classroom tasks will involve meeting and chatting to Irish people and the course will also include speeches given by Irish people and field trips to historical venues which feature in classroom content.

The programme is ideal for students who have an interest in history, who are sporty by nature and who enjoy meeting and interacting with new people from other countries and cultural backgrounds.



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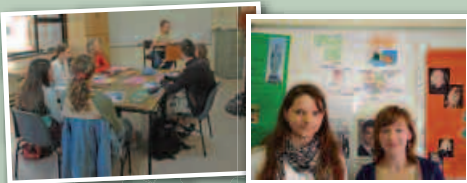
Genealogy

Learn about your Irish ancestors and trace the history of your family name



Irish Language

Learn some of the basics of Irish



Archaeology

Learn about the ancient buildings of Ireland



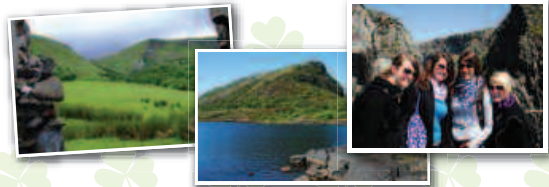
From 1922 to today

Learn about Ireland's development from a new free state in 1922 through to the Celtic Tiger and its demise and aftermath.



Enjoy the landscape

Explore and learn about the landscape of today and understand its origins



Celtic influence

Learn the basics of Celtic Art. Discover how it influenced culture, religion, society, modern day jewellery and language



Myths and Legends of Ireland

Learn about the great myths and legends of Ireland including the Children of Lir, Tir na Nóg, Maeve and the Brown Bull of Cooly, Fiachra and the Fianna, Cúchulainn and Ferdia, Diarmuid and Gráinne.



Literature, Music & Dance

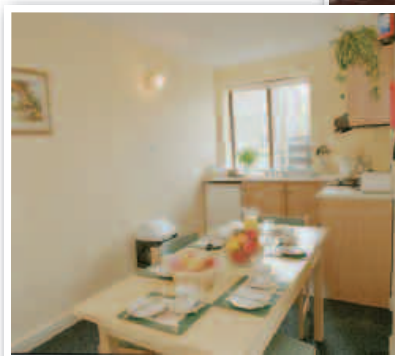


Host family Accommodation

Our junior students have the option to stay with carefully selected Irish families. The families are handpicked by our dedicated staff and are checked on a regular basis to ensure that they continue to meet our high standards.

Initially families are selected on the basis of a friendly atmosphere, good food and clean, comfortable surroundings. Staying with a host family allows students to experience Irish customs and traditions firsthand. The families are located in the same suburb as the school so many students can walk to school. Students are picked up on arrival and dropped back on the day of departure to Cork Airport.

Host family accommodation is essentially a home away from home as students are integrated as part of the family and are well looked after by the family.



The School

The programme is based in Douglas Community School, located in the residential suburb of Douglas, approx. 2 kms from the city centre. DCS is an extremely well equipped school, with science rooms, language rooms, business room, geography room, practical studies room, library, art room, computer rooms, sports and assembly areas.

The school also has two playing fields, one all-weather pitch, two tennis courts and a large multi-purpose sports hall. The spacious classrooms combined with our highly qualified and experienced teachers matched with a magnificent social and activity programme all contribute to form a world class programme for teenagers. The students on this programme are supervised by our staff and their own group leaders at all times and are accompanied on trips by our teaching staff.





Experience Ireland Sample Programme

	Sunday Day 1	Monday Day 2	Tuesday Day 3	Wednesday Day 4	Thursday Day 5	Friday Day 6	Saturday Day 7	Sunday Day 8	Monday Day 9	Tuesday Day 10	Wednesday Day 11	Thursday Day 12	Friday Day 13	Saturday Day 14
ARRIVAL	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30		9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 17.30
MORNING	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons			Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	
LUNCH	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Full Day Excursion to visit Bantry House and Glengarriff	Family Day	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
AFTERNOON	Cork City Orientation Tour	Visit the Lifetime Laboratory	Irish Sports Afternoon	Visit the famous Blarney Castle					Irish Sports Afternoon	Visit the Cork City Gaol	Irish Culture Project Afternoon	Visit Cobh (Last port of call of the Titanic)	Optional Shopping Afternoon	
EVENING		Inter- national Disco with students from all over the world	Irish Ceili (Music and Dance)	Karaoke						Inter- national Disco with students from all over the world	Irish Ceili (Music and Dance)	Karaoke		Weekend trip to Dublin to visit Trinity College, Dublin Castle, Joyce Museum and Temple Bar



Experience Ireland Sample Programme

	Sunday Day 15	Monday Day 16	Tuesday Day 17	Wednesday Day 18	Thursday Day 19	Friday Day 20	Saturday Day 21	Sunday Day 22
DEPARTURE	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 12.30	9.15 - 17.30	
MORNING	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons		
LUNCH	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Full Day Excursion to Killarney to visit Torc Waterfall, Muckross, The Lakes of Killarney and The Ring of Kerry	
AFTERNOON	Irish Sports Afternoon	Visit to Charlesfort and Kinsale	Irish Culture Project Afternoon	Visit University College Cork	Optional Shopping Afternoon			
EVENING		Inter- national Disco with students from all over the world	Irish Ceili (Music and Dance)	Karaoke	Farewell Party with Irish Families and Friends			





Irish Cultural Studies & Sports Programmes



Golf Camp

Following their morning classes, students on the Golf Camp participate in golf training on two afternoons with a PGA professional and on the other two afternoons, they participate in a golf match.

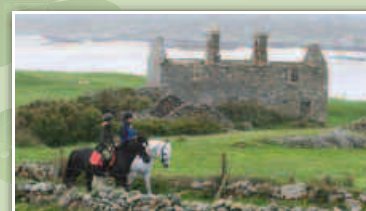
Our Golf Programmes allow you to improve your golf while mixing with young golfers from other countries.

We cater for all golf handicaps. These students also participate in evening activities such as karaoke, a disco and bingo as well as a full day excursion every Saturday.



Horse-Riding Camp

Following their morning classes, students on the horse riding camp, enjoy horse riding for five hours per week at our Equestrian Centre. Horse riding is offered at all levels ensuring the programme is suited to riders from beginners' level to advanced. Under the supervision of professional trainers the students undertake riding, which is catered to their own level, and includes cross country, fun & games and stable management. These students also participate in evening activities such as karaoke, a disco and bingo as well as a full day excursion every Saturday.



Rugby Camp

Welcome to the home of Munster Rugby!! Following their classes, students on the Rugby Camp participate in afternoon rugby training sessions. The coaching will focus on all aspects of the game and may include tackling, taking the ball into contact, ball handling skills and performing skills under pressure. The coaching methods will depend on the age of the students.

Students will also participate in fixtures with Irish teams. These students also participate in evening activities such as karaoke, a disco and bingo as well as a full day excursion every Saturday.



TOURING OPTIONS



Experience Ireland in conjunction with Barry's Travel provide you with the following options to compliment your stay in Ireland with a choice of the tours indicated below. Barry's Travel is a bonded and licensed Tour Operator.

WEST OF IRELAND 4 DAY TOUR

The West of Ireland is an enchanting place filled with wonderfully atmospheric towns and villages, long stretches of stunning coastline, soaring sea cliffs, and craggy countryside that boasts a uniquely desolate beauty and a vibrant cultural heritage rich in tradition. This tour starts with a scenic journey from Cork to Killarney passing through typical Irish villages and towns along the way. This tour also includes stopovers in the mystical and unspoilt Ring of Kerry, the picturesque village of Adare and the magnificent Cliffs of Moher.

Following a trip to the majestic mountains and tranquil valleys of The Burren, the group stops in the charming city of Galway for an overnight stay. On Day three a visit to Dublin is planned to include all the famous sights of the capital city. These sights will include The National Gallery, Trinity College, Stephen's Green, Kilmainham Gaol, O'Connell Street, Leinster House and St. Patrick's Cathedral. On day four, on the journey back to Cork, a visit to the world famous and spectacular Rock of Cashel is planned.



DUBLIN 3 DAY TOUR

Dublin is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city which is steeped in cultural heritage. This tour begins with a journey from Cork to Dublin to visit all the famous landmarks of the vibrant Irish capital city.

These sights will include The National Gallery, Trinity College, Stephen's Green, Kilmainham Gaol, O'Connell Street, Leinster House and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Also included are visits to remarkable Glendalough with its monastic settlements and abundant wildlife, Powerscourt Gardens and Avoca. On the return journey to Cork, a trip to the famous Rock of Cashel is planned.



IRELAND 7 DAY TOUR

This 7 day tour allows visitors to see and experience all aspects of Ireland. This journey begins with a stop off in Killarney to include the beautiful National Park and Muckross House. The next point is the breathtaking Ring of Kerry, followed by a visit to the picturesque village of Adare and the magnificent Cliffs of Moher on the west coast. On Day 3 we visit Mayo, Sligo and Donegal. Day 4 will include a visit to Northern Ireland, the City of Derry, followed by a trip to Belfast.

Dublin is next on the agenda and includes visits to famous sights such as The National Gallery, Trinity College, Stephen's Green, Kilmainham Gaol, O'Connell Street, Leinster House and St. Patrick's Cathedral to Trinity College and The National Gallery.

On Day 6 we travel south to Avoca and captivating Glendalough, finishing with an overnight stay in the coastal city of Waterford. En route back to Cork we visit the famous town of Cobh, the last port of call of the Titanic, to learn about the famine and emigration to America in the 1800's.



An academic year is a unique opportunity for any student. The educational standard is maintained thanks to the high academic level in Irish schools. It is an opportunity to meet new people, live and experience a different culture and society and of course, make new friends.

Experience Ireland is an educational establishment which has been in operation for over 30 years.

In that time, we have specialised in programmes for foreign youths and adults from all over the world.

We are situated in Cork, which is the second largest city in Ireland. This program is organised for students between the ages of 13 and 18 who wish to come to Ireland for the High School Year, living with an Irish family under supervision.

Experience Ireland choose the most prestigious and best equipped schools for its High School Programme. All of the schools are Irish and all are recognised by the Irish Department of Education.

- ✿ Selection of secondary school
- ✿ Full-Board Accommodation with an Irish Host Family or boarding school
- ✿ Enrolment Fees
- ✿ Full School Uniform where required (full academic year programme only)
- ✿ Books where required (full academic year programme only)



Sample Afternoon Excursions

Cork City Gaol

The restored city gaol, complete with furnished cells once housed 19th century female prisoners. The exhibition and audiovisual display trace the lives of typical inmates during 19th and 20th centuries, and show some of the harsh punishments they received.



Blarney Castle

The students have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone and walk through the Enchanted Garden. There is time to do some shopping in the Woollen Mills afterwards.



Cobh

Afternoon visit to the wonderful port town of Cobh. The students will take the train to Cobh where they will have the opportunity to visit the Queenstown museum. Cobh was the last port of call of the "Titanic"



Kinsale

Afternoon trip to the famous coastal town of Kinsale. This town is famous for its cobble streets and wonderful scenic walks. The students will also have the opportunity to take the coastal walk to see the famous Charles Fort.



Bowling

A fun afternoon spent playing Ten Pin Bowling.

Fota Wildlife Park

The students will take the train to Fota Wildlife Park where they will spend the afternoon roaming around this wonderful free-range wildlife park.

Shandon & Cork Butter Museum

Visit to Shandon, Cork's famous four faced church, with the chance to climb the tower and ring the bells. The students will then visit the Butter Museum.

Lifetime Laboratory

Lifetime Lab is located at the old Cork City Waterworks which was responsible for supplying water to the city of Cork over the past 3 centuries. The Waterworks is the best preserved of its kind in Ireland. The old buildings and machinery have been carefully restored and are now being used to tell the story of how water was supplied to Cork City in the past.

Sample Fall Day Excursions



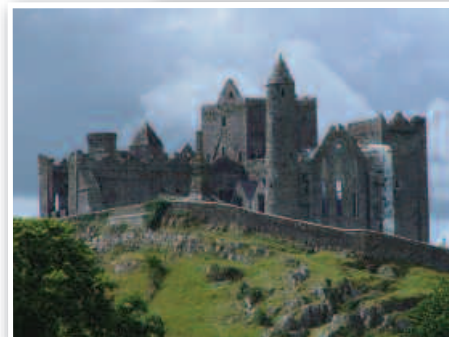
Killarney

Depart from Cork for a morning visit to Muckross House. The group will have lunch in the magnificent Killarney National Park. The group will then take a guided walk around Killarney town before departing for a visit to Torc Waterfall. The group will return to Cork before dinner.



Cashel

The students will visit the Rock of Cashel in the morning. The Rock of Cashel is one of the most spectacular archeological sites in Ireland. They will have lunch in Cashel and will also stop at the Mitchelstown Caves on the way back to Cork.



Bunratty Castle

This castle was built in the early 15th century. The group will have lunch in the grounds of the castle. There is a folk park which is built around the castle and offers a wonderful insight into life in Ireland in the 15th and 16th centuries.



The Ring Of Kerry

The Ring of Kerry is part of the mystical & unspoilt Ireland that has attracted visitors for hundreds of years. The students will have the opportunity to have lunch on one of the amazing beaches along the way.





Booking your course is easy

If you know which course you'd like to do, then booking it couldn't be simpler. Just complete one of our booking forms and send it in to us or go online and fill out the form on our website

www.experience-ireland.ie

We'll ask you for a small deposit to secure your place and then you can begin to look forward to your trip to Ireland.

need more information?

If you require any further help or information about which course is best for you, then simply call, email, fax or write to us. We'll talk you through the options and help you choose the right course for you.



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and finally...

Thank you for taking the time to look through our brochure, we hope that you found it both interesting and informative. There's a great deal of choice out there so we do appreciate the fact that you are considering English tuition with us.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ireland in the very near future!





An Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

*May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.*

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand



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