

ENGLISH WITH OUTDOOR PURSUITS ACTIVITY PROGRAMME (Code HI 015)

Introduction

This programme is designed for young people aged 12 to 17 years, who are learning English in school and who wish to improve their skills in an English speaking setting while also enjoying a varied and exciting outdoor pursuits programme each day after class.

The English course and outdoor pursuits programme is further complemented by weekend excursions and social evening where participants can relax with teenagers from the other courses and other countries. The aims of the programme are :-

- To develop communication skills, through formal classes and through use of English in daily life.
- Particular emphasis will be placed on the language of outdoor pursuits.
- To experience the fantastic outdoors of Ireland in a fun filled outdoor pursuits programme.
- To learn about the culture and heritage of Ireland.
- Interact with students from other cultures and nationalities.

The balance in the programme is therefore about 50% informal learning through activities and 50% formal learning in the classroom.

Admission Criteria

Age 12 to 18 years.

Should have completed at least one year of English in School.

English Programme

This is provided by Waterford Academy of Education, who are recognised by the Irish Department of Education for the teaching of English as a Foreign Language. All teachers in WAE are graduates, hold a TEFL Certificate and have experience of working with young people.

Formal English classes are run for 17 hours per week for 2 weeks..

Average class size is 15 students.

On arrival a placement test will be administered and based on the results, students will study in a group who are at the same level.

Levels offered include:

- Elementary
- Pre-Intermediate
- Intermediate
- Upper intermediate.

Since language is all about communication, classes will be very interactive and learning will be fun. Teachers will use a variety of methods and media to encourage participation.

In addition to classroom English, participants will have daily access to computers. They will prepare individual illustrated blogs recording their experiences and learning. These blogs can be viewed by family and friends at home. They will also have access to on-line English resources and e-mail.

Activities Programme.

This is one of the most varied and innovative programmes on offer in Ireland.

Our outdoor pursuits and outings are organised for afternoons, evenings and weekends. Since Warrington is located near the coast, students can participate in fantastic outdoor pursuits programmes at the beautiful seaside resorts of Tramore and Dunmore East.

Examples include:-

Dunmore east adventure centre : Kayaking, Archery, Sailing
Tramore - Eco walk, Surfing , Windsurfing, Coastal walk
Comeragh Mountains – Orienteering, hill walking, rock jumping, mountain biking

Since safety is always a priority at Hello Ireland , there will be intensive programmes on marine and mountain safety .

In the evenings students can avail of a variety of activities which allow them to interact with students on other courses in a more informal social environment.

These include discos, karaoke, music, library, games, movies. Each student will also go on a full day excursion at the weekends to Kilkenny, Cork or Dublin.

Accommodation and Full Board

This is provided in Manor Village. For full details of this excellent facility, please visit the accommodation section of our web site.

Starting Dates.

Most Hello Ireland programmes start on Wednesdays so that students can avail of lower airfares and less busy airports and transfers. It also allows students two full weekends to enjoy their stay in Ireland.

Groups start on the following Wednesdays:

July 4th,
July 11th,
July 18th and
July 25th.

Duration 2 weeks,