

Emerald Cultural Institute

MINI-STAY PROGRAMME 2023 – 2024

Prices valid until 31st May 2024



WELCOME TO EMERALD



The Emerald Cultural Institute has over 30 years of experience providing quality English Language and Professional Development Courses to groups and individuals of all ages from more than 60 different countries.

The Emerald Mini-Stay Programmes run from September until end of May and courses cater for groups of young learners and school groups. Our mini-stay programmes take place in our Palmerston Park school, which provides all our students with the perfect environment for language learning. Our school is in a prime Dublin location, close to the city centre and student accommodation.

Highly qualified and experienced teachers deliver our mini-stay programmes and we provide 60-minute lessons giving our students maximum teacher contact time. Every aspect of the mini-stay programme is important to us and our dedicated team of teachers, accommodation officers and student welfare officers are committed to delivering the highest quality programme and service to each student.

MINI-STAY PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Lesson times – Classes may be held in the afternoons or mornings, depending on availability.

Afternoon: 14.00 – 15.30 and 15.45 – 17.15

Minimum age: 13 years old

Maximum class size: 15



CLASSES

The Emerald Junior syllabus has been specifically designed by our experienced and highly qualified academic team. General English classes focus on language development, listening and fluency. Regular quizzes assess students' content retention and progress. Closed groups can choose general English classes or request a customised syllabus. Mini-stay programmes at the Emerald Cultural Institute are always tailored to the specific needs of the group.

Our experienced staff can help groups to build a programme based on their requirements, budget and areas of interest. Our expert teachers can deliver specialised classes on English for business, academic purposes, tourism & hospitality, examination preparation and more.

MINI-STAY PROGRAMME OPTIONS INCLUDE:

ENGLISH AND EXAMINATION PREPARATION

Groups can choose to prepare for a recognised English examination as part of their mini-stay programme. Our teachers have proven success records in Trinity College London, IELTS, Cambridge, TOEFL, TOIEC and TIE examination teaching. We have also prepared groups for IGCSE examinations with a focus on English for specific subjects.

Academic Overview: Examination preparation classes concentrate on developing key examination techniques and strategies across all the language skills and incorporate practice tests. The Emerald Cultural Institute is a centre for Trinity College London, TOIEC, TIE and a Cambridge Examination Venue.

ENGLISH FOR THE WORKPLACE

The English for the Workplace programme provides students with the essential language skills required to join the working world. We will arm our students with the skills needed to communicate effectively and confidently in the world of work.

Academic Overview: Students will cover a range of topics relating to finding a job and developing English skills for employability and the workplace.

Lesson topics include: CV Preparation; Writing Effective Cover Letters; Interview Simulations; Presentations Skills; Starting a new job; Working with a team; Company Case Studies; Email writing preparation; Listening skills, Note taking; Interpreting and discussing charts and graphs.

English for the Workplace can be combined with a customised programme for Agriculture, Tourism & Hospitality or Sustainable Living.

ENGLISH AND IRISH CULTURE

Groups can choose to focus on Irish culture as part of their mini-stay programme. Integrated culture topics allow students to discover Irish culture and make it their own.

Academic Overview: Students will follow content-based classes on a range of cultural subjects, which allow them to discover and explore Ireland's rich heritage and culture. Cultural topics can include any of the following:

Facts & Figures	Artistic/Literary	Historic	Everyday Life
Geography & Facts	Irish Writers	Pre-Christian Ireland/The Celts	Irish Traditional Music
National Holidays & Festivals	The Book of Kells	The Vikings	Irish Sport + GAA



ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The majority of our students stay in **host families** during their time in Dublin. This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience Ireland's renowned hospitality and develop their language skills in a natural, everyday context.

The Emerald Cultural Institute has a large database of carefully selected host families in a number of Dublin neighbourhoods, all within easy access of our campuses.

Hostel or hotel accommodation can also be arranged for mini-stay groups. Please contact the Institute for further information.

TRANSPORT PASSES

Mini-stay groups will need to purchase transport passes to travel to and from school. If requested and paid in advance of the group's arrival, our team can organise passes for your group for your first day at school or we can arrange to give them to the group leaders during their arrival transfer or can be given to them on arrival at the school.

We can also arrange transfers on private coaches for mini-stay groups. Please contact the Institute for further information and prices.

ENTRANCE FEES

An Emerald Guide can be booked for all activities at a cost of €80 per half-day or evening activity and from €160 for a full day excursion. Contact us for information and prices for any of the activities below.

Book of Kells	Dublinia	Butlers Chocolate Experience
Dublinia & Christchurch	Christchurch	Dublin Castle
Jeannie Johnston	James Joyce Centre	Crazy Golf Adventure
GAA Museum Tour	Botanic Gardens	Wax Museum
GPO Museum	St. Patrick's Cathedral	Aviva Stadium
National Gallery Guided Tour	Malahide Castle	Cinema
Chester Beatty	Epic Ireland	Dublin Writers Museum

FULL DAY TRIPS

Full day trips are optional and can be booked at an additional cost. Full Day Trips Include:

Powerscourt & Glendalough; Kilkenny Castle; National Sea-life Centre & Wicklow Gaol; Trim Castle & Hill of Tara; Rock of Cashel; Japanese Gardens & National Stud; Clonmacnoise & Viking Cruise.

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