

Emerald Cultural Institute

MINI-STAY PROGRAMME 2025 – 2026

Prices valid until 14th June 2026



WELCOME TO EMERALD



The Emerald Cultural Institute has almost 40 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 mid-June 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

Morning: 09.15–10.45 and 11:00–12.30

Minimum Age: 13



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, Oxford Test of English, 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 Oxford, Trinity College London, TOIEC and TIE.

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.

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 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 €95 per half-day or evening activity and from €185 for a full-day excursion. Contact us at activities@eci.ie for information and prices for any of the activities below.

Book of Kells Experience (can be combined with Trinity Trails)	Dublinia	Butlers Chocolate Experience (private bus required)
Dublinia (can be combined with visit to Christchurch Cathedral)	Christchurch Cathedral	Dublin Castle
Jeannie Johnston	James Joyce Centre	Crazy Golf Adventure
GAA Museum Tour	Botanic Gardens	National Wax Museum
GPO Museum	St. Patrick's Cathedral	City Centre Orientation
National Gallery	Malahide Castle	Cinema
Chester Beatty Library	Epic Ireland	Museum of Literature Ireland
Little Museum of Dublin	National Museum of Ireland	Natural History Museum Ireland
Trinity Trails (can be combined with visit to the Book of Kells Experience)	Phoenix Park with optional bike hire	Airfield Estate and Gardens

FULL-DAY TRIPS

Full-day trips are optional and can be booked at an additional cost. Full-Day Trips Include: Powerscourt & Glendalough; Dunmore Caves and Kilkenny Castle; Glendalough and Kilkenny; Galway and Cliffs of Moher; Japanese Gardens and National Stud; Clonmacnoise and Viking Cruise; Malahide Castle and Gardens and Howth.

MINI-STAY PLUS PROGRAMMES

ENGLISH FOR THE WORKPLACE PLUS AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

The programme provides students with the essential language skills required for the workplace with a specific focus on the agriculture and food sector.

Academic Overview: Students will cover a range of topics relating to finding a job and developing English skills for employability and the workplace. Students will then combine the workplace skills learned in their classes with an interesting programme of workshops and visits related to the agriculture sector.



VISITS, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

CITY CENTRE ORIENTATION: Students will explore the heart of the city with our guide while learning about Dublin's history, traditions and culture.

AIRFIELD HOUSE: Airfield Estate is Dublin's only working farm, gardens, kitchen, education and food destination. Airfield's education workshops have been developed by teaching professionals and aim to allow students to experience and interact with the world around them in a positive manner. **Students can choose from one of the following workshops:**

- **Workshop 1 Ecology** – Airfield's native trees, plants and wildlife demonstrate a diverse range of ecological opportunities to allow the students to use a variety of survey techniques. Education guides will help students understand the importance of ecological surveys and how they aid the understanding of our environment and seasons.
- **Workshop 2 Agricultural Science** – Observe a working and commercial farm where all crops, Jersey herd milk and animals on the estate are used for food production in the estate restaurant. Education guides will support students by bringing them through the workings of the farm, animal and plant health, nutrition, welfare and our purpose-built housing and commercial growing systems.

NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS: The National Botanic Gardens are an oasis of calm and beauty. A premier scientific institution, the gardens also contain the National Herbarium and several historic wrought iron glasshouses. Its purpose is to explore, understand, conserve, and share the importance of plants. Educational tours and workshops can be organised and **students can choose one of the following workshops:**

- **Plant Adaptations** – This guided walk will look at some of the amazing adaptive features`z plants have adopted to cope with everything from predators, habitat loss and climate change.
- **Ecology Workshop** – Students can explore the world of ecology while taking an expedition through the Gardens exploring ecological concepts such as nutrient cycling, climate and soil adaptation, and habitat structure. This workshop combines an interactive classroom session with a tour of the Garden's native and exotic plants. Students will also get a rare chance to study plants at the centre of real conservation projects.

BUTLERS CHOCOLATE FACTORY: Students will visit Ireland's most successful chocolate producers having prepared a case study with their teachers on the company during class time. Students will discover where Butlers chocolate comes from and how it is made.

IRISH WHISKEY MUSEUM : Students will take a journey back through time at the Irish Whiskey Museum. Learn the origins of Irish whiskey and food throughout the eras in Ireland. Enjoy the wonderful stories told by entertaining guides as they bring you through the ages of Irish whiskey.

ENGLISH FOR THE WORKPLACE PLUS ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

This programme provides students with the essential language skills required for the workplace together with a specific focus on English for a sustainable environment.

Academic Overview: Students will cover a range of topics in class relating to finding a job and developing English skills for employability and the workplace. Topics covered will also include vocabulary and terminology focusing on sustainable energy, water and food, reducing waste, air and water pollution, as well as conserving and recovering ecosystem health. Students will then combine the workplace skills and language learned in their classes with an interesting programme of workshops, visits and seminars related to creating and promoting a sustainable environment.



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REDISCOVERY CENTRE: Workshops are delivered by the Rediscovery Centre, which is a social enterprise providing a variety of exciting and interactive workshops which promote sustainable living for the circular economy. The Rediscovery Centre brings together the skills and expertise of artists, scientists, designers and craftsmen united in a common purpose of sustainability through resource efficiency and reuse. **Groups can choose two of the following workshops:**

- Waste Management: Sustainable Design
- Biodiversity & Ecology
- Fashion and Waste
- Fashion and the Environment

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SEMINAR: Meet a professional with expertise in the area of sustainable energy. Students will have an opportunity for a question-and-answer session to help them understand more about this exciting industry.

ENGLISH PLUS HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

This course is ideal for anyone who needs to develop the language and skills necessary to work in a tourism or hospitality environment.

Academic Overview: Students will learn how to communicate effectively with customers and clients and work on the specialist vocabulary required for the tourism industry. Topics covered include hotels, travel agents, restaurants, customer service, tours and planning itineraries.

Students will prepare a project to promote a tourist destination involving research, marketing and advertising. Students will design an advertisement leaflet and present the details of their tour to the class and teachers at the end of their programme.



VISITS, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

CITY CENTRE ORIENTATION WITH VISIT TO DUBLIN TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE: Following an Orientation and Walking tour of Dublin City Centre students can drop into the Tourist Information Centre on buzzing O'Connell Street where the friendly and expert Travel Advisors are ready to share their local knowledge so that you can enjoy the vibrant city and truly discover Dublin.

VISIT A HOSPITALITY OR TOURISM COMPANY: Visit a Restaurant/Cafe, Tourist Venue, Hotel or Tour Company and meet with a staff member for a Q&A session.

CROKE PARK TOUR & PRESENTATION ABOUT THE COMPANY: Visit Ireland's largest stadium, Croke Park, and the GAA Museum. This museum is like no other sporting museum you'll ever visit. It not only celebrates the history of Ireland's national games, it also vividly brings to life how the GAA has contributed to our cultural, social and sporting heritage. Students will have an opportunity to learn about the background of the museum and how they have transformed the GAA Experience into one of Dublin's most successful tours.

SEMINAR – MEET A PROFESSIONAL FROM THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY: Students will have the opportunity to learn more about working in the area of hospitality.

LEARN ABOUT DUBLIN'S SMART TOURISM INITIATIVES: Smart Tourism is a model for supporting innovation and driving positive transformation within destinations. It uses technology, data analysis and digitalisation to build more accessible, sustainable and equitable destinations, ultimately creating more inclusive prosperity for locals and better experiences for visitors.

MINI-STAY PLUS – SAMPLE PROGRAMMES

ENGLISH FOR THE WORKPLACE PLUS AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Week 1	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	Arrival	City Centre Orientation	Visit to Airfield House – Workshop “Agricultural Science”	Visit to National Botanic Gardens – Workshop “Plant Adaptations”	Visit to Butlers Chocolate Factory – discover the production journey of Ireland’s popular chocolates	Visit to the Irish Whiskey Museum – learn the origins of Irish whiskey and food throughout the eras in Ireland	Full-day excursion: (optional, additional cost) / Departure
Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Afternoon		Level Test, verbal orientation	Agriculture & Business	Soil, land and the environment	The future of farming and sustainability	Foundations of modern agriculture	
		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
		General English / English for the Workplace – how to prepare a C.V.	General English / English for the Workplace – how to prepare a cover letter	General English / English for the Workplace – how to conduct an interview	General English / English for the Workplace – skills for listening and note taking	General English / English for the Workplace – preparing and delivering presentations	

ENGLISH FOR THE WORKPLACE PLUS ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Week 1	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	Arrival	City Centre Orientation	Rediscovery Centre – Workshop “Waste Management: Sustainable Design”	Visit to National Botanic Gardens – Workshop “Plant Adaptations”	Seminar with a professional, question & answer session	Rediscovery Centre – Workshop “Biodiversity & Ecology”	Full-day excursion: (optional, additional cost) / Departure
Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Afternoon		Level Test, verbal orientation	Energy (resources)	Recycling waste	Preserving biodiversity	Pollution	
		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
		General English / English for the Workplace – how to prepare a C.V.	General English / English for the Workplace – how to prepare a cover letter	General English / English for the Workplace – how to conduct an interview	General English / English for the Workplace – skills for listening and note taking	General English / English for the Workplace – preparing and delivering presentations	

ENGLISH PLUS HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

Week 1	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	Arrival	City Centre Orientation	Visit Dublin’s most popular tourist attraction – Guinness Storehouse	Visit to Croke Park with tour and presentation about the company	Seminar with a professional from the hospitality industry	Guided walking tour with a professional guide	Full-day excursion: (optional, additional cost) / Departure
Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Afternoon		Level Test, verbal orientation	Food and restaurants	Planning events and attractions	Tourist information	Business travel	
		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
		English for Hospitality & Tourism / Introduction to Project work – Promote a tourist destination	English for Hospitality & Tourism / Project work – Teamwork	English for Hospitality & Tourism / Project work – Research a destination	English for Hospitality & Tourism / Project work – Marketing and promotion	English for Hospitality & Tourism / Project work – Presentation of project to class and teachers	

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