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Adult Brochure

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Killarney School of English

Welcome

Are you somebody who wants to get away from the big cities and spend some time studying English in one of the most beautiful and peaceful areas of Ireland? Then, let us introduce you to Killarney. Situated on the edge of 20,000 acres of lakes and mountain ranges, Killarney is a bustling, vibrant town with over 125 years of tourism experience. If you decide to study with Killarney School of English, not only will you receive the best quality English language tuition from some of the best qualified language teachers in Ireland but you will also be able to spend your free-time hiking or cycling in the National Park, visiting historic monuments such as Ross Castle and Muckross House or simply wandering around the quaint, picturesque streets of Killarney town with its fine array of restaurants, shops and pubs.

Killarney School of English has many years' experience in dealing with students from foreign countries and we understand what you need to make your stay, whether long or short-term, a success. We are a small, family-run school who pride ourselves on our concern for your welfare and academic progress. Whatever way you wish to organise your holiday, we the directors, will be delighted to help you, so please feel free to e-mail or ring us at any time. Most important is that you have a happy and rewarding stay so we will try wherever possible to accommodate your interests and concerns.

Best wishes

Nicola and Feargal



Nicola Bradwell,
Feargal Courtney, Luke & David.

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The School & Courses



The School



Our main school for adults, which is based in Muckross, is a friendly, peaceful and comfortable place to study as it is more like a home than a school. We understand that many parents don't wish to be taught in an environment that reminds them of their teenage years. They would prefer to have more individual attention and to learn in a more relaxed environment. That is why class sizes are small, between 1 and 6 students from September to June and between 6 and 10 students from July to August. The maximum number of students in any adult class is 10. The maximum capacity of the adult schools is 40.

Because of the small class sizes, teachers are able to give greater attention to individual students and to find material which is much better suited to the class as a whole.

Perhaps you are interested in studying in the afternoons. In that case, there is a borrowing library, self-study area at the top of the school. This has internet access and wifi for those who wish to bring their own laptops. We also have a free bike lending facility at the school if you decide you would prefer to explore the national park instead or transportation into town if you'd like to wander around Killarney, enjoying the sights.



The Courses

Killarney School of English can offer you a choice of three different full-time courses.

GE1: 15 hours of General English per week in a group

GE2: 30 hours of General English per week in a group

GE3: 15 hours of General English in a group + 15 hours afternoon activities per week (Easter and Summer only)

GE3A: 15 hours of General English per week in a group and 1 hour of 1-2-1 private tuition per afternoon.

ONE-TO-ONE COURSES (PRIVATE TUITION)

If you feel you have more specific needs that cannot be accommodated in a group class it is possible to take a one-to-one course in the afternoons only. You can decide in advance how many classes you wish to take and tell us what you wish to be taught in that time. It can simply be General English, if you wish or something more specialised such as pronunciation practice, business, medical or legal English.

END OF COURSE

At the end of your course you will receive a certificate stating your level, topics covered and attendance dates.



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The Staff & Testing



The Staff

All our staff are highly-trained and fully-qualified to teach English as a Foreign Language. They are extremely motivated, supportive of students and sensitive to their cultural and pedagogical needs. Most have experience in teaching EFL either in Ireland or abroad and continue to train by taking part in workshops or training courses in institutions throughout Ireland. The school's two directors, Nicola and Feargal, are both qualified TEFL teachers, with Masters degrees in TESOL and 35 years of teaching experience between them.

Our secretary, is also a qualified teacher with 10 years of teaching experience both in Ireland and abroad, which means she can help not only with any administrative queries but also with any teaching-related issues. Our activity coordinator, is also a qualified teacher who teaches with us in the mornings.



Course Curriculum

At the school we understand that the main objective for the majority of students who come to us during the summer is to improve their speaking and listening skills. Having spent most of their teenage years and beyond, learning the rules of grammar, they realise that they still have little confidence when it comes to the spoken language. That is why our curriculum follows a communicative approach, communication being the end goal for all language learning. The methodology then emphasises the use of role-play, situational dialogues, discussion and games to increase confidence and improve fluency.

However, reading, writing skills and grammar are also incorporated because all of them are to some extent necessary in supporting the act of communication; the reading helps to develop a solid vocabulary base, the writing to consolidate what has been learnt previously and the grammar to improve accuracy.



Testing & Levels

Once you have applied to the school you will be asked to complete a placement test which will be used to assess your current level of English and will allow us to place you in the appropriate class for your stay. This assessment is based on your performance in the three main skill areas of writing, vocabulary and grammatical awareness.

In the summer we are able to offer you 6 different levels of English Language tuition from Beginner to Advanced.

Killarney School of English Activities



Class Timetable for GE1

Time	Class
10:00-11:20	General English Language Tuition
11:20-11:40	Break
11:40-1:00	General English Language Tuition
1:00-2:00	Lunch

If you are taking GE2 or GE3, afternoon classes/ activities will take place between 2:00 and 5:00pm



Activity Programme

During the summer Killarney School of English runs a variety of activity programmes for all age ranges. We have separate programmes for adults, teenagers or small children.

Typical activities include:

Jaunting Car Trip:

See Killarney National Park, & guided tour of Killarney Town/ coffee in Deenagh Lodge



Cycling around Muckross Lake to Dinis

This is a very enjoyable activity which takes you into the National Park, past the Muckross Abbey, Muckross House, around Muckross Lake and back past Torc Waterfall. It is not a difficult cycle route so don't worry if you haven't cycled for a long time!



Cookery workshop

cook your own Irish dish with Mark Doe – an internationally acclaimed chef

Traditional Music Pub Tour; learn how to play some typical Irish musical instruments in the company of two famous musicians from Riverdance

Irish Dancing

Why not return home with a few fancy Irish dancing steps. Your friends will be amazed at how good you are!

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Visit to Muckross Abbey and House

You will love this romantic ruined Abbey set in the most beautiful heartland of the National Park. Muckross House is located just a few minutes walk further on and it will amaze you with its wonderful gardens and fabulous views over the Muckross Lake.

Visit to Muckross Traditional Farms

Why not take a trip back into the past and take a look at some old farmhouses from the 19th century. This replica village gives you a great insight into the way of life of local Irish people from that time.

Visit to Ross Castle and Inisfallen Island

Ross Castle is one of the most idyllic monuments in Killarney, set as it is on the shores of Lough Leane (Killarney's biggest lake). A short tour of the castle



will allow you to get an idea of the conditions and way of life of a typical Irish Celtic Chieftain. Inisfallen Island is just a short boat trip away and boasts some of Killarney's richest church ruins.

Visit to Tralee and Geraldine Museum

We are sure you will enjoy this trip to our local history museum in the heart of Tralee, the administrative centre of County Kerry. The Geraldine Museum contains fascinating exhibitions on a wide variety of topics and a journey back in time to the old streets and strange characters of Medieval Tralee

Saturday Day Trips

These include trips to Cork, Blarney, Glengarrif, Garinish Island, the Dingle Peninsula and Ring of Kerry

Our activities are supervised by experienced team leaders who are English teachers themselves, giving you the opportunity to practice your English in a more relaxed and informal setting.

Killarney School of English Accommodation



Host Family Accommodation

Your comfort and welfare outside of class hours is a very high priority to us and that is why we have taken great care in choosing a host family for you. Living in a host family is very different from staying in a B&B or hotel. You are a guest but at the same time treated as members of the family and so you should not expect special treatment. You are encouraged to spend time with the family but must also appreciate that there will be occasions when the family need time on their own.



The Room

All students have single rooms unless otherwise requested. The bedroom should include a desk/table for study, adequate storage for clothes and a comfortable bed with fresh bed linen provided at least once a week.

A bathroom should be available to you everyday. Please check with the family as to the best time to use the bathroom, particularly in the mornings.

You are expected to keep your room tidy and to make your bed everyday. You could also help your family with small jobs such as clearing the table after the meal, etc.



Meals

Most host families may eat their evening meal earlier than would be customary in your own country. Usual eating times are 5:30pm-7:30pm. A lot depends on how late your family works. In many cases work finishes between 5pm and 6pm but in some cases it can be later. Occasionally there are people who do shift work at night.

Laundry

Your laundry will be included with the family's and / or you will have access to laundry facilities.

Telephone

You should not use the host family's telephone and / or internet without permission. If you are allowed to make an outgoing call you must reverse the charges. You can, of course, receive phone calls from your family or friends.

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Self Catering Apartments & Holiday Homes

There is a wide range of self-catering apartments or holiday homes in Killarney available for students who wish to live more independently.

Accommodation usually includes a single or twin room with lounge, kitchen and bathroom facilities. All apartments usually include microwave, laundry facilities, TV, video, fridge, etc...



B&B and Hotels

Killarney boasts an astonishing array of B&Bs and hotels. Altogether, there are about 200 B&Bs and over 50 hotels to choose from. As with all accommodation, booking early is essential especially during July and August so that you can have your preferred option.

The Killarney School of English has a special arrangement with the Killarney Oaks Hotel (www.killarneyoaks.com) next door to the school. As with all types of accommodation we can either book it for you or you can contact the institutions directly.



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