

# 13 - 17 years

## Why do teenagers love our teen total immersion courses?

## You can:

- stay full board with a host family with teenagers in the Dundalk area.\*
- practise English all day long with a fantastic programme of activities and excursions.
- attend specially designed classes to suit your needs and interests in small class sizes of maximum 8-10 students in 4 levels: A2, B1, B2 and C1.
- spend your free time with Irish teenagers and practise English in the most natural way possible.
- go to a modern interactive school in a lively coastal town.
- have lessons with experienced, dedicated, enthusiastic teachers.
- bring home a detailed report for parents outlining your progress in the four linguistic skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.



In The Language Place we can guarantee that you will improve your English a lot and have a fantastic boliday too!

Richard and Annemarie, directors of The Language Place

## How much does a teen total immersion course cost?

teen total immersion	classes & materials	host family*	insurance transfers activities	registration fee	total price
7 nights	€175	€210	€350	€100	€835
14 nights	€325	€420	€580	€100	€1425
21 nights	€475	€630	€810	€100	€2015
28 nights	€625	€840	€1040	€100	€2605

\*Our detailed selection process allows us to match our students with a host family with teeange children with similar interests. Students have their own room in very comfortable houses. Flights not included. For flight information please contact: info@thelanguageplace.ie

# teen total immersion: course programme week 1

### sunday week 1

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monday week 1

Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Laser Combat www.carlingfordadventure centre.com

Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

Free time with Irish

Evening:

www.thelanguageplace.ie Arrival: Pick up at the airport and transfer to The Language Place to meet the host families

#### thursday week 1

teenage hosts friday week 1



tuesday week 1

Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Funtasia Waterpark www.funtasia.ie

Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

Evening: Free time with Irish teenage hosts

wednesday week 1

Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Experience Gaelic Games www.experiencegaelicgames. com

Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

#### Evening: Free time with Irish

teenage hosts

Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Adventure sports and team building activities www.carlingfordadventure centre.com

Afternoon: 14.30 - 17.30

Intensive English course

Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Karting tournament www.whiteriver.ie

CAfternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

Evening: Free time with Irish teenage hosts Evening: Disco with Irish teenage hosts Day trip to Belfast: Sightseeing in Belfast city with a gymkhana in the Titanic museum and a cooking lesson in Belfast Cookery School







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### saturday week 1

# teen total immersion: course programme week 2

sunday week 2







monday week 2

Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Skyclimbing

www.skypark.ie



tuesday week 2

Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Canoeing on the river Glyde with barbaque afterwards on the beach <u>www.celticcanoes.ie</u>

#### wednesday week 2



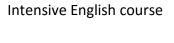
Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Bodyzorbing

www.carlingfordadventure centre.com

Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

Evening: Free time with Irish teenage hosts

## friday week 2



Afternoon: 14.30 - 17.30

Evening: Free time with Irish teenage hosts Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

Evening: Free time with Irish teenage hosts

### thursday week 2



Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Horseriding in Ravensdale

Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

Evening: Free time with Irish teenage hosts Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Quadbiking in Inniskeen www.irishcountryquads. com

Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

#### Evening:

Greyhound racing with Irish teenage hosts



Day trip to Dublin with visits to the Phoenix Park or St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street and the Viking Splash Bus Tour or Riverdance at the theatre www.riverdance.com





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## saturday week 2

#### teen total immersion: course programme week 3

### sunday week 3

monday week 3

tuesday week 3

Morning: 9.30 – 13.30

www.carlingfordadventure

Afternoon: 14.30 - 17.30

Intensive English course

Free time with Irish teenage hosts

building activities

centre.com

Evening:

Adventure sports and team

wednesday week 3







Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Awesome Walls climbing centre

www.awesomewalls.ie

Afternoon: 14.30 - 17.30

**Intensive English course** 

Free time with Irish

teenage hosts

Evening:

thursday week 3



Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Rafting www.carlingfordadventure centre.com

friday week 3

Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Art and crafts workshop

Day in Tayto Park, an attraction park near Dublin

www.taytopark.ie



Morning: 9.30 - 13.30 Hop up: dance workshop in Dublin

www.jigs.ie

Afternoon: 14.30 - 17.30 Intensive English course

#### Evening:

Free time with Irish teenage hosts

saturday week 3



Afternoon: 14.30 - 17.30 Intensive English course

Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

Evening: Free time with Irish teenage host

Evening: Disco with Irish teenage hosts







# teen total immersion:

## course programme week 4

## sunday week 4

monday week 4

tuesday week 4

wednesday week 4





Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Treasure hunt



Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Ziptopia www.skypark.ie

Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30

Intensive English course

Free time with Irish

teenage hosts

**Evening**:

Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Croke Park Skyline Tour at the top of the stadium www.skylinecrokepark.ie

Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

Evening: Free time with Irish teenage hosts

### thursday week 4

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Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

Evening: Free time with Irish teenage hosts

## friday week 4

### saturday week 4

week 4 departure day



Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Laser combat

www.carlingfordadventure centre.com

Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

Evening: Free time with Irish teenage hosts Morning: 9.30 – 13.30 Karting tournament in Whiteriver www.whiteriver.ie

Afternoon: 14.30 – 17.30 Intensive English course

#### Evening:

Greyhound racing with Irish teenage hosts



Day trip to Dublin with visits to Aquazone in the National Aquatic Centre & Dundrum Town Centre www.aquazone.ie



Departure: Pick-up at The Language Place and transfer to Dublin airport





# teen total immersion: what people ask us

Here is a selection of some of the questions we are frequently asked by students and parents on our **teen total immersion** courses. If you don't find the answer to your question here, please contact us at <u>info@thelanguageplace.ie</u> and we will be happy to answer any questions you have.

#### Where should I fly to?

Students on the **teen total immersion** course should fly into Dublin from where they will be taken to **The Language Place** by mini-bus. Students from the same city usually fly together on the same flight. Contact us for flight details: <u>info@thelanguageplace.ie</u>

#### Who should I fly with?

Students on the **teen total immersion** course who are under 16 years old can fly with Aer Lingus (<u>www.aerlingus.ie</u>) if they are travelling without an adult. Teens who are over 16 can fly with Ryanair (<u>www.ryanair.com</u>).

#### How long does it take to get from Dublin to Dundalk?

The journey from Dublin to Dundalk takes approximately one hour (70km).

#### Who will meet me at the airport?

Students on the **teen total immersion** course will be met at the airport by a representative of **The Language Place** and taken directly to Dundalk by private mini-bus. They will be taken to **The Language Place** where they will meet their host families. They will also return to the airport by private mini-bus.

#### Where will I stay?

Students on the **teen total immersion** course will stay with a host family with teenagers of the same age. It is the best way to be totally immersed in English and really experience Irish culture.

#### How is my host family chosen?

Our host families for **teens** are carefully chosen after a long interview process. We visit the families at their homes and collect information about the family members' ages, occupations, language skills, interests and hobbies, pets etc. The information the student gives us on his/her student application form helps us match the student with a host family that is best for them. In general, host families for **teens** will have teenagers of the same age or a little older or younger, and these teenagers will accompany our students on some excursions. All host families live in very comfortable houses in Dundalk or in surrounding areas. Two friends or family members can share the same host family if they want.

#### Will I have my own room?

Yes. Our students always have their own room. If two friends want to share the same family, they generally share a room but two single rooms in the same house can be possible so do ask us!

#### Will I have my own bathroom?

Some students will have their own bathroom but most students will share a bathroom with the teenagers in their host family.

#### What are the mealtimes in Ireland?

Irish people usually have breakfast between 7.00 and 10.00. They have lunch between 12.00 and 14.00 and they have dinner between 18.00 and 19.30. Breakfast and dinner are the main meals of the day. It is important to know that lunch is much lighter than in Europe.

#### What meals will I have with my host family?

The student will have breakfast each morning and dinner each evening with the host family. Every day the student will have an organised activity or excursion and the host family will provide a packed lunch to take. A packed lunch is usually a sandwich, salad, yoghurt, cheese and some fruit. The family will buy all the food the student will need for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They will also provide snacks for the student between meals.

#### What happens if I don't like the food my host family makes for me?

It's good to remember Ireland is a different country, with different ways of preparing food and typical dishes in Ireland will be different from dishes in the student's home country - this is part of the adventure of really experiencing another culture. Before the student comes to Ireland he/she will fill in a very detailed likes and dislikes section on his/her **application form**. The student can tell the host family what he/she likes, what he/she doesn't eat, etc. The families are very flexible. Students can eat as little or as much as they like. The host family will not expect the student to like absolutely everything. If the student does not like something the host family prepares, the best thing is to tell the family and they will prepare something else for him/her.

#### I forgot to mention in my questionnaire that I don't really like meat? What should I do?

If the student forgets to put something on his/her **application form** about likes and dislikes, he/she can tell the host family when he/she arrives in Ireland.

#### What food and drink do I have to buy for myself?

The host family will buy everything the student needs for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

#### I'm allergic to dairy products/cats ... How will my host family know?

There is a section on the student **application form** that asks about allergies and medications. We will make sure the student's host family knows about any dietary restrictions or allergies before he/she arrives.

#### How will I get from my host family's house to The Language Place?

The students on the **teen total immersion** programme will be picked up by **The Language Place** bus every morning before 9.00 or the host family will take the student to **The Language Place** by car. The students will be picked up by the host family every evening at 18.00

### Will my host family wash my clothes?

Yes, the host family will wash the student's clothes with the family laundry.

#### Will my host family have internet/wi-fi?

Most Irish homes have broadband and wi-fi. In any case **The Language Place** offers free internet access to all our students in our study centre. The student can also take his/her ipad or smartphone to use in **The Language Place** but not during classes! Students have free time to communicate with parents and friends between 17.30 and 18.00 every day.

#### I don't like going to sleep too early. Will this be a problem for my host family?

Students on the **teen total immersion** must return home every day at the time agreed between the host family and the directors of **The Language Place**, usually not later than 18.30. From 18.30 the student is with the host family and his/her teenage host(s). This time is often spent with friends of the teenage hosts and it is an important part of the day for the student. It is the time when he or she can practise English with his/her teenage host. The host family and **The Language Place** must know where the student is <u>at all times</u>. For this reason students are not allowed to make any trip which is not organised by his/her host family or **The Language Place**.

#### Can I smoke in my host family's house or garden?

No. Smoking is not permitted in the host family house or garden.

#### Should I bring my host family a present?

The families do not expect a present but if the student would like to bring a small present but is not sure what to bring, something cultural from his/her own country is always a good choice.

#### I'm worried that I won't understand my host family and they won't understand me.

Our host families are committed to helping our students improve their communication skills and are kind and patient. Many of the hosts are teachers themselves. If the student has a low level of English, he/she should not expect to understand everything the first day! During his/her English classes he/she will learn how to communicate better and will feel more confident every day. **The Language Place** team want our students to enjoy their English learning experience in Ireland and we are here to help in whatever way we can. So don't worry!

#### Can I stay extra nights with my host family?

If the student wants to stay extra nights with his/her host family, please let us know in advance so that we can make the necessary arrangements with the host family. Extra nights cost €30 per night.

#### Do I have to do all the activities or excursions?

No. If the student does not want to do a particular activity or excursion, please let us know. The student can stay in **The Language Place** or with his/her host family.

#### What am I going to do during my English classes?

All our classes are especially designed to cover the needs of our students. The students spend three hours per day working on their speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar skills. But we know that our students also want to enjoy themselves during their classes and for this reason the students also do theatre, record movies, participate in debates, do projects, carry out street interviews, etc.

#### Will I have enough time to relax and do what I want?

In accordance with the principal objective of our **total immersion** programmes, we make sure that our students have maximum opportunites to learn and practise English all day long. Students are collected at 18.00 every evening and spend the rest of the evening at home with the host family. Usually the student will spend this time with his/her teenage host(s) and their friends but he/she can also relax, study, do some sport if he or she wants.

#### Do I have to go to all the English classes?

Yes, the student must go to all English classes unless he or she is sick. Generally, our students enjoy their classes so much, they don't want to miss any!

#### What is the weather like in Ireland in July/August? What clothes should I bring?

The weather in Ireland is very changeable in summer. August is the start of autumn in Ireland so we have sunny days but also cloudy days, and because we are so near the Atlantic Ocean we have rain regularly. The best thing to do is be prepared for all types of weather. When the student is packing, he/she should include some warm clothes, a jacket and a raincoat (and maybe a small umbrella) as well as summer t-shirts and light clothes. <u>Use our checklist to help with packing!</u>

#### I am 16 years old. Can I go into Irish pubs?

Students on the **teen total immersion** programme cannot enter pubs or drink alcohol during their stay. Students who are 18 and who want to enter pubs should do our **adults** programme.

#### What happens if i get sick?

If the student gets sick and needs medical attention, the Student Welfare Officer at **The Language Place** will take him/her to the doctor. If the student is from the EU, and has an **EHIC card** or an **E111 form**, the EU Regulation 1408/71 says that holders of the **European Health Insurance Card**, **E111 or equivalent** during a temporary stay in Ireland can have access to doctors and services in a public hospital free of charge. But if the student doesn't have this card, he/she will have to pay for medical treatment here, so it is important to make sure the student has one before he/she comes. The cost of medicine is higher in Ireland than in other countries. It usually costs €50 to visit a GP and €100 to go to accident and emergency. If the student has an illness for which he/she has to take regular medication, it is essential to make sure the student brings enough medication with him/her for the duration of his/her stay here. If for any reason the student cannot take medicines such as paracetemol, ibuprofen or antibiotics, please tell us in advance.

If the student gets really sick and has to return home without completing his/her course, **The Language Place** will give him/her either a partial refund or a credit note for a course at a later date (*see terms and conditions in the* **application form**).

#### Do I need travel/personal insurance?

Students are covered against personal injury while they are doing activities and excursions with **The Language Place** under a **Personal Accident Insurance** policy that we purchase for every student. This policy is with **Allianz**. This policy covers the student while he/she is in **The Language Place** building, on excursions with **The Language Place** and during most activities with **The Language Place**. Unfortunately, this policy does not cover our students during the following activities which are classified as high risk: karting and quad-biking. This insurance policy does not cover the student when he/she is doing activities with the host family. For this reason, we recommend that all our students take out a good travel insurance policy in their own country to have adequate insurance cover at all times in Ireland, including insurance against loss or theft or belongings. **The Language Place** cannot accept responsibility for theft or loss of belongings.

#### How much money do I need to bring?

The **teen total immersion** course is an all-inclusive course. The student does not need to buy very much while he/she is here so he/she should not bring much money with him/her.

#### My parents would like to go to Ireland too. Can they do a course?

Yes, we have courses for adults in July and August. For more information or to request an **Adult Just Study** or **Adult Total Immersion** brochure: <u>info@thelanguageplace.ie</u>

#### Do I have to speak in English all the time during my Teen Total Immersion course?

Yes, students on this course must speak English all the time. They must speak English with their teachers, the other students and their host families. This is the best way to improve their English quickly.

#### I would like to do the teen total immersion course. What should I do now?

Please complete a student application form and return it to <u>info@thelanguageplace.ie</u>. We will then contact the student and his/her parents to arrange an interview via Skype to answer any further questions and to confirm the student's place on the **teen total immersion** course. The student will usually receive their host family details 4 weeks before coming to Ireland. The student should pay a €400 deposit to reserve his/her place on the **teen total immersion** course and the balance at least one month before they come to Ireland.

# checklist - don't forget:

passport plane ticket travel insurance boots/ comfortable walking shoes sports shoes shoes for watersports tracksuit or leggings for horse-riding swimming costume 3-pin adaptor mobile phone and charger backpack for excursions umbrella rain jacket clothes and shoes for going to the disco

Thank you for choosing The Language Place for your total immersion course this summer. We design our courses with you in mind so that you can learn as much English as possible during your stay. Our classes are stimulating, dynamic and very interactive. We have also designed a great activities and excursions programme for you, so that you can practise your English all the time with us, our Irish teenage bosts and the other students on the total immersion programme. We are really looking forward to meeting you. See you very soon in Ireland!

Xx Richard and Annemarie



# teen total immersion calander 2016

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