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Welcome to Killarney

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 organize 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



The School



Killarney School of English was established in 2000. Killarney School of is accredited by the Department of Education time and Science and ACELS. It is a small family run school. There are language programmes for adults (18 +), teenagers (13-17) and small children (3-12). Adult English classes are held in the main school building at the entrance to Killarney National Park. The children's courses are held in the 'Kidzone' behind the school on the same site. Teenage English Camps are held at our teenage school in Lisivigeen.

There is Wi-Fi throughout the school. There is a common room on the top floor with a coffee machine where you can relax and meet other students. There is a fridge and a microwave also. There are picnic tables in an eating area at the back of the school to have your lunch if the weather is nice!



The Courses

GE1 15 hours of General English in a group

GE2 20, 25 or 30 hours of General English in a group

All General English courses cover the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, grammar, Vocabulary and pronunciation if necessary with a specific emphasis on improving oral communication and listening. Materials are taken from a whole range of diverse texts in order to tailor-make the programme to each group of students.

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 specialized such as pronunciation practice, business, medical or legal English.

Teachers

In order to remain accredited by the Department of Education and Science, Killarney School of English can only recruit fully qualified language teachers who hold a university degree and a TEFL qualification.



The Staff, Testing & Fees

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. All 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 EFL teachers, with Masters degrees in TESOL and 45 years of teaching experience between them. Our secretary, is also a qualified teacher with 20 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.

Testing & Levels

Once you have applied to the school you will be asked to complete an online 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. We offer 6 different levels from Beginners (A1) to Advanced (C1) I am afraid we do not have Proficiency (C2) classes.

Fees Include

- All course materials
- Free access to the self-access room with Graded Readers, Exam Papers, Pronunciation guides, Reading and Writing Practice, Grammar and Vocabulary Practice, DVDs
- An information pack with maps and guides
- Bus transport to and from school within Killarney town
- Wi-Fi
- A certificate of attendance and achievement on course completion.
- Free bike rental on a first come first come basis

Course Curriculum

For the majority of students who come to us during the summer, the goal 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. Therefore we use a communicative approach, communication being the end goal for all language learning. The methodology then emphasizes the use of role-play, situational dialogues, discussion and games to increase confidence and improve fluency.



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 Bedroom:

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. bathroom should be available to you every day. Please check with the family as to the best time to use the bathroom, particularly in the morning.

You are expected to keep your room tidy and to make your bed every day. 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.

If you have any problems with your host family you can speak to your teacher, or Director Feargal. The school has a full time Accommodation office responsible for host families who is here to help!

Accommodation

Self Catering

There is a wide range of self-catering apartments, cottages or holiday homes in Killarney available for students who wish to live more independently. Some of these are in the town centre or can be in the suburbs or in the countryside. 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...



Most providers have now moved to booking engines. If you wish we can use local knowledge to check the booking engines like booking.com and air bnb and send you some suggestions. To do this we would need precise dates, a possible budget and if there is a plan to rent a car. If a car is rented there are far more and cheaper self-catering options outside the town centre. We also have some Host Families on holidays during the summer on holidays renting out house for a few weeks. This may coincide with travel dates and would be a lot cheaper than air bnb or booking.com.



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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