

Inch House Irish Studies Centre

A residential study centre for visiting university and school groups



Sample Programme, 2014

What we do

Inch House Irish Studies Centre is a residential centre for visiting university and school groups.

Built in the late 1600s and located in the stunning County Donegal, the Inch House Irish Studies Centre offers group accommodation, excursions and field visits for school, college and university student groups.

Sample itinerary

Please find below an eight day language and excursion programme, suitable for, and highly recommended by, visiting high school groups.

All details are suggestions and can be changed as you wish. Lessons, excursions, transport, catering and accommodation can be provided by the centre. Please let us know your requirements and we will send you a detailed quote.

Where we are

The Inch House Irish Studies Centre is located on Inch Island, a land-tied island in County Donegal. County Donegal is the most northerly county in the Republic of Ireland and it is one of the most beautiful places to visit in Europe. Wild and remote, yet peaceful and relaxing, it is the perfect location for visiting student groups.



Pricing

Pricing is dependent on time of year, length of stay and type of activities. Please contact us for a quotation, we are very flexible and always keen to develop new relationships.

If you are interested in bringing a student group to Ireland, please let us know your requirements and we can take care of everything.

Contact

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Day One	Inch House Irish Studies Centre , arrival and orientation
AM	Arrival at Dublin Airport (or alternative) and transfer to Inch House, via Derry , the UK's inaugural City of Culture, 2013. This is a 3-4 hour drive but we will make interesting stops for the students on the way to do some sight-seeing, to eat and to relax.
PM	Check-in at the centre, followed by free time for students to relax.
PM	We have lots of games available, including football, basketball, table-tennis, board games, a Nintendo Wii with large projector and free Wi-Fi. We also have a large selection of movies available.
PM	Evening meal at Inch House, catering provided by the Centre.



Inch House Irish Studies Centre, Spring 2014

Students will be based in the centre, where they will have exclusive use of a large building with bedrooms, teaching rooms, lounge areas, a self-catering kitchen and outdoor space for games. The centre is very private and safe, is surrounded by mature gardens and located only 5 minutes walk from a beautiful shell beach. Many of our students visit the beach to gather fresh oysters for their breakfast every morning!

Day Two	Language lessons and walking excursion
7.30 – 8.30	Self-service breakfast buffet; including cooked meats, eggs, cereals, bread, yoghurts, teas and coffees. Locally sourced where possible.
9.00 – 9.45	Language lesson 1. This will be a fun, introductory lesson designed to assess student abilities for activities later in the week.
10.00 – 10.45	Language lesson 2. This second lesson will be another introductory lesson designed to assess student abilities for activities later in the week.
11.00 – 11.45	Language Lesson 3. This lesson will focus on geography vocabulary to help familiarise the students with their surroundings.
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch, self-catering lunch, Inch House. We will provide a range of homemade soups, sandwiches, fruit, teas and coffees.
13.00	Tour to local beaches, mountains and wild-fowl sanctuary to practice some of the vocabulary learned in the morning lessons. This will last approximately 5 hours.
18.00	Return to Inch House followed by evening meal with catering provided by the Centre.



Inch Island, location of the Inch House Irish Studies Centre

Inch Island is a land-tied island in Co. Donegal, the most northerly county of the Republic of Ireland. Donegal is a beautiful county, filled with geological features from the ice age, including lakes, mountains and fjord-like inlets. Donegal also has some of the world's best blue-flag beaches, ancient monuments, rare wildlife, great golf, fishing, diving and one of Ireland's best national parks.

Day Three	Language lessons and excursion
7.30 – 8.30	Self-service breakfast buffet; including cooked meats, eggs, cereals, bread, yoghurts, teas and coffees. Locally sourced where possible.
9.00	Language lesson 4. This lesson will focus on grammar.
10.00	Language lesson 5. This lesson will focus on pronunciation.
11.00	Language Lesson 6. This lesson will focus on history vocabulary to help familiarise the students with their surroundings.
12.00	<i>Lunch, self-catering lunch, Inch House. We will provide a range of homemade soups, sandwiches, fruit, teas and coffees.</i>
13.00	Departure for Derry City, the UK 2013 City of Culture and recent host of one of the world's largest music festivals. This is a 20 minute drive.
13.30	In Derry the students will take historical walking tour, which will be designed appropriate to their ability. We will practice some of the vocabulary learned in class in-field and have an afternoon reception with the Mayor of Derry.
18.00	Return to Inch House followed by evening meal.
20.00	Private concert with Shadowplay , an award winning Irish rock band, who have toured with Toto's Bobby Kimball.



Shadowplay, our resident rock band, play a private concert for all our groups. Shadowplay are a well-known and award winning Irish rock band, who have previously toured with Bobby Kimball (Toto), signed with a major record label and are currently finishing their first studio album!

Day Four	Language lessons and excursion
7.30 – 8.30	Self-service breakfast buffet; including cooked meats, eggs, cereals, bread, yoghurts, teas and coffees. Locally sourced where possible.
9.00	Language lesson 7. This lesson will focus on listening skills.
10.00	Language lesson 8. This lesson will focus on conversation.
11.00	Language Lesson 9. This lesson will focus on business vocabulary with a mock business role play game.
12.00	Lunch, self-catering lunch, Inch House. We will provide a range of homemade soups, sandwiches, fruit, teas and coffees.
13.00	Four hour tour of Inishowen, to include a visit to a 4000 year old ring fort, The Irish Building of the Twentieth Century, the graves of St. Mura and Elizabeth Jones, an Irish Famine Village, sea cliffs, beaches, mountains and a local town.
18.00	Return to Inch House followed by traditional Irish meal provided by the centre. Following the meal we will have a performance from an Irish dancer, Irish singers and a harpist.

Day Five	Lessons and student fieldwork
7.30 – 8.30	Self-service breakfast buffet; including cooked meats, eggs, cereals, bread, yoghurts, teas and coffees. Locally sourced where possible.
9.00	Language lesson 10. This lesson will focus on grammar.
10.00	Language lesson 11. This lesson will focus on pronunciation.
11.00	Language Lesson 12. This lesson will focus on literature, with a mock role play activity.
12.00	Lunch, self-catering lunch, Inch House. We will provide a range of homemade soups, sandwiches, fruit, teas and coffees.
13.00	Departure for fieldwork. Inch House will facilitate student fieldwork. We will discuss with the teacher what activities would most benefit the students. The aim of the fieldwork is to get the students speaking to native speakers. Some example options of what we can arrange include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Games or sports with local students• Meeting locals for social events• Presentations on culture by students in local schools• Research project in Derry (perhaps a simple questionnaire, for example)
18.00	Return to Inch House followed by evening meal with catering provided by the Centre
19.00	Visit to Derry cinema for a film (in English)



Our centre is located on Inch Island, a beautiful land-tied island with a permanent causeway to the mainland (i.e. no boats needed!). Nearby to the centre there are sheep, horses, cattle, otters, migratory birds, red squirrels, pine marten, seals, dolphins, basking sharks and even golden eagles!

Day Six	Excursion day
7.30 – 8.30	Self-service breakfast buffet; including cooked meats, eggs, cereals, bread, yoghurts, teas and coffees. Locally sourced where possible.
9.00	Departure for The Giant's Causeway , Dunluce Castle and Barry's Amusement's Portrush
18.00	Return to Inch House followed by evening meal with catering provided by the Centre



Dunluce Castle

Ireland is full of ancient castles and historic monuments. Within walking distance of Inch House there is an ancient standing stone burial ground, a Napoleonic era military fort and a 15th century Irish chieftain's castle. Dunluce Castle, pictured above, is located an hour's drive from the centre and we will bring your group there as well to see this impressive ocean facing fortress.

Day Seven	Lessons and student fieldwork
7.30 – 8.30	Self-service breakfast buffet; including cooked meats, eggs, cereals, bread, yoghurts, teas and coffees. Locally sourced where possible.
9.00	Language lesson 13. This lesson will focus on writing.
10.00	Language lesson 14. This lesson will focus on conversations.
11.00	Language Lesson 15. The final lesson will be a revision lesson based on the week's activities.
12.00	Lunch, self-catering lunch, Inch House. We will provide a range of homemade soups, sandwiches, fruit, teas and coffees.
13.00	Departure for fieldwork. Inch House will facilitate a second day student fieldwork. Details can be discussed with the teacher, to create something which will most benefit the students. The aim of the fieldwork is to get the students speaking to native speakers. Some example options of what we can arrange include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Games or sports with local students • Meeting locals for social events • Presentations on culture by students in local schools • Research project in Derry (perhaps a simple questionnaire, for example)
18.00	Return to Inch House followed by evening meal with catering provided by the Centre
19.00	Barbecue in the garden and games with closing event.
Day Eight	Departure day
7.30 – 8.30	Self-service breakfast buffet; including cooked meats, eggs, cereals, bread, yoghurts, teas and coffees. Locally sourced where possible.
AM/PM	Departure for Dublin (or other) airport

Other information

Fees

Our residential fees vary depending on season, group size and activities required.

For a broad guideline, this sample programme would cost approximately €350 - 400 per student, based on a group size of 25 students, with 3 free accompanying places for teachers.

However, if your budget cannot match this, let us know and we will suggest a revised itinerary which may be more affordable.

Our fees always include:

- Accommodation
- All breakfast meals and evening meals (student can use our self-catering kitchens for their own lunches)
- Daily classes, excursions and field visits
- Transport (excluding flights – but Ryanair and many other budget airlines fly to Dublin)

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