ADVENTURE IRELAND CAMPS 2015

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS
TRAVELLING FROM EUROPE 2015

The best camp for improving English & having fun!
Fantastic, friendly atmosphere
A Mix of European, American & Irish nationalities
Beach, Surf, Sport, Music, Fun every day

SUMMER CAMPS 2015
JULY & AUGUST

JULY SUMMER SESSION 01 (4 weeks) — **From SUNDAY JUNE 28TH – SUNDAY JULY 19TH TEFL**
From SUNDAY JUNE 28TH – SUNDAY JULY 26TH - SURF

CAMP A: ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING AND SURFING & ACTIVITY CAMP

3 hours English Class + Surf & Activity Camp + full activities evening + night entertainments.

3 weeks Sunday June 28th and July 19th	1800 euro
Two week Camp (between June 28th and July 19th)	1400 euro
One week Camp (between June 28th and July 19th)	750 euro

CAMP B: SURF & ACTIVITY CAMP
3 hours Surf Class + & Activity Camp + full activities evening + night entertainments.

4 weeks Sunday June 28th and July 26th	2100 euro
3 weeks Sunday (between June 28th and July 26th)	1800 euro
Two week Camp (between June 28th and July 26th)	1450 euro
One week Camp (between June 28th and July 26th)	750 euro

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SUMMER SESSION 02 (3 weeks) **From SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND –AUGUST 23RD**

CAMP D: ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING AND SURFING/ ACTIVITY CAMP

3 hours English Class + Surf & Activity Camp + full activities evening + night entertainments.

3 weeks Sunday August 2nd –August 23rd	1500 euro
Two week Camp (between August 2nd –August 23rd)	1100 euro
One week Camp (between August 2nd –August 23rd)	600 euro

CAMP E: INTENSIVE SURF CAMP

Surf Sessions & training– full activities evening + night entertainments

3 WEEKS August 2nd -August 23rd	1550 euro
2 WEEKS (between August 2nd -August 23rd)	1100 euro
1 WEEK (between August 2nd -August 23rd)	600 euro

FLIGHTS AND TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS

STUDENTS FLY INTO DUBLIN OR KNOCK AND ARE MET AND TRANSFERRED TO THE CAMP BY OUR STAFF TO AVAIL OF FREE TRANSFER, STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE AND DEPART ON Sundays, BETWEEN 11am and 5pm.
A TRANSFER FEE WILL APPLY TO ANY STUDENTS ARRIVING OUTSIDE OF THESE TIMES.

TRANSFER PRICES:
Sundays between 10am and 5pm Transfers included in fees.

TRANSFER OPTIONS FOR OTHER DATES:
1: Take bus from Dublin Airport to Ballyshannon unaccompanied (not recommended for students under 17 years old) Price approx 35 euro return

2: Accompanied Transfer from Dublin Airport – one way €180 euro.
Accompanied Transfer from Dublin Airport- return €300 euro.

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WHICH CAMP SHOULD I CHOOSE?

English Learning + Adventure Option

Ideal for teenagers 11-18 who are learning English as a second language.
5 mornings a week are dedicated to classes covering grammar, oral & written work.
Excellent work on improving fluency and ability to converse in English. .
There is a mix of students from the countries of continental Europe & beyond.
Afternoons and evenings, are full of fun activities including surfing, climbing, archery etc.
There is one all-day tour each week, and one half-day tour to places of interest.
All students enjoy evening fun and games.
Best for students who need to improve spoken English (Elementary – Intermediate Level)

Surf Camp /Activity Camp option

No English classes, Ideal for sporty surf-mad teens! Surf every day, surf theory, body boarding, water safety. Join in with the rest of the teens for evening fun. Try a bit of everything…climbing, canoe, kayak, surf, body board, hike, great for a healthy happy holiday. You can choose not to do English lessons if your English is good, or if you prefer to learn just by doing activities. Most suitable if students already speak English at advanced levels.

LOCATION & PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Adventure Ireland is located at Donegal Adventure Campus in County Donegal, Ireland. County Donegal is one of the most historic, beautiful and scenic counties in the Republic. We are right beside the beaches, with excellent surfing, sports and very friendly people. We are in the town of Bundoran, which is famous for surfing and for a traditional Irish welcome. There are shops and banks, a cinema and bowling alley, a funfair and beautiful surf beaches just seconds from our door. There are many beautiful places nearby, which we visit on our tours.

The Adventure Campus is in the village of Bundoran, and our centre is warm, comfortable and teen-friendly. The centre has free Wi-Fi and internet access, TV's and DVD screen. Rooms are shared between 2 -4 persons, and there is full supervision at all times.

Our administrators, Ciara and Trish will help you with getting flights organised and making all of the arrangements. We will help you decide which camps are best. If you wish to speak to somebody in French, Spanish, German or Italian, we can arrange a call from one of our staff. We can also help you contact other parents who have sent their children here before. Our instructor staff are all fully trained and experienced, and we operate as a teen centre for students all year round. We have fully qualified teachers teaching English classes, and all students will be tested for the right level when they arrive, and awarded a certificate when they leave. Our staff is famous for being friendly and welcoming. People come here from all over the world- USA, Ireland and UK, Europe, Eastern Europe, Asia & Africa. There are always nice people here. This is a wonderful experience for boys and girls ages 11-18 to make friends improve their language skills and have a great summer.

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FEES

What the fees include:
Collection on arrival at airport on SUNDAYS between 10am and 5pm . (SEE ABOVE)
Welcome & transfer to Donegal by luxury coach or taxi. Accommodation, all bed linen and room comfort. Breakfast, lunch & evening meal. All tours, trips, admission fees, tour guides, tuition & notes. Outdoor activity wetsuits, surf boards, equipment, instruction, transfers. Talent shows, cinema, bowling, Water Park, disco admission fees.
Full 24-hour supervision. Our total care and attention.

What the fees do not include:
1: Airline Fees. We can help you find the best flights, and you can look at the many sites that will help you get best value. You need to have students fly into DUBLIN AIRPORT OR KNOCK AIRPORT, and if you get a flight between 11am and 5pm (arrival/departure) you will not pay any transfer fees to Adventure Ireland Camp.

2: Laundry.
A laundry service is provided once a week. Students must bring two laundry net bags- one for white clothes and one for coloured clothes. There is a small charge for laundry, and this will depend on the amount of clothes laundered. All items of laundry must be labelled with the student's name. Adventure Ireland will not take responsibility for any laundry that is not labelled with name.

3: Phone Cards.
Students who wish to phone home will need to buy a phone card. The best place to buy these cards is when they get to Ireland. This will allow them to get the best value to make calls. There is free wifi at Adventure Ireland, and students will have time to use computers to email.

4: Airport Transfers that are not on Sundays between 11am and 5pm.
Please note that it is expensive to drive to Dublin Airport and back to collect one or two students. It is much better to try and arrange flights on the Sundays, between 11am and 5pm, when there will be staff there to meet students and bring them to the camp. Students who come in earlier than 11am can wait for the bus if they wish. There is also a bus link with Ballyshannon (close to Adventure Ireland) that students can take, if they are old enough to travel unaccompanied.

Is it a good programme?

Adventure Ireland programmes are excellent. We have been running since 1996, and our students love it here. We can give you numbers and emails for other parents if you would like to ask them for an independent reference. It is a very friendly and welcoming camp, and we make sure all students are happy and comfortable. We encourage as much English Speaking as possible, and try to mix students of nationality. We take about 60 students on each camp, and never all from the one nationality. English classes are small, and concentrate on oral English and grammar, in a friendly and fun way. Evening activities include music, cinema, sports and fun. Students do not have unsupervised time, there will always be leaders with them. Students can request to share rooms with their friends, or stay with someone of different nationality. We keep a blog of the camp each year, so parents can read and see what is happening. See our 2014 Diary on www.isaireland.com
We will help you arrange flights, talk to you about the whole programme, supply references and keep in touch with you all the time. It is a super programme, and we have never had a student who did not enjoy the camp.

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General Information about the Adventure Ireland Programmes

SAFETY & SUPERVISION

As parents, you will have concerns about the level of supervision. We first recommend that you do contact parents who have been through the booking process, have sent their kids and can tell you all about what we do. We say this with full confidence, because, to date, we have never had a complaint from any parent about our care of the young visitors in our care. These references are available by email

THE AIRPORT:

We are at the airport every Sunday, 10am-5pm and meet everybody. Delays, early arrivals, lost baggage…we are on hand to deal with it all. We will meet every person and transfer him or her safely to Donegal. The same applies to return flights- unless students are meeting up with family or friends; we bring them back to the airport and put them on the plane.

THE PROGRAMME:

Our students are supervised all the time. We do allow a little free time for older teens, who always enjoy shopping etc. Students are accompanied on these trips by monitors (responsible young people.) There are strict do's and don'ts which apply to all students, and they will be made aware of what these rules are

SMOKING CIGARETTES

Adventure Ireland is a non-smoking program. WE DO NOT ALLOW STUDENTS TO SMOKE AT ANY TIME. It is illegal in Ireland to smoke in any workplace. It is illegal to buy or possess cigarettes if you are under 18 years.

If we find our students smoking, we reserve the right to confiscate cigarettes. Smoking in this building is against Irish Law (and obviously a serious hazard) and we will fully exercise all options if we find students smoking in any part of the building. We will always inform parents of any incident.

ALCOHOL

Our program is absolutely alcohol free. Students of any age are not allowed to purchase alcohol, enter licensed premises or off-license*, be present with persons who have alcohol, drink alcohol etc. The legal drinking age is 18 years, and any students (regardless of age) who have; bring; witness or purchase alcohol/ illegal drugs will be sent home immediately without refund at their own expense. Any student who is aware of others drinking or using drugs must report immediately to the manager or they will be considered an accomplice and sent home. ***There will be no exceptions made.*** We will not refund fees or be responsible for any expense of transfer or travel arrangements. We will just expel the offender from the programme and take them to the airport immediately. Students who are expelled from the program will no longer be, in any way, the responsibility of this program. We will always inform parents of any incident.

DRUGS

The above rules apply to the taking of illegal substances, or drug abuse. Adventure Ireland will expel students immediately from the program if there is a situation with the above. We will always inform parents of any incident. Students who are expelled from the program will no longer be, in any way, the responsibility of this program. Schools will be informed of any major offences.

BEHAVIOUR

Body piercing and tattoos while on this programme will not be permitted. We ask parents NOT to give permission for these, and students will be clearly informed that this is not allowed.

Antisocial behaviour as decided by Adventure Ireland will not be tolerated. This includes bad language, bullying or teasing, disrespect to others, lack of co-operation etc. As teachers, we are well used to handling groups of teens, and these situations don't arise, and our experience of Adventure Ireland students has generally been very enthusiastic and co operative. The staff at Adventure Ireland will deal with minor incidents as we see fit. Parents will be consulted if necessary. As we are 'in loco parentis' we ask for your full co-operation and support.

ILLNESS AND ACCIDENTS

We will take care of any ill child as we would one of our own. Medical assistance is immediately available. Colds and flu's etc will be treated with standard medication. Sprains, bruises etc. likewise.

Parents will be notified immediately if more significant treatment is required. You will have informed us of all illnesses, allergies, etc and a full file is kept on each student for immediate reference. See Emergency Consent Form. All European students should have a **EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD. EVEN IF YOU HAVE PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE YOU ARE MUST ALSO BRING THE EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD.**

FAMILY SITUATIONS

We understand that sometimes there are current 'family' situations such as bereavement, divorce, serious illness etc in the background. If there is a potentially upsetting or difficult background, please make the Director of the program aware of the basic details. All matters will be dealt with absolutely confidentially and staff informed on a need-to-know basis. We assume parents will communicate details with each other and we use one parental address for emails etc. If this is NOT the case, please explain that to the program director.

We do not discriminate against children with learning disorders, medical conditions or special needs, but we must have all relevant information in advance so that we know exactly what we are dealing with.

OUTSIDE VISITORS

It is not uncommon to have relatives or friends visit during the programme. However, Adventure Ireland will not allow students to leave the campus with anyone unless the visit has been notified to the Director of the Programme in writing and clear instructions have been discussed. This is to ensure safety and care at all times.

THE FINAL SAY:

Years of experience have moulded our list of do's and don'ts. We don't let (even experienced) teen surfers go out on dangerous waves or surf in bad weather. We don't allow people get buses to visit nearby relatives. Please respect our knowledge and experience and support us in our decisions. Please discuss any alternative ideas with us before suggesting it to the students. We are always happy to discuss any matter with parents but we respectfully ask you to allow us to make the call.

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ADVENTURE IRELAND STAFF

Niamh Hamill B. Ed H. Dip M.A – Director of Overseas Programmes
Niamh (pronounced NEEVE) Hamill, is the director of the international programmes. Niamh is a teacher of 20 years experience with elementary and high school students. A former director of Ashfield College, Templeogue, Niamh now works full-time arranging educational and cultural programs for students in Ireland.
Niamh will be working hard to ensure that each individual is happy, comfortable & enjoying himself or herself. She is 'Mommy' to the program-helping parents arrange the trip, answering the questions, providing the references, taking care of the program.

Colm Mac Phaidin – Director & General Manager, Donegal Adventure Centre.
The legendary Collie is also a director of the programmes, and he arranges the timetables and schedules for everyone. Collie is renowned among Adventure Irelanders for his irrepressible sense of humour, his excellent tours and classes and his attention to individuals. You'll be hearing about Collie for a long time!

Ken Keane Directors of Operations
Ken is Director of Activities, and his job is to make sure that all the sports, water sports etc are supervised to the correct ratio, that all staff are fully trained and briefed, and that all activities are safe and well run.

Nicky Dowling B.A. H.Dip - English Language Curriculum Director.
Nicky arranges the tuition and integrates her curriculum with the field trips and tours that are all part of the programme

Trisha Corr & Ciara O' Shea – Administration Directors
Trish and Ciara handled all the student paperwork and fee schedules and payment details of our participants. They also take care of your bookings, and assist you with booking and any other information you need.

TO BOOK A PLACE, YOU NEED A COPY OF THE BOOKING FORMS. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THEM WITH THIS INFORMATION, EMAIL OR CALL US AND WE WILL SEND YOU THE BOOKING FORMS.

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