

Horizon

Westport

Home Stay Programme 2010/2011

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Sample Timetable - Week 1

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
09.00 ~ 10.30	Arrive in Ireland Introduction to Host Family	Sunday is spent with Host Family. You will get to know the members of the family and sample a typical day for them.	Arrive at school - Welcome and introduction	General English - Communication	General English - Grammar & Vocabulary	General English - Literature	General English - Irish Culture	Full Day Excursion Cliffs of Moher
10.30 ~ 11.00			Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
11.00 ~ 12.30			General English Lesson	General English - Written	General English - Conversation	General English - Summary	General English - Irish Culture & Conversation	
12.30~1.30			Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1.30 ~ 5.00			Walking Tour of Westport and Visit to Heritage Centre	Irish Sports Day (Hurling & Gaelic Football) Or Adventure Option at our year round centre	Excursion	Activity Day Climb Croagh Patrick/Swimming Pool etc. Or Adventure Option at our year round centre	Treasure Hunt & Shopping / Free afternoon	
Evening Programme can be discussed with Horizon to include Irish Dancing, Bowling, Cinema etc.								

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MORNING CLASSES



15 Hours Tuition per week. 09.00-12.30, Monday to Friday.

All class materials and books provided

- 4 lessons per morning on five days of the week (20 Lessons)
- English classes cover: speaking, reading, listening and writing
- Students are encouraged to practise their spoken and communication skills in everyday settings
- The language is taught in a professional and structured manner in a relaxed and enjoyable environment

- All teachers have a strong work experience teaching English as a foreign language.

AFTERNOON



First Day Walking Tour & Visit to Heritage Centre.

Students participate in a guided walking tour of the heritage town of Westport. This tour provides an excellent guide to the town for rest of their stay in Westport. The afternoon is completed with a visit to Westport Heritage Centre.



Irish Sports.

Students have the opportunity to learn a traditional Irish sport such as Gaelic football or hurling. They will get the chance to participate in the sport with lessons from an experienced Irish sportsman.



Adventure Option

Activities at our year round centre include: Surfing, Climbing, High Ropes, Canoeing etc.



Climb Croagh Patrick.

Croagh Patrick is a mountain near the town of Westport. Each year, as many as one million visitors make the trek to the top, some as penance (in which case the rocky journey is undertaken barefoot - don't worry we don't expect you to do this) just enjoy the spectacular view. This mountain is world famous.

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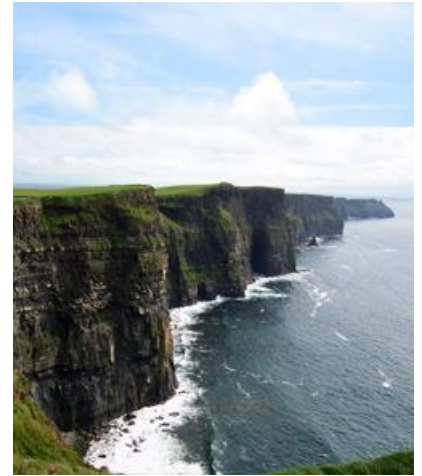
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EXCURSION OPTIONS

Cliffs of Moher

The Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's top Visitor attractions. The Cliffs are 214m high at the highest point and range for 8 kilometres over the Atlantic Ocean on the western seaboard of County Clare. O'Brien's Tower stands proudly on a headland of the majestic Cliffs. From the Cliffs one can see the Aran Islands, Galway Bay, as well as The Twelve Pins, the Maum Turk Mountains in Connemara and Loop Head to the South. The Cliffs of Moher take their name from a ruined promontory fort "Mothar" which was demolished during the Napoleonic wars to make room for a signal tower



Tour of Connemara

"Connemara is a savage beauty", Oscar Wilde

From the rugged Twelve Bens mountain range in the north through lake-rich Roundstone Bog to the golden beaches reaching out into the Atlantic Ocean, you'll know you're in Connemara by the light that constantly changes the mood and tone of the landscape.

Connemara has long been regarded as the real emerald of Ireland. This natural terrain and unspoilt environment offers the visitor a wonderland of sights, experiences, adventure and activities. The people are warm, friendly and extend a hospitality which is the essence of Ireland.



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The Museum of Country Life

The National Museum of Ireland - Country Life is home to the national collection of objects representing the traditional way of life in Ireland since 1850.

The Country Life complex includes exhibition galleries, storage facilities for the reserve collection, education rooms, and a conservation laboratory. The exhibition galleries are housed in a purpose-built stone-clad building designed by the Architectural Services of the Office of Public Works.



Public facilities, including a restaurant, bookshop and library, and staff offices are located in the Victorian Turlough Park House - formerly the home of the Fitzgerald family. The original drawing room and library of the 'Big House' are open to the public and furnished as they may have looked in 1900.

Westport House

Home of Grace O'Malley (Granuaile the Pirate Queen of Connaught). Westport House was designed by the famous architects Richard Cassels and James Wyatt in the 18th century and is located west of the Shannon and is one of Ireland's most historic homes open to the public.



Westport House enjoys a superb parkland setting with lake, terraces, wonderful gardens and magnificent views overlooking Clew Bay, the Atlantic Ocean, Achill, Clare Island and Ireland's holy mountain Croagh Patrick. It was built and is still privately owned by the Browne family who are direct descendants of the 16th century Pirate Queen, Grace O'Malley.

EVENING PROGRAMME

- Bowling. Students and leaders enjoy a night of bowling.
- Cinema. Students and leaders enjoy a night at the movies in Westport's Cineplex
- Irish Sporting Event. Students and leaders can observe an Irish Sport such as Gaelic football or hurling.
- Irish music and dance. Students and leaders have an opportunity to observe and learn Irish dancing. They will also get the opportunity of meeting the locals.

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