

# Homestay with Excursions

## Programme Overview

- \* The basis of the homestay & excursion programme and the main key to its' success is that students do not reside in a school, residential centre or other group accommodation, instead they enjoy the all-encompassing experience of staying with an Irish host family.
- \* Staying with a host family is designed to allow students to learn English through total immersion in an English speaking environment. **The focus of this programme is on the student participating in daily family life and activities, with the opportunity to learn about Irish culture and visit various sites and attractions through excursions.**

### Matching to a host family

Families are carefully matched to students in terms of gender, age, interests and hobbies.

Students will be placed with a family who have a child of the same gender and similar age (+/- 2 years) Each and every family is carefully selected and approved. They are happy to welcome students into their home to share the daily life of their family.

### Daily Itinerary

The focus of this programme is on the student being warmly welcomed to experience the life and activities of their host family. Every family's day is different from that of another. Each week will include one full day and two half day excursions with the student. Excursion days vary from family to family depending on their routine. Excursions will reflect the interests of the student and the host family.

### Stay Length

Homestays & Excursion stays usually range from two to four weeks. Longer or shorter stays can also be accommodated.

### Location

Families are located throughout Ireland

### Excursions

This programme involves **one full day and two half days** of specific excursions each week. Excursion destinations are individual to each family adding to the uniqueness of this programme.

Excursions may be to places of cultural, historical, leisure or sporting significance. Eating out and experiencing Irish cuisine often forms part of an excursion.



### Will students have their own room?

Students may have their own room, they may be sharing with a host child or they may be sharing with another student of a different nationality. As each family home is unique to each family, every one will be different. Specific requests can usually be accommodated.

### Will there be other students with the family?

Each student will be the only student of their nationality with the host family. There may be a student of a different nationality also staying with the host family at the same time.



### Will Wifi be available?

99% of host families do have wifi in their homes but dependant on the home location it may sometimes not be available.