

Farmstay Programme

Programme Overview

- * The basis of this 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 who live on a working farm.**
- * Staying with a host family is designed to allow students to learn English through total immersion in an English speaking environment. It also allows students to learn about Irish culture while having a fun experience and often making long-lasting friendships with the host family.

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.

Will there be excursions?

There are no included excursions on this programme. Host families do tend to make some special outings with their students to show them the local area and if the family are going on a family day out the student is included. On a day to day basis family life continues as normal.

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 another student of a different nationality also staying with the host family at the same time.

Daily Itinerary

Every familys' day and routine is different from that of another, but the focus is on the farm and students will be involved in a variety of (non motorised and non-mechanical activities). Students should bring warm, practical clothes

Farm Details

Family farms vary between drystock, dairy, sheep or mixed farms. The level of activity differs dependant on the size and type of farm and also on the time of year. Farm life continues as normal while the student is visiting and the family welcome them to become involved in any suitable ongoing farm activities that are appropriate and with which the student wishes to become involved.



Location

Farmstay families are located throughout rural Ireland

Stay Length

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

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.

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.