COUNTY KERRY INTENSIVE COURSE

Programme approved by ACELS & QQI
EGA International is an English language school in Ireland accredited by ACELS, the Irish Chamber of Tourism and by different private centres and academies. We are an educational centre, and for over 30 years our school has successfully implemented programmes for children in Ireland with a complete immersion in Irish life and culture. As a result of our hard work, a high rate of students repeat this language experience in successive years.

Our Intensive programme in Killarney is primarily aimed towards students who want to learn, improve or perfect their level of English. This course encourages self-development and gives the opportunity to experience new cultures and another way of life, Irish mentality and traditions. This is one of the most useful adventures that you can offer to your child. Welcome to our friendly family!
July 2, 3 or 4 weeks
Our towns

County Kerry

County Kerry is situated in the south-west of Ireland. We host our students all over the area in traditional Irish families.

Killarney.

Killarney is situated in the south-west of Ireland. It has a population of about 10,000 inhabitants and it’s one of the most beautiful areas in the country.

This town is a very popular destination all year round, especially in summer and is surrounded by 25,000 hectares of national park. Killarney is truly a safe town and has all the conditions for studying, entertainment, recreational and cultural activities for our students.

Killorglin.

It’s a smaller town, situated 19 kilometres from Killarney. It has a population of about 3,000 people. Our team was the first in developing and launching an educational programme of this kind in the area. It’s a perfect place to combine cultural and linguistic experiences while totally immersing in Irish life.
Amazing destinations with incredible scenery, tourist attractions and historical sights.

**Tralee.**
It’s the capital of County Kerry. This town is situated on the south-west coast of the Republic of Ireland. It takes its name from the river Lee, which flows into Tralee Bay. There are numerous monuments which testify to more than eight centuries of history, also you can find the oldest and world famous windmill located close to the town.

**Listowel.**
It is a town situated on the river Feale. It is also sometimes described as a “Literary Capital of Ireland”.

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**EGA International**
Learn - Speak - Travel
All the students will have a level test on arrival to distribute the groups according to their levels and age.

All daily transfers to and from school are provided by a private bus service EGA International and in some cases the family is responsible for the daily transfer of the student by family car. All the provided course materials have been prepared by our highly qualified teaching team and approved by ACELS.

The programme consists of 25 hours of English per week and is focused on preparation for Official Cambridge Exams B2 and C1 (First and Advanced). To access the programme a minimum B1 plus level is required.
In an Irish family, with an Irish child of comparable age and hobbies as the foreign student.

Families are key to the success of our programme. They are scrupulously selected by the Director of EGA and his close team. Our families are exceptionally caring and comply diligently with the program rules, guaranteeing an improvement in the English level of the student.

We host students with full-board in individual rooms.
Most of our family homes are not part of any residential area, but spread over a very wide area.
At about 4.30 PM., when the classes are finished, all the students return to their families. This is where they really start to immerse in the Irish culture and improve their language skills. They stay with their families for the rest of the day and have no opportunity to speak with any student of the same nationality.

Students have 2 free afternoons a week (Wednesday and Friday). Weekends are family days and all activities are organised by the families.

The programme includes Saturdays excursions.
EGA Intl. Director

For over 30 years EGA International has been implementing a programme of linguistic immersion in Ireland. We have analysed the keys to the programme’s success and the three most important points are:

- **Serious approach to the selection of families to collaborate with.** They have to comply with requirements of the programme and to be approved by me and by my close team.

- **Grouping students according to their age and hobbies.** Every age has its own interests.

- **Strict compliance by students and by families, with all the rules set by the programme like schedules and other behaviour standards proposed by the organisation.** This is important for the general well-being of each student.

In addition to this, the programme takes place in a pleasant and secure environment, far from crowded cities where a great possibility to meet students of the same nationality exists.

We don’t subcontract to any other Irish organization. We design, develop and supervise our programme.
Arrival dates

July

late June- beginning of July

Insurance

The programme does not include personal insurance. Apart from this, we require our students to obtain a European Health Insurance Card in Social Security offices. However if the student has a private medical insurance, we recommend to take it also.

In case you are not from E.U., you should obtain Health & Travel Insurance in the country of your residence.

Schedule details (example)

From Monday to Friday
10:00 to 13:00  Classes (approximately 25 hours per week)
13:00 to 14:15  Lunch time
14:15 to 16:30  Classes (afternoon session)
16:30 to 17:00  Arrival back home

Saturday
Outings.
Departure and arrival time depends on the place to be visited.

Sunday
Family day.
Families organize their own programme.

Comments: Undoubtedly the most important aspects of the programme are the families and the time that our students spend with them; for this reason, they have our full confidence and consent to modify some of the daily student activity. In this case, the student will accompany them and take part in any decision made by the family.
FAQ section

It’s required that every child has a valid PASSPORT, ID card and European Health Insurance Card.

What should be the level of my child’s English?
Starting from B1+

Who supervises children?
All our staff are highly qualified professionals that have worked with us for many years. They have great experience working with children and know what is best for their well-being, respecting discipline and programme rules. Host families are also highly experienced in dealing with children, making them feel supported and protected.

Is there any kind of insurance included in the programme?
We do not provide accident, public liability and travel assistant insurance. It is required to have a European health Insurance Card (for E.U. citizens). In case you are not from E.U., you should obtain Health & Travel Insurance in the country of your residence.

What happens if my child doesn’t like the Irish family?
It rarely happens, but as a rule, we do not change families until the third day of the stay, because we know that in 99% of cases they need an adaptation period. We ask parents to keep us informed about any comments from the child and we are always in contact with the host families as well. First three days are especially difficult for the children until they get used to the English/Irish accent.

How much money does my child need to have?
Ireland uses euro as its currency. We recommend parents give their children as much as they consider appropriate. Average amount can vary from 50 to 70 euros per week, depending on how much money they spend weekly.

What kind of clothes should my child take?
- Sport clothes and footwear (training suit, T-shirt, shorts and a cap).
- Streetwear, trousers, jumper, etc.
- Closed footwear.
- Pool towel.
- Toilet bag (host families usually have all necessary toiletries, but if the student uses any special shampoo or moisturizing cream, they should take it with them). Host families provide the child with bed linen and towels.
- Slippers and long-sleeved pijamas.
- Rain jacket, sweatshirts and sweaters.
- Casual jacket.
- Swim suit.
- Pocket dictionary and a pencil case.
- EURO ADAPTOR (GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND).

How is family distribution implemented?
The director and his team are in charge of placing students in host families. Our intention is to place a foreign student with an Irish or other nationality student of the same age and with similar hobbies.

Use of mobile phones
BEFORE BED TIME IT IS REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE PHONE WHERE THE FAMILY INDICATES AND IT IS NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE IT INTO THE ROOM. The reason for this rule is that the children have to interact with the family and practise what they have learnt instead of surfing the net on their mobile.
We recommend that the students take their mobile phone with them, but must make good use of it.
On the day of arrival students will be given a detailed schedule of their activities in Ireland, so they will be able to inform it to their parents, so that they will know where their children are at all times.
In addition, we add parents to special secret groups on Facebook where we upload photos of the students’ daily activities.
Terms and Conditions I

- **PRICES:**
  To be consulted.

- **HOW TO ENROL IN THE PROGRAMME.**
  To enroll the following information should be sent to us:
  - Signed terms and conditions (all pages).
  - Application form in **WORD FORMAT WITH PHOTO** (we don’t accept application forms in other formats).
  - Photocopy of valid passport.
  - Photocopy of Health Insurance Card.
  - Proof of payment (receipt).

- **BANK DETAILS.**
  Full course amount Bank transfer to the following account:
  BANK: AIB BANK · 25 Main St. Killarney · Co. Kerry · Ireland
  ACCOUNT HOLDER: EGA INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE SCHOOL LIMITED
  IBAN: IE79 AIBK 936332 63730182
  BIC: AIBKIE2D

- **THE PRICE INCLUDES.**
  - English Language Tuition Programme 25 hours per week.
  - Learning material (study pack).
  - Accommodation in host families.
  - Private room for each student (laundry every week, 2 different nationalities maximum).
  - Meal plan - Full Board (including late snack).
  - 1 full day excursion weekly.
  - EGA International Social Organiser escort for all full and half day excursions.
  - All Entrance Fees for Excursions and Visits, **EXCEPT FRIDAY NIGHT DISCO (5€).**
  - Private Coaches for Full Day Excursions, trips and daily runs.

- **THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE.**
  - Flight tickets.
  - Visa support and medical insurance (for non E.U. citizens).
  - Activities which are not included in the programme.
  - Transfers outside Ireland.
  - Airport transfers.
  - Friday night disco.
  - **IMPORTANT:** CELIAC STUDENTS consult conditions with the organisation.
Terms and Conditions II

ORGANISATION.
EGA International’s Ireland registered office is in College House, College square, Killarney, considers the terms and conditions for agreement between parties (“EGA International” or "company/organisation" and “the student” or "parents") in relation to the provision of the course. References in these Terms and Conditions to EGA International include our education partners, representatives and employees. These Terms and Conditions will become binding between the client and the company when the student enrols in a course.

CANCELLATIONS.
If the client decides to cancel in advance the contracted programme, EGA International has to be notified about the course cancellation in written form (the cancellation date is the date of your written form reception) and due to management expenses it is penalised as follows:

- 10% of the total amount in case of notifying within 30 days before the trip;
- 20% of the total amount in case of notifying within 15-29 days before the trip;
- In case of notifying in a period of less than 15 days, no money refunds will be made except in special cases that will be considered individually by the director of the organisation.

In the event of cancellation of the course after the ticket has been issued, the client must assume that there will be no money refund.

If the client cancels or abandons the programme in the country of destination by their own choice or their parents/legal guardians, the cancellation charge will be 100%. An additional charge will have to be paid for a ticket exchange.
EGA International does not accept responsibility for costs incurred due to flight delays, e.g. accommodation.

MODIFICATION OF THE PROGRAMME DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.
EGA International is committed to providing all contracted services contained in the programme with the stated conditions and characteristics. The following factors must be fully taken into account:

a) In case that EGA International changes an essential element of the course, including price, organisation must inform the client as soon as possible. The contracting party will have the right to cancel the contract or accept the modification. EGA International will specify the programme modifications and its impact on price.

b) The Client has to communicate the decision within 3 days after the notification. If the client does not communicate the decision after 3 days, it will be understood the programme modifications have been accepted.

c) In case EGA International is forced to cancel any of the programmes for reasons not attributable to the client, or the client repeals the contract point a) or b), the company shall offer an alternative programme of similar or superior quality; otherwise all fees will be refunded.

d) Both parties shall be released from their respective obligations in the event of national emergency, war, prohibitive governmental regulation or if any other force beyond the reasonable control.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND POSSIBLE EXPULSION.
The participant undertakes to respect the schedules, teachers, leaders, classmates, co-habitation rules with host families, and is obligated to assist classes. The student also has to respect the law of the country of destination and the discipline policy of other partner organisations of EGA International.

In case the student lacks discipline, misbehaves and does not comply with the local law and rules of school, doesn’t attend classes without a clearly justified reason, doesn’t respect the established schedule, arrives home late; in the case of theft, fights, drug ingestion, alcohol or tobacco use, sexual relations, the student will be expelled immediately from the course.

Costs, incurred by early return to the country of origin, are the responsibility of the parents / legal custodians as well as compensation costs for damages to third parties or any other expenses resulting from negligence of the student.

Signed by EGA INTERNATIONAL

Name, Surname, ID number & Signature of Father / Legal Guardian

Name, Surname, ID number & Signature of Mother / Legal Guardian

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Terms and Conditions III

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ORGANISATION.
EGA International responsibilities are indicated in the programme. In particular, we are responsible for:
- The student’s and host family’s wellbeing.
- Class schedule punctuality.
- Facilitating the resolution of problems.
- Accompanying children on excursions and daily activities.
- Taking a child to the doctor or other consultation.

EGA INTERNATIONAL IS NOT RESPONSIVE FOR:
Airplane delays and loss of luggage or personal items; sexual relationships and its consequences; participation in sports, which are not included in the programme and the possible effects. Neither family nor EGA are responsible for student activity while not complying with the established schedule.

EGA INTERNATIONAL RESERVES THE RIGHT:
a) To alter the programme when there are reasons that justify it.
b) To confirm the family a maximum one week before the trip due to high demand for the course. Our main objective is to find the best possible family match for the student, in accordance with customs and character of both. We don’t provide family details before the indicated period for the reason that there is a high possibility that they can be further modified.

DOCUMENTS.
It’s required that every child has a valid PASSPORT, ID card and European Health Insurance Card. All Non EU students should take out full Travel and Medical Insurance cover prior to coming to Ireland and EU nationals should bring Medical form/Card E1.11 with them.
- Visas: EU National students do not require a visa to study at EGA International.
- If the students are coming from a non-EU country they should apply to their nearest Irish Embassy in order to obtain a student/visitor visa. EGA International will send them a letter of confirmation for one of our courses which they may submit to the Irish Embassy or Irish Consulate along with other support documentation. Letters of Invitation/Confirmation are only issued on receipt of payment of total fees. In the event of a visa to enter Ireland being refused all fees will be refunded less any bank charges incurred. Information regarding Irish visas please see the following official web pages www.dfa.ie
To register for a course, you have to fill in our application form and send it to our office with the EGA International conditions signed.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL MATTERS.
The Parents will be asked to complete an Application form with the information concerning the student’s health. EGA International must be informed in writing if the student:
Develops any known medical condition; health/mental problem; any allergies; is unable to take part in games or sporting activities; has been in contact with anyone with an infectious or contagious disease.
It is understood that at the time when the course starts, the participant of the programme is physically and mentally healthy and the medical information indicated in the Application form is true and complete.
EGA International is exempted from responsibility where false details are provided.
If the parents cannot be contacted in time, they must authorise EGA International to consent on their behalf to the student receiving
a) Emergency medical treatment including blood transfusions within Ireland,
b) General anaesthetic and operations performed by the National Health Service or at a private hospital and where certified by an appropriately qualified person as necessary for the student’s welfare.
Medical expenses, including medicines, transfer etc., are not covered by Insurance or Social Security. They will be at the client’s expense.
Terms and Conditions IV

DATA PROTECTION.
EGA International needs to collect and use data (information) from a variety of sources about its staff, students and other individuals who come in contact with the company. The purposes of processing data include the organisation and administration of courses, research activities, the recruitment and payment of staff, compliance with statutory obligations, commercial communication and promotional offers for advertising purposes, etc.
EGA International has the overall responsibility to protect the rights and privacy of individuals in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1988 and the Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2003.
EGA International will administer its responsibilities under the legislation in accordance with the eight stated data protection principles outlined in the Act as follows:
1. Obtain and process information fairly
2. Keep it only for one or more specified, explicit and lawful purposes
3. Use and disclose it only in ways compatible with these purposes
4. Keep the information safe and secure
5. Keep it accurate, complete and up-to-date
6. Ensure that it is adequate, relevant and not excessive. Personal data held by the EGA International will be adequate, relevant and not excessive in relation to the purpose/s for which it is kept.
7. Retain it for no longer than is necessary for the purpose or purposes
8. Give a copy of his/her personal data to that individual, on request. EGA International will have procedures in place to ensure that data subjects can exercise their rights under the Data Protection legislation.

In addition, taking into account that certain data of participants is indispensable for communication to partner organisations or collaborating companies of EGA International, the student or their parents/ legal guardians authorise that it can be provided to those entities.

There exists some possibility that the children can appear in photos, that are made and can be used only for pedagogical purposes. Parents or legal guardians authorise their publication in our brochures, leaflets and other promotional publications (including Internet and social networks).

If they desire to exercise the access rights, rectification, cancelation or opposition, they should contact EGA International by sending a written communication to College House, College Square, Killarney, Co. Kerry, V93 E895, Ireland or by any other method that enables reliable acknowledgement of the sending and receipt of such request. The letter must include: the full name and surnames of the person concerned, definition of the request, date and an address to notify the person concerned of the outcome, photocopy of valid ID card or other document, and, if necessary, of the person representing him, or equivalent electronic instruments; as well as the document or electronic instrument accrediting such representation.

LEGAL AUTHORISATION FOR MINORS.
The undersigned, as parent/legal guardian of, a minor that acts as a participant of the programme, whose details appear in the Application form, authorise and give their express consent to travelling outside national territory as well as participate and perform all the activities provided and stated in the present programme (accommodation in host families, assistance in classes, activities and excursions, general displacements and in emergency situations etc.)

VALIDITY AND RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS.
The validity of these terms and conditions only apply to the current year programme. Any conflicts, which may arise from the programme, will be governed by the Irish laws and will be resolved by the judicial bodies.
As evidence, both parents/legal guardians, must sign all the pages of the Terms and Conditions, providing their name, surname and I.D. passport or similar document and send it to EGA International, together with the filled Application form, therefore confirming that the data provided is true and accurate.

Place & Date:

Signed by EGA INTERNATIONAL

Name, Surname, ID number & Signature of Father / Legal Guardian

Name, Surname, ID number & Signature of Mother / Legal Guardian