



dunluice house **bray, co. wicklow**

Centre Profile 2012

Host family & Residential Accommodation



Location

Bray, regarded as a suburb of Dublin city, is located south of Dublin at the gateway to Wicklow, 'The Garden of Ireland'. Bray offers students the best of both worlds. You can enjoy all the splendour of Wicklow and yet you are only a 35-minute train (DART) ride away from Dublin city centre. Bray offers a wide range of shops and theatre venues, noted restaurants and pubs, with live music and entertainment regularly throughout the year.

The town of Bray is named after the imposing rock hill, which gives the town its character. A walk up the hill offers a unique view over Dublin Bay. Bray's natural beauty has made it an attractive holiday destination since the early 19th century. Early holiday-makers from Britain and Dublin built splendid Victorian houses as summer homes like those typically seen on the seafront. Bray offers something for everyone, from its famous walks, (with the popular Bray Promenade and Bray Head located beside the school) to horse riding, golf, sailing and angling.



About the School

ATC is located in four of these buildings, the beautifully restored Dunluice House. Carefully and completely refurbished and upgraded, Dunluice House combines Victorian elegance with modern comforts. The classrooms are bright, spacious and warm, with magnificent views across the Irish Sea.

Classrooms

ATC has 20 classrooms in Dunluice House and all our classrooms cater for audio and audio-visual technologies, with plenty of space to facilitate communicative language practice. We can provide specifically designed rooms for testing and examinations. A variety of classroom layouts, with both tables and lecture chairs, suits different learning styles.

Student Library

We have a student library with a wide selection of both educational and recreational reading material. The library is located in our self study centre.

Internet/ Multimedia Room

There are 24 PCs available to students which offer free internet and e-mail access. This room is open to junior group during their morning break as long as supervision is provided by the group leaders, students will also have access from 13:00 to 13.30 Monday to Friday. Students who wish to use their own laptops can also connect to the wireless area network that is available throughout the school.

Canteen

Students can relax in the comfortable canteen, which includes fridge, microwave, coffee machine, refreshments and filtered cold water. It is the ideal place to talk to other students and staff between classes.



ACCOMMODATION

Student Residence

Located only 700 metres from the school, the ATC residence offers accommodation in single and twin rooms (all en-suite) on a self catering basis.

The residence has two fully fitted kitchens with washer/dryers and two living rooms with TV/DVD.

Bed-linen and towels are provided on arrival.

Shared Student Apartments

Located in two Victorian houses next door to the school, the ATC student apartments offer accommodation in single and twin rooms on a self-catering basis.

The self contained apartments have 2/3 bedrooms with shared bathroom, a fully fitted kitchen with washer/dryer and living room with TV/DVD.

Bed-linen and towels are provided on arrival

Rules and conditions for the student apartments and residence must be accepted and signed on arrival.

Host family accommodation

Most students choose to stay with a host family. All the families are inspected and carefully selected by our accommodation officer. Accommodation is arranged on a bed, breakfast and dinner basis (Monday-Friday), with full board at the weekend. The school is located on the seafront in Bray, allowing most of our students to walk to school.

During the summer months some students' host families may be located in areas which require public transport in order to reach the school. Staying in an Irish family is the ideal way to practice your English and to experience daily life. We carefully select each of our host families by visiting the home and meeting the families in person.

Our families offer our adult students single room or twin room accommodation.

Accommodation for adults is offered on a half-board basis and includes breakfast and dinner. On Saturday and Sunday, lunch is provided by the host family.

We can only guarantee accommodation for students who are attending a course at our school.



ATC Social Programme

The social programme is organised on a weekly basis all year round and is available to all students. This is an optional programme and is not included in the course price. The tours are designed with the students in mind and offer a combination of local and city tours. Regular evening visits to the theatre, cinema, discos and pubs with traditional Irish music are organised. Also we have an extensive selection of DVDs that are available to watch every afternoon in our school or students can rent these out.

A wide range of sporting facilities are available locally; horse-riding, golf, fishing, sailing, hill-walking etc. Tell us what you want to do and we will make the arrangements

Afternoon Activities

Afternoon activities are offered by ATC and include some or all of the following:

- Orientation tour of Dublin
- Trinity College & The book of Kells
- Science Museum
- Guinness Storehouse
- Old Jameson Whiskey Distillery
- Dublin Writers Museum
- National Gallery & National Museum

Evening Suggestions

Evening activities are offered by ATC and include some or all of the following:

- Bowling
- Theatre
- Greyhound Racing
- Cinema
- Traditional Irish Night
- Conversation English Night

Weekend Activities

Full day excursions by private bus to a wide variety of destinations such as:

- Kilkenny Castle & Kilkenny City
- Powerscourt house and gardens & Glendalough
- Malahide Castle & Howth
- Titanic Pump & Dock & Belfast City
- Galway City

We can arrange short breaks, car hire and accommodation throughout the country on request.



School Information

Cleaning

The bedrooms, kitchen and living rooms in the self catering accommodation are expected to be maintained by the students residing in them. Apartments and rooms will be fully serviced between occupancies.

Damages

All students staying in the residence will be expected to pay a €20 damage deposit that will be collected by an ATC staff member upon arrival. This will be retained throughout the duration of the students stay. The deposit will be returned in full prior to departure, less the cost of any damages caused by the individual.



Student Identity Card

In order to co-operate with the security and safety standards ATC all students will be supplied with a Student Identity Card. Students must carry their card with them at all times.

Deliveries

Mail and other deliveries for students are stored safely at Reception for subsequent distribution.

Classes

Each lesson is one full hour (60 minutes), with classes being available year round. Class times are divided so that students receive lessons from more than one teacher, two per morning, allowing them the benefit of more than one voice and teaching style and having a team of teachers liaise on their learning paths.

All textbooks and other learning materials will be made available to the students, with a graded certificate and end of course report being presented on conclusion of their stay. The maximum number of students per class is 14. All levels are available according to the Council of Europe levels from Elementary: A1 to Advanced: C1.



Statistics

ATC usually hosts between 12 and 16 nationalities in the school at any one time.

Practical Information

Contact Details

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Travel to Ireland and Dublin

Ireland is on the major network of international airlines, with direct flights, both scheduled and chartered, from all major European cities to several locations in Ireland. Connections are frequent and regular to all parts of the world. Dublin is less than a one hour flight from London.

Visa Requirements

Students from EU & EEA countries do not need a visa to enter Ireland. Students from non-EU countries may need a student visa and should check with their nearest Irish Embassy before travelling. We can assist with the application procedures for the visa when required. Please contact ATC for further information about the visa requirements.

Medical and Travel Insurance

All students should obtain medical insurance in their own country before departure and students are also recommended to take out travel insurance in case of accident or loss of luggage. Students travelling from EU countries should bring the relevant Social Security Form with them. Please note that this will not cover elective procedures or dental visits. We can organize medical insurance for non EU students for long term courses only.

National and School Holidays

Saint Patrick's Day	Monday 19th March 2012
Easter Monday	Monday 9th April 2012
Bank Holidays	7th May, 4th June. 6th August, 29th October 2012
School Concludes	Friday 14th December 2012

* There is no refund for time missed on public holidays

Transfers

An airport transfer can only be arranged when flight information is received in writing by ATC Language & Travel at least 10 days prior to arrival. ATC Language & Travel cannot take responsibility for the student's arrival transfer unless this procedure is followed.

Medical Information

In the case of a medical emergency, an ATC Language & Travel member of staff will assist the student in seeking the appropriate treatment. Any trips to the doctor, dentist or hospital will have to be paid in full by the student (including transport where necessary).

Local Doctor: Carlton Clinic, Novara Ave Bray, Co. Wicklow

Local Dentist: Vevay Dental Centre, 35 Vevay Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow

Local Hospital: St. Columiclle's Hospital, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin

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