



Discover the North West

IRISH IMMERSION · DERRY~LONDONDERRY · NORTHERN IRELAND

Craic & *Conversation*

A week of English, Irish culture and the wild north-west coast, made for small groups of adults aged 50+.

ADULTS 50+ | GROUPS OF 10–14 | 7 NIGHTS | SEPTEMBER – JUNE

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WELCOME

Not a tour. A week of *real Ireland*.

You don't need perfect English. You just need to be curious, and ready to chat.

Craic & Conversation is a relaxed, tailor-made week in Derry for small groups of adults. No crack-of-dawn coach tours and no grammar drills: just good company, friendly locals, beautiful countryside that tourists rarely reach, and plenty of chances to finally *use* your English.

Your lessons are with a native-speaker teacher in a class just for your group. The rest of the week, you put it into practice: chatting with your host, ordering in the pub, swapping stories and exploring the Derry Walls, Donegal and the Causeway Coast.

"Craic" is the Irish word for fun, good conversation and a great atmosphere.

Who is it *for*?

- Adults aged 50+, from absolute beginners to advanced (A1–C1)
- Anyone who freezes when it's time to speak, and wants to get past it
- People who prefer quiet corners and authentic places to tourist crowds
- Lovers of music, stories, history and the outdoors
- Easy-going travellers who don't mind the changeable Irish weather
- Those who value quality and like to invest in experiences

WHY DERRY?

Top 3
friendliest cities in the British Isles

400 years
of history inside the only complete city walls in Ireland

~110k
people: a compact, walkable city where you hear and speak English

Since 1990
Foyle International has been teaching English in Derry

Best of both
Discover the North of Ireland and the Republic - all on yuor doorstep



Tea and chat in a café



At the famous Derry Girls mural

THE PROGRAMME

Your week *at a glance*

LEVELS A1–C1 · SMALL GROUPS ONLY · 1 SEPTEMBER – 21 JUNE

What's *included*

- **7 nights' accommodation** in a homestay or self-catering apartment
- **10 hours of English** with a native-speaker teacher, in a class just for your group
- **2 full-day excursions**, for example Donegal's Inishowen Peninsula and the Causeway Coast
- **Local transport** where needed during the programme
- Lessons at our school in the heart of Derry
- A welcome from our team and 24-hour emergency contact

Course *details*

Who	Adults aged 50+
Group size	10–14 people
Levels	Absolute beginner to advanced (A1–C1)
Length	1 week, 7 nights
Dates	Any week between 1 September and 21 June
Arrival	Flexible arrival and departure days
Lessons	10 hours, tailored to your group's level and interests
Venue	Foyle International, 72 Great James Street, Derry

HOMESTAY · HALF BOARD

£1,100

per person
single or twin room

SELF-CATERING APARTMENT

£1,250

per person
single room

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and airport transfers
- Lunches
- Travel and cancellation insurance
- UK ETA (travel authorisation)







Prices per person for one week (7 nights).

LESSONS & ACCOMMODATION

English that feels like *conversation*

Lessons are just for your group and planned around you.

Expect conversation, role-plays, local stories, songs and real-life phrases you can use the same afternoon: in a shop, on a walking tour or over a cup of tea. Learn about local culture, traditions and everyday life along the way.

> *Lessons are where you warm up. Derry is where you practise.*

- Small classes with a native-speaker teacher
- Mixed levels welcome: we adapt to every learner
- A focus on confidence and speaking, not exams
- Useful words and phrases you will use straight away



Learning to make Irish coffee, the local way

CHOOSE YOUR ACCOMMODATION

OPTION 1

Live with a *Derry host*

Stay with a local host and practise your English every day. Breakfast and evening meal are included, so dinner becomes another conversation class.

- Single or twin rooms, on request
- Half board: breakfast and evening meal
- Experienced, vetted hosts we know personally

£1,100 per person

OPTION 2

A self-catering *apartment*

Prefer your own space? Stay together as a group in a self-catering apartment, with your own bedroom and shared living areas.

- Single bedrooms
- Shared bathrooms, kitchen and living space
- Freedom to cook, shop and explore at your own pace

£1,250 per person



EXAMPLE PROGRAMME

Seven nights *in Derry*

Every week is tailored to the group. This is an example of what yours could look like.

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
DAY 1 **Arrival**	*Travel to Derry*	*Arrive, meet your hosts and settle in*	**Welcome** Dinner with your hosts, or a first evening out together
DAY 2 **Getting to know Derry**	**Walled City & Murals** A walking tour of the historic Walls and the stories behind the murals	**English class** 2.5 hours: introductions, local words and phrases	**Irish Dancing Night** Learn a few steps of traditional céilí dancing
DAY 3 **Taste of Ireland**	**The Great Derry Treasure Hunt** Discover the city while interacting with locals to get your answers!	**English class** 2.5 hours: food, customs and everyday conversation	**Traditional music** An evening session in a local pub
DAY 4 **Stories of the city**	**Museums** The Siege Museum and the Museum of Free Derry	**English class** 2.5 hours: history, storytelling and discussion	**Free evening** Or join a friendly pub quiz
DAY 5 **Donegal**	FULL-DAY EXCURSION **Inishowen Peninsula, Co. Donegal** The ancient stone fort of Grianán of Aileach, the Mamore Gap and Malin Head, Ireland's most northerly point. Back in Derry around 5pm.		
DAY 6 **Your Derry**	**English class** 2.5 hours: review, presentations and favourite phrases	*Free afternoon to explore, shop or relax*	**Farewell night** Music and craic in a traditional pub
DAY 7 **Causeway Coast**	FULL-DAY EXCURSION **The Giant's Causeway & North Coast** 40,000 basalt columns at the Giant's Causeway, Mussenden Temple on the cliffs at Downhill, and the seaside town of Portrush. Optional: Visit Bushmills Whiskey Distrillery (additional cost)		
DAY 8 **Departure**	*Goodbyes and travel home, with a few new Irish friends and a lot more confidence in your English.*		

English class (10 hours in total) ■ Full-day excursion ☐ Cultural activity



Example only. Activities, days and times can be changed to suit your group. Lunches are not included.

EXCURSIONS

Discover the *wild north-west*

Derry sits on the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, so in one week you can explore two countries, quiet beaches, ancient forts and some of Ireland's most dramatic coastline, far from the crowds.





Inishowen, *Donegal*

Grianán of Aileach, the winding Mamore Gap and the wild Atlantic views of Malin Head.



The Giant's *Causeway*

Northern Ireland's UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its hexagonal stones and the legend of Finn McCool.



Mussenden *Temple*

An 18th-century clifftop temple above Downhill Beach and the North Atlantic.



The Walled *City*

Walk the 17th-century Walls, cross the Peace Bridge and hear the city's story from local guides.



Local *flavours*

Distilleries, cafés and traditional pubs, where the best conversations happen.



Hidden *corners*

Quiet beaches, hillside walks and villages that most tourists never find.

Excursion destinations may vary depending on the season and the group.

GOOD TO KNOW

Planning *your week*

Getting *here*

The nearest airports are City of Derry, Belfast International, Belfast City and Dublin. We are happy to help arrange airport transfers for your group.

Before you *travel*

- Most visitors need a UK Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) before travelling. Each traveller applies online themselves (currently £20).
- We recommend travel and cancellation insurance.
- Please tell us about any dietary, medical or mobility needs when you book.
- Bring layers and a rain jacket: Irish weather changes quickly.

For *partners*

Craic & Conversation is available for groups of 10–14 any week between 1 September and 21 June, with flexible arrival and departure dates. We tailor the lessons and programme to each group, and can add extra activities on request.

Contact us for availability, group quotes and marketing materials.



> *It was a great opportunity to see Ireland in a different way. It felt more personal, and different from any other trip I've had before.*
>
> PETRA · PREVIOUS PARTICIPANT

BOOK YOUR GROUP'S WEEK

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