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DALMAC

Language Programs

Learn English in Ireland



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# Welcome to Dalmac

## “Céad Mile Fáite Romhat”

This is the traditional Irish welcome and translates into English as “a hundred, thousand welcomes to you”.

Dalmac Language School was founded in 1989 and since that time, we have operated as a family run business with great support and full time dedication from family, friends and of course other vitally important staff members.

Dalmac year round school and junior summer school are both based in Rush, Co. Dublin. A wonderful seaside village home to our family and many of Dalmac staff and host families.

We aim to provide you our student, with an individual and personalised service in each of the courses that we offer. Dalmac attention to detail and insistence on the highest possible standard of service remain one of its most marketable assets. Our language courses have a high rate of return students and referrals from students who have experienced the warmth and welcoming nature of Dalmac, its host families and local community.

We hope you choose Dalmac for your English language learning experience. We look forward to meeting you here in Rush and assure you of our best attention at all times.

Warmest wishes

Dalmac Language Team



Dalmac is officially recognised by the Department of Education as a language school for the teaching of English as a Foreign Language. It is a member of ACELS.



## RUSH VILLAGE

Rush village, known as Ros-Eo in Irish, is located in the beautiful Fingal region of Dublin. Rush is traditionally a horticultural village; its many fields and glasshouses produce fresh vegetables and flowers for the Dublin markets, giving Rush the reputation as “**the market garden of Dublin**”. This picturesque seaside village boasts two long sandy beaches; the North Beach and the South Beach and two Harbours, Rogerstown Harbour and Rush Harbour.

Rush is a tight knit community and the sort of village where ‘everyone knows everyone’. Students who attend Dalmac courses benefit from being involved in a true Irish community, studying and living in the same village ensures that they quickly adapt to Irish life and become involved in the local community. Visitors to the area always remark upon the genuine **warmth and hospitality of the Rush community**. Rush is a safe and ideal location for adult and junior students alike.



Rush village is only a short journey away from Ireland’s capital city, Dublin. Students can travel the 18 mile trip to Dublin city centre by train in only 35 minutes enabling them to enjoy the best of both worlds; the quiet tranquillity of Rush Village and the vibrancy of city life. **Dublin Airport** is located just north of the city centre and is a mere 15 minutes drive from Rush.

Rush community has much to offer its foreign visitors including a variety of clubs and societies. Rush is home to the **Fingal Arts Centre**, which is based in the old St. Maur’s Chapel, one of the earliest examples of a Penal Catholic Church in the Fingal area. The Fingal Arts Centre holds art exhibitions, monthly craft/county fairs, regular performing arts events and the local tourist information office.

The local **Millbank Theatre**, home to Rush Dramatic Society, which just celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is well respected within the Irish Drama industry for its quality production of plays and dramas. This intimate theatre has recently been refurbished and now, in addition to it’s own productions, also plays hosts to touring theatre companies and musical artists.



Rush village also offers pubs, which cater for both young and old, eateries, sports clubs, a beautiful “Rush Sailing Club” and a 9 hole golf links in the renowned “Rush Golf Club”.

The continued hospitality and warmth shown by Dalmac local host families and the clarity of English spoken in the Fingal area makes Rush the perfect location for language learning for our foreign visitors.



## AIRPORT

Dublin Airport is located approx. 20 mins from Dublin City Centre and approx. 15 mins from the Dalmac office in Rush. All inbound and outbound flights should be via Dublin Airport.

Students/participants who have booked an airport transfer prior to arrival will be met by their host family or a Dalmac member of staff, or a Dalmac Representative

# ACCOMMODATION

## Host families

Dalmac offers host family accommodation with Irish families. Dalmac boasts a large database of host families throughout the country, many of whom have been hosting with us for over 10 years and continue to enjoy the cultural and social exchange.

From experience Dalmac has observed that students maximize their learning experience when staying with host families as opposed to other forms of accommodation. Host family accommodation ensures that students become involved with the local community through their host family and have the opportunity to experience a true Irish lifestyle with its traditions and cultures. Daily conversations with host families dramatically improve students' verbal communication skills. Invariably host families, especially in the case of junior students, become close and constant friends to students long after their stay in Ireland.

Our host families have long tradition of taking care of our foreign visitors. Each family is carefully chosen and inspected by a member of our staff. This inspection and continuous assessment process is maintained through questionnaires and feedback from students/clients.

Each student and host family are linked by our host family coordinators. Many factors are taken into consideration when placing a student with one of our host families - for this reason we always ask and encourage our students to give us as much information as possible about themselves when submitting their booking form. Information such as likes/dislikes, hobbies, sporting, interests, preferences, etc are invaluable to our staff when choosing the host family. It is also extremely important that any special dietary needs, such as diabetics, vegetarians, coeliacs, vegans, or information on medical or animal allergies is made known at the time of booking. Supplements will be charged for those requiring a special diet. Unless otherwise stated, host family accommodation is on a full board basis and is inclusive of the following...

- Twin room sleeping facilities
- Daily access to shower/bathing facilities
- Breakfast
- Lunch (packed)
- Evening meal
- Reasonable amounts of laundry

Where possible, all students participating in a Dalmac Language School course with English Classes will be placed with a host family within walking distance to the location of their EFL classes.

Accommodation is arranged on behalf of the participant on a "per night" basis, ie 1 week = 7 nights. Fees incurred for additional nights will be determined by the type of course booked and will be confirmed upon confirmation of booking.

## Alternative Accommodation

Students who require alternative accommodation have the option of booking Bed and Breakfast accommodation or Hotel accommodation.



# TRANSFERS

All students/participants will be met at the "Meeting Point" in the "Arrivals Hall" of Dublin Airport. The "Meeting Point" is located beside the Arrivals Hall.

Following arrival each student will be given a **Dalmac Information Pack**.

## TOTAL IMMERSION (HOMESTAY) COURSE

The aim of Dalmac Total immersion course is to greatly improve the participants' fluency level. Living with an Irish Host Family offers security, friendship and the unique daily experience of "living English".

Participants on this programme are accepted as one of the family. Taking part in many family social, cultural and sporting events. Something as simple as shopping with the host mother can offer great opportunities for improving both oral and aural English language skills. Dalmac offers a variety of locations throughout Ireland, with both urban, suburban and rural facilities. Host families are personally selected by Dalmac accommodation coordinator and each one is selected to meet the needs and preferences of the participant. Great care and time is dedicated to ensure that the profile of the candidate is matched to that of the host family.

We encourage all participants to furnish Dalmac with a detailed and informative letter with their booking form, outlining their hobbies, interests, likes, dislikes, allergies and so on.

### What to expect...

- **Accommodation** is on a full board of host family basis (see page 5) for the duration of the participants' stay.
- **Airport Transfers** are included in the course fees. Participants will be met at the airport by a member of their host family and are then transported to their host family home (see page 6).
- **Activities & Outings** to add extra enjoyment to this course and to show each participant a taste of Irish culture and sport, each host family will take their guest to places of cultural or sporting interest each week for the duration of their stay.

What's included in Course Fees	Yes	No	Optional Extra
Host family accommodation	■		
Individual Air Trans (Arrival)	■		
Individual Air Trans (Departure)	■		
Group Air Trans (Arrival)		■	
Group Air Trans (Departure)		■	
EFL Tuition Fees (1-to-1)			■
EFL Tuition Fees (Group)		■	
Activity/Outing with host family per week	■		
Full day excursion per week		■	
Half day excursion per week		■	
Medical insurance			■

Minimum Stay	1 week
Enrolment Day	n/a
English Level	All Levels
Min-Max Age Preference	12+

Availability			
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

## TOTAL IMMERSION (HOMESTAY) + ACTIVITY COURSE

To further enhance our unique and very popular Total Immersion course, Dalmac offers the "+ Activity" option to ensure that the personal preferences of each participant are met and satisfied to the last detail. The "+ Activity" option on this course gives each participant the time and opportunity to pursue personal interests and hobbies while "living the English language" in Ireland with their host family.

Classes, instruction or simple practise time in any of the following activities may be booked, prior to arrival. The time allocated to such pursuits is unlimited and at the request of the student.

- Horse riding
- Tennis
- Cookery
- Art
- Golf
- Fishing
- Traditional Irish Music
- English (one to one)

**Please Note:** Equipment/Sports wear is not included or provided.

Activities must be booked and paid in advance together with the course.



What's included in Course Fees	Yes	No	Optional Extra
Host family accommodation	■		
Individual Air Trans (Arrival)	■		
Individual Air Trans (Departure)	■		
Group Air Trans (Arrival)		■	
Group Air Trans (Departure)		■	
EFL Tuition Fees (1-to-1)			■
EFL Tuition Fees (Group)		■	
Activity/Outing with host family per week	■		
Full day excursion per week		■	
Half day excursion per week		■	
Medical insurance			■

Minimum Stay	1 week
Enrolment Day	n/a
English Level	All Levels
Min-Max Age Preference	12+

Availability			
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

# MINISTAY COURSE

The Ministay course is perfect for students who want to travel to Ireland in a group and who want to have a course specifically designed to suit their own needs and requirements.

When booking Ministay courses specify what they would like to do during their time in Ireland and Dalmac will design a personalised timetable and course to suit their specifications. In the past Dalmac has arranged Ministay courses with EFL classes and the following activities:

- Irish Culture and Heritage Classes
- Afternoon Excursions
- Horse riding
- Golf
- Irish music and dancing
- Fishing
- Windsurfing
- Cookery
- Art (Painting)

Accommodation on our Ministay Course is calculated on a nightly rate (minimum 7 nights), allowing continued flexibility with this course.

## Why Ministay?

- Wide range of accommodation options
- Personally customised itinerary to meet the requirements of each group
- Optional EFL classes
- Optional half day/full day excursions
- Personalised quotations
- Personalised timetable/itinerary

## Quotations for Ministay Groups

When requesting quotes for your Ministay Group the following information will be required

- Number of nights (dates, if known)
- Group size
- Number of leaders
- Accommodation preference
- English classes - if required, how many hours
- Excursions - if required, how many per week

What's included in Course Fees	Yes	No	Optional Extra
Host family accommodation	■		
Individual Air Trans (Arrival)			■
Individual Air Trans (Departure)			■
Group Air Trans (Arrival)			■
Group Air Trans (Departure)			■
EFL Tuition Fees (1-to-1)			■
EFL Tuition Fees (Group)			■
Activity/Outing with host family per week	■		
Full day excursion per week			■
Half day excursion per week			■
Medical insurance			■

Minimum Stay	1 week	Availability			
Enrolment Day	n/a	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
English Level	All Levels	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Min-Max Age Preference	12+	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec





# JUNIOR SUMMER ENGLISH & ACTIVITY COURSE

Dalmac Junior Summer English + Activity course has been successfully running since 1989. Many agents and students from those early days continue to work with Dalmac. Their much-appreciated loyalty shows a clear indication of their satisfaction. Our Junior Summer English + Activity programme offers young students the experience of a lifetime. This highly energetic and fun packed language and activity course is renowned for its quality and attention to detail. This Junior Summer course is based in St. Joseph's Convent School, in July and Rush National School in August. Both schools are located in Rush and offer modern and bright classroom facilities and full indoor and outdoor recreational facilities.



## Safety

Dalmac offers an emergency 24-hour phone service for the convenience of parents and host families.

All Dalmac students are issued with a "Dalmac ID Card" which must be carried at all times.

Dalmac "backpack" schoolbags are issued to each Dalmac Student. It is mandatory for each student to carry their backpack at all times for identification.

## Classes

English classes take place each morning, Monday to Friday. All Dalmac teachers are native English speakers with third level & EFL qualifications.

Dalmac is recognised in Ireland by the Department of Education and Science as an English Language School.

Every effort is made to ensure that there is a broad mix of student nationalities in each level.

Classes are fun packed with an emphasis on oral, and aural skills.

Class materials are provided by Dalmac. In house exams and assessments are on a weekly basis.

An end of course report and certificate will be provided to each student.

Official TIE and Trinity examinations, are available to all students upon request (fees will apply). A supervised 30-minute study period takes place each afternoon to enable students to recall any new vocabulary learned through the course of the day & to complete any assignment given during their EFL class.



## Afternoon Activities

All afternoon activities are conducted through English further immersing students into an English-speaking environment, providing a happy and relaxed atmosphere to improve oral and aural skills.

Each day a multiple selection of sporting and/or cultural activities are made available to students.

Students are encouraged to participate in these daily activities.

All afternoon activities are included in the course fees.



## Daily/Weekly/Afternoon Activity Programmes

- Beach Volley Ball
- Water sports
- Football
- Tennis
- Gaelic football
- Modern dancing
- Irish hurling/Uni hoc
- Traditional Irish Music
- Basketball
- Table tennis
- Rugby
- Pool/Snooker
- Irish Folklore & Legends
- Irish Dancing
- Visits to Dublin
- Art & Crafts
- Grooming/Make-up
- Cookery
- Historical Walks
- Talent show
- Films in English

A selection of sports wear, equipment & library books are available for hire from our "Sports Shop" free of charge.

Dalmac Tuck Shop is open daily from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and is within the school grounds. Cold drinks, post cards, stamps and locker security keys are available.

## Evening Social Programme

To further extend integration and communication, Dalmac offers a controlled and supervised private social programme to its students and local teenagers.

### Evening activities take place three evenings per week and include:

- Disco (weekly)
- Bar-B-Q
- Treasure Trail
- Talent Competition
- Mr. & Mrs. Dalmac Show
- Basketball Tournament
- Football Derby
- Sand Castle Competition
- Karaoke Show

Students attending evening activities held in venues outside Rush will be transported by private coach at no additional charge.

## Weekly Excursions

In order to broaden each student's experience and knowledge of Ireland, its history, culture and traditions, weekly excursions are provided and are included in the course fee.

Excursions are each Saturday from 9:30AM- 5:30PM and weekdays on Tuesdays from 1:00PM- 5:00PM.

### Popular excursions include:

- National GAA Museum
- Trinity College Dublin
- Irish National Museum
- Guinness Hop Store
- Wax Museum of Ireland
- Dublin Viking Adventure
- St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Christchurch Cathedral
- Malahide Castle
- Ardgilian Castle
- Skerries Mills
- Newbridge House
- Glendalough
- Bowling
- Cinema
- Shopping

## Team Spirit

Great emphasis and effort is made to ensure that each student participates in as many activities and events as possible. Upon arrival each student will be assigned to "clan" (Irish name for team or group). Daily and weekly tournaments and competitions are organised between the "clans" with a popular prize giving ceremony each week.

Dalmac Junior Summer Centre is an international school, welcoming students from over 8 different countries.

## All Inclusive

- Host family accommodation
- Dalmac backpack school bag
- English tuition
- Class materials
- One full day excursion each week
- Information pack, maps and questionnaires
- Weekly in-house exam/assessment
- Weekly prize giving ceremony
- One half-day excursion each week
- Water sports
- Comprehensive afternoon activity programme
- Pool tables
- Extensive evening entertainment programme
- Air hockey
- End of course report and certificate
- Table Football

<i>What's included in Course Fees</i>	Yes	No	<i>Optional Extra</i>
<i>Host family accommodation</i>	■		
<i>Individual Air Trans (Arrival)</i>			■
<i>Individual Air Trans (Departure)</i>			■
<i>Group Air Trans-Arrival (20+)</i>	■		
<i>Group Air Trans-Departure (20+)</i>	■		
<i>EFL Tuition Fees (1-to-1)</i>			■
<i>EFL Tuition Fees (Group)</i>	■		
<i>Activity/Outing with host family per week</i>	■		
<i>Full day excursion per week</i>	■		
<i>Half day excursion per week</i>	■		
<i>Medical insurance</i>			■

<i>Minimum Stay</i>	1 week
<i>Enrolment Day</i>	t.b.c.
<i>English Level</i>	All Levels
<i>Min-Max Age Preference</i>	10-18

<i>Availability</i>			
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec





# HIGH SCHOOL (ACADEMIC YEAR) COURSE

Our High School course is designed for students who wish to bring their English language skills to a fluency level. Dalmac students are placed according to their age, in either a 'primary' school or 'post primary' school and will participate in school-life as a typical Irish student.

## The Irish Education System

The Education System in Ireland is structured on two levels- "Primary" and "Post Primary" (Secondary) schools. Students attend primary school for 8 years, from age 4-12 years.

An Irish "Post Primary (Secondary)" school can be a 5 or 6 year cycle. In year 3, students sit the "Junior Certificate" exam, and in year 5/6 they sit the "Leaving Certificate" exam, which is their final exam before entering university/workforce. Both of these are officially set and corrected by the Dept. of Education. The results/points achieved by a student taking the Leaving Certificate exam will determine their eligibility in gaining entrance to university.

## Schools

Dalmac has been providing its High School course since 1989 and have therefore established excellent links with a wide variety of schools throughout Ireland. When booking with Dalmac, students may request the following types of school

- Day School or Boarding School
- All Male/Female or Co-educational
- Secular Staff or Religious Staff
- City Locations or Suburban Locations
- Community or Private Schools

## Host family

Students attending day school will stay with one of Dalmac excellent host families, who live in close proximity to the school. As described in our introduction all of Dalmac host families are close experienced. If requested, students can be placed in an Irish host family with children of the same age.

## Boarding School

Students who opt to attend boarding school will stay in on-campus residence. If required students can be placed in host family accommodation for school closures/holidays.



## Dalmac On-going Support

A member of Dalmac staff will meet each academic year student at Dublin airport and transport them to their chosen Dalmac host family. Upon arrival to the host family, Dalmac will give and induction and orientation session and ensure that the student has all the necessary information and support to help them settle in.

To encourage and maintain constant contact between the student and Dalmac, a staff member is assigned to each student as their 'mentor' during their stay. Students will be requested to phone or email their mentor (Dalmac staff member) each week, and keep them updated on their activities.

During subsequent months, each student will be telephoned once weekly and will be visited once a month to maintain constant contact and to remind students that Dalmac is available to them throughout their stay.

What's included in Course Fees	Yes	No	Optional Extra
Host family accommodation	■		
Individual Air Trans (Arrival)	■		
Individual Air Trans (Departure)	■		
Group Air Trans (Arrival)		■	
Group Air Trans (Departure)		■	
EFL Tuition Fees (1-to-1)			■
EFL Tuition Fees (Group)		■	
Activity/Outing with host family per week		■	
Full day excursion per week		■	
Half day excursion per week		■	
Medical insurance			■

Minimum Stay	1 term
Enrolment Day	n/a
English Level	Elementary +
Min-Max Age Preference	10-18

Availability			
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec



# CANADA

**DALMAC** is offering a programme in Canada in cooperation with its partner school there for students who, after spending a number of years in Ireland, want to live a new experience discovering a new country beyond the ocean.

**Canada** is the perfect destination due to the mix of North American development and European way of living you can find there. This vast country offers the students the possibility to enrich their lives when spending time there with us. Not only will the students learn the language, but they will meet friendly and wellcoming Canadians and students from other countries. Host families spend their time with the students and also try to learn from their culture, sometimes making relationships that last for a lifetime. Host Families are selected, screened and matched to ensure the best possible fit.

Due to the agreement we have reached with a partner school in Canada, **DALMAC** can offer students different choices to learn English and enjoy a varied and complete activity programme in the Toronto Area. The programmes take place in southwestern Ontario, a region which is situated 1 hour from Toronto, the capital city of the province and 1 hour and a half from famous Niagara Falls. The cities are located in the Technology Triangle with a population of 550.000 people and a good number of important Universities and colleges. Students can benefit from our:

## JUNIOR SUMMER ENGLISH & ACTIVITIES COURSE (July & August from 2 weeks)

Including: tuition, sporting and cultural activities, excursions, disco, etc... Students will stay with host families.

## ACADEMIC YEAR COURSE (All year from the end of August to June)

Boarding Schools, Private and public schools with host family accommodation, etc.)

## ACADEMIC TERM (approx. 3 months from the end of August to December)

Boarding Schools, Private and public schools with host family accommodation, etc.)

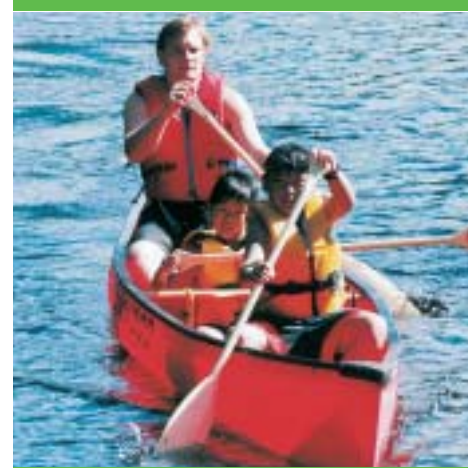
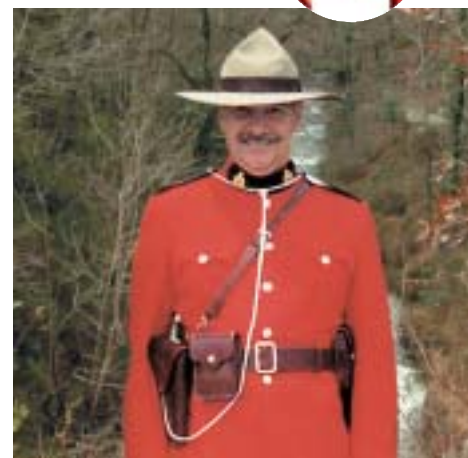
### Included in the programme (Junior Summer English & Activities Course):

- Tuition.
- Afternoon activities: canoeing, swimming, bowling, cinema, Mennonites market, etc.
- Weekly out of town full day trips: Niagara Falls, Toronto, CN Tower, Wonderland.
- Half day excursions to local historic and cultural sites.
- Full Board accommodation (breakfast, packed lunch, dinner).
- Transfers from and to the airport.
- Coordination and Supervision.
- Certificate of attendance.
- Medical Insurance.

What's included in Course Fees	Yes	No	Optional Extra
Host family accommodation	■		
Individual Air Trans (Arrival)			■
Individual Air Trans (Departure)			■
Group Air Trans (Arrival)	■		
Group Air Trans (Departure)	■		
EFL Tuition Fees (1-to-1)			■
EFL Tuition Fees (Group)	■		
Activities	■		
Full day excursion per week	■		
Half day excursion per week	■		
Medical insurance			■

Minimum Stay	2 weeks
Enrolment Day	n/a
English Level	Elementary +
Min-Max Age Preference	12-18

Availability			
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec



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## Language Programs

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