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Welcome

Discovery. Fun. Learn. Adventure...

These are the key principles of *Celtic Irish American Academy*. Through this wonderful cultural immersion programme, where you will live with a trusted and carefully selected Irish family, you will enjoy a life-changing experience.

Our mission is to provide you with an adventurous, fun and unique insight to the Irish heritage, while greatly improving your mastery of the English language. This programme has an equal focus on all the important skills of language acquisition - speaking, reading, writing, listening, and with an additional focus on public debating, personal and professional development. We believe that learning a language should be a fun and social experience, and we will also ensure you get the personal attention you need. We are a family-run Academy and treat our students with the care every student deserves when they are away from home. We have a great understanding and appreciation of the Spanish culture and Spanish people, and we have built this in to the programme.

This, combined with the other key elements of our programme - sports, wellbeing, business and innovation studies, community engagement and global awareness, guarantees an exceptional learning and fun experience for students. It will be challenging yet enjoyable and very distinct from the regular summer courses on offer.

We are based in Galway city, considered the Culture Capital of Ireland, set to be European Capital of Culture 2020, and recently voted by *Travel + Leisure* magazine as the World's Friendliest City. Our medieval city is located on the west coast of Ireland, where the River Corrib meets the Atlantic Ocean. This University city is considered a hub for education, culture, innovation, business and tourism. What a wonderful place to enhance your language skills and learn about another culture. Indeed, Galway is a popular destination for Spanish students learning English.

We are extremely excited to provide you with your schedule of wonderful events and activities that will be taking place during your stay.

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We look forward to meeting you soon and sharing in this exciting adventure.

Sincerely,

Dr Johanna Clancy & Brian Fahy

Directors

Celtic Irish American Academy



About Us

Celtic Irish American Academy was established in 2016. In that year we held our first programme for U.S. students, and our Spanish students joined the programme in 2017. We are gradually expanding our global presence to include students from Europe and China, as we have a team of highly experienced English language teachers to offer our wonderful programme to these students.

We, the Directors of the Academy, are father and daughter Mr Brian Fahy and Dr Johanna Clancy, and combined we have over 30 years working as educators and tour organisers in both the Secondary School and University sectors in Ireland. Both of us are highly respected and active community leaders. Dr Clancy is a lecturer of Management at the National University of Ireland, Galway. Mr Fahy is a teacher of English and History at St Enda's College, where the CIAA base camp is located.

In the early 1990s, Brian and his wife Deirdre helped establish and run Dublin Language School, an English language school. They were specifically responsible for managing accommodation -host families- ,cultural activities and English language tuition. Since moving to Galway over 20 years ago, Brian and Deirdre are themselves a host family to international students, as is Johanna and her family.

We have a competent team in place to ensure a high quality delivery of the programme. These include experienced English language tutors, leaders, activities coordinator, tour guides and accommodation personnel, all of which are trained, vetted and experienced in managing youths.





Your "Home Away from Home"

Céad míle fáilte - a hundred thousand welcomes. Hospitality is ingrained in Irish culture, and we believe that there is no better way for students to immerse themselves in the Irish culture than by experiencing life as a member of a family. You will not just observe life in Ireland but actually live it just as a native does.

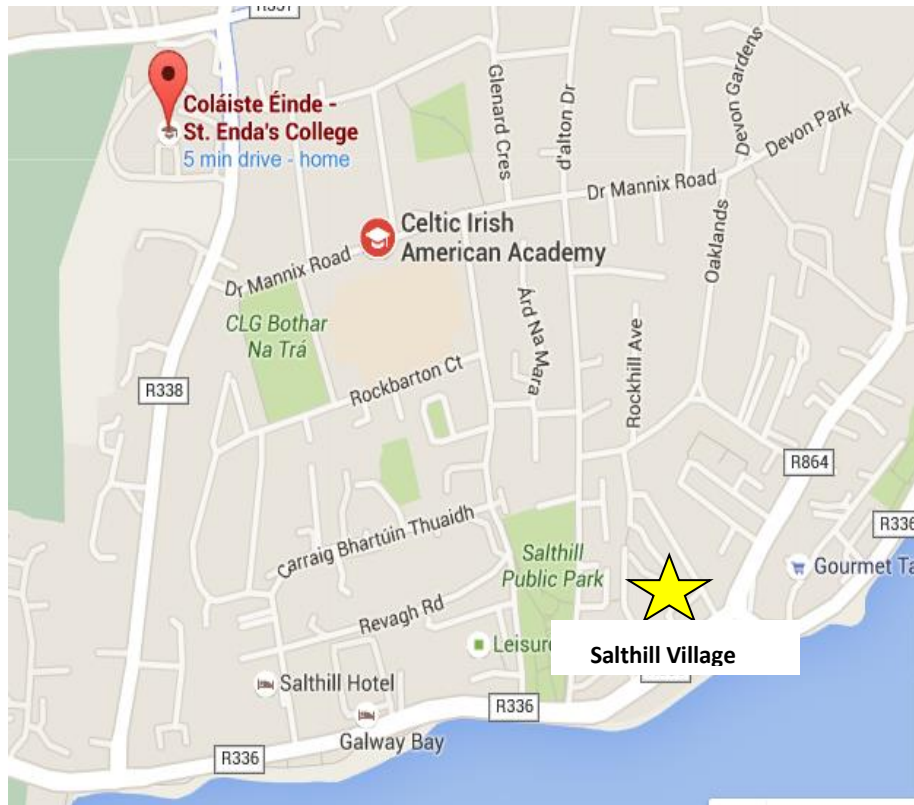
Our "home away from home" offers all the comfort and security a parent would want for their child. There is reassurance in knowing that students will have a family who is looking out for them and wants to facilitate their health, happiness and safety in an unfamiliar environment. Families are carefully and personally selected by CIAA.

All homes are within a 10-minutes walk of the base camp - St Enda's College, within a 15-minutes bus ride of the city centre, and within a one-mile radius of the leaders' accommodation, to ensure logistical ease and speed of access. Every night, we will be in contact with each host family to check that everything is in order. There is an agreed curfew, which must be adhered to.

Students will benefit from having tasty home-cooked food and the chance to learn more about traditional Irish cooking and cuisine. Continental breakfast will be served every morning, a light lunch will consist of sandwiches and snack, and evening meal will consist of a 2-course dinner including a hot plate. Students are expected to inform us of any dietary requirements in advance of the trip.

It is advised that each student gives a small gift to the host family upon arrival. This could be a traditional Spanish gift or simply a box of chocolates.

Map of Salthill and St Enda's College



It is hard to beat Salthill's location. Situated on the northern inner shore of Galway Bay, the Aran Islands are visible to the right and Galway City 'The City of the Tribes' to the left. Directly across Galway Bay is the Burren (County Clare) and to the west are the bogs and mountains of Connemara. Please see picture of St Enda's College below.



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Schedule 2018

WEEK 1

DAY 1	Activity / Class Excursion
Sunday 8th July	Travel from Spain to Galway
	Welcome and Meet Host families
	Dinner with family
	Orientation session in Salthill village / Meet with American students / Swim at Blackrock Village (time dependent)

DAY 2	Activity / Class Excursion
Mon. 9th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Global business and innovation discussion (STEM) Trip to EA Games (EMEA HQ)
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Medieval Tour of Galway city
	Blackrock swim with Americans

DAY 3	Activity / Class Excursion
Tues. 10th July	
<i>Morning</i>	English and Irish literature class
	Cross cultural discussion and activities (Irish, Spanish, American)
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Horse Riding

DAY 4	Activity / Class Excursion
Wed. 11th July	
	<i>Volunteering Day</i> at SCCUL Enterprises Sanctuary
	Mindfulness & Wellness session

DAY 5	Activity / Class Excursion
Thurs. 12th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Visit to Galway University (NUIG) campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seminar from International Office of NUIG • lecture from Professor of international entrepreneurship



	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Visit to Kylemore Abbey <i>and</i> half day tour of Connemara Gaeltacht Theme: Local literature and archaeology

DAY 6	Activity / Class Excursion
Fri. 13th July	
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes – Public speaking & debating Title: U.S. versus Europe Talks from winners of national Debating team, & Young Scientists national competition (STEM)
	Service Learning: Talk from Galway Simon on homelessness
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Theme: Traditional Irish culture - visit to a traditional Irish cattle farm
<i>Evening</i>	Galway International Arts Festival (GIAF)

DAY 7	Activity / Class Excursion
Sat. 14th July	
	Full day trip to the Cliffs of Moher
	Visit to Ailwee Cave and Corkscrew Hill <i>en route</i>

WEEK 2

DAY 8	Activity / Class Excursion
Sun. 15th July	
	Attend a local GAA hurling / football game
	Swim at Blackrock
	Evening with host family / American students / free time
<i>Evening</i>	GIAF
	OR Trek to Knockma (weather dependent)

DAY 9	Activity / Class Excursion
Mon. 16th July	
	Full Day trip to Aran Islands – Inis Mor – cycle and trek to old Ancient ruins – <i>Dun Aenghus</i>

DAY 10	Activity / Class Excursion
Tues. 17th July	
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes - CV, cover letter, interview preparation
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Gaelic Games professional coaching session
	Galway Literary Tour



	The Blackrock Challenge
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DAY 11	Activity / Class Excursion
Wed. 18th July	
	Full Day excursion to Dublin City:
	Trinity College tour and lecture on “International Business & Leadership”
	Book of Kells
	National Science Gallery

DAY 12	Activity / Class Excursion
Thurs. 19th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Review of class work and presentation of learning journals for CIAA 2018 trip
	<i>lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Farewell Pizza for American students
	Treasure Hunt in the city
	Free Time shopping

DAY 13	Activity / Class Excursion
Fri. 20th July	(Americans go home today)
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes
	<i>lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	E.U. & Business discussion
	Evening Street Theatre – Galway International Arts Festival (GIAF)

DAY 14	Activity / Class Excursion
Sat. 21st July	
	Game of Pitch & Putt / Crazy Golf
	Visit art gallery

WEEK 3

DAY 15	Activity / Class Excursion
Sun. 22nd July	
	Cruise on the River Corrib “Corrib Princess”

DAY 16	Activity / Class Excursion
Mon. 23rd July	
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Exam preparation – English teacher



	Pure Skill indoor sports complex - competition
	Arts & Culture entertainment

DAY 17	Activity / Class Excursion
Tues. 24th July	
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Exam preparation – English teacher
	Movie night

DAY 18	Activity / Class Excursion
Wed. 25th July	
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Exam preparation – English teacher
	Circle Of Life Commemorative Garden & Swim at Blackrock

DAY 19	Activity / Class Excursion
Thurs. 26th July	
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Exam preparation – English teacher
	GIAF Arts and Culture event

DAY 20	Activity / Class Excursion
Fri. 27th July	
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes
	<i>Lunch</i>
	English language final test Review of 3 week camp
<i>Afternoon</i>	Spiddal Craft Village

DAY 21	Activity / Class Excursion
Sat. 28th July	Shopping in city centre
	Farewell Lunch

DAY 22	Activity / Class Excursion
Sun. 29th July	Return trip to Spain via bus to Dublin

** Please note that itinerary is slightly different from website due to exciting new additions
Itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather and unforeseen circumstances



Top Tips for Travelling

1. **Insurance:** It is each student's responsibility to have comprehensive medical and travel insurance cover before travelling to Ireland.
2. **Money:** The Republic of Ireland currency is the euro. It is advised that students bring approx €180 per week for spending on items such as snacks and souvenir shopping etc. Visa and MasterCard are widely used. If students are bringing a card, please check with your bank before travelling, that the card may be used in Ireland. ATMs are found all over the country and it is a convenient way of dealing with your money during your stay.
3. **Plugs:** Plugs in Ireland are three-pronged, so bring an adaptor.
4. **Clothing:** Bring layers of clothing so that you're prepared for changes in weather. Ensure you have a waterproof jacket and hat. You should bring a sweater, walking / trekking shoes, comfortable exercise clothing and t-shirts for the rare sunshine!
5. **Phone:** There is no simple answer to the question "Will my mobile phone work in Ireland?". It depends on a few things – your service provider, the type of service you already have, and the type of phone you wish to take with you on your travels. Most major Spanish mobile phone service providers do have options for international roaming, and you can find out the information related to roaming, on their website. You may be expected to pay fees that are related to the roaming service. Of course, there is widespread free WIFI connections in Ireland, which most tourists choose to use.
6. **Snacks:** Students should take some familiar snacks from home.



Terms & Conditions

1. All information supplied on the application is accurate.
2. The parent or guardian will be contactable on the numbers given on the application form throughout the student's time on the programme.
3. The student must be covered by comprehensive medical and travel insurance.
4. All costs related to the student's medical or dental care are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.
5. CIAA reserves the right to dismiss any student found in breach of rules & regulations of the programme, without refund.
6. The parent or guardian and student agree that no liability will be attached to CIAA arising as a result of the parent or guardian or the student's violation of the terms & conditions and rules & regulations herein. The decision of CIAA is final with no right of appeal.



Rules & Regulations

1. Students must be 14 or older during the dates of the programme.
2. Students must obey Irish Law. If CIAA becomes aware that any student breaks the law, they will be disciplined accordingly. This may include reporting to the relevant authorities and repatriation, without refund.
3. CIAA has a zero tolerance policy with regards to the use of alcohol and illegal drugs. Use, possession or purchase of alcohol or illegal drugs is strictly forbidden.
4. CIAA operates a strict no smoking policy.
5. CIAA does not tolerate any form of anti-social behaviour – including bullying, racism, lying, theft, physical or verbal harassment or assault.
6. Students must attend all classes and activities on the programme.
7. Students may not hitchhike or drive a car or motorcycle while on the programme.
8. Students may not go off with a stranger or member of the public at any time during the programme.
9. Students must have a mobile phone while in Ireland.
10. Students may leave the programme if granted written permission by their parent/guardian to visit a friend or relative who is an adult. Permission must be received at least one week before the programme start date and must specify the name, address and contact number of the relative. A maximum of two programme deviations is possible
11. Curfews are clearly defined and students are required to obey these times
12. Programme participants may not obtain a tattoo or piercing while on the programme
13. Respect for property and people must be shown at all times. Look after your own belongings. The student or their parents or guardians are responsible for any damage or injury that a student may cause to buildings, furniture, fittings, individuals, families, other students.

Key Outcomes of your Trip





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