

Oxford College of English

TQ2 / TQ3 Programme in Torquay

Sunday 1st April	Arrival in Torquay where you will be given an Information pack and be welcomed by your Host Family. A great start to settle into the English 'way of life'.
Monday 2nd April	Easter Monday: Meet your Group Leaders and guide at Debenhams at 10:00 for a full day boat excursion to Dartmouth. Dartmouth is famous for its castle and the Royal Naval College. This famous Victorian College opened in 1905 and trains young officers for the Royal Navy. Every male member of the Royal Family has studied here, except for Prince Edward. This is where the then young Princess Elizabeth (now Queen Elizabeth the 2 nd) first met her future husband, Prince Philip. You will see Greenaway House, the home of the 'Queen of Crime' Agatha Christie, which was the scene of some of her books. Walk around the old quayside around the maze of fascinating old streets. Look out for the famous steam train across the river which travels from Kingswear to Paignton. You can sit on the harbour wall and take part in crabbing.
Tuesday 3rd April	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 ASSESSMENT TEST & LESSONS at Oxford College of English, 61 Abbey Road, Torquay, TQ2 5NN. COURSE INTRODUCTION MEETING discussing the programme and book optional trips plus the chance to purchase, if necessary, a local bus ticket. Afternoon Activity: Meet your Group Leaders outside the Teaching Centre at 13:30. GUIDED WALKING TOUR of Torquay town centre, harbour and beach. You will be shown the main meeting points for the group for afternoon and evening activities and where you can take the buses to and from your host family and the Teaching Centre. We will also point out to you shops such as H&M, Primark, TK Maxx, WH Smith and Waterstones. In addition there will be the Banks and Post Office plus the usual McDonalds, KFC, Costa Coffee, Starbucks, Subway and the holiday resort shops.
Wednesday 4th April	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS. On your arrival at the Teaching Centre please look for your name on the notice board for your classroom based on your English Test result!! Afternoon Activity: Swimming at the Riviera Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Torquay Meet your Group Leaders outside the Teaching Centre at 13:30. Optional Evening Activity: Boat Cruise around Torbay. A superb way to see the English Riviera by night. You will see the Torquay harbour illuminations around the Bay and on most of the cruises you will be shown an area where dolphins can on many occasions swim and play around the boat. Meet your Group Leaders outside Debenhams at 19:30.
Thursday 5th April	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Afternoon Activity: Visit to Babbacombe and as an optional try an English Cream Tea – Scones, cream, jam and tea – we say 'yummy'!! Meet your Group Leaders outside the Teaching Centre at 13:00. Optional Evening Activity: Pizza at a local restaurant. A great evening with your new friends. Meet your Group Leaders at a time and place to be advised.
Friday 6th April	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS TQ2 - Presentation of Teachers Reports and Certificates Afternoon Activity: Coaches will leave outside the school at 12:45 for an Excursion to EXETER with your Leaders and guides. Exeter is a Roman City and the capital town of the County of Devon. Your guide we will take you to the famous Quay followed by a walk past the Exeter Cathedral to the historic old town centre and museums. This will be followed by a short walk to the new superb modern shopping centre for free time to as we say 'shop till you drop' !!!
Saturday 7th April	TQ2 - Depart Torquay from Lymington Road Coach Station, Torquay at a time to be advised by your Group Leaders. TQ3 - Full day excursion to DARTMOOR visiting Haytor and Widecombe & PLYMOUTH - The Barbican, The Hoe, City Centre. Optional visit to National Marine Aquarium. Meet your Group Leaders and your Guide at 08:45 at the Lymington Road Coach Station. DARTMOOR is the upland district of the County of Devon. The area is bleak, wild and famous for the Sherlock Holmes book The Hound of the Baskervilles and the home of Dartmoor Prison. It forms part of a National Park with granite tors rising above the already rugged surface of the moor. Your guide will tell you many interesting stories and show you picturesque villages on your tour. PLYMOUTH is a Naval port rich in history and your visit includes a tour of the famous Hoe and the Barbican area of the City where the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for America in 1620. Plymouth also has a modern shopping centre.

Sunday 8th April	Your choice!!! You can have a free day to go to the town or beach with your friends or take part in a 'WALKING RALLY', where you answer questions about Torquay, with prizes for the best answers. As an Optional we also offer a visit to a PAINT BALL Park. This is the most popular trip with our students!
Monday 9th April	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS. Afternoon Activity: Bowling at the AMF Bowling Centre, Torwood Street, Torquay. Meet your group Group Leaders at 13:30 outside Debenhams opposite the Clock Tower on The Strand, Torquay. Evening Activity: A game of Quasar at AMF Bowling Centre. Meet your Group Leaders outside Debenhams at 19:15.
Tuesday 10th April	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Afternoon Activity: Boat trip across Torbay to BRIXHAM. Meet your Group Leaders outside Debenhams at 13:30. Brixham is a small fishing town at the southern end of Torbay, across the bay from Torquay. When you arrive you will have time to view the typical English fishing port with its picturesque harbour. Brixham is popular with artists and is where William of Orange landed in 1688, a turning point in English history which is commemorated by a statue on the quay. At the present time there is a replica of the old Golden Hind ship from pirate times moored in the harbour and where, if you want to, you can board the ship and take photographs. There are lots of old fashioned shops and cafes by the harbour as well as stalls selling many types of freshly caught fish. Evening Activity: Meet at the Teaching Centre at 19:00 for a Games and Video Evening
Wednesday 11th April	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Afternoon Activity: Meet your Group Leaders outside the Teaching Centre at 13:30 and go to the Riviera Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Torquay for afternoon sports including crazy golf and tennis. Evening Activity: Visit to a local restaurant for traditional English Fish and Chips. Meet your Leaders at the Teaching Centre at 18:00.
Thursday 12th April	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Afternoon Activity: Visit to the village of Cockington and sports with Leaders. Cockington, only one and a half kilometres from Torquay sea front, is a large Country park with thatched cottages, gift shops, cafes and a wonderful craft centre. There is the water mill and old forge that dates back to the Domesday Book. There are stables for horses and carriage rides. Your Leaders will have sports bag for those who want to play football, frisbee and rounders. Meet your Group Leaders outside the Teaching Centre at 13.00. Evening Activity: Bowling at the AMF Bowling Centre, Torwood Street, Torquay. Meet your Group Leaders outside Debenhams at 19:15.
Friday 13th April	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Presentation of Teachers Reports and Certificates Afternoon Activity: Sports – Frisbee, Beach Volleyball etc. or Free time for 'last minute' shopping Evening Activity: 19:00 Meet your Group Leaders at AMF Bowling Centre for a 'Farewell Party' with all students from the Oxford College of English.
Saturday 14th April	Depart from Lymington Road Coach Station, Torquay at a time to be advised by your Group Leaders.

Note: This is a sample programme of a typical holiday course subject to number of students. On the **Intensive courses**, all weekday afternoon activities and excursions are replaced by lessons. We may need to make some small changes to the programme for example due to weather conditions, but the one thing we do guarantee, is that you will not be bored and that you will have a good time!