

Oxford College of English Summer Programme 2025 in Torquay

Sunday	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	<p>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.</p> <p>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 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.</p>
Tuesday	<p>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!!</p> <p>Afternoon Activity: Bowling at the AMF Bowling Centre, Torwood Street, Torquay. Meet your Group Leaders at 13:30 outside Hoopers on The Strand, Torquay.</p> <p>Evening Activity: International Student Disco at The Foundry. Meet your Group Leaders outside Hoopers for your entry ticket at 19:15.</p>
Wednesday	<p>09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS</p> <p>Afternoon Activity: Boat trip across Torbay to BRIXHAM. Meet your Group Leaders outside Hoopers 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.</p>
Thursday	<p>09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS</p> <p>Afternoon Activity: Meet your Group Leaders outside the school at 13:30 and go to the Riviera Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Torquay for afternoon sports including crazy golf and tennis.</p> <p>Evening Activity: Optional visit to the cinema. Please see your Group Leaders for the availability of films and times.</p>
Friday	<p>09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS</p> <p>Afternoon Activity: Meet your Group Leaders at 14:00 outside Hoopers for a beach afternoon with games and the hiring of pedalos.</p> <p>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 Hoopers at 19:30.</p>
Saturday	<p>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.</p>

Sunday	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 an ESCAPE ROOM. This is a very popular activity with our students!
Monday	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Afternoon Activity: SPORTS for example Volleyball, Football, Rounders Meet your Group Leaders outside the school at 13:30 Evening Activity: Bowling at the AMF Bowling Centre, Torwood Street, Torquay. Meet your Group Leaders outside Hoopers at 19:15.
Tuesday	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS Afternoon Activity: Visit to Splashdown Quay West Beach Resort. This is one of the largest outdoor waterparks in the UK and has 8 water slides. Meet your Group Leaders at the school at 13:00. Evening Activity: International Student Disco at The Foundry. Meet your Group Leaders outside Hoopers for your entry ticket at 19:15
Wednesday	09:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30 LESSONS 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 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'!!!
Thursday	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. Evening Activity: Visit to a local restaurant for traditional English Fish and Chips. Meet your Leaders at the Teaching Centre at 18:00.
Friday	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
Saturday	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!