

GROUP PROGRAMMES FOR AGES 12+



THE SCHOOL

Hamilton School of English was established in 1983 and for almost 30 years has operated an international summer school, delivering Young Learner programmes for 12-17 year olds. As a result of the recent change in ownership of the School we are now able to offer group programmes from September to June.

LOCATION

Situated in an unbeatable city centre location, on York Place, we are just 5 minutes' walk from the main shopping area of Princes Street and close to all of Edinburgh's top attractions, including Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace and the Royal Mile. We are located on the main bus routes and, with a stop literally outside our front door, we could not be better placed for access to and from host families and activity locations.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The standard weekly programme comprises 15 hours of General English language tuition, inclusive of 6 or 7 nights' homestay accommodation with full board, teaching materials, transfers to and from Edinburgh International Airport and local bus travel.

We recognise that all groups have their own specific requirements and we can supplement or replace the 15 hour General English tuition element of our standard programme with tailored tuition options including, for example, Cambridge, TOEIC or Trinity exam preparation providing 7.5, 15, 22.5 or 25 hours of tuition per week as required.

All groups can design a programme of sightseeing visits, sports, excursions and activities based on their budget to supplement the standard programme. In addition for groups that wish their programme to be tailored to a particular theme we are happy to provide a course of



English language tuition based around the specific interests of the group, including visits and excursions based on the theme.

FACILITIES

The school is situated in the upper floors of an 18th century townhouse building and offers a small and friendly location for groups. Facilities include:

- Six well-equipped classrooms
- Large student common room with widescreen TV
- Free access to recreational PCs for all students
- Wireless internet access throughout the school
- Games Zone with Wii, Playstation, board games and musical instruments



STANDARD PROGRAMME:

The standard weekly programme is based on the group arriving and departing at a weekend and includes:

- 15 hours of group English language tuition – 3 hours per day, Monday to Friday
- 6 or 7 nights' host family accommodation in a shared twin room (arriving Saturday or Sunday)
- Breakfast and dinner with host family (Monday to Friday)
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner with host family at weekends
- Lunch vouchers for use in a restaurant which is within a few minutes' walk of the school (Monday to Friday).
- All transfers to and from Edinburgh International Airport or train station including 'Meet and Greet' service
- Local Bus Pass
- All teaching materials
- End of course certificate and pupil progress report
- Use of all school facilities.

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

- All sightseeing excursions, sports, local visits and evening activities will be priced individually depending on the activities chosen (see overleaf for examples)
- Airport transfers to and from airports other than Edinburgh International
- Extra nights required in homestay accommodation due to flight timings (£35 per night supplement).

GROUP LEADERS:

- A group must be accompanied by an English speaking adult group leader
- Full board, single room accommodation is provided for a group leader bringing a group of 15 students or more
- For groups of less than 15 the group leader has to pay for full board, single room accommodation at a cost of £220 per week. This cost includes airport transfers and public transport within Edinburgh
- Accommodation for an additional group leader (full board, single room, airport transfers and public transport within Edinburgh included) can be provided for £220 per week.

FEES AND BOOKINGS:

Group leaders and agents should contact the school directly to discuss the specific programme required and to obtain a detailed price quotation.

NET COST OF STANDARD PROGRAMME per person					
1 week		2 weeks		3 weeks	
6 nights	7 nights	13 nights	14 nights	20 nights	21 nights
£310	£344	£628	£662	£980	£1014

Contact us on
info@hamiltonschool.co.uk





EXAMPLES OF OPTIONAL GROUP ACTIVITIES

The activities and attractions listed below are provided as a guide for groups in designing a full programme to complement our standard group programme. This list is designed to assist groups to tailor their visits based on their particular interests and budget.

The attractions listed represent some of the most popular and rewarding trips for visitors to Edinburgh but the list is by no means exclusive and if you need assistance in putting together a programme of visits or activities to reflect your particular interests, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For further ideas of what else you can do and see while in Edinburgh and Scotland please visit www.visitscotland.com/guide/see-and-do

All the activities and attractions listed below can be visited either on foot or by local bus within Edinburgh and where prices are listed these cover admission charges only and are based on the trips being led solely by Group Leaders. Indicative costs for providing Hamilton School of English staff to accompany group visits are noted after the table below.

ACTIVITY / ATTRACTION	Cost per person*
Edinburgh Castle	£15
Palace of Holyroodhouse and the Queen's Gallery	£15
Edinburgh Dungeon	£13
Mary Kings Close - Edinburgh old town uncovered!	£11
Royal Yacht Britannia	£11
Dynamic Earth	£11
Edinburgh Open Bus Tour	£10
Ghost Tour (evening)	£10
Camera Obscura and World of Illusions	£9
The Georgian House – historic “New Town” property	£6
Gilmerton Cove – historic underground passageways	£6
Gladstone's Land – historic property in Royal Mile	£6
Scottish Story Telling Centre	£5
Scott Monument, Princes Street	£3
Scottish Parliament	FREE
Arthurs Seat and Salisbury Crags – panoramic viewpoint of Edinburgh	FREE
Duddingston village and loch	FREE
Dean village and the Water of Leith	FREE
Museum of Childhood	FREE
Royal Botanic Garden	FREE
St Giles Cathedral	FREE
Scottish National Portrait Gallery	FREE
National Museum of Scotland	FREE
Museum on the Mound – the story of money!	FREE
Scottish National Gallery	FREE

If a teacher or teaching assistant is required to accompany groups on any whole day, afternoon or evening activities or excursions the price would be as follows;

Whole day: £7 per student*	Afternoon: £4 per student*	Evening: £4 per student*
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We can also organise half and full day trips to locations outside of Edinburgh such as Stirling, St Andrews or Glasgow. As an indication the cost of a full day tour, including tour guide, to Loch Ness, Glencoe and the Scottish Highlands is £38*.