

Northern
Ireland



Embrace a
Giant Spirit



Welcome to

Mourne Shack's English Language Adventure Camps.

Please read this welcome pack to get an idea of what lies ahead. At Mourne Shack we remove the classroom and use immersive teaching to build confidence in your speaking and communication with English Language. Our activities are planned to combine fun with a challenge and have a minimal impact on the natural environment around us. Everything we do is led by professional qualified instructors and we provide all the necessary technical equipment.





Welcome.

Thank you for choosing Mourne Shack's Teen English Language Summer Camp. We recognise that this is a significant commitment and an important decision that places great trust in our team. We are truly grateful for your confidence in us.

Our aim is to provide a rich and authentic Irish cultural experience through a carefully designed programme of fun, engaging, and meaningful activities that both inspire and challenge our participants. Through English language immersion, students will have the opportunity to develop their language skills in a supportive, safe, and nurturing environment.

Located within the Mourne Mountains in Northern Ireland, a UNESCO Global Geopark, our camp offers a unique setting for adventure and discovery. We invite participants to explore this remarkable landscape and experience its natural beauty firsthand.

Our dedicated team consists of highly experienced youth leaders, TEFL qualified teachers, outdoor instructors, lifeguards, musicians, and creative professionals, all with extensive experience working with young people. We are well-travelled, bilingual, and deeply committed to delivering a high-quality, enriching experience for every participant.



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01 What we'll do.

- Meeting Mourne Shack staff member at Dublin Airport arrival gate. Expect a waiting period at the airport for collecting others. Two departure times from the airport are planned to minimise this wait.
- Travel time to Mourne Shack in Newcastle from the airport is 2 hours.
- Day 1: Is arrival day and getting moved into your room at our hostel.
- Day 2: Get to know the group by playing games, sports, cooking and a night walk in nature with head torches.
- Day 3: Leave for Surf Camp. Travel to Benone Beach, North Coast of Ireland. Set up beach camp (tents) at campsite and Intro Surf session.
- Day 4: A day at the beach with surfing and beach activities. Beach campfire and learning some songs with the guitar.
- Day 5: Our last surf session before travelling back to our hostel in the Mourne Mountains. On our way back we visit a village for some shopping and exploring.
Older Teens Camp shall visit an Irish Pub for some traditional Irish Music.
- Day 6: All that action deserves a rest day. Have a lie in and take some time to develop friendships. Laundry service on this day to freshen up our clothes. Also time to practice our mountain skills for the Summit.
- Day 7: We start our expedition through the Mountains of Mourne and hike to a summit, then onwards to a remote location in the mountains for our 'Wild Camp'. What an experience.
- Day 8: We return to our hostel for our final evening. We are welcomed home by a big feast and cosy beds. Tonight we shall have a little party to celebrate all that we did.
- Day 9: Departure day. We shall enjoy a breakfast together and possibly a lunch as it depends on travel times for the group. Our private transport shall return the group to Dublin Airport and staff shall help everyone through the checkin.

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02 What you need.

The kit list is here to give you an insight into the program and to prepare you. Please do try to be well prepared. We know that outdoor clothing and equipment can be expensive. It is not expected that you arrive with expensive items, however some items should be of a good functioning standard such as your rain jacket and hiking boots. If for some reason you need something whilst being here, don't panic, the Mourne Shack team is equipped to support you.

- Small back pack approximately 25 litres.
- Large back pack approximately 65 litres.
- Hiking boots/shoes. Good ankle support and waterproof if possible.
- Sports shoes (that can get wet and dirty) and sandals.
- Clothing: Approximately 3/4 t-shirts, 2 trousers, underwear, socks, jumper/fleece, shorts and pyjamas. (A laundry service is provided mid camp). At least one pair of trousers should be hiking trousers and at least one t-shirt should be a sports t-shirt (non cotton).
- Waterproof jacket. It will rain and we will still go outside so having a good jacket that stops the rain will make you feel more comfortable.
- Swimming costume and a towel.
- Beanie, cap and sunglasses.
- 3 season sleeping bag (temperature rated for at least 10 degrees celsius).
- Sleeping mat. Inflatable is best as it takes less room in your bag.
- Camping utensils: cutlery, bowl, plate and cup.
- Water bottle. Minimum 1.5 litre.
- Head torch.
- Toilet bag: Tooth brush, tooth paste, suncream, deodorant etc.
- UK adaptor plug.
- Spending money. Pound Sterling is the currency in Northern Ireland. Approximately £25 is enough.

We provide you with:

- Camping stove, gas and cooking pots.
- Tents. 2/3 person mountain grade.
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Important items for travel:

- Travel insurance.
- Passport or identity card.
- Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA).
- Any medication.

Please take any medication you may have and please do make us aware of any medical conditions you may have prior to the event by filling in our online form.

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- Day 3: We are still based at the hostel with some more games, Irish sports, cooking and our evening program is a traditional Story Teller visiting.
- Day 4: We are ready for some adventure and take to the river for our Gorge Walking activity. With wetsuits, buoyancy aids and helmets provided, we track up the river finding deep pools and jumping off points. Later that evening we shall visit the local town for fish and chips and ice cream.
- Day 5: Have a lie in and take some time to develop friendships. Laundry service on this day to freshen up our clothes.
- Day 6: We start our expedition through the Mountains of Mourne with a hike to a comfortable campsite, approximately 8km from the hostel. A support vehicle shall carry your tents today.
- Day 7: We leave our campsite and hike approximately 7 km to a remote location in the mountains for our 'Wild Camp'. Carrying our tents today. What an experience.
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Vocabulary list.

03 Useful words.

Ireland is officially an English speaking country. It's second language is the native Irish Language. Some areas of Ireland do still speak this language and it is very much within the culture and some of our daily vocabulary.

These words and phrases should help you prepare for your Irish adventure with the many accents, dialects and local words and phrases you will encounter.

Words:

- Trust.
- Respect.
- Responsibility.

- Stove.
- Pole.
- Peg.
- Compass.

- Deck.
- Rail.
- Tail.
- Fin.

- Grand - means good.
- Banter - means to joke with.
- Leprechaun - Irish mythical character.
- Giant - mythical character.

Phrases:

- How are you?
- What's the craic? *Craic means fun.*
- I'm fine. How are you?
- Craic is good.

- Can you repeat that please?
- Can I use the bathroom?
- Could you say that slower please?
- I don't understand.

- Do you want salt and vinegar?
- Yes please/no thank you.

- Looks like rain.
- That's some day.

- What's up? *A common greeting.*
- No worries. *All ok. No problems.*
- See you later.
- Enjoy your meal.



04 Terms & conditions.

These are the Terms and Conditions upon which Mourne Shack, and any person or persons (the participant) applying to book an activity or program agrees to adhere to:

GENERAL:

All participants must agree to abide by all instructions and decisions that Mourne Shack and its staff make to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all participants.

Much of our activities or programs take place in the outdoors and under different conditions than at home. Conditions can be physically demanding and challenging and participants are advised to come prepared. Each participant should therefore bring along all the items listed in the packing list.

Some activities carry with them a degree of risk to both people and personal property, even if enjoyed under the proper supervision of qualified instructors. It can also sometimes be strenuous and physical that requires those taking part to have a reasonable standard of physical ability and personal fitness. All participants must therefore make us aware of any medical conditions, illnesses or allergies that they have and any prescribed drugs or medication they are taking at the time of their booking.

No-one should participate in a strenuous activity if they are suffering from a heart condition or if they are pregnant. If you are unsure as to whether or not any medical condition that you may have will be affected by the activities then medical advice must be sought before booking. All participants must under no circumstances take part in the activities whilst under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication which may adversely affect their physical/mental abilities.

Participants are responsible for their brought values (pocket money, equipment, mobile phone, computer, car). Mourne Shack accepts no liability for lost things of this kind. However, you can leave them with us on arrival and have unrestricted access during your activity or program.

Mourne Shack is not liable for any damage caused by the absence of these items. If the absence of something related to or crucial to the participants health endangers the event, the event may be terminated without the participant being entitled to any claims for damages.

Parents or Legal Guardians are obliged to inform Mourne Shack before the beginning of the booking about physical, mental and health restrictions of their underage children (signed declaration of consent) in order to avoid overloading or illness-related failures as far as possible.

If participants attend their booking whilst ill and are forced to leave, Mourne Shack can only in the event of its own gross negligence extend a full refund of the costs paid.

Participants who do not adhere to the general standards of social coexistence (physical and psychological violence, youth protection law, smoking, alcohol, drugs, non-followers of the authority of lifeguards or trained outdoor instructors) may be expelled from the activity or program by the second offence. The severity of the case is to be determined by the Instructor leading the activity. In such a case of minors the parents, legal guardians or participant are obliged to organise the early departure. In this case Mourne Shack shall not be held responsible for any extra travel costs incurred.

In the case of minors, swimming or water activities are only allowed after prior consent of the parents or guardian and in the presence of a lifeguard. In cases of illness, this can be denied.

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Mourne Shack reserves the right to use photos and other images created during the participation of the participant for its own purposes (and only for this purpose). The participant has the option to refuse whilst filling out their Consent Form.

Participants on all activities or programs will be entitled to the use of any Mourne Shack equipment during their participation. Whereas Mourne Shack takes all reasonable measures to ensure that equipment is in a safe and good condition for use, participants are responsible for immediately reporting any damage caused to the equipment, or that becomes apparent whilst the equipment is in their possession.

BOOKING & CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

By booking with Mourne Shack the contract between the Participant and Mourne Shack becomes binding.

Deposits: For some bookings a deposit must be paid before the booking can be confirmed and held by Mourne Shack. Your booking is not confirmed until we receive your deposit.

Deposits must be paid within two weeks of your booking otherwise the booking shall be canceled.

The remaining amount owed must be paid in full no later than 4 weeks before the event.

Bookings needing a deposit shall be highlighted at time of booking confirmation.

All other bookings shall be paid in full upon booking without the need of a deposit.

All cancellations must be made in writing via email or post and are effective on the date received by Mourne Shack.

Canceling without a deposit: Upon cancellation, a full refund shall be given up to 14 days before the event. We reserve the right to minus an administrative fee of 5% if we can not recover our expenses.

Less than 14 days before the event we shall refund 50%.

Less than 48 hours before the event there shall be no refund.

Canceling with a deposit: Upon cancellation, a full refund shall be given up to 4 weeks before the event. We reserve the right to minus an administrative fee of 5% if we can not recover our expenses.

Less than 4 weeks before the event we shall refund 80%.

Less than 14 days before event we shall refund 50%.

Less than 48 hours before event there shall be no refund.

Mourne Shack will make every effort to accommodate your requirements and participants are reminded that in the event of a cancellation on their part, Mourne Shack can offer a booking on an alternative activity or program.

For most activities Mourne Shack requires a minimum number of participants. If an activity or program does not reach the minimum number of participants, Mourne Shack reserves the right to cancel said activity or program. Participants shall be informed by phone no later than 1 week before the beginning of their booking. All monies shall be repaid within 4 weeks.

CHANGES TO ACTIVITIES OR PROGRAM:

Mourne Shack reserves the right to change an activity or program according to weather, group size, group dynamics, safety and organisational reasons.

A change in activity or program will not affect the dates as stated in the booking.

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INSURANCES AND LIABILITY:

FOR ALL PROGRAMMES YOU ARE ADVISED TO TAKE OUT YOUR OWN PERSONAL INSURANCE FOR CANCELLATION, ACCIDENT, PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND PROPERTY INSURANCE BEFORE ARRIVAL.

Mourne Shack is fully insured through Activities Industry Mutual for the full extent and remit of all activities and programs offered.

Mourne Shack sub contracted staff are insured as freelance employees.

All staff are vetted during the hiring process with background and police checks also.

Mourne Shack does not seek to limit or exclude any liability for personal injury or loss of life which may occur as a result of its own negligence or that of its employees, officers or agents. However – Mourne Shack assumes no liability in respect of any personal injury, loss, damage, consequential loss or third party claims which occur through no fault of its own, its employees, officers or agents.

All other liability or conditions implied by law and excluded to the fullest extent possible.

If the execution of the event or part of the event is prevented by Force majeure or the loss of management personnel on the part of Mourne Shack, the reimbursement claims of the customer are limited exclusively to the order value. Already provided partial services can not be refunded.

BROCHURES, WEBSITE AND MARKETING:

Mourne Shack makes every attempt to ensure that our brochures, website and marketing show our customers the services that are on offer.

All information provided is given as a guide: We accept no responsibility for errors, omissions or discrepancies in our literature. All prices are accurate at the time of publication. We reserve the right to increase and decrease prices any time after publication. Any alterations or changes will be made clear at time of booking.

Mourne Shack is a limited company registered at:

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Please contact Managing Director: Christopher MacBlain

The camp is based just outside of Newcastle, County Down, Northern Ireland.

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