

LAL Torbay

Information Sheet

Vacation English & Vacation English Plus



Introduction & Location

LAL Torbay is located in the beautiful seaside resort of Paignton, one of the three towns which make up Torbay. It is located in a quiet, pleasant residential area, only a short walk from the town centre and the beach.

Distance to Paignton town centre: 10 minutes' walk

Notable Facts:

- Torbay is the birthplace of the world famous author, Agatha Christie
- Splashdown is the largest waterpark in the UK

Full Postal Address

LAL Torbay
Conway Road
Paignton
Devon
TQ4 5LH
England

Programme Information

Programme Dates:	07 Apr – 05 May, 16 Jun – 01 Sept, 29 Sept – 27 Oct 23 Jun – 18 Aug (Vacation English Plus)
Course Duration:	1 – 4 weeks Students who want to stay more than 4 weeks are advised to do a two centre course as the leisure programme will repeat every 4 weeks
Age Range:	10 – 17 Vacation English 13 – 17 Vacation English Plus For information on students who do not fall within this age range, please ask to see the Young Learner Age Range Policy.
Capacity	750 students

Packages

Vacation English

Our Vacation English program provides students with the opportunity to learn English, make new friends from all over the world and have the summer of a lifetime, in one of the most popular seaside resorts in England. Students study English in the mornings and/or afternoons plus enjoy a range of full-day and half-day excursions.

Vacation English Plus

This programme is the same as Vacation English except that students also get to have evening activities, three times a week. Please note that the age range for Vacation English Plus is different and only takes place in the summer.

Transfers: Sunday

See our Price List or your Group Quote for exact arrival and departure times.

Price includes accompanied transfer to and from London Heathrow* with the arrival and departure times listed in the Price List or group quote. Transfers outside of these times and dates are subject to an additional cost.

Transfers may involve a waiting time of up to two hours after students have cleared immigration.

*Gatwick, Luton, St Pancras, London City and Stansted arrivals and departures incur a supplement charge and are usually transferred via Heathrow which may incur additional waiting time.

Transfers from other airports are available upon request and additional costs will be charged.

Unaccompanied Minors

Some airlines insist on students under 16 years of age being booked, at an extra cost to the client, as unaccompanied minors. This means a member of airport staff will stay with the child until they are handed over to LAL staff at Arrivals.

It is important that this charge is paid for as a **RETURN** payment, otherwise there could be a delay in the student checking-in on their return which could result in a missed flight.

In addition to this, LAL will charge a supplement of GBP 30 each way to cover the additional time needed for our staff to pick up and drop off at the airport. This supplement must be paid at the time of the booking.

LAL provides the contact details of the actual person meeting the student one week in advance. If contact details are needed earlier, LAL cannot guarantee that the person nominated will be the person collecting the student so the information may change nearer the time as above.

Academic

Teachers

- Native-speaker standard (for legal reasons, LAL cannot guarantee teachers will be native speakers)
- Minimum requirement of CELTA or Trinity TESOL (or equivalent)

Classes and Classrooms

- Maximum 15 students
- Large classrooms, many with audio visual equipment
- Students tested on arrival, both written and oral
- Students tested at the end of their course to check for progress
- International mix of students
- 15 hours per week (during the high season, we operate a weekly zig-zag programme)

Course & Methodology

- LAL's own bespoke course book, "Round the World" given to every student (included in price)
- Curriculum and class levels based on the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

- For more detailed information on the LAL Summer Schools Course Descriptions and Levels please refer to the **LAL Summer Schools Academic Principles & Course Outline Information Sheet**.
- Course designed by LAL academic staff with a focus on communication and current topics
- Certificate of attendance and teacher's report given to every student

Accommodation, Catering & Welfare

LAL Torbay offers homestay and hotel options for 2019.

Type of Residential Accommodation (minimum age: 14)

- Hotel offering:
 - 2 or 4 beds per room
 - en-suite bathrooms
- Entry to hotel by key

Residential Rooms

- Single Bed (some have bunk-style beds;)
- Carpet
- Wardrobe or hanging area
- Rooms have a lock and key supplied to students

Homestay

- Shared rooms, two or more beds per room
- Shared bathroom
- Maximum of four Young Learners per Homestay
- Some rooms have bunk-style beds

Staff and Room Allocation

- Hotel staffed overnight by LAL staff
- Students allocated to rooms on arrival (Hotel)
- Homestay students allocated in advance
- Advance rooming and sharing requests cannot be guaranteed

Meals

- All accommodation types provide full-board
- Breakfast is provided by the homestays and at the hotel
- A packed lunch is provided either by the homestay or the school
- Evening meal is provided by the homestay, in the hotel or in a local restaurant

Other Welfare Information

- Curfew times are:
 - 12-13 year olds: 21.30
 - 14-15 year olds: 22.00
 - 16-17 year olds: 22.30
- Students under 12 years are not allowed out without adult supervision
- Towels are provided in all accommodation types but beach towels are not provided
- All bedding provided
- LAL Welfare & Consent Form required in advance (forms.lalschools.com)

N.B. LAL Torbay is not responsible for the loss or theft of students' property. Students are advised to NOT bring laptops, tablets or other expensive items. Valuable items can always be left at the school.

Excursions & Activities

Included

- One full-day per week
- Five half-days per week
- Three evening activities (Vacation English Plus only)
- Supervised and led by LAL activity staff
- Excursions and activities are compulsory

Other Facilities

- Limited free wireless internet at the school and at the hotel
- Most homestays have wireless internet but we cannot guarantee this
- Fully-staffed administration office
- On-site Café
- On-site English language bookshop
- Large garden and student lounge
- 24 hour welfare support
- Medical & travel insurance included

Summary

All LAL UK schools are accredited by the British Council, with our most recent inspection taking place in 2018. We are also members of English UK and YL English UK, a special interest group dedicated to good working practices for young learner courses in the UK.

LAL Torbay gives us the opportunity to simultaneously take up to 700 students from many different countries offering good quality accommodation, innovative lessons and an exciting and varied leisure programme.

2018 saw LAL Torbay receive 50 different nationalities from 5 different continents.

Expert management, returning staff and vast experience ensure that LAL Summer Schools maintain the highest operational standards possible.

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