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English Steps

Intensive Homestay Courses

Below is a more detailed explanation of our intensive homestay courses which are held in Leeds, UK throughout the year. We hope this provides you with all the information you require, but if you have any further questions, please visit the 'Contact' section.

What is included?

- At least **10 hours per day speaking English** with experienced English teachers.
- **18 hours of morning English lessons per week** in small classes - **maximum class size of 4**, normally 2 or 3.
- Free accommodation in your own room in central Leeds.
- **Live with a qualified English teacher** and other students, in an English-speaking house.
- 1 hour of individual tuition, employment advice and support per week.
- Access to trips, activities and extra courses in the afternoons (extra fees applicable). Social events such as film-nights, cultural evenings, and trips to the pub.
- Access to our learning forum for English help **24/7**.

The minimum stay is just 1 week, and there is no maximum limit.

What is different about English Steps?

English Steps was set up to provide an affordable yet quality learning experience to small groups of adults. We believe that lessons in the classroom are an important factor in your English language education, but more importantly we want you to **enjoy** learning English. To do this we work to organise volunteer/job opportunities while you stay with us, and also offer activities in the afternoon where you can continue to practise your English.

English Steps offers a unique 'Homestay' course. 'Homestay' refers to a stay abroad living in a house with a local host family, leading to a total immersion in the language, culture and customs of the country and the city in which it resides.

English Steps goes further with the Homestay concept. Students live with a qualified English teacher, having all meals with them, as well as enjoying day-to-day life together. The teachers can therefore help them correct their mistakes as they make them, and help them improve all the time.

At English Steps the practice of English does not finish after the morning classes. Every student has the opportunity to put into practice everything they have learnt - in real-life situations: on trips, doing internships, and living in an English-speaking house. We are a small company, and we can adapt to your needs.

Classes

Classes are a mixture of work from text books and individual material developed by our teachers. We aim our classes to be educational and innovative, and we are working on setting up an online radio and newspaper service to allow students to continue to practise their English out of lesson time.

Our course is suitable for beginners to advanced speakers of English as you will always be grouped with other students of your ability. If we really don't feel that this is possible, you will receive one-to-one lessons for the same price.

Sharing the class with **only three other students** means that everybody can receive a lot of attention in class, and the lessons will always be directed by what is important to the students.

Individual 1-1 lessons are also available at an extra cost. These lessons could focus on the specific vocabulary that you need, or preparation for an upcoming exam.

Teachers

All our teachers have a wealth of experience, and on trips we will try to expose you to as many different English natives as possible, so that you can improve your listening. Below is some information on our regular teachers.

Harry Stevens

Harry helped to set up the English Steps Courses. He has a Law degree from Sheffield University and an Oxford Trinity CertTESOL qualification in teaching English. He has experience teaching English in Morocco, Spain, England and Northern Ireland, and also works part-time as a welfare benefits advisor in a nearby town two days a week.

He is passionate about education, and also enjoys sports (basketball, tennis, football) in his spare time.

Oliver Gilman

Oliver is a CELTA qualified EFL teacher. He graduated with a 2.1 in Linguistic Studies from the University of Sheffield and has since taught English in Spain, Columbia and Ecuador.

Luciana Ruas

Luciana is a current student at the University of Leeds studying French and Portuguese. She has experience teaching private lessons on Skype, as well as mixed nationality classes in England.

Hannah Stevens

Hannah has over 6 years teaching experience in UK state schools. She specializes in teaching Art, but she also has experience teaching English in India.

Hannah is in charge of all social trips, and has lived in Leeds for the last 10 years.

Excursions and Activities

We are always expanding our available trips, here is a short list of our favourites:

- Harewood House.
- Royal Artillery Museum.
- Watch a football match at the famous Elland Road.
- Guided tours of York, Leeds and Sheffield.
- World class curry trip in multicultural Bradford.
- Yorkshire Sculpture Park.
- Leeds Castle.

Apart from trips we are also working locally with volunteer agencies to provide our students with opportunities to get work experience and practise their English at the same time. This could be working in a charity shop, helping school children with their Maths homework, or investigating articles for a local newspaper.

We are also setting up our own online radio station for January 2013 where students will be able to practise their English and DJ-ing skills at the same time, then listen to the results on our website.

Leeds is a big city, and part-time employment in restaurants, bars and cafés is often available.

Accommodation and Food

We have one 5 bedroom house, with two bathrooms and one small garden. We also have other houses available nearby if we have extra demand. The only change will be that you will spend the night in a different house, as all other activities will be in the main house.

The house is centrally located in Leeds. Within walking distance to the city centre, with shops, pubs, cafés and a cinema nearby. It also has a small garden for BBQs (if the weather is good enough!)

Food is cooked together by the residents of the house, including the English teacher. We feel that it is a good opportunity to practise English by going shopping, buying ingredients and perhaps learning some traditional British cooking! Don't worry if you can't cook as there will always be others there to help you, and you can come to an agreement if you really don't want to do it - perhaps doing the washing up instead of cooking.

The average cost of food is 37€ (£30) per week per person.

Meal times are a great moment to get together and use the new vocabulary and techniques you have been working on in classes, so for lunch and dinner there will always be a native English speaker present, and you will always be speaking a lot of English!

Typical Day

09:00 - 10:15	Lesson 1
10:30 - 11:45	Lesson 2
12:00 - 13:00	Lesson 3
13:00 - 14:30	Lunchtime speaking English with other students and teachers.
15:00 - 18:00	Work experience as a sales assistant in a local charity shop, or a trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park with an English teacher.
18:00 - 20:00	Dinner speaking English with other students and a teacher
20:00 onwards	Free time

We want you to improve your English as much as possible during your time on the course, so we make sure that you will be speaking English at all times. Living with a qualified English teacher, you will be able to practise your English from the moment you wake up to the moment you go to sleep. You will also be living with other students who are studying English.

At the weekend you are free to explore different cities, look for a job, or just stay in the house and relax in Leeds.

Prices

- The English Steps Intensive Homestay Course with morning classes and accommodation in a single room in Leeds is **310€ (£250) per week**.
 - Please note - this price does not include: travel to Leeds, food, or excursions.
- Extra 1-1 classes are charged at **15€ (£12) per hour**.
- Excursions vary on the amount of students going, and the length of the trip. This is to give you the cheapest price possible and to pay our teachers a respectable amount.
 - For example, a visit to the Royal Armouries Museum with a coffee and an informal lesson with your teacher at the end of the trip would cost **62€ (£50) divided by the amount of students**. So, if two students go on the trip the cost would then be **31€ (£25) per person**, for three students the cost would be **20€ (£17) per person** etc.
 - The trip to the beautiful city of York, or to visit the Yorkshire Dales National Park costs **87€ (£70) divided by the amount of students**.
 - On average, food costs **37€ (£30) per week**.
- Pick-ups
 - From Leeds/Bradford Airport **25€ (£20)**
 - From Leeds Railway/Bus Station **18€ (£15)**

Discounts

- If two people are willing to share a room, they are entitled to **one free trip** per week on the course.
- If two or more students sign up to the course together - each student gets **one free trip**.
- For stays longer than 1 month, please get in contact and we can organise an individual price.

Further Information

How to get to Leeds

Leeds/Bradford airport is only a short bus or taxi journey away, with flights from all over the world (including Malaga, Barcelona and Alicante). Manchester, Liverpool and East-Midlands airports are short train journeys away. London can be reached in 2 hrs 15 mins by train. Major cities Manchester, York and Sheffield are all less than 1 hour away and the beautiful North Yorkshire coast is only 1hr 15mins by train.

For more information on flights go to <http://www.skyscanner.net> or <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk> for train information.

Leeds

Leeds is a city in West Yorkshire, England. It has a population of around 750,000 people and is one of the most important cities in the UK. Leeds is the UK's largest centre for business, legal, and financial services outside London.

It is the only English city outside London with its own repertory theatre, opera house and ballet companies. Leeds Art Gallery has one of the UK's best collections of contemporary British art and the city is home to the Royal Armouries, the national collection of arms and armour.

There are more protected buildings in Leeds than in any English city outside London, with highlights including the Victoria Quarter, Leeds Corn Exchange and Harewood House, home of the Queen's cousin.

The Rough Guide to Britain named shopping in Leeds as one of the top thirty things to do in the UK, and with five miles of shopping streets and one of the country's largest pedestrianised zones it's easy to see why. Leeds has two Universities and also has an excellent nightlife scene, with numerous restaurants and independent bars, and is one of the UK's best cities for dining out according to the Which? Good Food Guide, and there's plenty of sport too, from world-class golf to some of the country's best mountain biking.

Leeds is the ideal gateway to the Yorkshire region – the Yorkshire Dales National Park is just 20 miles away, and features some of the country's most beautiful landscapes. Yorkshire is the largest county in the UK, with incredible scenery from inspiring moorlands to stunning coastlines.

Other Websites

Wikipedia: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leeds> and
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tourism_in_Leeds

Jobs in Leeds: <https://www.gov.uk/jobs-jobsearch>

Volunteer in Leeds: <http://www.do-it.org.uk/>

Contact

For more information, please visit <http://www.englishsteps.co.uk>

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