



PURSUING EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH





# INTERNATIONAL HOUSE TORQUAY

Torquay, nestled in the heart of the South West of England, is England's **hidden gem** for international language learners.

Torquay is part of Devon, the place British people come to **escape the stress of big cities**. It's a beautiful area, where locals have time to talk to you. There is **lots to see and do**, from history and culture to golf and surfing.

- We are **renowned in the UK for the highest standards** of our homestay hosts and accommodation
- We are the **only school in the South West of England that has EAQUALS** accreditation; the toughest accreditation for any language school to achieve
- We have **specialised courses for all ages**, including for **over-30s** and **over-50s**
- You will find a **professional** approach, with **small class sizes** and study groups
- **Progress will be rapid** and you will **achieve the goals that are important to you**
- There is **impeccable attention to detail** for every aspect of your learning journey, from arrival to beyond departure
- We are building on our **reputation for quality and service**, student-by-student

**Torquay International School** has been teaching for over 45 years and recently became a partner in the **International House** global network for outstanding schools. We are now **International House Torquay**, still **independently owned and run**.

"I love the challenge of every newly-arrived student. I try to put myself in that person's place and ask myself what I would want and need to make this the experience of a lifetime. Without doubt, I have the best team in the UK. My school stands as a beacon of independence, quality before profit, and people first."

Kevin McNally,  
Director, Owner



## OUR SCHOOL

There aren't many places in Britain that you will find palm trees, but you will find them in Torquay, along with award-winning beaches, friendly faces and many cultural, historical and natural attractions.

It's the perfect setting to focus on your goals and see fast, tangible results in your learning, while soaking up British culture. Our experience is that people learn better when they are happy and relaxed.

We run the school with heart and soul. Students return to us time after time and recommend us to their family, friends and colleagues. We are now welcoming students from the third generation of some families.

We have a great mix of students, with over 30 different nationalities visiting us from all over the world. The school is a professional setting but one where everyone knows your name.

The school is located just a few minutes' walk from Torquay town centre.

## OUR COURSES

We keep all our class sizes small, so you receive highly personalised effective learning.

COURSE	AGE	CLASS SIZE		ENGLISH LEVEL	LESSON HOURS PER WEEK	FIND OUT MORE
		MAX	AVERAGE			
<b>ADULT GENERAL ENGLISH COURSES</b>						
<b>Max 4 Intensive English</b>	30+	4	2-3	All	Choose 15, 19, 23 or 30	p 14
<b>General English</b>	18+	12	6-8	All	Choose 15, 19, 23 or 30	p 15
<b>Language Holidays for Adults</b>	30+	6	3-4	Elementary (A2) & above	2-week course including 30 hours of English classes with a full programme of activities	p 15
<b>Discover Devon: General English over 50s</b>	50+	6	3-4	Elementary (A2) & above	2-week course including 30 hours of English classes with a full programme of activities	p 16
<b>English Plus Golf</b>	30+	4	2-3	All	15 hours English tuition plus 3 rounds of golf	p 17
<b>Fast Track English One-to-One</b>	30+	1	1	All	You choose	p 18
<b>EXAM PREPARATION COURSES</b>						
<b>Legal English</b>	18+	4	3-4	Intermediate	2-week course including 40 hours of tuition and local Crown Court visit	p 19
<b>Cambridge Exam Preparation</b>	18+	8	3-5	Cambridge First Cambridge Advanced Cambridge Proficiency	15	p 20
<b>Cambridge Summer Intensive</b>	18+	8	4-5	Cambridge First Cambridge Advanced	15	p 20
<b>IELTS Preparation</b>	18+	8	3-5	Intermediate	15	p 20
<b>JUNIOR COURSES</b>						
<b>Young Learner Academy</b>	13-17	15	10	All	15 hours of general English plus full afternoon programme of organised junior activities	p 21
<b>English for Families</b>	6+	15	8-10	All	15 hours per week	p 26

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR ENGLISH LEVEL?

Take one of our online English tests: [tisenglish.co.uk/online-english-tests](https://tisenglish.co.uk/online-english-tests)

### NEED HELP CHOOSING A COURSE?

We are very happy to match you to the best course for you. Contact us on:  
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# TORBAY

Torquay is situated in a large natural bay, Torbay. It is a vibrant British coastal region, a centre for tourism, the fishing industry and English language courses. Also known as The English Riviera, Torbay is a designated UNESCO Global Geopark.

## THE FACTS

136,000	Population	27	Tennis Clubs
39	Average age of population	11	Gyms
3 million	Visitors per year	1	Artificial Ski Slope
10	Five-star Hotels	5	Equestrian centres
3	Michelin Guide Restaurants	4	Fishing Clubs
5	Theatres	1	Royal Yacht Club
3	Cinemas	3	Sailing schools
20	Museums & Art Galleries nearby	15	Parks and gardens
1	Zoo	2	National Parks nearby
6	Nightclubs	1	Famous author
1	Casino	1	Microclimate
20	Beaches	23°C	Average summer temperature
1	UNESCO Global Geopark	12°C	Average winter temperature
27	Cruise Ships visiting each year	2.5	Hours from London by train
17	Golf Courses		

“The time of my life - really enjoyed learning and refreshing my English at TIS and at my lovely homestay. There is a lot to explore around Torquay. I would like to come back.”  
BRIGITTE, SWITZERLAND





## PLANNING YOUR STAY

We are here to help you at every stage of your learning journey. If you need something, just ask. We take pride in getting it right for every student.

### BOOKING YOUR COURSE

Please contact us before booking, so we can give you the best help and guidance. We can also introduce you to a local representative in your country, who can manage the whole process for you.

### AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Torquay is very well connected. Contact us to help plan your journey and make it as smooth as possible.

There are two local airports: Exeter and Bristol.

Getting to Torquay from HEATHROW

Airport is very easy. There is a frequent, direct bus transfer service.

### BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Did you know that some language schools make over a million photocopies a year? We are a **NO PHOTOCOPY** school. All lessons are delivered using digital media and selected coursebooks. We give you the coursebook. Please bring a laptop with you. If you cannot bring a laptop, we will lend you one for a small charge and returnable deposit.

We are a **CASHLESS** school. Please bring a credit or debit card that can be

used in the UK.

**Please take the online test accessible on <https://tisenglish.co.uk/online-english-tests>.**

We will send you a video with essential information about your stay. Please watch it and let us know if you have any questions.

Also, you will receive our **Student Handbook**, which covers every aspect of your stay with us.

### ON ARRIVAL

You will be met by a member of the school team, or your homestay hosts. We are with you all the way.

### YOUR FIRST DAY

We will be waiting for you with a warm welcome and you will join your first class. In the afternoon, we will give you a tour of our lovely town.

### ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

- You will follow a syllabus based on CEFR (The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), which will show what you will study week-by-week
- You will meet with a manager on the Friday of your first week to ensure the classes are what you expected
- Each Friday, every student has a test to ensure they are progressing

- Individual tutorials with teachers take place every 2 weeks
- End-of-level tests are available at any time

For our more specialised classes:

- You will follow a dynamic, needs-based syllabus
- Within the small class, we encourage you to challenge yourself, while we support you
- Projects such as presentations, role plays, interviews all form part of the assessment process

### IT'S NOT ALL WORK ...

There is an extensive social programme

with activities most afternoons and evenings and day trips at the weekends. Our social programme offers a great opportunity to make new friends while exploring the UK. There are monthly trips to London, so you don't miss out on visiting one of the world's great capital cities.

See our website for the full programme: [tisenglish.co.uk/social-programme](https://tisenglish.co.uk/social-programme)

### YOUR LAST DAY

We will send you a questionnaire and certificate via email. We want to hear from you once you are at home. You will always be an IH Torquay student. We are here whenever you need us.

We offer monthly trips to London.  
You can stay for the day or the weekend.





MAX  
4 PER  
CLASS

## MAX 4 INTENSIVE ENGLISH

Our most popular course. Maximum 4 students in a class. Professionals, business and mature students improve their English with this personalised intensive course.

### COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 4  
Average class size: 2-3  
Minimum age: 30  
Lesson hours per week: 15, 19, 23 or 30  
English level: All  
Start dates: Every Monday  
Course length: you choose (min 1 week)

### YOU WILL:

Develop all areas of your English in a small, supportive class  
Meet your specific, personal language needs  
Consolidate and develop your existing knowledge base  
Develop confidence in your use of English  
Meet new people from all over the world  
Experience English in a fun, social, atmosphere during our daily lunches

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Networking lunches in local restaurants  
All course materials  
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)  
End of course report  
Certificate

### WHAT NEXT?

Achieve your life goals with English  
Progress to the next English language level  
Take an exam preparation course to gain a qualification

**SAMPLE TIMETABLE:** [tisenglish.co.uk/courses/english-for-the-over-30s](https://tisenglish.co.uk/courses/english-for-the-over-30s)

## GENERAL ENGLISH

Available for all levels, ages 18 and over, this course will improve communication in English across reading, writing, speaking and listening. Maximum 12 students in a class.

### COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 12  
Average class size: 6-8  
Minimum age: 18  
Lesson hours per week: 15, 19, 23 or 30  
English level: All  
(beginners first Monday of every month)  
Start dates: Every Monday

### YOU WILL:

Rapidly improve listening and speaking skills  
Build on your current knowledge and make progress quickly towards achieving your aims  
Practise your English in real situations with other students and locals  
Improve your grammar and pronunciation

Develop confidence in your use of English  
Meet new people from all over the world

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

All course materials  
Pre-course placement test  
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)  
Certificate

### WHAT NEXT?

Enjoy your new English skills  
Achieve your life goals with English  
Progress to the next English language level  
Take an exam preparation course to gain a qualification

**SAMPLE TIMETABLE:** [tisenglish.co.uk/courses/general-english](https://tisenglish.co.uk/courses/general-english)

## ENGLISH PLUS GOLF

Improve your English with personalised intensive English lessons and enjoy rounds of golf at Torquay Golf Clubs in the afternoon, some with spectacular views across the Bay.

### COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 4  
Average class size: 2-3  
Minimum age: 30  
Lesson hours: 15 hours English tuition plus 3 rounds of golf  
English level: All  
Start dates: Every Monday

### YOU WILL:

Play golf in the English Riviera with fellow golf enthusiasts  
Work towards meeting your specific, personal language needs  
Develop all areas of your English in a small, supportive class  
Consolidate and develop your existing knowledge base  
Experience English in a fun, social, atmosphere during the rounds of golf

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Networking lunches in local restaurants  
All course materials  
Pre-course placement test  
Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals  
3 rounds of golf per week  
Social programme (free and chargeable activities)  
Certificate

### WHAT NEXT?

Enjoy your new English skills  
Stay in touch with your new friends  
Intensive English course for the over 30s to further advance your English

**SAMPLE TIMETABLE:** [tisenglish.co.uk/courses/english-plus-golf](https://tisenglish.co.uk/courses/english-plus-golf)





## DISCOVER DEVON

Devon has inspired world-famous writers, such as Arthur Conan Doyle, Agatha Christie and Rudyard Kipling. You can improve your English while experiencing for yourself the unique environment that was the backdrop to some of our literary greats.

### COURSE FACTS

**Max class size:** 6

**Average class size:** 3-4

**Minimum age:** 50

**Lesson hours:** 2-week course including 30 hours of English tuition with a full programme of activities

### English level:

Elementary (A2) and above

**Start dates:** See website for details

### YOU WILL:

Have fun and explore the most beautiful parts of the UK

Develop your English in a small, supportive class

Meet new people and make friends from all over the world

Learn more about the UK

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Networking lunches in local restaurants

All course materials

Pre-course placement test

A full activity and excursion programme

Certificate

### WHAT NEXT?

Stay in touch with your new friends

Progress to the next English language level



## LANGUAGE HOLIDAYS FOR ADULTS

The Language Holidays for Adults programme is a great way to pursue your interests while working on your English. The aim is to present you with fascinating, challenging and exhilarating experiences. From Gastronomy to Sport to Literature; many general interests are covered and as always attention is paid to you as an individual. On these courses, students expand their horizons, make life-long friends and achieve rapid progress with their English.

### COURSE FACTS

**Max class size:** 6

**Average class size:** 3-4

**Minimum age:** 30

**Lesson hours:** 15 hours English tuition plus social programme

### English level:

Elementary (A2) and above

**Start dates:** See website for details

### YOU WILL:

Experience English in a fun, social, atmosphere during your social programme

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Networking lunches in local restaurants

All course materials

Pre-course placement test

Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals

A full activity and excursion programme

Certificate

### WHAT NEXT?

Stay in touch with your new friends

An Intensive English course for the over 30s to further advance your English

**SAMPLE TIMETABLE:** [tisenglish.co.uk/courses/general-english-for-the-over-50s](https://tisenglish.co.uk/courses/general-english-for-the-over-50s)

**SAMPLE TIMETABLE:** [tisenglish.co.uk/courses/language-holidays-for-adults](https://tisenglish.co.uk/courses/language-holidays-for-adults)



## FAST TRACK ENGLISH ONE-TO-ONE

One-to-One tuition can be booked as a full course or as additional tuition to any of our other courses. Lessons are entirely personalised.

### COURSE FACTS

- Max class size: 1
- Minimum age: 30
- Lesson hours per week: You choose
- English level: All
- Start dates: You choose
- Course length: You choose

### WHAT YOU WILL GAIN:

- You choose the outcomes! We guarantee to reach them
- You will learn about language for your specific context
- Your teacher will focus exclusively on your learning goals
- You will develop confidence in your use of English
- You will have fun with new people through the networking lunch and social programme

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Networking lunches in local restaurants
- All course materials
- Pre-course placement test
- Social programme (free and chargeable activities)
- End of course report
- Certificate

### WHAT NEXT?

- Achieve your life goals with English
- Progress to the next English language level
- Take an exam preparation course to gain a qualification

## LEGAL ENGLISH

Study legal English and take the TOLES (Test of Legal English Skills) exam. You will also visit a local Crown Court to observe legal English in action.

### COURSE FACTS

- Max class size: 4
- Average class size: 3-4
- Minimum age: 18
- Lesson hours: 2-week course including 40 hours of tuition and local Crown Court visit
- English level: Intermediate B1 and above
- Start dates: See website for details

### YOU WILL:

- Progress rapidly and get the best possible grade
- Develop all areas of English within a legal context
- Improve your general level of English
- Develop confidence in your use of English

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Local Crown Court visit
- Networking lunches in local restaurants
- All course materials

- Social programme (free and chargeable activities)
- End of course report
- Certificate

### WHAT NEXT?

- Pass your TOLES (Test of Legal English Skills) exam
- Progress to the next level of TOLES (there are 3 levels)
- Enjoy your new legal English skills
- Achieve your career goals with legal English

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [tisenglish.co.uk/courses/professional-english](https://www.tisenglish.co.uk/courses/professional-english)

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [tisenglish.co.uk/courses/legal-english](https://www.tisenglish.co.uk/courses/legal-english)

## CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION

Prepare to pass the Cambridge First, Cambridge Advanced and the Cambridge Proficiency exams.

### COURSE FACTS

**Max class size:** 8  
**Average class size:** 3-5  
**Minimum age:** 18  
**Lesson hours per week:** 15  
**English level:**  
 Cambridge First:  
 Upper Intermediate (B2)  
 Cambridge Advanced:  
 Advanced (C1)  
 Cambridge Proficiency:  
 Advanced Plus (C2)  
**Start dates:** See website for details

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

All course materials  
 Pre-course placement test  
 Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals  
 Social programme  
 (free and chargeable activities)  
 Certificate

### WHAT NEXT?

Take your Cambridge exam in Torquay  
 We are an accredited Cambridge Exam Centre  
 Achieve your best possible result  
 Progress to the next Cambridge level

**SAMPLE TIMETABLE:** [tisenglish.co.uk/courses/cambridge-preparation](https://tisenglish.co.uk/courses/cambridge-preparation)

## CAMBRIDGE SUMMER INTENSIVE

Intensive summer preparation for the Cambridge First or Cambridge Advanced exam.

### COURSE FACTS

**Max class size:** 8  
**Average class size:** 4-5  
**Minimum age:** 18  
**Lesson hours per week:**  
 15 hours exam preparation tuition  
**English level:**  
 Cambridge First:  
 Upper Intermediate (B2)  
**Start dates:** See website for details

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

All course materials  
 Pre-course placement test  
 Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals  
 Social programme  
 (free and chargeable activities)  
 Certificate

### WHAT NEXT?

Take your Cambridge exam in Torquay  
 We are an accredited Cambridge Exam Centre  
 Achieve your best possible result  
 Progress to the next Cambridge level

**SAMPLE TIMETABLE:** [tisenglish.co.uk/courses/cambridge-preparation](https://tisenglish.co.uk/courses/cambridge-preparation)

## IELTS PREPARATION

Prepare to get your best grade in the IELTS exam.

### COURSE FACTS

**Max class size:** 8  
**Average class size:** 3-5  
**Minimum age:** 18  
**Lesson hours per week:** 15  
**English level:**  
 Intermediate (B1) and above  
**Start dates:** Every Monday

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

All course materials  
 Pre-course placement test  
 Needs analysis, so we make sure you reach your goals  
 Social programme  
 (free and chargeable activities)  
 Certificate

### WHAT NEXT:

Take your IELTS exam  
 Achieve your best possible IELTS grade  
 Achieve your life goals with your new qualification

**SAMPLE TIMETABLE:** [tisenglish.co.uk/courses/ielts-preparation](https://tisenglish.co.uk/courses/ielts-preparation)



**IELTS™**



## YOUNG LEARNER ACADEMY

Young Learner Academy offers a programme designed to immerse young learners in the language and culture of England.

### COURSE FACTS

Max class size: 15

Average class size: 10

Age: 13-17

Lesson hours: 15 hours of general English plus full afternoon programme of organised activities

English level: All

Start dates: See website for details

### WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL GAIN:

Confidence in initiating conversations in English

The ability to express themselves with increasing accuracy

Rapid overall improvement in a fun environment

New friends from all over the world

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Full-board homestay accommodation

Full programme of activities (all included)

All course materials

Pre-course placement test, so your child is in a class with children of the same level

Certificate

### WHAT NEXT?

Enjoy their new English skills

New education opportunities

Study for Cambridge English qualifications for school: KET, PET or FCE

## CARE OF OUR YOUNG LEARNERS

The safety and happiness of our young learners is our priority.

- All our staff, homestay providers, activity leaders and contractors have safeguarding for under 18s training
- We have a Welfare Officer and Designated Safeguarding Lead
- All of our teachers and office staff are trained how to offer advice and support and we all truly care about our students
- Activities and trips are all supervised by fully trained activity leaders
- Both classes and activities have a 1:8 staff to student ratio
- We have caring, responsible homestays
- 24-hour emergency telephone number for any concerns
- We ask parents about their child in advance, so we can provide the best care
- We give parents full transparent and honest information to help them decide if our school is best for their child

SAMPLE TIMETABLE: [tisenglish.co.uk/courses/juniors](https://www.tisenglish.co.uk/courses/juniors)



## ENGLISH FOR FAMILIES

A family holiday with English classes in our iconic destination. Classes for parents and children are separate, then you go off exploring and practising your English together.

### COURSE FACTS (CHILDREN)

Max class size: 15  
 Average class size: 8-10  
 Minimum age: 6  
 Lesson hours per week: 15  
 English level: All  
 Start dates: See website for details

Adults can join any of our 15 hour courses

### WHAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL GAIN:

Build on your current knowledge and progress quickly while having fun  
 Make new friends from all over the world  
 Practise your English in real situations with locals and other students  
 Enjoy your time as a family

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

All course materials  
 End of Course certificate  
 Social programme (free and chargeable activities)

### WHAT NEXT?

Enjoy your new English skills together  
 New education and career opportunities for everyone



## INTERNATIONAL HOUSE TORQUAY ONLINE

The following courses can be offered online, either as a full, integral course, or as a complement to your course in Torquay:

- Max 4 Intensive English
- Fast Track English One-to-One
- Legal English
- Cambridge Preparation
- IELTS Preparation
- Young Learner Academy

## ACCOMMODATION

The attention to detail and personalised approach of our courses extends to our accommodation.

### HOMESTAY

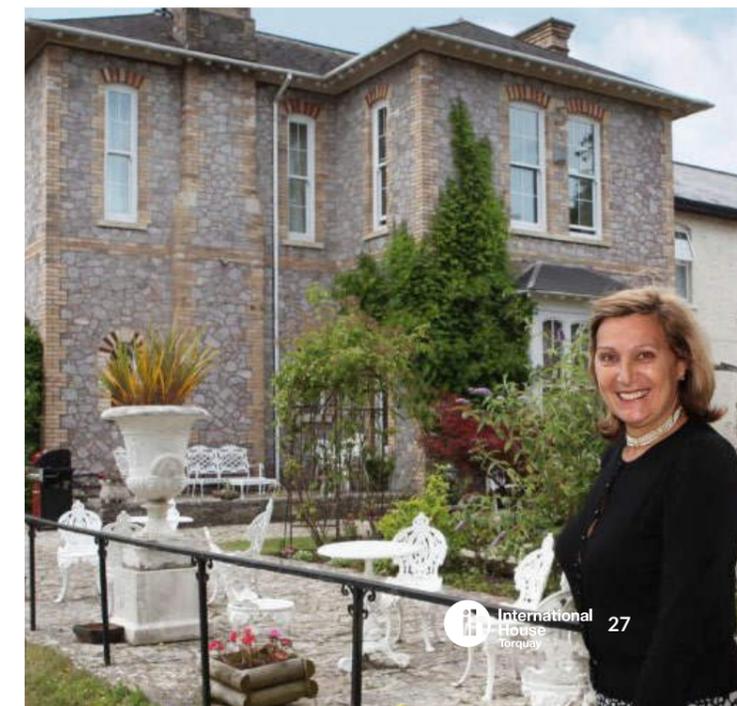
We are told we have the best homestay hosts in the UK.

We offer homestay accommodation, with welcoming hosts, who treat students as part of the family. Practise your English with conversations around the dinner table.

Our hosts give that bit extra to ensure you enjoy your stay. For example if a host lives more than 25 minutes' walk from the school, they will bring you to school by car each day.

Whatever your age, nationality or requirements, we have no hesitation in recommending our friendly homestays. We match each student to their appropriate host:

- You will be treated as an important member of the family
- Your hosts will eat dinner with you in the evenings
- You will have your own room with a bed, storage for clothing, and a desk or study area
- Your hosts will always communicate with you in English
- There will never be more than 4 students or guests staying in the homestay at any time
- You will be the only student of your 1st language (unless you request to stay with a friend)
- We match students to their appropriate host. Remember to tell us about you dietary needs, requirements and preferences.





## PREMIUM APARTMENTS

We have premium self-catering apartments in Torquay, suitable for families, friends or independent travellers.

The apartments are easily accessible from the school and town centre. They are beautifully decorated and offer spacious living accommodation. The apartments have modern fixtures and fittings and are perfectly situated with a range of nearby restaurants, pubs and supermarkets.

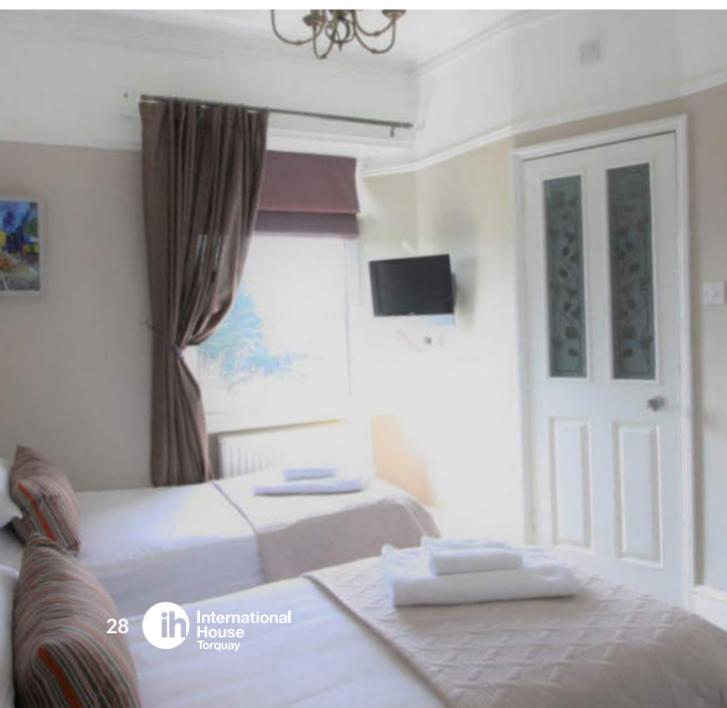
The apartments are self-catering but if you'd like us to provide some food items for your arrival, just send us your shopping list the Friday before your arrival weekend and we'll arrange it for you.

## OUR PARTNER HOTELS

We have various partner hotels located near the school.

You will enjoy a warm and friendly atmosphere. In the evenings you can study or join your fellow students for a drink at the private bar. All the rooms have a single or double bed and a private bathroom.

Contact us for a list of all partner hotels.



## HOW DO I BOOK A COURSE?

You can book through your local educational tour operator in your country or you can book with us direct, either online, by phone or over email.

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We are looking forward to meeting you.

You will have a dedicated point of contact with a senior member of the team. Our experience spans decades and we all truly care about giving you the best experience.

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## ACCREDITATIONS



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