

# sidmouth

International School

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE FOR AGE 50+ 24 MAY – 4 JUNE 2010

The School offers a communicative course in English language for people who are aged 50+ and who have experiences to share. You will use the language skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening to review the past and look forward to the future. Sidmouth provides a quiet and safe environment in an area that has been designated a World Heritage Site. The climate is mild and the surrounding countryside is beautiful. The course includes a social programme suitable for the more mature student with cultural trips, excursions and activities. Beginners not accepted.

### FEES INCLUDE:

- 20 lessons (15 hours) of tuition per week, mornings only, 09.00 – 12.30
- Mixed nationality classes, maximum 9 students aged 50+
- All tuition materials
- Social programme with 2 half-day trips each week and a full-day excursion each Saturday
- Accommodation booking service
- Free use of student internet and resource centre
- School information pack
- FREE airport transfers on Saturday (see below)

### COURSE FEES

for 2 weeks – £665

**Add registration fee £50 and accommodation**

*A minimum of 6 students is required for the programme to run. If fewer have enrolled 3 weeks prior to the start of the course, the School will offer the Adult General course and usual adult programme at the normal price, or a refund.*

### ADULT ACCOMMODATION

Our homestay families only take students from SIS so we can guarantee: no other students of the same nationality; no overcrowding; no junior students. Most homestays are an easy walk from the school. Breakfast and evening meal included, with light lunch at weekends. The School has a small number of Executive homestays available, and can also recommend suitable hotels, guest houses and self-catering apartments.

#### HOMESTAY/PRIVATE HOME ACCOMMODATION (per person)

Standard single room £140 per week

### TRANSFERS

Transfers to and from London Heathrow Airport or other ports of entry can be arranged by SIS. Experienced School drivers will meet students at arrivals gate, and assist with check-in on departure. Free escorted school bus service on Saturdays, Heathrow – Sidmouth – Heathrow (the School can in no way be held responsible for any late arrivals or departures).

Arrivals: Free bus leaves Heathrow 17.00  
Departures: Free bus arrives Heathrow 12.00 approximately. Travelling time 2.5 hours

Regular shuttle buses link Gatwick to Heathrow Airport every 15 minutes (journey time 90 min) and also link Stansted to Heathrow Airport every 30 minutes (journey time 105 min). Contact School for full Transport Information Pack

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# SAMPLE PROGRAMME

## WEEK ONE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AM	Classes					Full day excursion	Day with host family
PM	Classes	Excursion to Otterton Mill	Conversation class	Excursion to Exeter	Traditional English lawn bowls		
	Heritage walk around Sidmouth		Free time				
Evening	Welcome evening	Free evening	Barbecue	Free evening	Visit some of the inns and pubs of Sidmouth		

## WEEK TWO

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AM	Classes					Departure
PM	Excursion to Lyme Regis	Conversation class	Visit the Donkey Sanctuary and walk home along the coastal path	Excursion to an historical house and garden	Beach walk and traditional Devon cream tea	
		Mini-golf				
Evening	Wine and cheese evening	Free evening	Barbecue	Free evening	Farewell party	

Sidmouth is situated on the Jurassic coast which is an UNESCO World Heritage Site covering 95 miles of coastline from East Devon to Dorset. Tours of this spectacular coastline, fossil hunting at Lyme Regis and visits to the small fishing villages along the coast are included.

**Literary Connections:** the south west of England has been the inspiration for many writers, for example Agatha Christie, Jane Austen, John Fowles and Rosamund Pilcher, and the area has appeared in many films and TV programmes. If students have specific interest in any of these authors we can arrange excursions to some of the locations used.

### Possible half-day excursion destinations:

**Exeter** - one of the liveliest cities in the South West. Visit the cathedral, the medieval Guildhall and the 12th-century castle.

**Lyme Regis** - an historic unspoiled fishing port. It is famous for the Cobb harbour, its geology and fossil finds, as well as its literary connections with Jane Austen (*Persuasion*) and John Fowles (*The French Lieutenant's Woman*).

**Otterton** - a typical Devon village with its picturesque thatched cottages and 16th-century working mill where you can stop for a cream tea and visit the craft shop and art gallery.

**Topsham** - a bustling town overlooking the River Exe with an interesting maritime past. Take a boat across the river to the famous Turf Locks Inn.

### Historical Houses:

**Knightshayes** - a 19th-century house with richly decorated Gothic-style interiors and famous formal gardens.

**Killerton House** - a fine 18th-century house, home to the 'Paulise de Bush' costume collection, with over 9,000 outfits. The delightful hillside garden features many rare trees and offers lovely parkland walks all year round.

**Castle Drogo** - the 'last castle to be built in England', dramatically situated above the Teign Gorge.

### Possible full-day excursion destinations:

**Bath** - the hot springs, famous Roman baths, fabulous architecture and many excellent museums make this city a wonderful place to visit.

**Totnes and Dartmouth** - both towns are situated on the picturesque River Dart. In Totnes the busy, narrow streets, dominated by the castle and church tower, are full of architectural and historic interest. A peaceful boat trip down the river brings you to Dartmouth with its imposing Naval College, castle and cobbled market-place.

**Eden Project** - a living theatre of plants and people with the biggest greenhouses in the world, a huge rainforest, and art and architecture inspired by the natural world.

**Dartmoor** - a National Park and an exceptionally beautiful place to visit with deep wooded gorges, tumbling rocky rivers, dramatic scenery and wild ponies.

**North Devon Coast** - a wonderful tour of this attractive coastline, visiting the old fishing village of Clovelly with its 14th-century quay, and the boat-building town of Appledore with its many art galleries and craft centres.

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