

## Educational Programmes for Schools



3-6 day programmes

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# The Programmes

## Content and Structure:

Irish College Leuven is a non-profit organisation that offers unique study tours to the heart of Europe for second-level students in a range of subject areas. We use our network of contacts in Brussels, Belgium and beyond, and our expertise in producing bespoke educational programmes, to enhance your students' learning experience. The programmes are a great mix of theory and practice, with talks and workshops delivered at the Irish College, inspirational site visits and leisure activities.



## Student Profile & Course Content:

Programmes are oriented for pupils aged 14-18, and designed to bring their study topics to life. All study tours are carefully matched to students' learning objectives. Programmes can be tailored to the syllabus of arts and humanities subjects (English, History, Music, Languages); STEM; Social Sciences (Sociology, Geography). From Business Studies to Travel & Tourism, programmes can add the experiential component that will make students stand out, whether they are applying for further education or entering the job market.

Students benefit from the College's proximity to Brussels (just twenty kilometers away) and its long-established contacts within the European institutions. Students will learn about the European Union in the place where its business is done. They understand Ireland's contribution to European history, and become engaged with its future in ways no textbook can match.

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## Educational Activities:

- Logistics and Supply Chain site visit to Port of Antwerp
- Experience products and services that could vastly improve the quality of our future life at Living Tomorrow
- Engage with the advocacy work of the European NGOs
- Marvel at the offshore wind farm, C-Power, which represents 7% of Belgium's renewable energy target by 2020
- Discuss environmental policy and climate change with policy-makers at the European Commission
- Go behind the scenes and meet the simultaneous translators at the EU Parliament
- Tour the battlefields of World War 1 and attend the Last Post Ceremony in Leper
- Day trips to Bruges, Ghent, Amsterdam, Luxembourg and more
- Learn more about the history of Ireland at the Leuven Centre for Irish Studies

## Leisure Activities:

Students can't be learning all the time. Downtime is important too. Fancy a chocolate-making workshop in Brussels? A visit to Walibi World, or Trainworld? Or a tour of AUDI Brussels where you will be inspired by thrilling stories about Audi employees, the plant, the production process and the cars themselves.

## Duration:

All programmes are customized to fit in with the academic calendar and in general last 3-6 days.



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### **Accommodation, Meals & Travel:**

Students stay in the College's recently-renovated building in the centre of medieval Leuven. Just staying at the historic seventeenth-century Irish College helps students to appreciate the ongoing Irish influence in Europe. Facilities at the College are state-of-the-art!

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are provided, packed lunches are supplied for day trips and group meals are arranged at appropriate venues when necessary.

All internal travel is included with the educational package.

### **Value Added:**

Irish College Leuven's educational school trips don't just help to bring study topics to life, they offer a special opportunity for your pupils to gain independence and experience new cultures within the safe framework of our organised programmes.

Organising a school trip requires a lot of work by dedicated teachers. The team at the Irish College Leuven reduces the stress involved by doing all the logistical work, so teachers are free to concentrate on preparing their students to maximise their experiential learning. Every trip is customized to meet the client's requirements and the College's programme executives in Dublin and Belfast will ensure that the school trip not only runs smoothly, but it is a transformative experience for all involved.