

## English and Theatre Workshop

# Edinburgh Theatre Experience

**We organize this project week in cooperation with Improv Academy, offering a unique programme that focuses on learning English through theatre.**

### Course Overview

On the Edinburgh Theatre Experience students spend 8 days in the beautiful historic city of Edinburgh. Staying with welcoming local host families or in a central Youth Hostel, learners spend mornings in the drama studios preparing a show, which they stage in a professional, modern theatre at the end of the course.

In the afternoons and evenings a thoughtfully designed programme of cultural and other activities, including a trip to one of Edinburgh's famous theatres to see a show, will ensure their time in Edinburgh affords the maximum exposure to the English language in use, in interactive and engaging contexts.

### Learning English through Drama

This intensive week long course is designed to capitalise on the communicative nature of theatre as a catalyst to language learning. The daily 3 hours spent in the actors' studio is made up in part of the techniques and exercises used in the theatre to improve pronunciation, fluency and vocabulary.

There will be language feedback sessions to highlight common errors and issues, whilst providing models and suggestions of correct, natural English. The rest of the time is spent with students collaborating to create an original show. Throughout the process they will be supported by highly skilled professional actor/teachers who are, of course, native English speakers.

### Create a quality stage production

The focus of the workshops is on the real and immediate goal of creating a show, which students will perform to their peers. Unlike conventional lessons in a classroom, our learners each have clear practical goals to reach: devising scripts; creating characters; painting scenery and designing and making sound effect machines, to name a few.

The teachers and facilitators use games and exercises that generate ideas and themes, which are developed into "live" scripts. These live scripts are team written and reworked throughout the week, through performance until the final show on Friday.

The ideas come from the group therefore the young people have a real stake in the success of their performance. Time and again teenagers prove to thrive on this well shepherded creative autonomy. The final performance is professionally filmed and edited, which can itself form the basis of further project work back home in Austria. The whole week, from beginning to end, is carried out in English and learners are firmly encouraged to use English at all times in the workshop.

### Student package

- 15 hours professional theatre and language coaching
- Choice of Homestay or Hostel accommodation
- 5\* theatre show in Edinburgh
- Edinburgh City Safari
- Film of final performance to take home
- Airport transfers

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	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>am</b>	<b>Arrival in Edinburgh</b> Welcome! You will be met at arrivals and catch a tram to the city centre. Collection by host families	<b>9.00-12.00 Theatre Training</b> Meet your teachers and get started with some theatre games and improvisations	<b>9.00-12.00 Theatre Training</b> Skills workshops focused on areas such as character; movement and music	<b>9.00-12.00 Theatre Training</b> Begin devising in groups. Through improvisation and using the acting techniques from the morning workshops you will create the basis of your performance	<b>9.00-12.00 Theatre Training</b> This morning you will finish and rehearse your original devised piece of theatre	<b>9.00-12.00 Final Performances and Filming</b> Lights, camera, action! Your final performance pieces will be professionally filmed	Optional: <b>10.00 am Stirling Day Trip</b> Highlights include The Wallace Monument, Stirling Castle and Bannockburn, the site of one of the greatest ever battles on Scottish soil A hot lunch will be provided in the castle café	<b>Free morning,</b> say farewell to host-families Farewell Lunch and presentation of final films Departure Farewell and safe journey home
<b>pm</b>		<b>1.00 pm Edinburgh City Safari</b> incl. a guided tour and orientation around the ancient and beautiful Old Town. Learn to find your way, and a little of the history	<b>Free Afternoon</b>	<b>Free Afternoon</b>	Optional: <b>Backstage Tour</b> of The Traverse Theatre	<b>Free Afternoon</b>		
	<b>Dinner at Homestay</b>	<b>Dinner at Homestay</b>	<b>Dinner at Homestay</b> Optional: <b>Theatre Trip</b>	<b>Dinner at Homestay</b>	<b>Dinner at Homestay</b>	<b>Dinner at Homestay</b>	<b>Dinner at Homestay</b>	

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## Our partners

Founded in 2012 by Harry Gooch, Improv Academy is dedicated to learning and performance through the techniques of improvisational theatre. From their base at the Edinburgh Arts Complex, a stones' throw from Holyrood Park, Harry and his friends deliver actor training and workshops for language learners.

Harry has spent a decade pursuing his dual passions of acting and teaching. For the last seven years he has been using theatre games to teach young people English in the UK, Canada, Russia and with us in

Austria. As an actor he has worked on the stage, in new media and most recently on BBC Radio. Born in Oxford, England, Harry originally moved to Scotland to study for his MA (Hons) in English Language and Literature at the University of St Andrews. Having spent some years in Edinburgh he now lives in Glasgow.

Through his theatre network in Scotland Harry and the team at IA are uniquely placed to give you a theatre experience you'll never forget.



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