

Specialist Language & Vocational Training Course

Friday 10th January – Friday 24th January 2020

Week One

Day	9am – 1pm	Lunch	1.30pm – 6pm	Evening
Friday 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arrival & orientation in St Ives (including a visit to the supermarket to get supplies) ➤ Local walk from the hostel around the town of St Ives ➤ Welcome meal at Hub St Ives 			
Saturday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ English class – late start (10am – 2pm), programme introduction & history of St Ives ➤ St Ives guided ghost and history walk with famous guide 			
Sunday 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Geevor Tin Mine, homemade pasties & coast walk 			
Monday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3 hour workshop at Leach Pottery – Guided tour + Making & glazing a Japanese tea cup. ➤ English classes (morning – 9am-1pm & afternoon – 2pm-5pm - split group with pottery) 			
Tuesday 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visit & tour of Suez recycling centre in Bodmin – Follow the process of recycling collected from beach cleans & residential collections. Plus, Q&A from recycling team at Suez 			
Wednesday 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ English classes & study with UK science students (at Truro College) ➤ Visit to United Downs Geothermal project 			
Thursday 16 th	➤ English classes		➤ St Ives Karting & cinema trip in the evening	
Friday 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Employer Visit – Imerys, a global leader in mineral management. Visit to the China Clay facility near St Austell – one of the main china clay quarries in the world 			

Week Two

Day	9am – 1pm	Lunch	1.30pm – 6pm	Evening
Saturday 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visit to the Eden Project with expert talk on the role of fungus in the ecosystem + Q&A ➤ Time to explore the Eden Project & ice-skating 			
Sunday 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Coast walk to Zennor with pub lunch (and mermaid spotting) 			
Monday 20 th	➤ Beach clean at Porthmeor & micro-plastics analysis		➤ English classes	
Tuesday 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visit to Suez's Energy Recovery Centre – learn how 'landfill' waste is dealt with in Cornwall Tour of incinerator and see how household waste is being used to generate electricity & capture CO2 ➤ Walk on Bodmin Moor & visit to Jamaica Inn 			
Wednesday 22 nd	➤ English classes		➤ Free afternoon	
Thursday 23 rd	➤ English classes		➤ Tour of Newquay & leaver's lunch overlooking Fistral beach	
Friday 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Return to Germany 			

Key Programme Features

Employer & Vocational Visits:

1. **Imerys** – We are incredibly lucky to have secured a visit to Imerys, a global leader in mineral mining and management. Their China Clay business in Cornwall is one of the biggest quarries in the world for this rare earth mineral integral to many industries, including the manufacture of paper.

Imerys are providing us with two of their senior scientists for the day for a tour of the facilities. As part of the day, we will get to visit their laboratories to get a fascinating insight into this business and the type of work opportunities available. (<https://www.imerys.com>)



2. **Suez** – This is one of the leading recycling and rubbish management companies in the UK. As part of our two week programme, we will be visiting two of their facilities in Cornwall.

Firstly, we will get a behind-the-scenes look at how they are dealing with our recycling here in Cornwall. Through the guided tour, we will get to see how different types of recyclable waste are dealt with. This will provide a really interesting link with our Beach Guardian beach cleans as we will have a first hand look at how plastics, paper, metal and glass are dealt with in Cornwall and the UK.

For our second visit, we will visit the new incinerator which now deals with all of Cornwall's non-recyclable waste. The type of rubbish that would previously have gone to landfill is now all dealt with at Suez's incinerator and energy recovery centre. Our non-recyclable waste is now turned into energy generating electricity for 21,000 homes and the CO2 is captured. This will be a really interesting visit to see how waste can be managed in a sustainable way. (<http://www.suezcornwall.co.uk>)



3. **Beach Guardian** – This small, family-run charity is providing inspiration and practical solutions to dealing with plastic waste in our oceans and beaches. Beach Guardian is getting international attention for the beach cleans they do and, in particular, how they are categorising and analyzing the type of plastic waste we are finding on our beaches, much of which may be more than 25 years old. We will be taken on a beach clean with them where we will have the opportunity to find and analyse plastic (and other) waste that can be found on our beaches. (<https://www.facebook.com/BeachGuardian/>)

5. **Cornwall Geothermal** – This will be a fascinating visit to Cornwall's fledgling geothermal industry. The geology of Cornwall makes it the perfect location for a new type of geothermal engineering that uses the latent heat in granite rocks to create electricity. This is a different type of geothermal energy to projects which use the direct heat of volcanic or molten rock. It will be a really interesting guided employer visit with the opportunity to learn more about this new industry.

English Classes & Cultural Activities:

1. **English classes** – 28 of hours of tailored English classes over the two week programme.

The students will be taught in level-based classes by our experienced team of teachers. The classes will be focused around key topics connected to their studies and the activities we will be doing on the programme.

Each 4-hour class is split into two parts. Half the lesson will focus on language and grammar, while the other half of the lesson will be focused on the key topics relating to the excursions and activities on the programme.





2. Coast walks – Cornwall is a beautiful region in the south-west of the UK. To really understand its history and culture, you have to explore the amazing rural coast and countryside.

Over the duration of the course, we will complete some beautiful coast walks on the dramatic Atlantic coast. This is a perfect opportunity to soak up the geography and geology that has played such an important role in the history and culture of Cornwall.

Much of Cornwall's coastline is a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to the fascinating remains of tin mines around the county. While now Cornwall can seem quiet and peaceful, 200 years ago it was at the heart of the industrial revolution.

This has recently become more famous around the world due to the Poldark series which tells the stories of these tin mines. Prior to each walk, we will talk about the history of the places where we walk and how they link to the industrial revolution.

3. Geevor Mine – Geevor Mine provides a fantastic insight into Cornwall's industrial past. You will learn how Cornwall played a vital part in the birth of the industrial revolution. You will also get to go down some of the oldest mining tunnels in the world going underground in tunnels dug by hand over 400 years ago in the search for tin.

Geevor Mine was also one of the last tin mines to stay open in Cornwall closing in 1990. As a result, there are still miners who worked there who provide guided tours to give you a real taste of what it was like to work in this place.



The tour includes learning about how the tin was extracted from the rock and you can see the process in action.

The final part of the tour leads us to Geevor Café with wonderful views out to sea and a homemade Cornish pasty to eat. (<https://geevor.com>)



4. St Ives – St Ives is my favourite town in Cornwall and it provides a wonderful location for students to stay during the programme. The accommodation is situated in the centre of town and so students can easily walk around the narrow streets and get a feel for a real British seaside town. There are so many interesting streets with art galleries and interesting little shops. St Ives is one of the most famous cities in the UK for art due to the avant garde movement there in the 1920s and 30s. As a result, it is one of only three locations in the UK with a Tate Art Gallery. Plus, there is the Barbara Hepworth sculpture garden. During our time in St Ives, students will have a chance to enjoy all these different things.

As part of our first weekend in St Ives, we will also be given a historical tour of the town by Shanty, a famous story teller from St Ives who brings the history of the town to life through his story telling.

5. Zennor & the Mermaid of Zennor – Just a few miles down the road from St Ives is the historic village of Zennor. We will follow the amazing Cornish coast path to walk from St Ives to Zennor. This is a dramatic piece of coastline with beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean throughout. If we are lucky we may also see seals, dolphins and even whales during the walk. This part of the coast has also claimed many ships over the years and there are a couple of points on the walk where old shipwrecks are visible.

This long naval history has also helped to develop the legend of the mermaid of Zennor. During the course, you will learn more about this interesting legend which you may also spot in the architecture of Zennor when we visit the village.

At the end of this lovely walk, we will finish up in the Tinner's Arms, a traditional 13th Century pub for a perfect Sunday roast next to the fire.

6. St. Ives Go-karting – After a week of hard work, we will have earned a chance to compete in our own grand prix! We are lucky to have this large racing track near where we are staying. They have some great go-karts and offer the chance for groups to have their own grand-prix on their track. You will get to go through qualifying and then race in a 20 lap race round their international go-karting circuit. Who will be the winner?

Following the race, we will also get the chance to relax and enjoy one of the latest films at the cinema.

7. Leach Pottery – Bernard Leach and Leach Pottery is one of the most famous pottery brands in the world and this year they are celebrating their 100th Anniversary. They are providing us with one of their special, bespoke pottery workshops. One of their professional potters will provide you with a tour and history of the pottery before giving you the chance to have a go at making something from clay.

In addition to the clay, you will learn a little about the glazing process and the amazing chemistry that goes into making our everyday household crockery. ,



7. The Eden Project is home to two huge biomes housing a tropical rain forest and a Mediterranean landscape. It is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the UK.

As well as the biomes, there are extensive tropical gardens and educational installations that are always popular with both adults and young people. As part of our visit to Eden, we will be given an expert scientific talk on the importance of fungus in our eco-system. (<https://www.edenproject.com>)

9. Bodmin Moor & Jamaica Inn – After one of our employer visits to Suez, we will head off on a countryside walk to the highest point in Cornwall – Brown Willy. It may be only 400m above sea level but from here you can see both coasts and you get a fascinating view of the china clay industry in Cornwall and the recycling facilities we will have just visited. To finish the excursion, we will drop into Jamaica Inn, the historical and atmospheric pub on Bodmin Moor which was made famous by Daphne du Maurier's book about piracy and smuggling.

