





Welcome to Trebinshun House

An exclusive English language learning experience

Wherever you are and whatever your industry or profession, it's never been more important to be able to speak, write and understand English as confidently and competently as your colleagues and customers do. Yet you probably have less spare time than ever to improve your English language skills!

We can help. Our intensive, full immersion residential approach has been developed through 40 years of specialist experience. It combines expert, individually-tailored tuition with a varied and fully supervised social programme that will accelerate your progress in ways that no other English course can.

Trebinshun House is exclusive. We accept no more than 14 clients at a time - most of them business people - to protect the excellent quality of the learning experience we deliver. But learning here is not all hard work! We are a family-run operation based in the elegant yet friendly atmosphere of a historic manor house set in beautiful countryside yet only 90 minutes by car from several international airports. There are many ways to relax and enjoy yourself while speaking English beyond formal lesson time – a way of learning that is pedagogically and scientifically proven to have tremendous value.

We have helped thousands of professional and business people from mainland Europe but also Asia, Middle East, Africa and South America advance their organisations and careers by dramatically improving their English. Our clients include private individuals as well as executives from global energy, automotive, pharmaceutical and telecommunication companies as well as government ministries, legal firms and leading financial institutions.

We are accredited and quality assured by the British Council.



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Learning at Trebinshun

Each of our clients has unique needs and priorities, and we work very carefully and flexibly to tailor our learning solutions to meet these. We only employ the highest quality teachers in our industry – who usually have personal experience of the corporate and business worlds. Their insights and expertise will ensure that your personal learning objectives are met and that you become more accurate, fluent and confident in your use of written and spoken English.

At the beginning of your course a detailed needs analysis and language evaluation is undertaken. However, we strongly recommend that you contact us to discuss your needs and areas of focus before booking a course. This allows us to guide your choices and help you to get the most from your time with us.

We offer two broad categories of learning experience: **one-to-one courses** and **combination courses**. Within these categories you can decide how much individual tuition, group classes and supported self-study time you would like. Individual lessons extend your vocabulary and grammar in a short space of time. Group lessons are never comprised of more than four clients and are good for improving speaking fluency and listening. During all lessons you will develop a range of business skills, such as negotiating, making presentations, facilitating meetings, holding telephone and video conferences and writing.

Our courses usually deliver 30 hours of tuition across five days - starting with a Welcome Dinner on Sunday evening and finishing at lunchtime on a Friday. We are happy to tailor our courses to fit individual requirements.



ONE-TO-ONE COURSES

Intensive Individual - 100% one-to-one lessons

30 hours of individual tuition

Full social and leisure programme

Private bedroom and bathroom

All course materials

All meals (including wine)

Full learning development report

PRICE: June-Sept: £3045 per week - October-May: £2595 per week

Individual - 75% one-to-one lessons and 25% self study

22.5 hours of individual tuition

7.5 hours of supported self-study

Full social and leisure programme

Private bedroom and bathroom

All course materials

All meals (including wine)

Full learning development report

PRICE: June-Sept: £2730 per week - October-May: £2275 per week



COMBINATION COURSES

Please note: a minimum level of lower intermediate is needed to participate in group lessons.

Intensive Combination - 50% one-to-one lessons, 50% group lessons

15 hours of individual tuition

15 hours of group tuition (maximum of 4 participants per group)

Full social and leisure programme

Private bedroom and bathroom

All course materials

All meals (including wine)

Full learning development report

PRICE: June-Sept: £2730 per week - October-May: £2275 per week

Combination - 25% one-to-one lessons, 50% group lessons and 25% self study

7.5 hours of individual tuition

15 hours of group tuition (maximum of 4 participants per group)

7.5 hours of supported self-study

Full social and leisure programme

Private bedroom and bathroom

All course materials

All meals (including wine)

Full learning development report

PRICE: June-Sept: £2455 per week - October-May: £2025 per week

For Combination/Intensive Combination course applicants - if there is no available group that meets your requirements, we advise that you will be transferred to individual tuition as appropriate. Course upgrades can also be arranged for those that wish.

Cancellation Policy: As Trebinshun House has a very limited capacity, we impose a charge of 100% of one week's fees for all cancellations or postponements made less than 10 working days (Monday to Friday) before your arrival date. But we are happy to accept a colleague or friend in your place at no extra charge.



Living at Trebinshun

Trebinshun House is a special place. It allows corporate leaders and professional people to develop their English language skills as part of a small group within the warm family atmosphere and beautiful surroundings of a historic manor house.

History

A house was first built at Trebinshun in 1588. The Watson family arrived in the 1950s and in 1976 they established their language school here in an area of outstanding beauty within a National Park. Many of the Watson family are still involved with the business, and with the help of a wonderful team of teachers, hosts and domestic staff, the authentic friendly atmosphere and professional excellence of Trebinshun continues today.

Eating

The excellent quality of our food and carefully chosen wine is always a highlight of any course at Trebinshun House!

To continue the learning experience everyone eats together while speaking English. Our dedicated chef prides himself on the high standard of his cooking, variety of his menus and uses fresh local ingredients where possible.

All meals and wine – from the classic English breakfast to homemade cakes at teatime and candlelit dinners in the evenings – are included in our course prices.



Accommodation

Trebinshun House stands in its own small estate and large gardens in a beautiful and very peaceful valley.

All our bedrooms are very comfortable and charmingly decorated to feel more like a private home than a hotel. They each have an en-suite bathroom and are situated in either the main house or our delightful courtyard development.

We also offer the opportunity to stay in one of our luxurious and newly refurbished manor rooms. These all have wonderful views, exceptional bathrooms, king-sized beds and additional space in which to study and relax. They are available at an additional cost of £325 per week.

Extra nights of accommodation, dinner and breakfast without tuition are available at an additional charge of £110 per night for standard rooms and £125 for manor rooms.

We run a complementary in-house laundry service to all clients.

Facilities and Activities

We are blessed to have lovely countryside and dramatic natural scenery on our doorstep. For anyone who enjoys walking, cycling, golf, horse-riding, fishing or other outdoor country pursuits, a visit here will feel like a trip to paradise! We also have a small fitness suite and sauna facility. And if you are a less energetic person, you can visit local historical sites, go shopping or relax in front of our open log fires or play billiards in our snooker room.

Each evening after lessons your host will arrange a variety of social and cultural activities designed to improve your English language skills in informal situations. There is also a weekly guest evening, when you can meet members of the local community or listen to a visiting speaker. On your final day with us, there will be a farewell drink and presentation of certificates.



Praise for Trebinshun

I have had many language courses but this is the best. The group of students is not too big. Very good staff. I'd like to come back.

Karin Gaardsted, Danish Socialist Party, Denmark

Brilliant! Everything was well organised. It was a warm welcome so we could feel at home. The lessons were very structured and the teachers really supported me.

Peter Muller, BP Europe, Germany

It's a perfect place to learn English in a small group. There is a good mix between discussion and exercises. The food is delicious and there is a family atmosphere.

Helena Halat, Dior, France

The atmosphere exceeded my expectations and the teaching was outstanding.

JM Perera, Enagas, Spain

You are wonderful! I didn't feel like a customer, I felt like a friend.

Ulf Peterson, T Systems, Germany

I had a very productive and extremely valuable time at Trebinshun that contributed to my professional and personal growth. Your teaching staff are a credit to the language centre and I look forward to coming back.

Marie Dennegaard, Volvo Group, Sweden

The best teachers! I really enjoyed staying here and studying. It's a good place to meet interesting people and the food is great.

Natalya Koshova, Comfy Electronics, Ukraine

I especially appreciated the very good matching of my learning goals, the estimation of my level and the individual programme offered.

Theo van Leeuwen, University of Windesheim, Netherlands



Travel Information

Trebinsun House is easily accessible by air, car and rail. We can also arrange a taxi transfer from anywhere in the UK.

Airports

The nearest international airports are Cardiff (90 minutes by car), Bristol (90 minutes by car), Birmingham (120 minutes by car) and London Heathrow (140 minutes by car).

Prices (each way) for private transfers are:

- Bristol: £152
- Cardiff: £152
- Birmingham: £203
- London Heathrow: £259
- London Gatwick: £305

We also arrange one shared transfer from London Heathrow Airport in the form of the Trebinsun Car. This departs London Heathrow on Sundays at 16.00hrs and departs Trebinsun on Friday at 13.00hrs so departure flights should leave from London Heathrow after 17.30hrs. The cost of the Trebinsun car is £157 each way.

Trains

There is an hourly train service from London Paddington to Newport and we are happy to arrange for a taxi to meet you at the station at a cost of £90 each way.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q - Are you open all year round?

A - Yes. Aside from three weeks when we close at Christmas, we stay open all year round, including British Bank Holidays.

Q - How experienced and qualified are your staff?

A - All our staff are very experienced and well-qualified. We are accredited by the British Council and always get excellent grades for our teaching. Our teachers are specialists in teaching adults and business people and many of them have a business background.

Q - Can I change my course when I arrive?

A - Yes this is possible after consultation with our Director of Studies on what would be the best solution for you.

Q - How do you assess and decide on my level?

A - We use a combination of a written test, a needs analysis and an oral interview. If you wish you can complete an online test before your arrival.

Q - How will you tailor my course to my needs?

A - We will look at your test and interview results and consult with you on exactly what your objectives for the course are. We then build the course specifically to meet these needs.

Q - When should I arrive for my course?

A - We do offer condensed mid-week courses but our courses normally start on Sunday evening with a Welcome Dinner and end with departure on Friday lunchtime. Transfers can be arranged to all major airports and railways stations.

Q - What learning support can you provide for me after I leave?

A - We offer Distance English courses with the teacher who taught you for your course. These are delivered via a combination of telephone, Skype and email correspondence.

Q - Do you have an alumni network?

A - We have an active Facebook community and a growing LinkedIn network that many of our past clients use to keep in touch with us and each other.

Q - What happens on the weekends when I am staying for more than one week?

A - Most of our students make their own plans to visit friends or family in the UK. We advise that our students take advantage of the weekend and leave Friday afternoon and return on Sunday. We can help arrange activities and transfers to many UK cities. We recommend visits to London, Cardiff, Bath or a visit to Trebinshun's sister property - a castle on the Pembrokeshire coast.

Q - What is the weekday timetable?

A - A typical day starts with breakfast with your host at 8.00am. Lessons begin at 8.45am and continue until a tea or coffee break with your teachers at 10.15am. After the half hour break lessons will continue until a delicious lunch is served at 12.15pm accompanied by your host or a member of the academic team. Afternoon lessons begin at 1.00pm and continue until 5.15pm with two short breaks depending on the lesson programme. Our social programme varies from day-to-day and includes dinner with your host or teachers at around 7.30 pm.

Q - Who else will I be studying with?

A - If you have chosen a Combination or Intensive Combination course you will be studying with a maximum of three other people, who will have your level of English and similar requirements and objectives. The vast majority of our clients are business and professional people.

Q - Will I be living and studying with other students of the same nationality?

A - It is very rare, given our extensive client base, that we have a majority of students from a single country at any time. But we have no problem with students of the same nationality being at Trebinshun House together as no language is allowed to be spoken but English and our clients are all seriously committed to getting the maximum benefit from their course.

Q - Can I upgrade my room when I arrive?

A - Certainly, if there is a manor room available.

Q - Can you cater for special dietary requirements?

A - We are glad to do this but please let us know your needs before you arrive.

Q - Do you have a minimum age for clients?

A - We don't accept clients less than 21 years old. The majority of our clients are 30 - 60 years old.

Q - What is NOT included in my fee?

A - The only costs not covered by your fee are:

- Transfers to and from Trebinshun House at the beginning and end of your course.
- The cost of any external social activities such as cinema and theatre tickets, golf fees, drinks in the pub, any shopping you may want to do.
- Any drinks and bar orders beyond the wine provided at dinner which is included in your course fee.
- For those clients staying more than one week, weekend costs are not included in your course fee.

Q - Do you have Wifi?

A - Yes. This is free of charge and currently being upgraded to a high-speed fibre optic service!

Q - Can I walk to a shop or cafe from Trebinshun House?

A - Our nearest village has a shop and a pub and is a 20 minute walk or 10 minute bicycle ride away.

Q - What leisure activities are available on site at Trebinshun House?

A - Beyond the wonderful country walks right from our doorstep, we have a small fitness room, bicycles and helmets and a billiard table. In the summer we also offer croquet and badminton.

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