

ENGLAND Experience



Summer 2024

Honors: ENG 200: Introduction to Literature (3 Hrs)
A literature-immersion study abroad program during
Summer 2024 for Gatton Academy Class of 2025
students

Expense

Cost is estimated at \$5,600, which includes round-trip airfare from Louisville, all lodging, approximately half of the meals, all ground transportation, all site visits, and tuition. The WKU Study Abroad and Global Learning fees are now included in the program cost. Any student who has not previously used their one-time \$1,000 Gatton Academy Study Abroad Scholarship will only pay an estimated \$4,600 for the program cost.

Itinerary

The precise itinerary for the Summer 2024 program will be finalized later, but the below schedule models what to expect. On average, half of the days are spent in the field for site visits and half of the days are more restful class days at our countryside base.

Day 1 Travel

Depart the USA, flying overnight to London, England.

Day 2 London arrival, transport to home base

Arrive in London and transported by chartered coach to our home base. Upon arrival, the group will receive an orientation, get checked in, eat dinner, and have a guided house tour. Students have until late in the evening to explore their new, grand home.

Day 3 Class day

Class 9 AM—Noon. Lunch. Students may explore the grounds, work on homework, go into town, play games, relax, etc. before and after dinner. Afternoon tea and cookies provided.

Day 4 Field trip to Brontë Country

Travel by coach and then vintage steam train to Haworth, visit the Brontë Parsonage, and spend the afternoon on the moors hiking to the Brontë Falls and Top Withens.

Day 5 Class day

See "Day 3" for explanation of typical class day

Day 6 Field trip to York

Travel by coach to Yorkshire to visit Kentucky-based software company Carlson Software's UK headquarter. Then, spend the afternoon in the medieval walled city of York. Return by dinner with the evening free.

Day 7 Class day

See "Day 3" for explanation of typical class day

Day 8 Field trip to Stratford-upon-Avon

Travel by coach to Stratford-upon-Avon to Anne Hathaway's cottage (Shakespeare's wife), Holy Trinity Church (Shakespeare's burial site), and Shakespeare's birthplace. Dinner in town and return in the evening.

Day 9 Class day

See "Day 3" for explanation of typical class day

Day 10 Class day; Play at Tolethorpe Hall

Class 9 AM—Noon. Lunch. Depart around 4 pm to purchase food from Aldi and then head to Tolethorpe Hall to enjoy a picnic and an evening theatrical performance.

Day 11 Field trip to Nottingham

Travel by coach to Nottingham, visit the Nottingham Contemporary (Art Gallery), explore the Justice Museum, and take a guided tour through the caves below the city. Return for dinner.

Day 12 Class day

See "Day 3" for explanation of typical class day

Day 13 Field trip to Newstead Abbey

Travel by coach to Lord Byron's Newstead Abbey. Tour the house, explore the gardens, and try something new at the cafe. Return in the mid-afternoon for free time.

Day 14 Class day

See "Day 3" for explanation of typical class day

Day 15 Travel to Lake District

Check out of rooms and then travel by coach to the Lake District. After checking in at the hotel, take a coach to Rydal Mount and Dove Cottage, homes of Wordsworth. Return to hotel for the evening.

Day 16 Lake District

Take boat rides from Ambleside to Bowness and then to Ferry House. Hike to Hill Top to visit the home of Beatrix Potter. Hike back down and take the boat back to Ambleside.

Day 17 Lake District

Continue exploring the Lake District

Day 18 Travel to London

Take a coach to London and check in at College Hall. Free time to explore London.

Day 19 Class day and Globe

Class 9 AM—Noon, Afternoon free time before attending an evening performance at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

Day 20 British Library and Wellcome Collection

The class takes local field trips to the British Library for a literary scavenger hunt and the Wellcome Center for a science pedagogy assignment. Free time in the evening to explore.

Day 21 Class day and free time

Class 9 AM—Noon. Students will have free time for the rest of the day to explore London.

Day 22 Travel

Return to the United States