

HARLAXTON Experience



Mid-July – early-August 2020

Honors: ENG 200: Introduction to Literature (3 Hrs)
A literature-immersion study abroad program during
summer 2020 for Gatton Academy Class of 2021 students

Expense

Cost is estimated at \$4,700, roundtrip airfare from Louisville, all lodging, half meals, all ground transportation, all site visits, and tuition inclusive. 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 \$3,700 for the program cost.

Itinerary

The precise itinerary for the Summer 2020 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 London base or at Harlaxton Manor.

Day 1 Travel

Depart the USA, flying overnight to London, England.

Day 2 London arrival

Arrive in London and transported by chartered coach to London base. The group will have free time to get to know London in the afternoon, with dinner served at the hall, an orientation after dinner, a first class, and a film screening.

Day 3 Class day in London

Class 9 AM—Noon, studying Jane Austen's *Persuasion* and Romantic poet John Keats. Spend the afternoon with group free time exploring London.

Day 4 Field trip to Chawton and Winchester

All-day field trip to Chawton and Winchester by coach to visit Jane Austen's home, the Winchester Cathedral and Jane Austen's grave, and to walk the riverside Keats' Walk. From there, the group heads to mysterious Stonehenge. Return to London with group free time in London through the evening.

Day 5 Class day in London

Class 9 AM—Noon, continue studying Jane Austen and dive into exploring place in writing. Afternoon and evening group free time to explore London.

Day 6 Field trip to Bath

Travel by coach to Bath, take a Jane Austen walk and then tour the Roman Baths. The group returns to London by early evening for group free time.

Day 7 Class day in London

Class 9 AM—Noon, class takes a local field trip to the British Library for a literary scavenger hunt and the Wellcome Center for a science pedagogy assignment. In the afternoon, students have the opportunity to go on a Gatton-specific college tour at the Royal Veterinary School in London. The rest of the afternoon and evening is group free time in London.

Day 8 Field trip to Neasden Temple and Harry Potter Studio Tour

Spend the morning at Britain's largest Hindu Temple as our study of the novel *Gifted* takes on greater meaning. After a midday picnic, we head to north London for the Harry Potter Studio Tour. The group returns to Central London by dinner for group free time through the evening.

Day 9 Class day in London; Field trip to Globe Theatre

Class 9 AM—Noon, studying William Shakespeare.

Afternoon group free time to explore London.

Evening field trip to the Globe Theatre for seated tickets to see a Shakespearean play.

Day 10 Depart London for Harlaxton with stop en route

Depart our London base, stopping for several hours for group free time to explore Cambridge. Arrive at Harlaxton Manor. Upon arrival, the group will receive an orientation to the Manor, 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 11 Class day at Harlaxton; Play at Tolethorpe Hall

A free morning exploring Harlaxton's extensive gardens, trying to find the Manor's hidden staircases, or bicycling along the canals is followed by brunch or lunch. Class, discussing a modernist play and Brontë's *Wuthering Heights* meets from 1—4 pm. Depart at 4PM to nearby Tolethorpe Hall for an evening picnic and see the play performed.

Day 12 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, Top Withens, and Ponden Hall. Visit Halifax for dinner. Return to Harlaxton in the late evening.

Day 13 Class day at Harlaxton

Class 9 AM—Noon, continue studying Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*. Afternoon and evening free time.

Day 14 Field trip to Norfolk Coast

See the rugged coast of east England, visiting ancient Castle Rising and then carrying on to Hunstanton Beach. Return to Harlaxton in time for dinner, with free time through the evening.

Day 15 Class day at Harlaxton

Class 9 AM—Noon, discussing poetry. Afternoon and evening free time.

Day 16 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 to Harlaxton by dinner with the evening free.

Day 17 Class day at Harlaxton

Class 9 AM—Noon, discussing William Shakespeare. Afternoon and evening free time.

Day 18 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 to Harlaxton in the evening.

Day 19 Class day at Harlaxton

Class 9 AM—Noon, studying Romantic poet Lord Byron. Afternoon and evening free time to explore the Manor.

Day 20 Field trip to Newstead Abbey, Nottinghamshire

Class 9 AM—Noon, Travel by coach to Nottingham, visiting Lord Byron's Newstead Abbey. Return to Harlaxton in the mid-afternoon for free time.

Day 21 Class day at Harlaxton

Class 9 AM—Noon, discussing poetry. Afternoon and evening free time.

Day 22 Final exam day at Harlaxton

Morning final exam with free time following.

Day 23 Travel

Return to the USA.