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HARLAXTON Experience



Mid-July – early-August 2023

Honors: ENG 200: Introduction to Literature (3 Hrs)

A literature-immersion study abroad program during
summer 2023 for Gatton Academy Class of 2024 students

Expense

Cost is estimated at \$5,500, 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 \$4,500 for the program cost.

Itinerary

The precise itinerary for the Summer 2023 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 Harlaxton Manor or our London base.

Day 1 Travel

Depart the USA, flying overnight to London, England.

Day 2 London arrival, transport to Harlaxton

Arrive in London and transported by chartered coach to 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 3 Class day at Harlaxton

Class 9 AM—Noon, afternoon Harlaxton Walled Garden talk and tour.

Day 4 Class day at Harlaxton

Class 9 AM—Noon, afternoon visit to Belvoir Castle.

Day 5 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 6 Class day at Harlaxton

Class 9 AM—Noon, afternoon scavenger hunt around the Manor

Day 7 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 8 Class day at Harlaxton

Class 9 AM—Noon, afternoon walk through public footpaths

Day 9 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 10 Class day at Harlaxton

Class 9 AM—Noon, afternoon Harlaxton service project

Day 11 Class day at Harlaxton; Play at Toilethorpe Hall

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

Day 12 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 at the Manor.

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 to Harlaxton in the mid-afternoon for free time.

Day 14 Travel to Lake District

Check out of rooms at Harlaxton 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 15 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 16 Travel to London

Take a coach to London and check in at College Hall. Watch a film for class and then free time to explore London.

Day 17 Class day and Globe

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

Day 18 Chawton, Winchester, and Stonehenge

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 the mysterious Stonehenge. Return to London with group free time in the evening.

Day 19 Class day and free time

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

Day 20 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 21 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 22 Harry Potter Tour

Students head to north London for the Harry Potter Studio Tour. The group returns to Central London in time for dinner and a last night of exploration in London.

Day 23 Travel

Return to the United States