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# HARLAXTON Experience



**Mid-July – early-August 2019**

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

A literature-immersion study abroad program during  
summer 2019 for Gatton Academy Class of 2020 students

## Itinerary

The precise itinerary for the Summer 2019 program will be finalized later, but the below schedule is a model of 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.

## Expense

Cost is estimated at \$4,500, airfare, all lodging, half meals, all ground transportation, all site visits, and tuition inclusive. Students who have not previously used their Gatton Academy Study Abroad Scholarship will have their program cost lowered to an estimated \$3,500.

### 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 at the hall.

### Day 3 Class day in London/Harry Potter Studio Tour

Class 9 AM—Noon, studying Jane Austen's *Persuasion*, John Keats, and an overview of J.K. Rowling and the Harry Potter series. A 1 pm field trip takes the group to the Harry Potter Studio Tour on the outskirts of London. Students return to central London for a free evening.

### 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. Return to London by dinner with free time in London through the evening.

### Day 5 Class day in London; Field trip to Globe Theatre

Class 9 AM—Noon, studying William Shakespeare. Afternoon free time to explore London. Evening field trip to the Globe Theatre for seated tickets to see a Shakespearean play.

### Day 6 Field trip to Bath/Stonehenge

Travel by coach to Bath, take a Jane Austen walk and then tour the Roman Baths. The group moves on in the late afternoon to Stonehenge, returning to London by early evening for free time

### Day 7 Class day in London

Class 9 AM—Noon, studying C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. Spend the afternoon with free time exploring London.

### Day 8 Field trip to Oxford

Travel by train to Oxford for a guided walking tour of the city and its literary history, including stops at New College and Christchurch College. Sites are associated with C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and the Harry Potter series.

### Day 9 Class day in London

Class 9 AM—Noon, studying Katherine Mansfield, Graham Greene, and James Joyce short stories. Spend the afternoon with free time exploring London.

### Day 10 Depart London for Harlaxton with stop en route

Depart our London base, stopping for 2-3 hours at Duxford Air Museum. 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

Class 9 AM—Noon, studying D.H. Lawrence short stories. Afternoon and evening free time to find the hidden staircases in the Manor, visit Grantham, explore the extensive gardens, or bicycle along the canals.

### Day 12 Field trip to Eastwood, Nottinghamshire

Travel by coach to visit the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum and nearby Brinsley Headstocks before returning to Harlaxton in the mid-afternoon. Evening film showing of *Wuthering Heights*.

### Day 13 Class day at Harlaxton

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

### Day 14 Field trip to Brontë Country

Travel by coach to Haworth, visiting the Brontë Parsonage, and spending 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 15 Class day at Harlaxton; Play at Toilethorpe Hall

A free morning is followed by brunch or lunch. Class, discussing Romantic poets including Lord Byron, meets from 1—4 pm. Depart at 4PM to nearby Toilethorpe Hall for evening picnic and a Shakespeare play.

### Day 16 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 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 visit Warwick Castle, then 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.

### Day 19 Class day at Harlaxton

Class 9 AM—Noon, studying John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. Afternoon and evening free time.

### Day 20 Field trip to Bedford and Elstow Village

Travel by coach to Bedford to visit the John Bunyan Birthplace Museum, then on to Elstow village, then to the ruins of nearby Houghton House before returning to Harlaxton for dinner.

### 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.