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THE GATTON  
ACADEMY   
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# HOLIDAYS AT HARLAXTON



**December 2020**

A travel abroad experience for  
Gatton Academy Class of 2021 students

## **Expense**

Cost is estimated at \$3,500, roundtrip airfare from Louisville, all lodging, half meals, all ground transportation, and all site visits inclusive. Any student who has not previously used their one-time \$1,000 Gatton Academy Study Abroad Scholarship will only pay an estimated \$2,500.

## **Itinerary**

### **Day 1 Travel**

Depart the USA, flying overnight to London, England.

### **Day 2 Arrival at Harlaxton Manor**

Arrive in London and transported by chartered coach to Harlaxton Manor. After settling into rooms, students will receive an orientation, eat dinner, take a tour of the Manor, and then have the evening free to explore the Manor and grounds.

### **Day 3 Nottingham**

Students will wake up to a free morning at Harlaxton to explore the Manor and the grounds. After lunch, students will board a coach to the nearby city of Nottingham to explore the city and visit a Christmas market.

### **Day 4 Holiday Traditions at Harlaxton**

Students will take tours with Harlaxton Manor staff members of the inner-workings of the Manor, including the bell tower and railway. Students will meet up with the Harlaxton chefs to learn how to make a traditional English holiday treat. In the afternoon, a British faculty member will acquaint students with a history of Harlaxton and with holiday traditions in the United Kingdom. In the evening, students will decorate the Harlaxton Christmas tree together in the Great Hall.

### **Day 5 Chatsworth House**

Students will spend a leisurely morning exploring Harlaxton Manor, nearby Grantham, or taking a walk in the village or English countryside. After lunch, students will board a coach to stately Chatsworth House and then visit a Christmas market.

### **Day 6 York**

Students will depart early for a day in the medieval city of York to experience the city during the holidays, including options to visit the Shambles, York Minster Cathedral, the medieval castle wall, or the Viking Centre among many choices.

### **Day 7 Volunteer Project; Evening Yule Ball**

Students and staff will spend the morning working together on a volunteer project in nearby Grantham. The afternoon will be at student's leisure to shop, explore Harlaxton Manor and grounds, or take a walk in the English countryside or in the village. By evening, students and staff alike will don in their best for a Yule Ball in the Harlaxton Great Hall.

### **Day 8 Harry Potter; London**

Students will say goodbye early to Harlaxton Manor, heading first to the Harry Potter Studio tour in greater London. In the afternoon, students will check in to their central London hotel, have free time for dinner, and regroup to attend the most absurd of English holiday traditions together: a "panto," or pantomime performance.

### **Day 9 London**

Students will have a free day in London for shopping, ice skating, markets, or museums. In the afternoon, they will group to attend a Christmas carol performance at the Royal Albert Hall.

### **Day 10 Return to the USA**

Students will depart London and return to Kentucky in plenty of time to celebrate the holiday season at home with family and friends.