



Spring Break in England

A travel/study program for eighth grade and high school honors students and interested adults

April 2-11, 2027



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This program is an opportunity for eighth-grade and high school honors students and interested adults to spend eight days learning about the history, culture, and people of England. Sponsored by The Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University, the program provides a carefully structured experience. Twenty-five qualified applicants will be accompanied by the program director.

Application

All travelers must be able to participate in everyday physical activities. Student applicants must also meet the following criteria:

- Enrollment in 8th-12th grade;
- Involvement in high school honors or gifted services; and
- A recommendation from a teacher, counselor, principal, or gifted and talented coordinator if traveling without an adult.

Apply at wku.edu/gifted/travel or scan the QR code on the right.



A nonrefundable \$500 deposit is required when you apply. Travelers must have a passport that remains valid for at least six months beyond the return date. You must provide a copy of your passport information page to The Center.

NOTE: The group is capped at 25; eligible participants will be admitted in the order in which applications are received. The deposit will be returned if the tour has reached capacity.

Cost

The program cost of \$5,750 includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Nashville, TN;
- Accommodations in double rooms (an adult may request a single room for an additional charge);
- Breakfast each day at the hotel;
- Admission to historic sites, museums, and other points of interest listed on the itinerary;
- Travel by motor coach for excursions.

Apply and submit your deposit by December 1 to receive a \$250 discount!

Payment schedule

- \$500 deposit and a passport-sized photo are due with application
- \$2,625 due January 1, 2027
- \$2,625 due February 1, 2027

NOTE: Cost is subject to change if airfares, exchange rates, or service costs change. The itinerary is subject to minor changes in daily activities.

Itinerary

Friday, April 2

Travel nonstop from Nashville to London.

Saturday, April 3

Arrive at London Heathrow and travel by private motorcoach to visit Stonehenge and Avebury, England’s most famous prehistoric standing stones. Travel to London in the late afternoon and check into the hotel.

Sunday, April 4

Attend a church service at St. Paul’s Cathedral, designed by Christopher Wren. In the afternoon, visit the newly opened London Museum at Smithfield, which presents the story of the city and its people from prehistoric times to the present. End the afternoon with a visit to Trafalgar Square and the National Gallery.



Monday, April 5

Depart for a full-day excursion. In the morning, visit Warwick Castle, the great medieval castle built by the first Earls of Warwick. Spend the afternoon in Stratford-upon-Avon, visiting Anne Hathaway’s cottage, Shakespeare’s birthplace, and Holy Trinity Church, where Shakespeare is buried. Return to London in the early evening.

Tuesday, April 6

In the morning, visit Kensington Palace and Gardens. After the palace visit, travel by motorcoach to Warner Bros. Studios in Leavesden to experience The Making of Harry Potter Tour, where the Harry Potter films were made. Return to London in the late afternoon.

Wednesday, April 7

Depart by motorcoach for a morning visit to Hampton Court, one of Henry VIII’s favorite residences. This palace was given to Henry as a gift by Cardinal Wolsey. In the afternoon, tour Windsor Castle, one of England’s largest walled castles. Windsor is the royal family’s second residence in the London area. Return to London in the late afternoon.



Thursday, April 8

Visit the British Museum to see famous objects such as the Rosetta Stone, the “Bog Man,” the Parthenon Sculptures, and a special exhibit: the Bayeux Tapestry, which tells the story of the Norman invasion of England in 1066. Then go into the old city of London to tour the Tower of London. This historic fortress once imprisoned figures including Anne Boleyn and Sir Walter Raleigh and now houses the Crown Jewels. Have dinner and see the shops and sights at Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square before attending a theater performance in the evening.

Friday, April 9

Take a guided tour of magnificent St. Paul’s Cathedral. Then cross the Millennium Bridge to visit the replica of the Globe Theatre on the south bank of the Thames. End the afternoon with a stroll down Whitehall and Pall Mall to see the Horse Guards Barracks, Number 10 Downing Street, the Banqueting Hall, Clarence House, and Buckingham Palace.

Saturday, April 10

Take a tour of the Houses of Parliament. Then tour Westminster Abbey. In the afternoon, visit the Churchill Museum and the War Rooms, where Churchill worked during WWII. Close out the day with a ride on the London Eye, which takes you to 433 feet high at the very top. The panoramic view of London from the Eye will provide a wonderful end to our week in London.

Sunday, April 11

Depart London for Nashville, TN.

