

MEMO—Office of the Principal

Date: February 4, 2014
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler
From: Tom Rogers
Re: Out-of-Country Trip to England



We are requesting permission to participate in an Out of Country Field Trip to England for Summer 2015. The purpose of this trip is to provide an educational and cultural experience that will reinforce and enhance our English III curriculum and cultural appreciation. It will provide students with a unique opportunity to learn and interact with professionals in our content area.

1. Trip Dates: July 13th – 23rd, 2015
11 days and 10 nights
Final dates subject to Board approval
2. Number of Students Attending: Approximately 12 to 18
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier / ACIS Travel
4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$4337.00
5. Adult Chaperones: Mr. Phil Ralston and Mrs. Kate Hertz
6. Goals:
 - a. Students will explore places of significance that are connected to literature in the English III curriculum: such as The Romantics, Beowulf, King Arthur and Shakespeare.
 - b. Students will learn what life was like during the medieval period through the middle ages and the Victorian Era. Students will make many literary connections throughout the spectrum of English literature.
 - c. See attached tentative itinerary for additional details.

TOUR DETAILS

Jul 13 - Jul 23, 2015

Group Leader

Mr. Phil Ralston

Group ID

223081

Depart From

Chicago



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Round-Trip Flights
- ✓ Centrally Located Hotels
- ✓ 24-Hour Tour Manager
- ✓ London Tour with Guide
- ✓ British Museum with Guide
- ✓ Christchurch College
- ✓ Punting on the River Cherwell
- ✓ Shakespeare's Birthplace
- ✓ Holy Trinity Church
- ✓ Edinburgh Tour with Guide
- ✓ Edinburgh Castle
- ✓ Dove Cottage

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Students will become familiar with Georgian architecture through Robert Adams' buildings in Edinburgh's New Town.
- ✓ Students will learn about the successful invading forces that have shaped the British Isles and gain an understanding of how their influence extends to the present day.
- ✓ Students will learn about the current royal family and the role of the monarchy in British government and society.



* Map may not reflect your final trip itinerary.

Scots, Bards and Brits

JUL 13, 2015: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT Depart from the USA.

JUL 14, 2015: LONDON Arrive in the bustling city of London. Relax, unpack and become acquainted with your surroundings. (D)

JUL 15, 2015: LONDON This morning's panoramic sightseeing tour, led by a local guide, shows you Trafalgar Square, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace. Continue with a guided visit of the British Museum, home to cultural treasures like the Rosetta Stone and sculptural friezes from the Parthenon. Later you can explore more of the museum or maybe stroll down nearby Oxford Street. This evening enjoy a flight on the London Eye. (B,D)

JUL 16, 2015: LONDON Enjoy a full-day excursion to Stonehenge and Salisbury. Head to the mysterious circles of Stonehenge, where sunrise rites are said to have occurred more than 4,000 years ago. Finish the day with a visit to the town of Salisbury, best known for its magnificent cathedral. (B,D)

JUL 17, 2015: LONDON This morning head to the Tower of London where you will have a chance to see the Crown Jewels. Then visit Westminster Abbey. Next head to one of London's most famous addresses when you visit the Sherlock Holmes Museum at 221b Baker Street. This evening enjoy a show at the Globe Theater. (B,D)

JUL 18, 2015: STRATFORD AREA Drive to Oxford, home to the oldest and grandest of England's universities. During a walking tour of the campus, learn some of its centuries-old traditions and what it's like to study here. Among the highlights is Christchurch College. Then try your hand at a classic Oxford pastime with a punting excursion on the River Cherwell. Continue to the Stratford area for the night.(B,D)

JUL 19, 2015: YORK Today explore Stratford-upon-Avon, home of the famous playwright William Shakespeare. Entrance is included to Shakespeare's Birthplace and Holy Trinity Church, where the Bard is buried. Then journey to York and begin to uncover the secrets of its quaint cobbled streets during a walking tour. (B,D)

JUL 20, 2015: EDINBURGH Journey north, stopping to photograph the impressive Alnwick Castle. Fans will recognize the medieval fortress as Hogwarts from the Harry Potter films. Then continue on to Edinburgh. (B,D)

JUL 21, 2015: EDINBURGH A guided sightseeing tour includes entrance to Edinburgh Castle, the seat of Scottish royalty for centuries and home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. Built atop an extinct volcano, the castle dominates the city's skyline. Later, you'll stroll along Princes Street, a noted shopping district, and through Charlotte Square. During your free afternoon, perhaps explore sites linked to famous Scottish literary figures such as Robert Louis Stevenson and Sir Walter Scott. (B,D)

TOUR COST

Group Fees

Program Fee	\$4277
Early Registration Discount	\$-300
Extra day in London	\$360
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Total Group Fees ²	\$4337

² Valid through 03/01/14 with \$200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge	\$95
Single Room Supplement	\$720
Double Room Supplement	\$405
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$330
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$275

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JUL 22, 2015: LAKE DISTRICT Begin your morning by traveling to the quaint village of Grasmere, a favorite among Lake poets. Wordsworth lived in Dove Cottage, which you'll visit, and is buried at the local church. Then arrive in the beautiful and mystical Lake District for your final evening abroad. (B,D)

JUL 23, 2015: DEPARTURE Depart for the USA. Optional Extensions and Extra Nights: Further immerse yourself in the culture and delights of England's capital with an extra night in London, including the services of your ACIS Tour Manager, at the beginning of your tour. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.

Cultural Connections

Punting on the River Cherwell

Test your balance and wield the pole as you try your hand at the classic Oxford pastime of punting.

Notes from ACIS

Participants registered on our 2015 tours will be exempt from any airline-imposed changes to Departure Fees.

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