

ENGLAND Experience



Summer 2025

Honors: ENG 200: Introduction to Literature (3 Hrs)
A literature-immersion study abroad program during
Summer 2025 for Gatton Academy Class of 2026
students

Expense

Cost is estimated at \$6,000, which includes round-trip airfare from Louisville, all lodging, approximately 80% 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 \$5,000 for the program cost.

Itinerary

The precise itinerary for the Summer 2025 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 our countryside Wroxton base.

Day 1 Travel

Depart the USA, flying overnight to London, England.

Day 2 London arrival, transport to Wroxton

Arrive in London and transported by chartered coach to our home base in Wroxton. Upon arrival, the group will have lunch, receive an orientation, have a guided house tour, get checked in, and eat dinner. Students have until late in the evening to explore their new, grand home.

Day 3 Field trip to Oxford

Morning lecture from Dr. Nicholas Baldwin about the differences between the US and the UK. Students take an afternoon trip to nearby Oxford to visit museums, shop, and explore the city.

Day 4 Class and trip to Blenheim Palace

Class 9 AM—Noon. Travel to Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Winston Churchill, and home to beautiful gardens, a maze, a mini-train students can ride, a duck pond, and a large obelisk.

Day 5 Class day

Breakfast. Class 9 AM—Noon. Break during class for morning coffee. Lunch. Afternoon tea served at 3:45 pm. Dinner at 6 pm.

Day 6 Field trip to Chawton, Stonehenge, and Salisbury

Travel by coach to Chawton to visit Jane Austen's home, where students can learn about Austen, play lawn games, and dress up like Jane and her family. Then, visit Stonehenge to admire the ancient ruins and take a group picture. Lastly, spend the afternoon touring beautiful Salisbury Cathedral and the surrounding town.

Day 7 Class day

See "Day 5" for explanation of typical class day.

Day 8 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. Grab dinner in town and then take in a play at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

Day 9 Class day

See "Day 5" for explanation of typical class day

Day 10 Class and Harry Potter Studio Tour

Class 9 AM—Noon Lunch. Travel by coach to Warner Bros. Studios Leavesden for a Harry Potter Studios tour.

Day 11 Field trip to Brighton

Travel by coach to Brighton, a seaside town on the southern coast of England. Grab lunch wherever you would like and spend the afternoon exploring the town before returning for dinner.

Day 12 Class day

See "Day 5" for explanation of typical class day

Day 13 Class and trip to Sudeley Castle

Class 9 AM—Noon. Lunch. Travel by coach to Sudeley Castle, home of Kentucky native Lady Ashcombe. Tour the castle, enjoy the Adventure Playground, see Queen Katherine's tomb, and admire the impressive animal sculptures on the grounds.

Day 14 Field trip to London

Travel by coach to London. Take the Tube to the British Library for a literary scavenger hunt and the Wellcome Center for a science pedagogy assignment. Free time in the afternoon to explore London before returning to Wroxton for dinner.

Day 15 Class Day

See "Day 5" for explanation of typical class day

Day 16 Travel to Lake District

Check out of rooms 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 17 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 18 Lake District

Continue exploring the Lake District

Day 19 Travel to London

Take a coach to London and check in at the hotel. Free time to explore London.

Day 19 Exploring London and Globe Theatre

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time to explore London before attending an evening performance at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

Day 20 Exploring London

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time to explore London.

Day 21 Exploring London

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time to explore London.

Day 22 Travel

Return to the United States