

# PSSS 1012:

International Studies in England



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# ENGLAND

## PSSS 1012: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN ENGLAND

### DAY 1

Depart from home city.

### DAY 2: CITY TOUR AND ORIENTATION

Upon arrival in London, your Course Leader will familiarize you with the area around your hotel and share practical information about London such as banking, mail services, phone, personal security, and healthcare.

Get acquainted with the city by exploring some of its most important neighborhoods, home to sites including **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**, **TRAFALGAR SQUARE**, **WESTMINSTER ABBEY**, and **THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT** and **CLOCK TOWER** (aka **BIG BEN**).

Spend the afternoon exploring the world's greatest collection of antiquities in the **BRITISH MUSEUM**. Spanning two million years of history, its collections of more than 13 million pieces include the Rosetta Stone and the Elgin Marbles.

Feast on a traditional dinner of fish and chips or bangers and mash.

### DAY 3: GO FOR THE GLOBE

Breakfast

#### ❖ *Art or Scam?*

While exploring the **TATE MODERN**, discuss the spectrum of the word 'art'—from traditional to absurd. Students pair up to scour the museum for the most unexpected pieces, while making notes and preparing to debate what they think is truly art!

Embrace typical 16<sup>th</sup>-century theatre life at **SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE THEATRE**, a faithful reproduction of his original open-air playhouse. Following a backstage tour of the Globe, groups traveling during the theatre's season (May to September) may attend a top-notch Shakespearean performance.

#### ❖ *Shakespeare's Shaky Stage*

After the performance, students discuss the emergence of theatre as an art form, discover the history of the Globe Theatre, and contemplate the impacts of theatre censorship.

Dine like a local with dinner in an English pub — a place where business is conducted, friends gather, and special events are celebrated.

### DAY 4: ROYAL LONDON

Breakfast

#### ❖ *A Place for Politics*

In Windsor, explore **WINDSOR CASTLE**, the largest inhabited castle in the world. It has been a working palace and fortress for more than 900 years, dating back to the time of William the Conqueror. Students examine the presence of government buildings and landmarks, and compare the government systems of England and the United States.

#### ❖ *Fit for a Queen*

Explore the role of the Queen and the functions of the royal residence.

See art come to life when you attend a world-renowned **WEST END THEATRE** performance.

Dinner

### ❖ *Sample Educational Insights*

Each day during your travel program, your Course Leader will facilitate activities that focus on global topics and are designed to ignite a desire for change and cultivate a hope for the future. The lessons provide students with the ability to understand other traditions, cultures, viewpoints, and environmental issues, and they prepare students to take an active role in our society. Sample educational insights are included in this itinerary to give an overview of the themes and subjects that will be discussed during your travel program.

### DAY 5: THE CITY OF LONDON

Breakfast

Explore the history and architecture of the city's oldest section, the **CITY OF LONDON** — or more commonly, "the City." Tour **ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL** and the **TOWER OF LONDON**, a site nearly 1,000 years old that has served as a residential palace, fortress, royal mint, bank, arsenal, and most infamously, a prison.

Dinner

Take in the bright lights and colorful characters while walking through the West End Theatre District at night.

### DAY 6: STRAIGHT TO STRATFORD

Breakfast

#### ❖ *Drama, Drama, Drama*

Set off for a full day's adventure in **STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**, William Shakespeare's hometown. A walking tour leads you to his birthplace at the **HOUSE ON HENLEY STREET**, now a museum to his life and works. Then head to picturesque **ANNE**

**HATHAWAY'S COTTAGE**, the countryside childhood home of Shakespeare's wife. Afterwards, discuss Shakespeare's history in Stratford-upon-Avon and analyze the controversy of Shakespeare and Edward de Vere.

Go backstage at the **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY** and learn what it's like to work on the Bard's work.

Dinner

### DAY 7: DAY OF DISCOVERY

Breakfast

Optional Excursion: Explore prehistoric **STONEHENGE**, one of the most memorable monuments in the world, a collection of stones dragged to this lonely plain near Salisbury 5,000 years ago. Who built it? Why? These questions have haunted the minds of scholars for centuries. Next, discover the charming city of **SALISBURY**, the site of one of Europe's most celebrated cathedrals. Finally, it's on to the city of **BATH**, famous for its elegant Georgian architecture. Visit the Roman Baths, the best preserved Roman spa from the ancient world.

-or-

Customize your day to meet your needs and interests with free time on your own in London.

Dinner

### DAY 8: CHEERIO

Breakfast

Enjoy free time in the morning for last minute photographs or shopping.

Depart for home.

*\*The itinerary may be modified and inclusions and airports substituted depending on your travel dates, arrival and departure times, national holidays, hours of operation, and events beyond WorldStrides' control. Prices may vary depending on departure city and duration of program.*



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