



London Weekend: 29 August – 1 September 2019



Highlights

London, capital city of the United Kingdom and a true world class city. Join your new Harlaxton classmates in the great adventure that is London. We provide you with a written walking guide, which you can do at your own pace, that takes you to many of London’s famous landmarks: The British Museum; Piccadilly Circus; Trafalgar Square; National Portrait Gallery and National Gallery; 10 Downing Street; Westminster Abbey; Parliament; Big Ben; the Thames River; the London Eye; Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London.

In addition to the must-see British Museum, why not include the Tate Britain and Tate Modern, the Victoria and Albert, the British Library gallery, the extensive art collections of the National Gallery and the Portrait Gallery. Special interest sites such as the Churchill War Rooms, the Florence Nightingale Museum and the Natural History Museum. Street markets, the changing of the guards, theatre, musicals, opera, ballet. Whatever your interest, you will find it in London.

Your trip includes round trip coach transport from Harlaxton to the hotel, three nights in a central London hotel, including breakfasts.

Included is transport and admission to Hampton Court Palace on Sunday. Hampton Court was home to many kings and queens, including Henry VIII, and offers fascinating exhibits and beautiful gardens to explore, all linking to your British Studies course.

There may be some optional group visits available in London, confirmation and details will be available nearer the start of semester.

Details

- Price:** £230.00 (pounds sterling)
- Deposit:** Full payment required
- Includes:** Transport, hotel (bed & breakfast) and admission to Hampton Court Palace
- Hotel:** Royal National Hotel
Bedford Way
London, WC1H
- Meals:** Breakfast included
- Deadline:** 20 August 2019
See Booking Conditions for full details

A Harlaxton member of staff accompanies each trip to provide assistance as needed.

Itinerary:

Thursday

Depart Harlaxton Manor for London (6.30pm)
Arrive London Hotel (9.30pm approx.)

Friday

Free day

Saturday

Free day

Sunday

Depart London for Harlaxton (10.30am)
Hampton Court Palace (group visit)
Arrive Harlaxton Manor (6.00pm approx.)



Scotland Weekend: 20–22 September 2019



Highlights

Travelling from the manor by coach, we arrive Friday afternoon at the city of Edinburgh with its castle sitting at the top of the famous Royal Mile, where we will be based for two nights at a central hostel (breakfast included).

While exploring Edinburgh, you can walk down the 'Mile' with stops at the modern Scottish Parliament buildings, the Palace of Holyroodhouse (the Queen's Edinburgh residence), St Giles Cathedral (home church of Presbyterianism), or perhaps the Whisky Heritage Centre. The traditional climb up Arthur's Seat will give you expansive views over the city and out to the Firth of Forth. Visit the Grassmarket and New Town for shops and cafés. The Scottish National Gallery has an outstanding collection, and the Botanic Garden is one of the best in Great Britain; both are free to visit. As the location where J.K. Rowling wrote most of the Harry Potter books, there are plenty of Potter-themed places to explore. Don't forget to try haggis, buy a kilt, or source a traditional tartan scarf.

Your trip includes coach transport, two nights of accommodation in a modern hostel located in the centre of Edinburgh (breakfasts included) and entrance to Edinburgh Castle.

Details

- Price:** £195.00 (pounds sterling)
- Deposit:** £50.00 - Refundable if you cancel prior to arrival at Harlaxton
- Includes:** Transport, hostel (bed & breakfast)
- Hostel:** Safestay Hostel
Blackfriars Street
Edinburgh
- Meals:** Breakfast included
- Deadline:** **22 August 2019**
See Booking Conditions for full details

A Harlaxton member of staff accompanies each trip to provide assistance as needed.

Itinerary:

Friday

Depart Harlaxton for Edinburgh (8.00am)
Arrive Edinburgh (1pm approx.)

Saturday

Edinburgh Castle

Sunday

Depart Edinburgh for Harlaxton (10am)
Arrive Harlaxton Manor



Ireland Long Weekend: 25–29 September 2019



Highlights

Ireland is a country of stunning natural scenery, its people long known for hospitality and their love of music, literature, and a full measure of 'craic' (fun). Our trip to Ireland is based in Dublin where you can walk the River Liffey; view the 9th century Book of Kells at Trinity College; stop in the National Gallery to see Jack Yeats's paintings (brother to poet William Butler Yeats) or the National Museum to see amazing gold Viking treasures. You could see a play at the Abbey Theatre; visit the trendy Temple Bar area and walk past the GPO (General Post Office) where Irish patriots declared independence from Great Britain in the Easter Rising of 1916.

Literary giants: Swift, Wilde, Yeats, Synge, O'Casey, Behan, MacNeice, Joyce, Beckett, Friel, O'Brien, Doyle, Jordan, Mahon, Heane, all from Ireland (North and the Republic). You can walk in their footsteps or visit the Writer's Museum.

You will travel by plane to and from Ireland, departing Wednesday afternoon and returning on Sunday. On Thursday, a local guide will take you across the border to Northern Ireland. On the way to the North Coast, the group will enjoy a scenic drive through some of the Glens of Antrim, named as an area of outstanding natural beauty. We make our way along the scenic Causeway Coast to the rope bridge at Carrick-A-Rede, followed by a visit to the Giant's Causeway (37,000 basalt columns), the tops of which form 'stepping stones' leading from the cliff foot and disappear under the sea. The tour concludes with a stop in Belfast city, where you will learn more about the troubles in Northern Ireland during the late 20th century.

On Saturday, we head west to see the world-famous Cliffs of Moher, Ireland's finest natural attraction. We make stops in Kinvara, a small picturesque village; see the dramatic ruins of Corcomroe Abbey; enjoy a coastal drive along the shores of Galway Bay; make our way through the Burren, famous for its Limestone Rock; pass through the beautiful landscape of the Doolin region with uninterrupted views of the Aran Islands and Doolin Harbour, and finally the Cliffs of Moher, one of the world's great natural attractions where you can enjoy a relaxed walk and breathtaking views.

Your trip includes round trip airfare, airport transfers, four nights' accommodation in central Dublin and day tours on Thursday and Saturday; your entrance fee to the cliffs is also covered.





Details

- Price:** £450.00 (pounds sterling)
- Deposit:** £150.00 - Refundable if you cancel prior to arrival at Harlaxton
- Includes:** Transport, hostel (bed & breakfast), two-day tours, and Cliffs of Moher admission
- Hostel:** Abraham House Hostel
82/83 Lower Gardiner Street
Dublin 1
- Meals:** Breakfast included
- Deadline:** **22 August 2019**
See Booking Conditions for full details

A Harlaxton member of staff accompanies each trip to provide assistance as needed.

Itinerary:

Wednesday

Depart Harlaxton for Birmingham Airport (3.45/4pm)
Flight to Dublin from Birmingham Airport
Arrive Dublin (10.05pm)

Thursday

Depart for Giant's Causeway and Belfast Day Tour (7.30am)
Arrive Dublin (7.30pm approx.)

Friday

Free day in Dublin

Saturday

Depart for Cliffs of Moher Day Tour (7.30am)
Arrive Dublin (7.30pm approx.)

Sunday

Check-out of hostel
Depart hostel for Dublin Airport (4.20pm approx.)
Flight back to Birmingham Airport (7.25pm)
Arrive Harlaxton Manor (10.45pm approx.)



North Wales Weekend: 4-6 October 2019



Highlights

North Wales has a distinct regional identity and with its miles of seacoast, Snowdonia mountains, rushing streams and waterfalls and secluded villages, it is one of Britain's most beautiful locations. On this trip you will have the opportunity to experience all of these natural beauties and see British Studies themes first-hand. The North Wales weekend is regularly ranked by Harlaxton students as one of the top excursions.

Travelling from the manor by coach, we stop in the Roman/Medieval/Victorian town of Chester, home to the largest Roman amphitheater uncovered in Britain. Have your lunch sitting on the city walls or in the town centre amongst the interesting medieval shops; don't miss the Eastgate Clock (a Victorian landmark). We arrive in the afternoon at the fashionable Victorian seaside resort of Llandudno, where we stay for two nights (breakfast included) in a typical seafront hotel. Enjoy walks along the strand (beach), down the 2,295-ft Llandudno Pier, or up to the Great Orme Park.

On Saturday morning, we visit the royal town and castle of Caernarfon; site for the investiture of the Princes of Wales (Prince Charles' ceremony was in 1969). The castle was built by King Edward I in the late 13th century as a military fortress and a symbol of his sovereignty over Wales. In the afternoon, we drive through the gorgeous Snowdonia National Park and stop at Llechwedd Slate Caverns where you will be taken on a tour of the mines. You will travel into the belly of Llechwedd's mountain on the steepest cable railway in Britain, and experience the clock turning back 160 years as you travel 500 feet underground. As you arrive into the tunnels of the old mine, a combination of leading-edge technology and traditional storytelling will bring the miners' stories to life.

Our return journey on Sunday begins with another drive through the Snowdonia National Park and a stop at the spectacular Swallow Falls. We stop for lunch at the charming village of Betws-y-Coed ("Prayer house in the wood") before heading back to Harlaxton Manor.

Details

- Price:** £170.00 (pounds sterling)
- Deposit:** £50.00 - Refundable if you cancel prior to arrival at Harlaxton
- Includes:** Transport, hotel (bed & breakfast) and admission to Caernarfon Castle
- Hotel:** Ambassador Hotel
The Grand Promenade
Llandudno, North Wales, LL30 2NR
- Meals:** Breakfast included
- Deadline:** **22 September 2019**
See Booking Conditions for full details

A Harlaxton member of staff accompanies each trip to provide assistance as needed.

Itinerary:

Friday

- Depart Harlaxton Manor for Llandudno (8.30am)
- Visit the city of Chester
- Arrive Llandudno (3.30pm approx.)

Saturday

- Depart Llandudno (9.15am approx.)
- Caernarfon Castle – group visit
- Llechwedd Slate Caverns – group visit
- Arrive Llandudno (5.15pm approx.)

Sunday

- Depart Llandudno for Harlaxton (10.15am)
- Via Snowdonia National Park and Swallow Falls
- Visit Betws-y-Coed
- Arrive Harlaxton Manor (6pm approx.)



Lake District Weekend: 10–13 October 2019



Highlights

The Lake District is one of Britain’s most popular tourist destinations and on this weekend trip you’ll see why. The unsurpassed natural beauty, the numerous literary and art connections (Beatrix Potter, William Wordsworth, John Ruskin, Arthur Ransome - Swallows and Amazons), and the opportunity to challenge yourself in outdoor pursuits all combine for a top-ranking experience. Our hostel accommodation fronts Lake Windermere and among one of the many things to do in the area is a boat trip across the lake from Ambleside to Bowness. The hostel hosts a small bar and restaurant and there are several pubs, restaurants and shops in the nearby village.

So that you have maximum time in this idyllic setting, we depart Harlaxton Manor following your evening meal on Thursday, arriving at our hostel around 10pm. Friday is open for your own adventures and explorations.

On Saturday, you can participate in some organized outdoor activities; these are optional and at an additional cost.

Your trip includes return coach transport, three nights of accommodation in a lakeside hostel, including cooked breakfasts and a packed lunch for Saturday. You will need warm/waterproof clothing and appropriate footwear for this trip.

Details

- Price:** £210.00 (pounds sterling)
- Deposit:** £50.00 - Refundable if you cancel prior to arrival at Harlaxton
- Includes:** Transport and hostel (bed & breakfast)
- Extras:** Outdoor Activities: £34 - £36 approximately
- Hostel:** Ambleside Youth Hostel
Waterhead, Ambleside
Cumbria LA22 0EU
- Meals:** Breakfast included
- Deadline:** **25 August 2019**
See Booking Conditions for full details

Itinerary:

Thursday

Depart Harlaxton Manor for Ambleside (6.15pm)
Arrive Ambleside (10pm approx.)

Friday

Free day

Saturday

Optional outdoor activities (at extra cost)
Free day

Sunday

Depart Ambleside for Harlaxton (9.30am)
Arrive Harlaxton Manor (3pm approx.)

A Harlaxton member of staff accompanies each trip to provide assistance as needed.



Bath & Stonehenge: 25 - 27 October 2019



Highlights

The rich city of Bath's natural hot springs led the Romans to build a temple to Minerva Sulis and to establish a network of mineral baths. A visit to the extensive Roman baths is included on the first day of your visit.

Bath is also well known for its outstanding Georgian architecture, including the must-see Royal Crescent and The Assembly Rooms. The novelist Jane Austen lived in Bath for several years and set two of her novels in the city.

Included on the trip is a visit to Wells Cathedral and a tour of Glastonbury Abbey and of course a visit to Stonehenge; one of the most iconic sites in Britain. On return to Harlaxton on Sunday we stop at the very beautiful Salisbury Cathedral, home of one of the four original copies of Magna Carta.

Your trip includes round trip coach transport from Harlaxton College, two nights of accommodation in a hostel in Bath, including breakfast. Visits to the Roman Baths, Wells Cathedral, Glastonbury Abbey and Stonehenge are all included.

Details

- Price:** £200.00 (pounds sterling)
- Deposit:** £50.00 - Refundable if you cancel prior to arrival at Harlaxton
- Includes:** Transport, hostel (bed & breakfast), admission to Roman Baths, Wells Cathedral, Glastonbury Abbey and Stonehenge
- Hostel:** YHA Bath
Bathwick Hill
Bath
BA2 6Z
- Meals:** Breakfast included
- Deadline:** 25 August 2019
See Booking Conditions for full details

A Harlaxton member of staff accompanies each trip to provide assistance as needed.

Itinerary:

Friday

- Depart Harlaxton Manor for Bath (8.00am)
- Arrive Bath (12.15pm approx.)
- Group visit: Roman Baths
- Free time in Bath
- Return to the hostel - late afternoon

Saturday

- Depart hostel (9.15am)
- Group visit: Glastonbury Abbey
- Group visit: Wells Cathedral
- Return to Bath (free time)

Sunday

- Depart hostel (10am)
- Group visit: Stonehenge
- Group visit: Salisbury
- Arrive Harlaxton Manor (6.30pm approx.)



Stratford Trip: 2 November 2019



Highlights

This trip is required for ENGL 350 Shakespeare students; the play we will see is King John.

It was in Stratford-upon-Avon that William Shakespeare was born; he was educated and married here before moving to London. A ticket admitting you to the various Shakespeare properties in the town is included in this trip.

In addition, Stratford is a very pretty town situated along the River Avon filled with historical architecture, wonderful shops of all kinds and a wide choice of dining options. It is also home to the world-renowned Royal Shakespeare Company and you will attend an afternoon performance of a Shakespeare play at the newly renovated theatre.

Your Stratford day trip includes: transport, entrance to Shakespeare's birthplace properties (4 in total) and your theatre ticket to an RSC performance.

Details

Price: £90.00 (pounds sterling)

Deposit: Full payment required

Includes: Transport, theatre ticket and properties admission

Meals: Packed lunch included

Deadline: 10 October 2019

See Booking Conditions for full details

A Harlaxton member of staff accompanies each trip to provide assistance as needed.

Itinerary:

Saturday

Depart Harlaxton for Stratford (9am approx.)

Arrive Stratford (11am approx.)

Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace (property)

Afternoon theatre performance

Depart Stratford for Harlaxton (10.45pm approx.)

Arrive Harlaxton Manor (12.30am approx.)



Paris Long Weekend: 6–10 November 2019



Highlights

Beautiful Paris boasts: the Eiffel Tower; Notre Dame Cathedral; Louvre Museum; Rodin; Picasso; Monet and the enticing collections of the Musee D’Orsay. The Luxembourg Gardens, the Tuileries, long strolls along the banks of the Seine. Crepes, baguettes, frites, and amazing coffee in pavement cafés.

We travel to Paris by train: Grantham to London, from where we take the Eurostar train (channel crossing) direct into Paris. Our hostel is conveniently located very near a metro station and is a 30-45 minute walk to the Seine and Notre Dame.

Arriving in Paris on Wednesday evening allows for three full days of exploring the glorious French capital. You may wish to spend part of one day at Versailles, a short train journey away, or further afield, the Normandy beaches are accessible on a long day trip from Paris.

Your trip includes all transport costs to and from the manor and round-trip train journeys. Four nights of accommodation in a central Paris hostel including continental breakfasts each morning.

Details

- Price:** £370.00 (pounds sterling)
- Deposit:** £150.00 - Refundable if you cancel prior to arrival at Harlaxton
- Includes:** Transport and hotel (bed & breakfast)
- Hostel:** Generator Hostel Paris
9-11 Place du Colonel Fabien
75010 Paris
- Meals:** Breakfast included
- Deadline:** **6 October 2019**
See Booking Conditions for full details

A Harlaxton member of staff accompanies each trip to provide assistance as needed.

Itinerary:

Wednesday

Depart Harlaxton Manor for Paris (12.30pm approx.)
Eurostar crossing
Arrive Paris (8pm approx.)

Thursday

Free Day

Friday

Free Day

Saturday

Free Day

Sunday

Depart hostel (12.40pm approx.)
Eurostar crossing
Arrive Harlaxton Manor (7pm approx.)



Venice/Florence/Rome: 5–13 December 2019



Highlights

Italy, the focus of "The Grand Tour" for countless generations of young travellers. Even Gregory Gregory, builder of Harlaxton Manor, spent time in Italy studying architecture and making purchases for his new home. On this journey, we visit three classic Italian cities: Venice, Florence and Rome; each with its own unique history and character.

Venice (Venezia) was once the capital of a vast seafaring empire; you'll find a whole other world in its winding streets of water. A boat trip from the train station water bus stop near our hotel to St Mark's Square is an absolute must. You'll see the famous Rialto Bridge, baroque churches and the palace houses that line the Grand Canal. You will be amazed at the great square of San Marco, with its Byzantine basilica covered with interior mosaics and The Doge's Palace. Take time to get lost in secluded piazzas, stop for coffee at little cafés and step in churches to see great works of art. A short boat ride takes you to the islands of Murano (known for glassmaking); Burano - a fisherman's island famed for lacemaking and tiny Torcello with its 7th century church.

Florence (Firenze) was a centre of power when the Medici family ran their city-state from this beautiful Renaissance city. You will see the famous Ponte Vecchio Bridge over the River Arno; Michelangelo's David; the Uffizi Gallery and its treasures of Botticelli, Caravaggio and Raphael; the intricate marble façade of the Duomo. Visit San Marco to see Fra Angelico's delicate paintings in the monastery Refectory and the monk's cells. Walk the streets visiting outdoor markets, especially the leather markets.



Rome (Roma) was the centre of the world as the capital of a powerful and far-reaching Roman Empire. It has also stood at the heart of the Christian world for centuries. Your time in Rome will allow you the opportunity to see monuments known the world over such as the Colosseum, St Peter's Basilica, The Vatican, the Trevi Fountain, the Roman Forum, and the Spanish Steps. Walk the Tiber River, explore the Trastevere neighborhood, search out beautiful mosaics in churches. Your hotel in Rome has easily accessible by metro and bus links, but you will also walk long distances between sights; that's the best way to see the city and experience the real "Roma".



Your journey to Italy begins with coach transport from Harlaxton to London to meet your flight to Venice. All coach transport from airports and between cities is a part of your trip package. We stay two nights in Venice, three nights in Florence and three nights in Rome (breakfasts included).

When the trip returns, Harlaxton College will bring the rest of your luggage to meet you at Heathrow Airport.

Please note that your flight returns to London too late for you to fly back to the USA on the same day. Thus, your return flight to the USA must be on the day after this trip returns to the UK. This may entail you spending one or more nights in London which will be at your own expense. For the avoidance of doubt, you are responsible for your own lodging on the night of 13 December 2019.

Details

- Price:** £750.00 (pounds sterling)
- Deposit:** £200.00 - Refundable if you cancel prior to arrival at Harlaxton
- Includes:** Flight, transport, hotel (bed & breakfast) and city tourist taxes

 Hotel Atlantide
 Calle de la Misericordia 375/A
 30121 Cannareggio, Venice

 Hotel Panorama,
 Via Cavour 60 – 50129, Florence

 Hotel Pacific (*or similar hotel*)
 Viale Medaglie d'Oro, 51, 00136,
 Rome
- Meals:** Breakfast included
- Deadline:** **6 October 2019**
See Booking Conditions for full details

A Harlaxton member of staff accompanies each trip to provide assistance as needed.

Itinerary:

- Thursday**
 Harlaxton Manor to London Airport (early AM departure)
 Depart London for Venice
- Friday**
 Free day in Venice
- Saturday**
 Coach transfer to Florence
- Sunday**
 Free day in Florence
- Monday**
 Free day in Florence
- Tuesday**
 Coach transfer to Rome
- Wednesday**
 Free day in Rome
- Thursday**
 Free day in Rome
- Friday**
 Departure for London (PM)
 Flight to London
 Collect your stored luggage at London Heathrow (brought down for you)