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United Kingdom PDVL

STUDY TOUR



Embark in a Remarkable UK Adventures

Castle Combe - Bath - Stonehenge - Plymouth - Castle - Bicester Village - Oxford - London



Introduction

UK PDVL Study Tour:

Immerse in British Charm, Explore the Journey of Literature and Art

Let us embark on an enchanting trip to England, traveling through time and exploring places that inspire artistic inspiration. Our journey will take us to visit the most charming attractions in the UK, from ancient castles to culturally rich cities.

Our first stop is the fairytale-like village of Castle Combe, which will lead us through the river of history. Here, you can stroll along the ancient cobblestone streets and experience the beauty of countryside tranquility. Each exquisite stone house emits a sense of history, as if narrating stories of the past.

Next, we will head to the cultural city of Bath, an ancient Roman spa city. We will bathe in the thermal waters, experiencing the luxury and relaxation of the Roman era. In this romantically atmospheric city, you can admire the beautiful Georgian architecture and the magnificent Bath Abbey.

We will then continue to the mysterious Stonehenge. These massive stone formations have stood the test of time, presenting many puzzles about the universe and human history. Standing in this sacred place, you will be awed by their power, contemplating the wisdom of ancient civilizations.

Next, we arrive at the seaside city of Plymouth, a place filled with a maritime atmosphere, offering us a different experience. You can stroll along the waterfront promenade, feeling the vastness and freedom of the sea. In this historically significant port city, you can also learn many stories about navigation and exploration.

We will continue our journey to St Pierre Castle Chepstow, a medieval castle that will transport us back in time. You can stroll through the castle's courtyard, imagining the scenes of noble life that once took place here. The castle's stone walls and turrets exude a dramatic charm, leaving an everlasting impression.

Our next stop will be the temple of knowledge and wisdom—Oxford. This ancient university city will offer us endless academic charm and literary heritage. You will walk through the campus of Oxford University, feeling the atmosphere of knowledge and the accumulation of scholarship. Visiting the Bodleian Library, you will be moved by its solemn ambiance, as if time has reversed, allowing you to taste the source of wisdom alongside great literary masters.





Bristol



British Museum

Lastly, we will arrive at the capital of England, London. This culturally rich metropolis will leave the deepest impression on us. In this international city, you can explore museums, art galleries, and theaters, experiencing a world-class cultural feast. You can immerse yourself in the treasures of the British Museum, appreciating precious artifacts and artworks from around the world. The National Theatre will provide you with the awe of theater and resonance of emotions, allowing you to experience the charm and influence of art.

During this unforgettable trip, you will appreciate the depth of British history, the allure of literature, and the inspiration of art. Whether you are fascinated by ancient castles or following in the footsteps of literature, this education journey will offer you unforgettable experiences and profound contemplation. Let us explore the charm of England together, immerse ourselves in the sea of literature and art, and create our own memories as intellectuals. Join us and embark on this unique and inspiring journey!



National Theatre



Plymouth Smeaton's Tower

Itinerary

DAY 1 *Friday*

Departure from home country

May we always believe that growth is a gradual accumulation process, and that with every effort, there will be gains. Once we have chosen the distant path, we should only focus on braving the wind and rain along the way.

DAY 2 *Saturday*

Arrival to London - Castle Combe - Bath

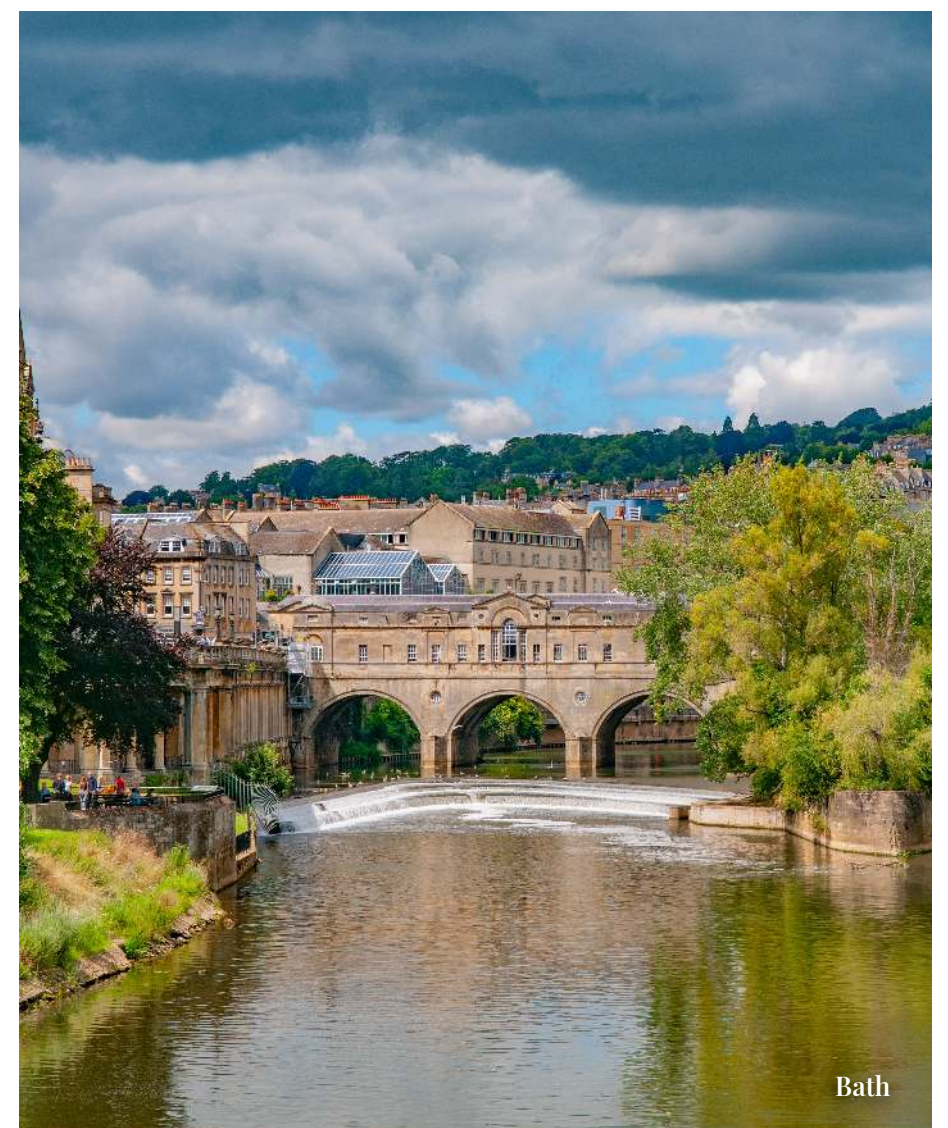
Today's Itinerary, London to Bath, passing through Castle Combe. After arriving at London Airport, the first destination of this graduation trip is Bath, passing through Combe. Combe is a small village located in a gorge in England. It is the best-preserved ancient village in the UK and also served as a filming location for the movie "An American Werewolf in London." Combe means "valley" in English. A graduation trip should be different from ordinary travels, and lesser-known attractions can make a lasting impression on graduating students.

Here, there is only one cobblestone arch-shaped street, petite and lovely, with uniformly styled English cottages featuring black roofs and pale yellow walls. A gentle stream flows through the end of the street, with a leisurely bridge and ducks slowly swimming by, as if time stopped 500 years ago. In such a peaceful town, time slows down, and thoughts come to rest. Without the burden of exams, one can easily be captivated by the tranquility and elegance of the countryside dating back to the 15th to 17th centuries.

After a short stay, the journey continues to Bath. Bath is the only city in the UK that has been listed as a World Heritage Site. It is a small city surrounded by pastoral scenery and exudes classical elegance. The name "Bath" in English means "to bathe." The Romans were the first to discover hot springs here and built grand bathhouses. The remains of the ancient bathhouse today are remnants of the Roman era in Britain. In the 18th century, the renowned designer John Wood completed the comprehensive design of Bath, and the layout of the old city remains as it was then.



Castle Combe



Bath



Tower Bridge

DAY 3 Sunday

Bath - Stonehenge - Plymouth

Today's itinerary: Departure from Bath to Stonehenge, then to Plymouth.

Waking up in the ancient city, perhaps the excitement of just arriving in England is still lingering. Students who enjoy sports can go for a jog in the peaceful ancient city, weaving through the architectural complex of 18th-century Roman buildings. After gathering, we will set off to Stonehenge, a prehistoric monument believed to have been built between 4000 and 2000 BC, making it the most mysterious prehistoric site in the British Isles. Stonehenge holds significant importance not only in architectural history but also in astronomy. Its main axis, the ancient path leading to the stone pillars, and the sunrise on the summer solstice align along the same line. Additionally, two of the stones align with the direction of the sunset on the winter solstice. Therefore, it is speculated that Stonehenge was likely built by ancient humans for observing celestial events and can be considered an early prototype of an observatory.

After completing this pilgrimage to the ancient site, we will depart for the famous resort city of Plymouth in the southwest of England. This "Plymouth" is the birthplace of cities with the same name around the world. Plymouth is a city with a rich maritime history and is home to the Royal Navy. It was also a major port for British voyages during the 16th to 19th centuries. Important landmarks in the city include the castle, Devonport Dockyard, and the Mayflower Steps (the departure point of the Pilgrim Fathers in 1620). Plymouth has excellent transportation connections, with regular international ferries to France and Spain from its port. The core area of Preston is the cultural heart of Plymouth, and the city is home to multiple art galleries. Students interested in world history may quickly recall that the famous Mayflower set sail from Plymouth carrying 102 crew members, including men, women, and children, and headed to present-day Massachusetts in the United States, marking an important chapter in American immigration history.



Roman Bath



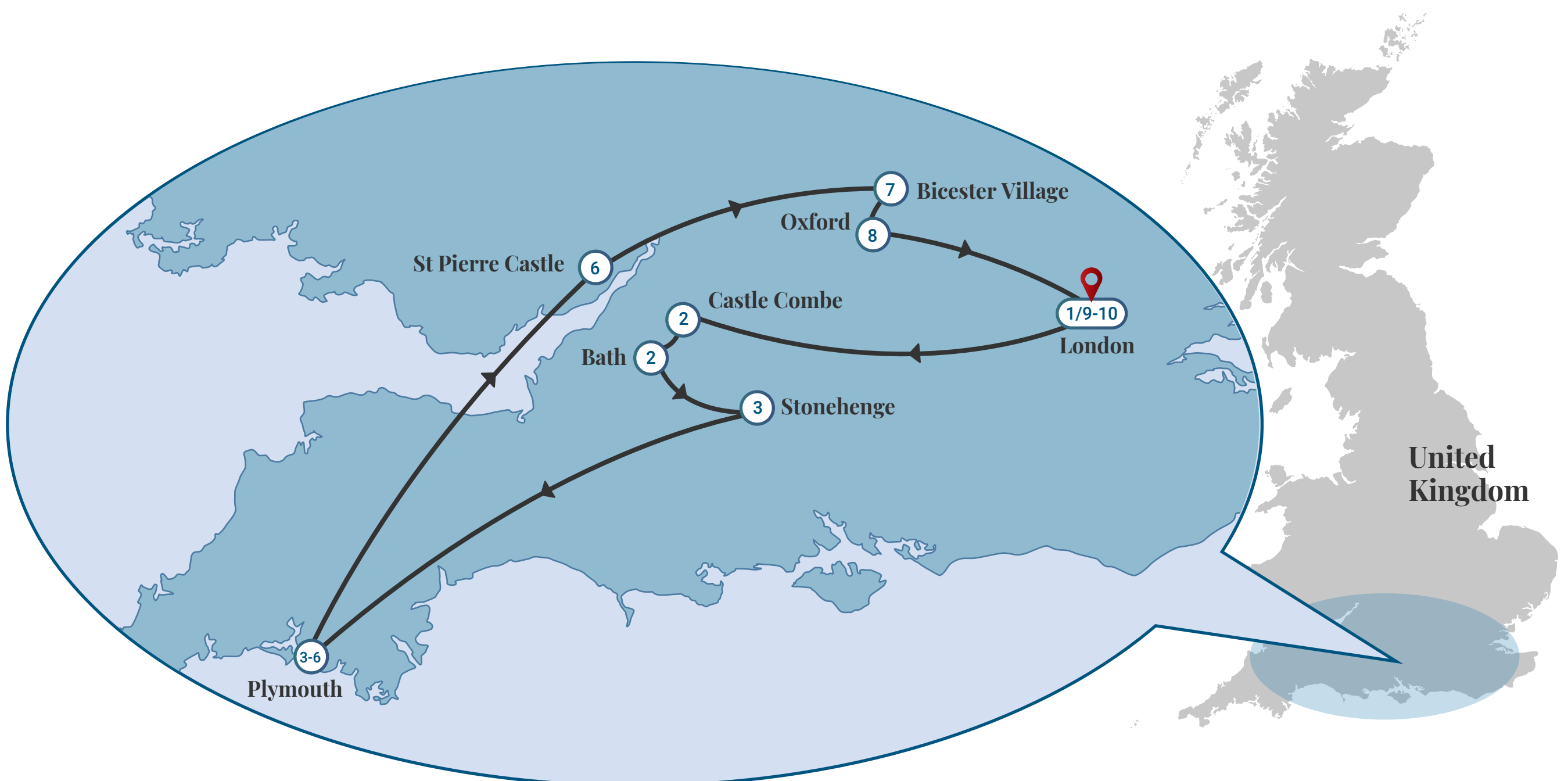
Bath



Stonehenge



Mayflower





DAY 4 *Monday*

Plymouth - Mini Course @ City College Plymouth - Plymouth City Tour and Free and Easy

Today's itinerary: City College Plymouth - A taste of higher education experience.

City College Plymouth is a national institution of higher education located in Plymouth, Devon, in the southwest of England. Situated next to the tranquil River Tamar, it is a 15-minute walk from the city center. The college was established in 1887 with funding from the British government and has a rich and longstanding cultural history. It is ranked 6th among higher education institutions in the UK and received the National Teaching Excellence Framework Gold Award in June 2017, the same year as Cambridge and Oxford universities. It is a highly regarded institution and the largest provider of adult and vocational education in the Plymouth area. City College Plymouth places particular emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education. In September 2017, a state-of-the-art STEM education building was officially completed, providing students with an improved and more professional learning environment. City College Plymouth was also voted one of the happiest colleges in the UK in the 2020 National Student Survey.

Our students will have their first taste of being a British university student here and experience British-style education on campus. After class, the PDVL consultant will take the students to explore Plymouth, a coastal city in southern England. They will stroll from the college to the city center, which was rebuilt after World War II, then slowly walk to the iconic Smeaton's Tower lighthouse, and take a leisurely walk in Hoe Park and Square. Afterwards, they will walk along the coastline to the historic Barbican area of the city and see the harbor where the Mayflower set sail on its long journey.



Barbican



Library





Dentistry



Marine Research



Marine Station

DAY 5 *Tuesday*

Plymouth - Mini Course @ University of Plymouth - Free and Easy

Today's itinerary: University of Plymouth - Mini-course at a prestigious British university.

Even during travel, learning is not forgotten. Today's mini-course will broaden your understanding of British higher education. After breakfast, students will walk to the University of Plymouth. Established in 1862, the University of Plymouth is a public research university located in Plymouth, England. It is a member of the Marine Renewable Energy Alliance, Jiangsu-UK 20 High-Level Universities Alliance, Universities UK, the Commonwealth Universities Association, and the European University Association.

The University of Plymouth has been recognized as a "world-renowned university" by China Central Television's Science and Education Channel. It has the earliest and largest marine research institute in the UK, with world-leading programs in marine-related disciplines. The university maintains close academic collaborations with the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Oceanography at the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences. The University of Plymouth has received the Queen's Anniversary Prize in 1994, 2011, and 2020. It has two highly cited scientists, three Fellows of the five major academic societies in the UK, and 23 Fellows of the Higher Education Academy. The University of Plymouth ranks 6th in the UK and 23rd globally in the 2021 World University Rankings for impact. In the 2020 Leiden Ranking, it ranks 39th in the UK and 178th globally. According to the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), it ranks 11th in the world for Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and 34th for Ocean Science.

The University of Plymouth has 11 subjects in the top 1% of the ESI (Essential Science Indicators) rankings and is recognized as one of the world's top 30 academic institutions under 30 years of age by Nature Index. In the 2019 Nature Index Young University Rankings, it was ranked 83rd globally. Additionally, its Peninsula Medical and Dental School is the 11th in the UK, Dentistry is the 2nd in the UK, and Clinical Medicine is the 8th in the UK.

After the mini-course, students can arrange their own half-day activities while preparing their luggage for the second half of the education trip.



University of Plymouth

DAY 6 *Wednesday*

Plymouth - Bristol - Chepstow St Pierre Castle (Photo Session + Dinner)

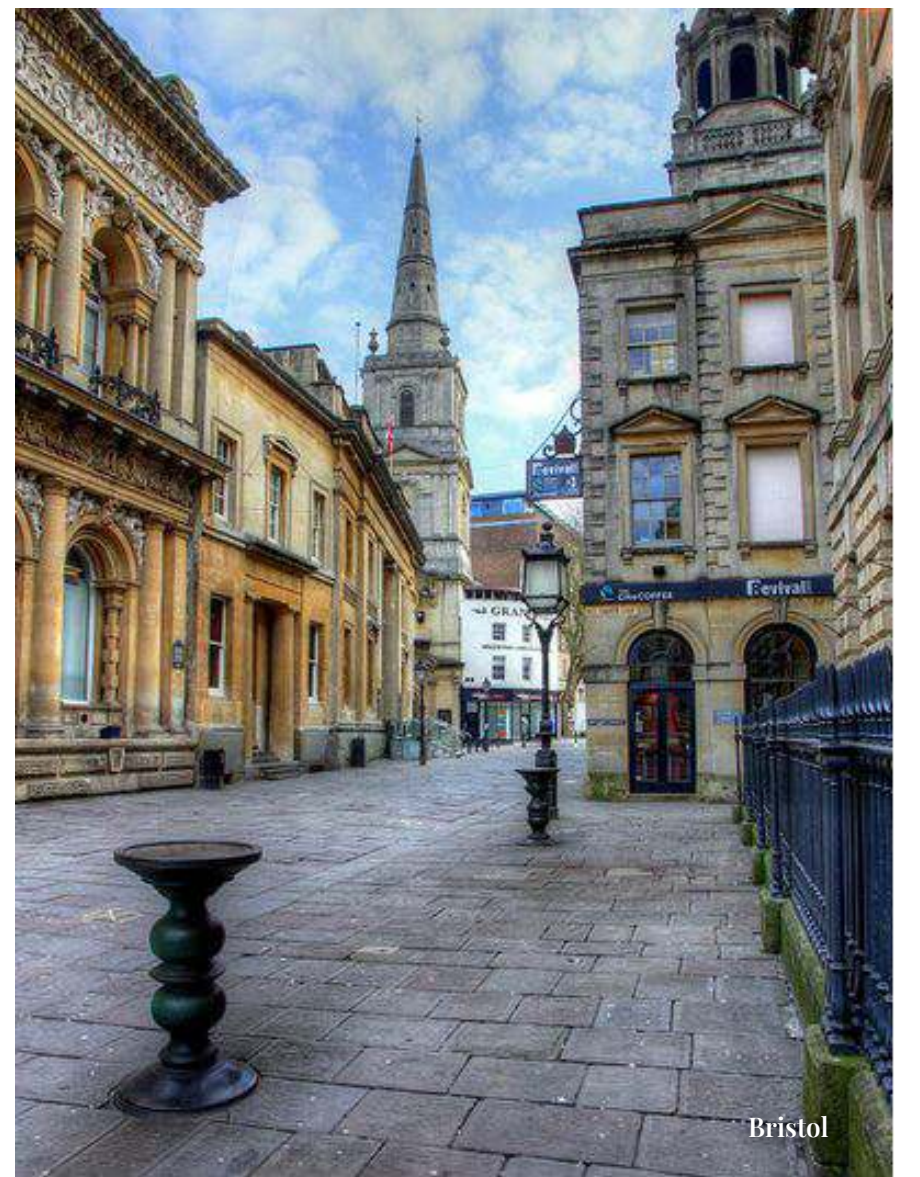
Today's itinerary: St Pierre Castle, passing through Bristol.

We depart for our graduation trip's main destination: St Pierre Castle, where we will capture unforgettable photos together. Along the way, we will pass through Bristol. Bristol is a vibrant and multicultural city, serving as the commercial, educational, and cultural center of Southwest England. The city offers a rich and diverse cultural and entertainment scene. Its grand St. Paul's Carnival, International Balloon Fiesta, and Kite Festival attract visitors from around the world. In the Clifton suburb, you'll find the iconic Clifton Suspension Bridge, one of the most beautiful bridges in the UK, spanning the Avon Gorge in Clifton to Leigh Woods in northern Somerset. After a brief photo stop here, we will continue to our destination for today: St Pierre Castle. St Pierre Castle is situated in a beautiful estate surrounded by lush green lawns and a lake. We will allow students to take their high school graduation photos here, with the accompanying teachers providing encouragement. Later, a dinner prepared by the castle will be served for everyone.

Whatever the future holds, may we strive to excel in every ordinary task, bringing together the extraordinary moments of our lives. Here's to you, always shining bright!



Graduation at Castle



Bristol



St Pierre Castle



Bristol



Clifton Suspension Bridge



Bristol



DAY 7 *Thursday*

Chepstow - Bibury Village - Burton-on-the-water- Bicester Village

Today's itinerary: Bicester Village, passing through Bibury and the "Venice of England" - Bourton-on-the-Water.

Since we have chosen a British-style education trip, we cannot miss out on the idyllic countryside of England. Departing from the castle, we will head to Oxfordshire, passing through numerous picturesque villages. These villages are often clustered around churches or scattered along winding streets, showcasing the quintessential British style. The countryside churches, cozy village pubs, sprawling farms, thatched-roof cottages, vine-covered village houses, and authentic rural parks showcase the way of life that has evolved in England since the Anglo-Saxon period. The warm-toned cottages create a serene and peaceful community in the Cotswolds. We have chosen to stop at Bibury, where artist William Morris described it as the "most beautiful village in England." The charming Arlington Row cottages, dating back to 1380, were originally built as a wool store for the nearby monastery and later converted into weavers' cottages in the 17th century. The cloth produced here was sent to the Arlington Mill. Arlington Row is one of the most photographed scenes in the Cotswolds and is preserved by the Royal Academy of Arts. It has been featured as a filming location in several movies and TV shows, most notably "Stardust" and "Bridget Jones's Diary." Next, we will head to the "Venice of the Cotswolds," Bourton-on-the-Water. Bourton-on-the-Water earned its nickname due to its combination of quintessential English countryside charm and its waterways. Although the town is not large, a clear river runs through its center. The main buildings of the town are built around this river, and they are predominantly made of limestone bricks, exuding a quaint and nostalgic charm. Perhaps we can buy a cup of coffee at a riverside café, admire the various British-style buildings in front of us, and have a chat with our fellow classmates in the lazy sunshine, reminiscing about the memories of the past six years. After a leisurely afternoon, we will continue our journey to Bicester Village.





DAY 8 *Friday*

Bicester Village - University of Oxford - Oxford Guided Tour - London

Today's itinerary: London, passing through the city of Oxford with a guide to visit Oxford University and the city. After a night's rest, we set off again to experience the unique beauty of England.

Today's main destination is the historic university city of Oxford, which attracts the most talented students from all over Europe. Oxford is renowned for its world-class educational institutions and numerous historical landmarks, making it a city that people dream of visiting. Oxford has been inhabited since the 7th century and the city, founded in the 9th century, has a history of over 1,100 years. It has been the cradle of British royalty and scholars. The presence of commercial enterprises, particularly high-tech companies, in every corner of the city has brought a youthful vitality to this ancient city. The name "Oxford" comes from its meaning as a "ford" (shallow crossing) on the rivers Thames and Cherwell, where cattle could be easily driven across. While the original bridges and traces of cattle fording the rivers have long disappeared, Oxford's bridges continue to attract visitors and tourists from around the world. The main reason many people visit Oxford is Oxford University, which has nurtured numerous outstanding individuals over the past eight centuries. The exact founding date of Oxford University is unknown, but during the England-France war in 1167, several scholars studying at the University of Paris left Paris and settled in Oxford. This attracted more scholars, and by the late 12th century, Oxford University had already taken shape. From the mid-13th century onward, various colleges were established, marking the glorious era of Oxford University. We have arranged a guide to accompany the graduates and provide a thorough tour of Oxford City and Oxford University.

For teachers, there is nothing more gratifying than seeing each student surpassing their predecessors. After the Oxford excursion, we will depart for the capital of England, London.



DAY 9 *Saturday*

London - Free and Easy

Today's itinerary: London - Free time. Must-visit attractions in London:

The British Museum, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, the London Eye, Tower Bridge, the Tower of London, and the River Thames.

DAY 10 *Sunday*

London - Departure to home country

Today's itinerary: Borough Market- Departure from the airport.

Today is the last day in the UK. Leaving is for future revisits, without sadness or tears. Let's continue to be Londoners before we depart. Start the day by heading to Borough Market for breakfast and immerse ourselves in the crowd. After returning to the hotel, we will depart for the airport to go back home.

Message to classmates: Farewell for now, looking forward to meeting again in the future. The memories of these years will be the most unforgettable scenery of my life!

Message to teachers: In the sunset of farewell, the garden is filled with peaches and plums, silent yet reflected in the teacher's heart. You are the warmest joy that shines through.

DAY 11 *Monday*

Arrival to home country

Your entire life, a teacher accompanies you for only a part of the journey. Reluctant to say goodbye, but the plane has arrived, and you have grown up. The teacher silently retraces their steps, accompanied by tears in the corner of their eyes upon turning around. What remains unspoken in their heart is, may you spread your wings and soar high.



London Eye



Borough Market



Itinerary

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Tour Fees: RM 9,400.00

What's Included?

- All teaching lessons
- Accommodations (Same Gender) – castle room/ hotel/ hostel – triple sharing/ quadruple sharing
- Transportation: Inter-city Transportation
- Airport Pick Up
- Simple Breakfast and Dinner
- Stonehenge Tickets

What's Not Included?

- Visa Application Fees
- Return Flight Ticket
- Insurance
- Lunch
- Attraction Entrance Tickets
- UK SIM Card



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