

PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE LITERATURE TOUR APRIL 2025



OVERVIEW



This 14-day tour of England and Scotland has been carefully designed for English students of Prince Alfred College, providing a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in the landscapes and cities that have inspired Britain's greatest authors, poets and playwrights.

While learning about England's great literary traditions, you will also experience iconic destinations, visit world-class museums, walk through historic great cities, and attend diverse and unforgettable performances.

It is a unique opportunity to enjoy and learn about the best of the United Kingdom's literary sites, theatre, culture in the company of your fellow students and teachers!

ITINERARY

London (4 nights), Oxford (2 nights), Stratford-upon-Avon (2 nights), Lake District (2 nights), Edinburgh (2 nights)



TOUR DATES

April 6th to 19th April 2025.

Students will be overseas in Week 11 of Term 1 and the first week of the holidays.

TOUR PRICE

Approximately **\$8,879pp*** based on 20 students, current exchange rates, and airfare estimates.

TOUR DEPOSIT

A **\$500 non-refundable deposit** is required per person to confirm your booking on the tour.

INCLUSIONS

- Tour coordination through Gullivers Group Travel
- International flights, including all taxes and surcharges
- 12 nights' accommodation in centrally located hotels.
- All breakfasts and dinners included
- Entrance fees to all sites listed on itinerary
- Tickets to all performances and workshops listed
- Local guides at all sites
- All ground transport and entrance fees.



London



Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

England's Fabled North and Scottish Highlands

Explore England's dramatic north country, from stunning vistas of the Lake District, inspiration to the Romantic Poets, to the moors of Haworth. Visit the literary city of Edinburgh and the untamed highlands.

The World of Will Shakespeare

Experience picturesque Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare and now the home of the world-renowned Royal Shakespeare Company.

Literary London

Spend 4 nights in historic and vibrant London, retracing the footsteps of the giants of English literature and exploring the districts that inspired their work.

Inspiring Literary Homes

Visit historic houses and buildings that played an important role in literary history, including Wordsworth's Dove Cottage and the Bronte's Parsonage.

The Best of British Performance

Enjoy theatrical performances of the highest quality, ranging from Royal Shakespeare Company performances to West End musicals and immersive theatre productions.

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1

Departure

Meet your fellow students and teachers at Adelaide International Airport. Fly from Adelaide to London.

DAY 2

Arrive in London

Have the afternoon to explore the sites of this exciting and historically significant city. Visit sites such as Big Ben, the London Eye, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace. Overnight London.

DAY 3

Shakespeare's Globe

Today you will immerse yourself in the history and culture of Shakespeare's London. Cross the Thames to Southwark and join a guided tour and workshop in the famous Globe Theatre. Enjoy lunch in the nearby Borough Market, before attending an evening performance at The Globe. Overnight London.

DAY 4

London Literary Sights

This morning, visit the British Library for a writing and literature workshop. After lunch, a local guide will lead you through the literary heartland of Bloomsbury, former home of luminaries including Virginia Woolf and E.M Forster. Tonight, attend a performance on London's famous West End or National Theatre. Overnight London.

DAY 5

The Tower of London and British Museum

This morning, make your way through almost 1000 years of history in the Tower of London - a fortress, a prison and a royal palace. After, visit the British Museum with its vast and renowned collection of artefacts. In the evening, if you're ready for more excitement, join the *Jack The Ripper* tour of East London. Overnight London.

Dumbledore's Office



DAY 6

Harry Potter World

Wave goodbye to London and travel by private coach to the spectacular 'Harry Potter World' at Warner Bros. Studios in Watford. Stroll through Diagon Alley and explore the sets, props and costumes from the blockbuster franchise. After enjoying a Butterbeer, continue onto the prestigious university town of Oxford. Overnight Oxford.

DAY 7

Oxford

Join a local guide for a walking tour of Oxford, once home to Oscar Wilde, J.R.R Tolkien and Lewis Carroll. In the afternoon, visit the Bodleian Library, one of the oldest libraries in Europe and the university's main research library. Also visit a local school. Overnight Oxford.

DAY 8

Stratford-upon-Avon and Shakespeare's Houses

Our journey takes you to the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Enjoy a fascinating insight into the life of England's most famous playwright, visiting key sites including his birthplace, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, New Place, and St Mary's Church. On a walking tour of the town, learn about the influence of Shakespeare's early life on his later work, and take part in a Tudor style lesson. At night, explore the town's darker history on a guided walk. Overnight Stratford-upon-Avon.

DAY 9

Royal Shakespeare Company

The RSC is acknowledged as the benchmark for Shakespearean performance and boasts many of the world's great actors. Today's workshop at The Core Learning Centre will provide the opportunity to closely investigate one of Shakespeare's plays and stage some key scenes. This evening, attend a Royal Shakespeare Company Performance. Overnight Stratford-upon-Avon.

DAY 10

Warwick Castle and Haworth

Venture northwards to Warwick Castle, where you may catch sight of a jousting performance! Continue onto the quaint village of Haworth, home of the renowned Brontë family. The historic pasonage is now a literary museum, containing many of the early 'scribblings' of the celebrated sisters Emily, Charlotte and Anne. After lunch, drive onto the Lake District. Overnight Lake District.



The Bodleian Library



Anne Hathaway's Cottage

DAY 11

The Lake District and Wordsworth

The stunning landscapes of the Lake District formed the inspiration of England's most well-known Romantic Poets - Wordsworth, Coleridge, and Southey. Walk around the picturesque town of Windermere, before a short drive to Rydal Mount, Wordsworth's final home. After a tour of the beautiful house and gardens, visit the famous Dove Cottage and enjoy the legendary gingerbread in the nearby town of Grasmere. Today will also have the option to kayak on Lake Windermere. Overnight Lake District.

DAY 12

Edinburgh, Scotland

Hitch up your kilts because today we travel to Edinburgh, the world's first UNESCO City of Literature. A booklover's paradise, you will have time to explore the cobblestone streets and cozy bookshops of this historic Scottish city, amble down the Royal Mile, and visit literary sites including The Writer's Museum, where you will explore the lives of three giants of Scottish Literature - Sir Walter Scott, Robert Burns and Robert Louis Stevenson. Take in views of the city from Arthur's Seat, and in the evening, be inspired by a tour of the famous Edinburgh Castle. Overnight Edinburgh.

DAY 13

Scottish Highlands

On our last day in the United Kingdom, discover the untamed beauty of the Scottish Highlands in a day trip from Edinburgh. Visit Inverness, the ancient city that formed the inspiration for Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, as well as wonder at the beauty of Glencoe and Loch Ness, where you will see Harry Potter film locations and perhaps spot a mythical beast. Overnight Edinburgh.

DAY 14

Departure

Parting is such sweet sorrow. Travel to Edinburgh International Airport to join your flight back home to Adelaide.

WEATHER ON TOUR

April is a pleasant time to visit England, where the weather can be fickle with a mix of chilly rain and bright blue skies. This is a time when trees and flowers begin to bloom, bringing vibrant colour to the country's gorgeous parks, gardens, and squares. April brings more daylight hours and average temperatures in the nation's capital, London, typically reach daily highs of 15°C, while lows are in the 7°C range.

Edinburgh and places closer to the Scottish border, tend to be a few degrees cooler.

The weather in the UK is famously unpredictable, and you should expect a mix of sunshine, clouds, and precipitation during your visit. It's wise to pack a coat and a few smart layers, especially for cooler evenings, and an umbrella for sudden showers.

