

Great Britain: The Birthplace of Modern Geology

Through the study of rocks and fossils, we now understand some of the fascinating history of our planet and the life upon it – but until surprisingly recently, this was not the case. The first geologists & paleontologists learned how to decipher our story in England & Scotland. Explore one of the greatest natural history museums in the world in London, then visit the home of Charles Darwin and dig for fossils along the Jurassic coast. Next, we will venture northwards and enjoy more castles, culture, and cuisine, and explore the mountainous and mysterious Scottish Highlands.

Storytelling through Media - EMB students will be producing mini-documentaries abroad related to geological or historical topics while participating in the same activities as the geology students.



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PROGRAM DETAILS

Location: England, Scotland
Term: Summer 2021
Program Dates: May 10 – 23, 2021

COURSES

- NKU students will be registered in GLY 294 or EMB 495
- Attendance in class meetings is required. At each meeting we will go over what to expect and what is required for travel. You will also be given assignments and their due dates.

ACCOMMODATIONS. See details below.

ITINERARY See details below.

ELIGIBILITY

- Current student eligible to enroll in NKU courses,
- Non-NKU participants can apply; however, space is first available to students and any spaces available after the deadline are then open for community members,
- Good academic standing as defined by NKU,
- A minimum of 18 years of age at time of departure,
- No current disciplinary sanctions as verified by the NKU (or home campus) Office of Student Conduct (or equivalent). Students who become ineligible to attend the program after applying due to disciplinary sanctions will be subject to standard program cost penalty rates. Students are responsible for notifying the CCSA when they become aware of this ineligibility. For eligibility questions pertaining to disciplinary sanctions, students should contact the home campus Office of Student Conduct.
- Students must complete home campus education abroad application prior to being registered in this course,
- Student must possess passport book valid for a least six (6) months after return date,
- Students must complete pre-departure orientations,
- Full payment prior to departure, and
- Permission of instructor(s) is required.

PROGRAM COST

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| Base Package | \$2,989 – 3,189 |
| Flight | \$1,140 |
| Total Package (Base and Flight): | \$4,129 – 4,329 |

| <u>APPLY VIA NKU</u> | | <u>CCSA CUSTOM GLOBAL APP</u> |
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| All payment made to the Office of Education Abroad in UC 305. | | To be completed after first payment. |
| BASE PACKAGE (included) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RT International airfare from Cincinnati • Items stated in the itinerary. • Driver with private coach per the itinerary. • Local ground transportation pass (London/Edinburgh) • Airport transfers (London & Edinburgh) • Tips for drivers and guides. • Accommodations. • Breakfast and other meals as noted in itinerary. • International health insurance with travel delay/trip interruption. • Admissions for course-related activities. | EXCLUDED FROM BASE PACKAGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items not explicitly listed in package. • Passports and/or visas. • Transportation within the United States. • Airport-to-hotel transfer for those not arriving with the arranged flight itinerary. • Airport taxes or fees. • Meals, services, and beverages not included during course-related field programs. • Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access. • Tips for guides and drivers not included in program-related activity. • Baggage fees and any costs associated with flight changes. • Home institution tuition/fees. • Single room at additional costs and subject to availability. | |
| Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements. | | |

Program limited to the first 20 applicants. After that you will be placed on a waitlist until first payments received.

Regular NKU students have priority.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

- The short-term accommodations normally include twin ensuite rooms. Triple and quad are subject to availability. Air-conditioning in accommodations are normally not available in the UK and Scotland. Breakfast inclusion stated in itinerary.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The selection process for this program requires a specific application provided by NKU.
- Independent travel (*before and/or after the programs start and end date*) is permitted and must meet specific arrival and departure requirements.
- All participants will be held to your home campus Code of Conduct.
- All participants must complete BOTH the CCSA application and an NKU application.
- Coaching is based on the final itinerary and maximum 9 hours driving per day. Coach travel has specific restrictions due to EU regulations that could impact final itinerary. All timings and distances for travel are approximate and subject to variable conditions such as weather, transportation interruptions, etc.
- Individual participant needs/requests may impact the costs for individuals.
- Individual and/or group cancellations may incur fees dependent on timing and/or other obligations made by CCSA on behalf of the program and/or individual student or program leader.
- Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the program.
- Participants should be in good physical condition and be prepared to walk 4-5 miles a day.

| Payment Schedule (All payment made to the NKU Office of Education Abroad in UC 305 unless otherwise noted.): | |
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| January 16, 2021 | \$500 |
| February 16, 2021 | \$2,000 |
| March 30, 2021 – Balance due for program based on number of participants. (*based on 15) | \$1,622 – \$1,822* |

PENALTIES FOR CHANGES - After the first payment deadline, changes requested by participating individuals may incur fees. These may include, but are not limited to, the following:

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| Housing Changes | Lodging direct costs + \$100 |
| Early Arrival/Late Departure | Lodging direct costs + \$100 |

LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **FAFSA.** In order to qualify for financial aid, student should apply for FAFSA at time of application.
- **Money Matters:** If you have a credit/debit card or ATM card, inform your bank of travel dates to the United Kingdom. Recommend that you budget for at least £500 for personal expenses. Options to obtain British Pounds will be discussed in class sessions. [Here is the GBP/US\\$ exchange rate.](#)

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

Independent travel only by permission of the NKU Education Abroad Office (UC 305)

Those arriving their own air travel must arrive the Royal National Hotel (or similar) in London by 11:55 PM on Sunday, May 9, 2021. The group flight arrives at 10:45 pm and should arrive at the hotel near midnight on May 10. Independent travelers who arrive at London Heathrow near the same time as the group flight may ride the coach to the hotel if there is space on the coach. Group travelers board the coach first.

Those arranging their own departure must check out with program leaders by 7:00 AM on Sunday May 22, 2021. After the program leaders depart the hotel for the airport, anyone not on the coach will be considered an independent traveler and the program leaders are no longer responsible for such individuals.

CCSA – The Cooperative Center for Study Abroad and its associates are not responsible for any loss due to theft, personal injury, flight or weather delays, negligence, or default of suppliers, or suppliers changing of itineraries. They and their associates are not responsible for any loss due to travel/flight delays or changes in travel plans due to Acts of Nature or other unforeseen circumstances, nor are we responsible for accidents and medical care. Tour services are furnished by independent contractors who are not agents or servants of CCSA. Refunds are not available for unused portions of the package.

ITINERARY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Monday, May 10, 2021

Travel Day

Cincinnati to London (CCSA)

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UA 940 EWR-LHR 1000P 1010A 11MAY

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Arrive LHR 10:10 AM
Coach Transfer from LHR to lodging.
Lunch & Orientation Oyster or local travel cards (Zone 1)
Museum of Natural History. Local transportation
Group Dinner in a local pub or restaurant
Overnight Royal National Hotel (or similar), London - Bed and breakfast

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Explore Day

Breakfast at Hotel Oyster or local travel cards (Zone 1)
Westminster Abbey (9:30 AM) - Blue Badge guide required for group visits.
Overnight Royal National Hotel (or similar), London - Bed and breakfast

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Breakfast at hotel Coach/driver (4 days)
Check out of hotel, travel with stops at Crystal Palace Dinosaurs, Charles Darwin's Down House
Overnight Holiday Inn Express – Bath - Bed and breakfast

Friday, May 14, 2021

Breakfast at hotel Coach/driver
Lyme Regis *** Drive there and back to Bath ***
Overnight Holiday Inn Express – Bath - Bed and breakfast

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Breakfast at hotel,
Morning in Bath.
Check out of Hotel. Coach/driver
Stops going to Birmingham: Avebury, Cotswold
Overnight Birmingham - Hilton Garden Inn Brindley Place (or similar) - Bed & English Buffet Breakfast

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Breakfast at hotel; Check out of hotel Coach/driver
Day tour: Ironbridge Gorge, The Wrekin (coach access limited), Shrewsbury

Return to Birmingham - Hilton Garden Inn Brindley Place (or similar)

Monday, May 17, 2021

Train from Birmingham to Edinburgh (about 4.5 hours).

NOTE: The hotel in Birmingham is about a 17 minute walk from Birmingham New Street Station so the package assumes the group will walk to the station, otherwise a coach will be an additional cost for the transfer.

Early check into accommodations (if possible)

Day ticket on Edinburgh city buses (no coach needed)

Afternoon/evening in Edinburgh: Our Dynamic Earth, King Arthur's Seat (best later in day for Sunset)

Overnight Edinburgh - Point A Hotel Edinburgh - Bed and Continental Breakfast

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Breakfast at hotel Coach/driver

Day tour to Sillar Point, Jedburgh, National Mining Museum

Return to Edinburgh.

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Breakfast at hotel, Check out of Hotel. Coach/driver

Stop at Glen Tilt (Blair Atholl) on way to Fort William.

Arrive Ft. William

Overnight Ft. William - Travelodge Fort William - Bed and Breakfast Box

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Breakfast Box at hotel

Jacobite Steam Train

NOTE: The Jacobite steam train is extremely popular and group availability is limited and bookings are strictly subject to availability. If the steam train is fully booked there is a normal train (Scotrail) that does the same route.

Overnight Ft. William - Travelodge Fort William - Bed and Breakfast Box

Friday, May 21 2021

Breakfast Box at hotel; Check out of hotel Coach/driver

Travel to Edinburgh with stops at Stirling Castle.

Overnight Edinburgh - Point A Hotel Edinburgh - Bed and Continental Breakfast

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Explore Day

Breakfast at hotel;

Coach/driver

Highland games (weekend only)

<https://www.clansandcastles.scot/scottish-tailored-holidays/highland-games>

All three listed in May are reasonably close to Edinburgh (West Lothian only 30 minutes away)

But more should be posted here as they are scheduled:

<http://www.shga.co.uk/>

Group Dinner at a local pub or restaurant in Edinburgh

Overnight Edinburgh – Point A Hotel Edinburgh - Bed and Continental Breakfast

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Travel Day

Breakfast at hotel

Check out of Hotel

Coach to airport (6 AM)

Flight:

Coach/driver

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All dates and locations are subject to change.