

***“An Unforgettable Experience
For Middle School Students”***



MAKE NEW FRIENDS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE



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SPORTS & ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS



Welcome from the ISCA Directors

As an educator and Head of three schools, I was privileged to travel with my students all over Europe and to see the extent to which travel enriched their lives. This was my inspiration for the founding of the Independent Schools Cultural Alliance, and since that time thousands of students have made the journey to the UK to experience a different country and its culture.

What makes ISCA unique is that we are geared towards the middle schooler, so that not only do the students learn about history at their level and see it come alive by visiting the actual places where events happened, but they do so with their own friends, live in a school (not unlike Hogwarts), which becomes their home for three weeks, and enjoy on-campus days where they participate in sports and activities in the company of students from around the world.

It is this Global approach that makes us so popular, and I am reminded that some years ago, when I travelled to the US on a fact-finding trip, I met up with a student who had been on our program as a 12 year old. I asked Eric what he had thought of his ISCA experience and he replied, "It changed my life". If this is what we can achieve on a yearly basis to the satisfaction of students, parents and teachers alike, then we must be doing something right!



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Richard Woods
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Our goal at ISCA is to allow our students to leave us after their three week stay having not only had a wonderful experience, but also having enriched their cultural outlook. During the program we allow the students to learn directly about British culture first hand whether it be street performers in Covent Garden, workshops at the Globe Theatre, the artefacts of the British Museum, a performance at the London theatre, visiting Shakespeare's Birthplace, climbing the battlements of Arundel Castle or visiting the Roman Baths; but actually the program is about so much more. As we expand our offering to more schools, we enable students to learn about the culture of their contemporaries from all over the Globe and there has never been a time when it has been more important to understand this.

It is simply wonderful to see students from the USA exploring British history and culture with their new friends from Argentina, Peru, Brazil and elsewhere. In addition, as one parent reminded me at the end of our 2015 program, making these cultural connections at a middle school age will serve our students really well as they move into the ever more global economy in which they will work and become future leaders.

Since our founding in 1982, ISCA has developed our three-week programs with these educational goals in mind and we would be delighted to welcome you and your students onto our program in the future.



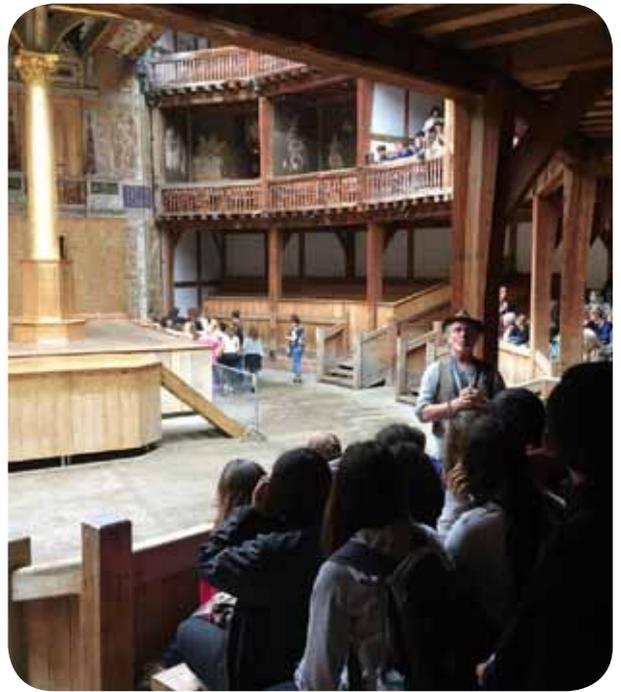
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What is the program all about?

- **3 week exhilarating travel program to England:** designed specifically for middle school (11-14 year old) students
- **Cultural, historical & social experience:** see over 30 of the best landmark sites in England, learning about English culture and history in a fun and interactive way
- **Play a huge range of sports and activities:** spend every third day on campus playing traditional British sports such as cricket, rugby and soccer, as well as participating in drama, art, golf, swimming and much more
- **Live in a beautiful and historic British boarding school:** stay on one of our two fantastic campuses; *Charterhouse School*, a 400 year old British boarding school, or *Wellington College*, 180 years old and named after the famous Duke of Wellington with the Queen as patron, both situated in the heart of the British countryside and only 1 hour from London
- **Teacher-led travel program:** a teacher from your school travels with the group, making international travel easier for middle school students
- **A global program:** we welcome English-speaking schools from all over the world, creating a global experience for middle schoolers



Why ISCA?

- **34 years experience** providing stimulating, safe and secure travel for middle school students
- **An unforgettable experience** - building life skills and making enduring friendships across the globe
- **Founded by a former Head of a middle school**, ISCA is a program specially created *for schools and run by teachers*
- **One all-inclusive price:** flights, transport, accommodation, 3 meals a day, entrance fees to each site we visit, sports, drama, activities and a 'West End' show
- **A Global Approach:** whilst the program allows English culture and history to be seen, learned and understood, the mix of students on the program allows global friendships to be formed and the global culture of their contemporaries to be understood



ISCA Summer Program 2017

Sunday Day 1		Leave home country and fly to the UK
Monday Day 2	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	Arrive UK - Transfers to campus - Settle in - Activities and swim Campus Orientation - Visit local village of Godalming House Meetings - Fire Practice - Welcome Barbecue
Tuesday Day 3	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	Welcome & Introduction to ISCA - Presentation on Winchester Winchester - City - Cathedral - 14th Century School Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Wednesday Day 4	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	London: Tower of London Thames Boat Trip - London Eye Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Thursday Day 5	<i>am/pm</i> <i>evening</i>	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim Presentation on Nelson and HMS Victory
Friday Day 6	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	Portsmouth: HMS Victory Arundel Castle Free - Voluntary Activities - Movie "Master & Commander"
Saturday Day 7	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	London: Houses of Parliament (Commons, Lords and Great Hall) Covent Garden Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Sunday Day 8	<i>am/pm</i> <i>evening</i>	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim Presentation on Shakespeare & Stratford
Monday Day 9	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	Stratford-upon-Avon - Shakespeare's Birthplace Town Trail - Tour of Royal Shakespeare Theatre Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie "Battle of Britain"
Tuesday Day 10	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	London: Westminster Abbey - Guided Walks of Whitehall Science Museum Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Wednesday Day 11	<i>am/pm</i> <i>evening</i>	On-Campus Day - Activities - Presentation on Bath/Stonehenge Barbecue - Dance
Thursday Day 12	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	Bath: Roman Baths - Abbey - Explore City Stonehenge Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie "Shakespeare in Love"
Friday Day 13	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	London: Globe Theatre Tour, Exhibition, Workshops Tate Modern - St Paul's Cathedral Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Saturday Day 14	<i>am/pm</i> <i>evening</i>	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim Presentation on Canterbury, Thomas Becket and Chaucer
Sunday Day 15	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	London: Tour of Wimbledon & Tennis Museum Hampton Court Palace Free Activities - Soccer - Movie
Monday Day 16	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	Canterbury - Cathedral River Trips - Explore City Free- Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Tuesday Day 17	<i>am/pm</i> <i>pm</i>	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim Presentation on London Trip
Wednesday Day 18	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	Blenheim Palace Oxford - City & Colleges (Guided Walks) Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Thursday Day 19	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	Visit to Warner Bros Studios and Harry Potter sets London- Independent touring in own groups, British Museum Theatre Performance (to be announced)
Friday Day 20	<i>am/pm</i> <i>evening</i>	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim End of Program Barbecue and Dance
Saturday Day 21	<i>am</i> <i>pm</i> <i>evening</i>	Eton - Windsor Castle Thames Boat Trip - Runnymede (Site of Magna Carta) ISCA Presentation Evening - Drama performance & prizegiving
Sunday Day 22	<i>am</i>	End of Program - Transfers to airport



EXAMPLE ON CAMPUS DAY

- 8.30 Rise and Shine
- 9.00 Late Breakfast
- 10.00 Assemble at ISCA Garden
- 10.30 First Activity Session
- 12.00 Free - Voluntary Activities
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.00 Free
- 2.00 Second Activity Session
- 3.00 Free - Shop in Crown open
- 3.30 Third Activity Session
- 4.30 Free - Voluntary Swim, Activities & Drama
- 6.30 Dinner
- 8.00 Assembly Hall - Presentation on Nelson & HMS Victory
- 9.15 Students to houses
- 9.30 House Meetings
- 10.00 Students to rooms. Peace & Quiet!

Tomorrow's Trivia

Portsmouth is the home of Nelson's ship HMS Victory and the flagship of the Royal Navy.

In 1805 Nelson died on this ship at the Battle of Trafalgar on receiving news he had defeated the combined French and Spanish ships. His body was preserved in a barrel of brandy on the way back to England where he received a state funeral. Did you know that the powder monkeys were children on the warships who brought the ammunition from below decks to the cannons? They would have been much younger than you and some of the officers would have been your age.



EXAMPLE OFF CAMPUS DAY

- 7.30 Rise and shine.
- 8.00 Breakfast
- 8.30 Assemble at coaches
- 8.45 Depart promptly for Bath
- 11.00 Arrive at Bath
- 11.30 Visit Bath Abbey
- 11.50 Roman Baths
(audio sets provided). Entry at 11.50, 12.00, 12.10, 12.20
- 1.30 Picnic lunch - Explore the City
Points of Interest
Pump Room, 15th Century Abbey, Royal Crescent, Pulteney Bridge, Museum of Costume, River Avon, Shops.
(Find the Fudge Kitchen, whisper the password and you will receive a surprise!)
- 3.30 Assemble at coaches
- 4.30 Arrive Stonehenge
- 5.00 Visit the museum
Displaying priceless artefacts, including the earliest manuscripts depicting the stone - Take buses to view the prehistoric monument of unknown origins - Oldest in Europe (Audio sets provided)
- 6.15 Assemble at coaches
- 8.00 Arrive at Charterhouse for late dinner
- 8.30 Free
- 9.15 Students to houses. Put out laundry for collection tomorrow.
- 9.30 Students to rooms
- 10.00 Peace & Quiet!

Tomorrow's Trivia

In 1613 the Globe Theatre went up in flames during a performance of Henry V111. A theatrical cannon misfired igniting the wooden beams and thatched roof. No-one was hurt except a man whose burning trousers (pants) were put out with a bottle of ale!

Three weeks on a historic, all-inclusive, campus

During the ISCA Program our students have *one base* for the entire three-week period. This gives students a platform to go out and enjoy all the wonderful cultural sights and historical experiences that southern England has to offer, as well as somewhere to call 'home' and return to each night.

The boarding house set-up of the schools means that students have their own bedrooms with bathrooms shared on a ratio of 1:4. Boys and girls stay in separate 'houses', with teachers from their own school as well as ISCA staff.

In addition, as two of the leading independent schools in the country, Charterhouse and Wellington offer a wealth of facilities for our use during the three-week program, particularly during the on campus days. These include expansive playing fields and facilities suitable for cricket, rugby, soccer, drama, art, orienteering, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, netball, squash, basketball, tennis, golf and more! In addition each evening, when the students return from touring, they are free to use all of the facilities. They can take part in one of the organised activities, watch a movie, go swimming or just relax and enjoy the campus with their new friends from all over the globe.



Three meals a day

During the three weeks our group are provided with three meals a day. A cooked breakfast is available everyday, as well as a choice of cereals, fresh fruit, croissants or toast, fruit juice, tea and coffee. Lunch and dinner comprise a good variety of cooked meals, with no fewer than three options, including a salad and pasta bar each meal time. When we travel off campus each student is provided with a packed lunch.

In addition, each and every allergy and dietary conditions can be specifically catered for. All our kitchens are nut free zones.

24/7 Medical Care

ISCA employs two fully qualified nurses on campus during each program. They will keep individual medical information for each school. This ensures that any necessary medical treatment can be given, from an upset stomach to a trip to the local medical practice where emergency care is immediate and efficient. In addition, all our ISCA staff are required to be first aid trained.



The ISCA Team

Our ISCA staff are chosen based on their experience working with middle school students. The ISCA team will be responsible for running the program on and off campus, enabling them to really get to know all the students and teachers. Such close proximity allows our students to get even more from their three weeks, by indirectly learning about British culture from our predominantly British ISCA staff. Naturally, all our staff are background checked (a UK requirement) and first aid trained.

In addition, the ISCA staff are all trained and qualified sports, drama and activity leaders. Therefore our staff will be leading voluntary activities after dinner each off campus day, as well as running the specific on campus day sports and activities. These include:

- Soccer
- Cricket
- Rugby
- Hockey
- Squash
- Netball
- Tennis
- Ping Pong
- Swimming
- Drama
- Golf
- Dance
- Art
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Rounders
- Foot-golf
- Volleyball
- Benchball
- Dodgeball



How it works - a simple 8-step process!

ISCA aims to take as much of the organisational pressure as possible off the teachers, starting with this simple guide to raising a group for ISCA 2017:

- **Email Luke Liddle**, the ISCA Program Director, with any further questions. He will also be able to give you access to the teacher's page of our website. Alternatively, we can arrange to give you a call to discuss any aspect of the program
- **Arrange a visit from ISCA.** Luke will be happy to visit your school and speak to students about the program, as well as answer any questions you might have. This is also a great opportunity to meet the parents and answer any of their particular concerns
- **Hold a meeting** with interested students/parents to finalise your group numbers and confirm the payment schedule
- **End of November 2016:** submit final group numbers to ISCA with a 30% group deposit *bank transfer payment (N.B. individual payments can be processed for non-USA schools if necessary)*
- **End of January 2017:** submit passport information for your group
- **End of March 2017:** submit final payment
- **May 2017:** receive eTickets for air travel
- **9 July/30 July depart home country** to travel to England for your three-week ISCA experience



2017 ISCA Program - Price List

Travel

All flights are on scheduled air services unless stated otherwise. Tickets and full travel details are provided well before departure date. Parents are responsible for travel arrangements to and from the airport. On arrival in England, groups are met by coach and transferred to our campus.

Insurance

ISCA carries Public Liability and Employer's Liability insurance. Parents must take out additional travel insurance to include trip cancellation, trip interruption, loss of baggage and emergency medical cover. This may be arranged through our office or independently.

All prices below are in US Dollars and include round trip air fare from airports listed below, transfers, accommodation, meals, coach trips, admission fees, entertainment and on-campus activities. Please contact us if you wish to travel from an unlisted airport and we will give you a price.

Atlanta	\$6,890	Greenville	\$6,990	Phoenix	\$6,990
Auckland	\$7,290	Hobart	\$7,190	Pittsburg	\$6,900
Beijing	\$6,890	Hong Kong	\$6,990	Porto Alegre	\$6,950
Bogota	\$6,890	Honolulu	\$6,990	Raleigh	\$6,890
Boston	\$6,490	Houston	\$6,990	Richmond	\$6,830
Buenos Aires	\$6,990	Jackson	\$6,960	Rio de Janeiro	\$6,890
Cape Town	\$6,990	Knoxville	\$6,890	San Francisco	\$6,870
Charleston	\$6,930	Lima	\$6,990	San Diego	\$6,880
Charlotte	\$6,890	Los Angeles	\$6,760	Sao Paulo	\$6,990
Chattanooga	\$6,890	Mexico City	\$6,970	Savannah	\$6,970
Chicago	\$6,640	Miami	\$6,740	Seattle	\$6,890
Cleveland OH	\$6,890	Nashville	\$6,760	Seoul	\$6,890
Columbus GA	\$6,850	New Orleans	\$6,950	St Louis	\$6,930
Dallas	\$6,950	New York - JFK	\$6,690	Sydney	\$6,990
Delhi	\$6,470	Newark	\$6,690	Tampa	\$6,840
Denver	\$6,890	Norfolk	\$6,890	Tokyo	\$6,990
Detroit	\$6,650	Perth	\$6,890	Washington	\$6,760
Greensboro	\$6,790	Philadelphia	\$6,790	Wellington, NZ	\$7,290

Note: Land-Only Price

The land-only price is \$5,290 US dollars. This excludes air-fare but includes accommodation, meals, coach trips, admission fees, entertainment and on-campus activities. A group airfare and ticketing can be arranged by ISCA on request.

Booking

Booking is confirmed by a 30% deposit payable by 30 November 2016. The balance of 70% is payable by 31 March 2017.

Protected Travel Services

ISCA is pleased to be a member of Protected Travel Services. PTS holds all client funds in a trust account to ensure that their money is secure and completely protected against the failure of the company and/or any of its suppliers.



Testimonials

"PROBABLY THE BEST CULTURAL EXPERIENCE A MIDDLE SCHOOLER CAN HAVE"

Teacher, Woodward Academy, USA

"EVERYTHING IS TAKEN CARE OF, THE TRAVEL, THE ACCOMMODATION, THE FRIENDSHIPS AND THE FUN"

Teacher, Peninsula School, USA

"THE STUDENTS LEARN INDEPENDENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY...THEY GROW SO MUCH THAT THEY REALLY DO COME BACK DIFFERENT KIDS"

Teacher, Hiram Bingham, Peru

"THANK YOU FOR GIVING MY SON THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!"

Parent, St Francis College, Brazil

"BEST THING I HAVE EVER DONE IN MY LIFE"

Student, Charlotte Latin School, USA

"I LEARNT SO MUCH ABOUT BRITISH CULTURE AND HISTORY, WHILST HAVING SO MUCH FUN! I NOW EVEN HAVE FRIENDS IN BRAZIL, PERU, AND OTHER PARTS OF THE STATES!"

Student, Ravenscroft School, USA



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