

# ISCA<sup>®</sup>

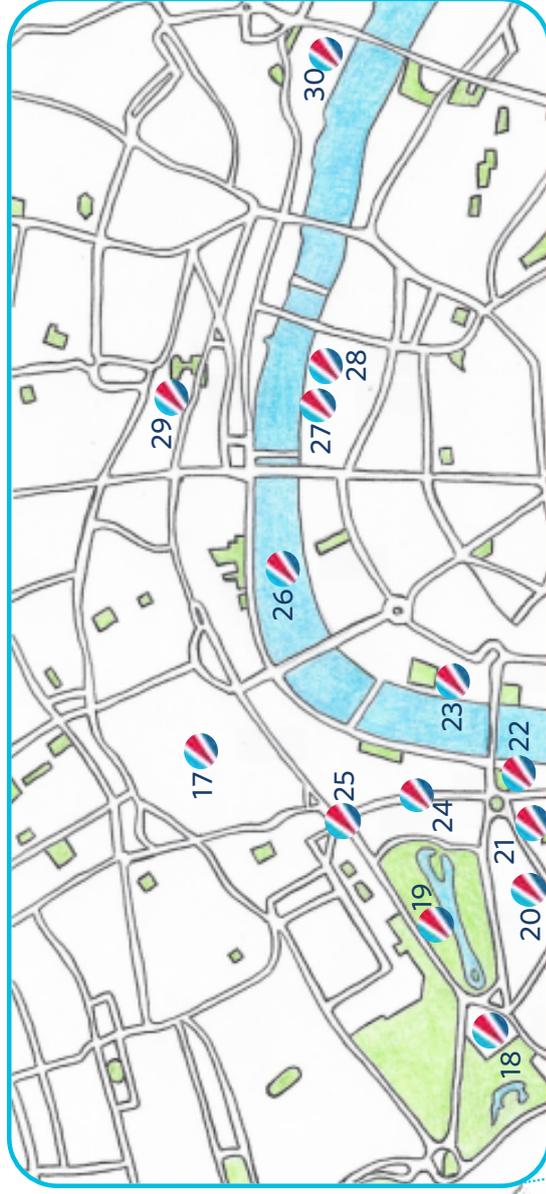
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS  
CULTURAL ALLIANCE

*"Be part of a Global Community"*



7 - 28 July 2019

## Explore British Culture in a Global Community



### Experience the best historic and cultural sites

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|---|---------------------|----|-------------------------|----|----------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | Stratford-upon-Avon | 9  | Brighton                | 17 | Covent Garden        | 25 | Trafalgar Square           |
| 2 | Blenheim Palace     | 10 | Runnymede               | 18 | Buckingham Palace    | 26 | River Thames Boat Trip     |
| 3 | Oxford              | 11 | Windsor Castle and Eton | 19 | St James's Park      | 27 | Tate Modern                |
| 4 | Bath                | 12 | Warner Brothers Studios | 20 | Wicked The Musical   | 28 | The Globe Theatre          |
| 5 | Stonehenge          | 13 | Hampton Court Palace    | 21 | Westminster Abbey    | 29 | St Paul's Cathedral        |
| 6 | Winchester          | 14 | Wimbledon               | 22 | Houses of Parliament | 30 | The Tower of London        |
| 7 | HMS Victory         | 15 | Leeds Castle            | 23 | London Eye           |    | <b>Wellington Campus</b>   |
| 8 | Arundel Castle      | 16 | Canterbury              | 24 | Whitehall            |    | <b>Charterhouse Campus</b> |

## **Built on 36 years' experience...**

As an educator and Head of three schools, I was privileged to travel with students all over Europe and to see first-hand how the experience enriched their lives. This became the inspiration for the founding of the Independent Schools Cultural Alliance 36 years ago and since that time thousands of satisfied students have returned from the UK having had the opportunity to experience a different country and its culture in a truly global environment. I am confident that we have now found in Luke Liddle a Managing Director who will continue to develop this vision well into the 21st century.



**Richard Woods**  
**ISCA Founder**



## **Welcome to ISCA**

The ISCA program offers a unique opportunity for our students to become part of a truly global community during their three weeks in Britain. During the program each student will learn all about British culture and history by visiting the best sights in southern England, from Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon to the Houses of Parliament, from Oxford to Stonehenge, they will see it all. However, their three weeks is about so much more than British culture. It is about building global connections and becoming a global citizen.

Each year we welcome schools from all over the globe onto our three-week program. This enables our students to learn not just about British culture, but also about the culture of their contemporaries from all over the globe. It is simply wonderful to see students from Peru or Australia exploring the secrets of the Tower of London with their new friends from the USA, Brazil, Argentina and elsewhere. In addition, as one parent reminded me at the end of our 2015 program, making these cultural connections at middle school age will serve our students as they move into the ever more global economy which they will work in and, eventually, become leaders of.

As we celebrate our 36th year we are delighted to be offering this program to more schools, from more countries, than ever before. However the intimate nature of the program remains. In order to cap the number of students on each program we are delighted to once again offer our new Wellington Campus. These two campuses will ensure that each and every student has a truly immersive global experience, without removing the personal approach and the ability to form life-long friendships that has made this program so unique for the last 36 years. Myself and the whole ISCA team would be delighted to welcome you, your school or your child onto our ever more global program in 2019.



**Luke Liddle**  
**ISCA Managing Director**  
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## What is the program all about?

- **Becoming Global:** ISCA welcomes English-speaking schools from all over the world, creating a truly immersive global experience for our students and allowing them to share their own cultures and form new global friendships.
- **Cultural, historic & social experience:** see over 30 of the best landmark sites in England, learning about British culture and history in a fun and interactive way.
- **Learn independence:** ISCA encourages students to become independent by visiting a different country, making new friends and exploring new places, all in a safe and secure teacher-led environment.
- **Designed specifically for the middle schooler:** founded by the Head of three middle schools, ISCA is tailored to the needs of 12-15 year old students.
- **Play a huge range of sports and activities:** spend every third day on our campus playing traditional British sports such as cricket, rugby and soccer, as well as participating in drama, art, golf, swimming and much more.
- **Stay at a beautiful historic British boarding school:** stay at one of our two fantastic campuses; Charterhouse School or Wellington College, 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 safer, easier and more accessible for middle school students.



## Why choose an ISCA program?

- 36 years experience providing stimulating, safe and secure travel for middle school students.
- *An unforgettable experience* – build independence and make 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, admission fees, 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 schools on the program allows students to broaden their global cultural horizons and understanding.



# ISCA Summer Program 2019

Monday 8 July	am pm evening	Arrive UK - Transfers to campus - Settle in - Activities and Swim Campus Orientation - Visit local village of Godalming (optional) House Meetings - Fire Practice
Tuesday 9 July	am pm evening	Presentation on Winchester Winchester - City - Cathedral - 14 <sup>th</sup> Century School Welcome BBQ - Voluntary Activities - Welcome BBQ
Wednesday 10 July	am pm evening	London: Tower of London Thames Boat Trip - London Eye Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Thursday 11 July	am/pm evening	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim Presentation on Nelson and HMS Victory
Friday 12 July	am pm evening	Portsmouth: HMS Victory Arundel Castle Free - Voluntary Activities - Movie
Saturday 13 July	am pm evening	London: Houses of Parliament (Commons, Lords and Great Hall) Covent Garden Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Sunday 14 July	am/pm evening	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim Presentation on Shakespeare & Stratford
Monday 15 July	am pm evening	Stratford-upon-Avon - Shakespeare's Birthplace Town Trail - Tour of Royal Shakespeare Theatre Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Tuesday 16 July	am pm evening	Westminster Abbey Visit to Warner Bros Studios Harry Potter Sets Free - Voluntary Activities - Cricket - Swim - Movie
Wednesday 17 July	am/pm evening	On-Campus Day - Activities - Presentation on Bath/Stonehenge BBQ - Dance
Thursday 18 July	am pm evening	Bath: Roman Baths - Abbey - Explore Stonehenge Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Friday 19 July	am pm evening	London: Globe Theatre Tour, Exhibition, Workshops St Paul's Cathedral Free - Voluntary Activities - Basketball - Swim - Movie
Saturday 20 July	am/pm evening	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim Presentation on Canterbury, Thomas Becket and Chaucer
Sunday 21 July	am pm evening	London: Small Group Walks - Buckingham Palace, St James' Park, Whitehall and Trafalgar Square Hampton Court Palace Free - Voluntary Activities - Volleyball - Movie
Monday 22 July	am pm evening	Canterbury - Cathedral River Trips - Explore City Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Tuesday 23 July	am/pm pm	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim Presentation on Brighton/Leeds Castle Trip
Wednesday 24 July	am pm evening	Oxford - City & Colleges (Guided Walks) Oxford - Independent touring in own groups Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Thursday 25 July	am pm evening	Brighton or Leeds Castle Brighton - Brighton Palace Pier, Beach, The Lanes, Royal Pavilion Wicked Theatre Performance
Friday 26 July	am/pm evening	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Soccer - Swim End of Program Presentation and Prize Giving
Saturday 27 July	am pm evening	Eton - Windsor Castle Thames Boat Trip - Runnymede (Site of Magna Carta) BBQ and Dance
Sunday 28 July	am	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 - Charterhouse Shop Open**

**2.00 Second Activity Session**

**3.00 Free - Shop in Crown open**

**3.30 Third Activity Session**

**4.30 Free - Voluntary Activities & Drama - Groups A & B design periodical**

**6.30 Dinner**

**7.30 Break off into sports groups - Workshops on Nelson & HMS Victory**

**9.00 Students to houses**

**9.30 House Meetings. Put out laundry for collection tomorrow.**

**10.00 Students to rooms. Peace & Quiet!**



## EXAMPLE OFF CAMPUS DAY

**7.30 Rise and shine**

**8.00 Breakfast**

**8.30 Assemble at coaches**

**8.45 Depart for London**

**10.00 Coaches 1 & 2 arrive at the Tower of London**

Points of Interest  
White Tower - Bloody Tower - Crown Jewels - Yeomen of the Guard (The Yeomen Warders will answer your questions as you walk around)

**12.30 Picnic Lunch by the River Thames**

**1.00 Assemble at Tower Pier for Boat Trip to Westminster** (departs 1.15)

**1.45 Arrive at London Eye Pier**

**3.00 Board the London Eye**

**10.00 Coaches 3 & 4 arrive at the London Eye**

**10.30 Board the London Eye**

**11.45 Assemble at London Eye Pier**  
(departs 12.10)

**12.40 Picnic lunch by the river**

**1.30 Visit the Tower of London**

**4.00 Assemble at coaches**

**6.00 Arrive at Charterhouse**

**7.00 Dinner**

**7.30 Voluntary Sports & Activities**

**7.45 Voluntary Swim**

**9.00 Students to houses**

**10.00 Students to rooms. Peace & Quiet!**

## ***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, whilst having somewhere to call 'home' and return to each night. This campus experience enables students to immerse themselves in the global mix of the program and allows them to form lifelong friendships and become global citizens.

Each student will have either their own, or twin, bedrooms with bathrooms shared on a ratio of 1:4. Boys and girls stay in separate boarding '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 on 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 every day, as well as a choice of cereals, fresh fruit, croissants or toast, fruit juice, tea, 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 condition can be specifically catered for. All our kitchens are nut free zones.

## ***24/7 Medical Care***

ISCA employs two fully qualified nurses on the campus during the 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. ISCA staff will lead 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
- Team-building Activities
- Orienteering



## Become part of ISCA 2019

ISCA will take as much of the organisational pressure as possible off the teachers, starting with this simple guide to raising a group for ISCA 2019:

1. **Get in touch with Luke Liddle**, the ISCA Managing Director, with any further questions.
2. **Arrange a visit from ISCA**. As part of our personal approach Luke will **visit each school** that wishes to participate in the 2019 program. Luke will be available to present the program to students and parents, as well as answer any questions they have.
3. **Submit your group numbers**. Teachers should submit their final group number by **15 October 2018**.
4. **Parents pay 30% deposit**. Once ISCA has accepted your group numbers you will be sent a payment letter to share with parents. This will allow them to visit a secure link on the ISCA website and pay directly using a credit or debit card. A 30% deposit must be received by **31 October 2018**.
5. **30 November 2018**. Teachers should submit passport information for their group via the ISCA website.
6. **31 March 2019**. Parents will be sent a link to pay the remaining 70% balance.
7. **Tourist Visa**. Students and Teachers who require a tourist visa should apply no later than **April 2019**.
8. **May 2019**. Group leaders will receive eTickets for travel.
9. **Sunday 7 July depart home country** to travel to England for your three-week ISCA experience!





## Provisional Prices for 2019

Please note ISCA reserve the right to change these prices up to 1 August 2018 in the event of significant changes to airline pricing.

### **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 their departure airport. On arrival in England, groups are met by private coach and transferred to our campus.

### **Insurance**

ISCA carries Public Liability and Employer's Liability insurance. Parents are advised to take out additional travel insurance to include trip cancellation, trip interruption, loss of baggage and emergency medical cover. This should be arranged independently.

Prices below are in US Dollars except where indicated. All prices include round trip air fare, transfers, accommodation, meals, coach trips, admission fees, entertainment and on-campus activities. Please contact us if you would like a price from an unlisted airport.

<u>Argentina</u>		<u>Columbia</u>		<u>USA</u>	
Buenos Aires	\$7,145	Bogota	\$7,145	Atlanta	\$7,145
<u>Australia</u>		<u>Hong Kong</u>	HKD \$54,250	Baltimore	\$7,045
Perth	AUD \$8,780	<u>India</u>		Boston	\$6,990
<u>Bahrain</u>	BHD 2,600	Delhi	INR 440,500	Charlotte	\$7,145
<u>Brazil</u>		<u>Japan</u>		Chicago	\$7,075
Porto Alegre	\$7,145	Tokyo	¥795,000	Dallas	\$7,145
Recife	\$7,145	<u>Peru</u>		Honolulu	\$7,145
Rio de Janeiro	\$7,075	Lima	\$7,245	Houston	\$7,025
São Paulo	\$7,095	<u>Qatar</u>	QAR 24,500	Los Angeles	\$7,095
<u>Canada</u>		<u>South Korea</u>		New York, JFK	\$6,990
Toronto	CAD \$9,275	Seoul	₩7,650,000	Newark	\$6,990
<u>Chile</u>		<u>Thailand</u>		Norfolk	\$7,045
Santiago	\$7,145	Bangkok	235,000 THB	Raleigh	\$7,095
<u>China</u>		<u>United Arab Emirates</u>		San Francisco	\$7,145
Beijing	¥47,650	Abu Dhabi	AED 24,750	Seattle	\$7,145
Shanghai	¥47,650	Dubai	AED 24,250	Washington DC	\$6,990

Note: all non-US Dollar amounts can be processed in US Dollars if parents wish.

### **Land-Only Price**

The land-only price is \$5,690 US dollars. This excludes air fare but includes accommodation, meals, coach trips, admission, entertainment and on-campus activities. This price stipulates that the child's flights are arranged independently and the child is dropped off and picked up from the campus.

If you would like your child to fly with the group but you wish to book the same flights independently using frequent flyer programs this option should be selected. **Please note, due to airline regulations selecting the land only option must be done at the time of booking and cannot be changed.**

### **Booking**

Schools should submit their final numbers by Monday 15 October 2018. The booking is then confirmed by a 30% parent deposit payable using a debit or credit card before 31 October 2018. The remaining 70% balance is payable by 31 March 2019.

### **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, Hiram Bingham, Peru*

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

*Teacher, Peninsula School, USA*

"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"

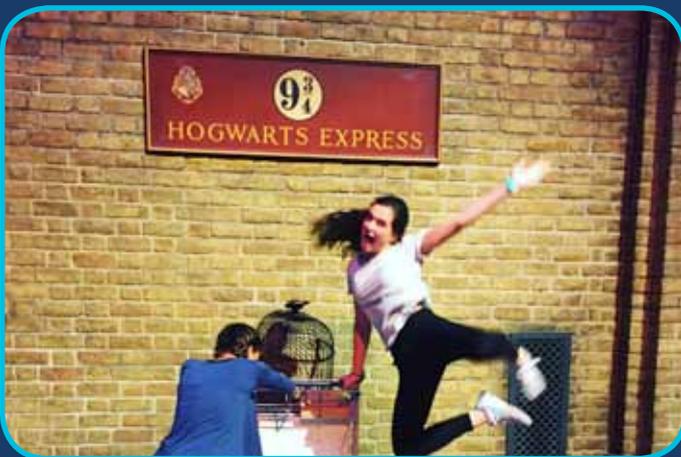
*Student, Charlotte Latin School, USA*

"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, Durham Academy, USA*



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