

# ISCA

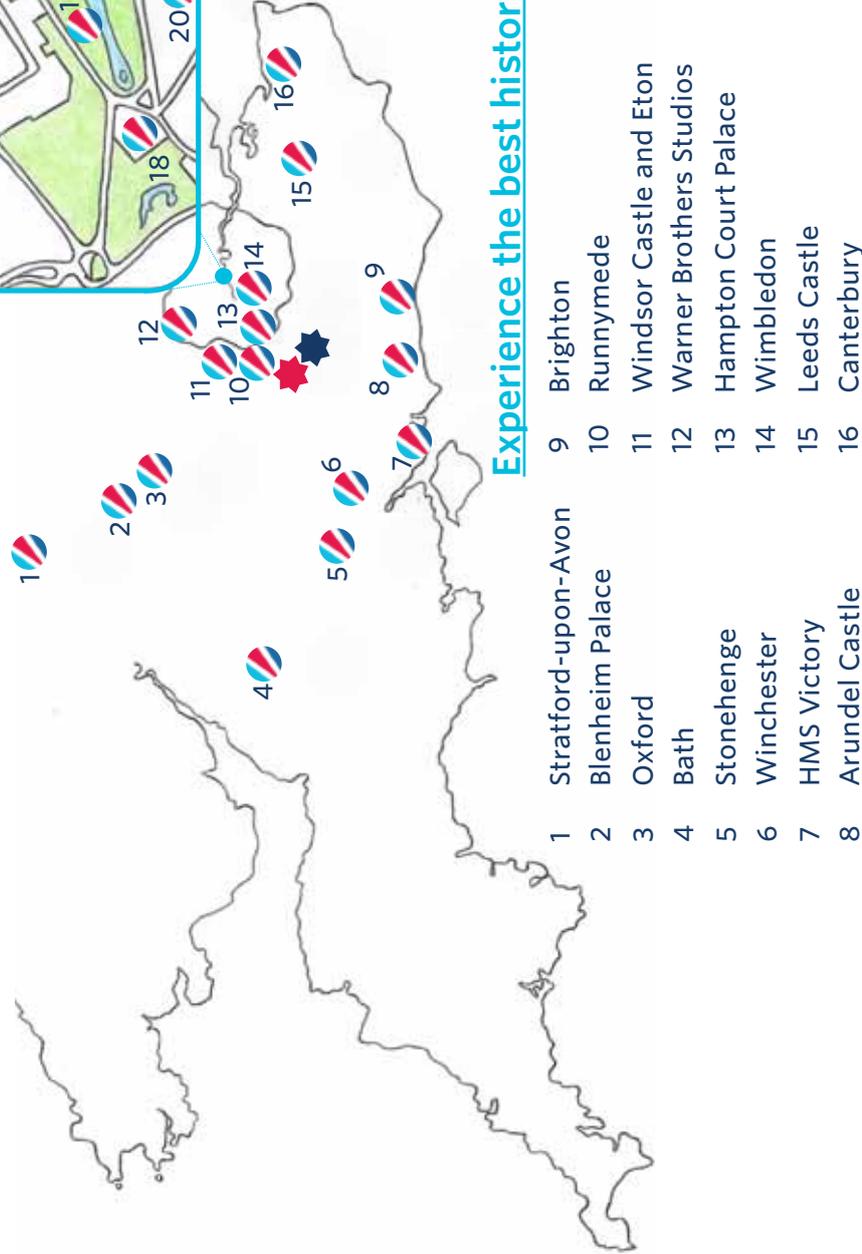
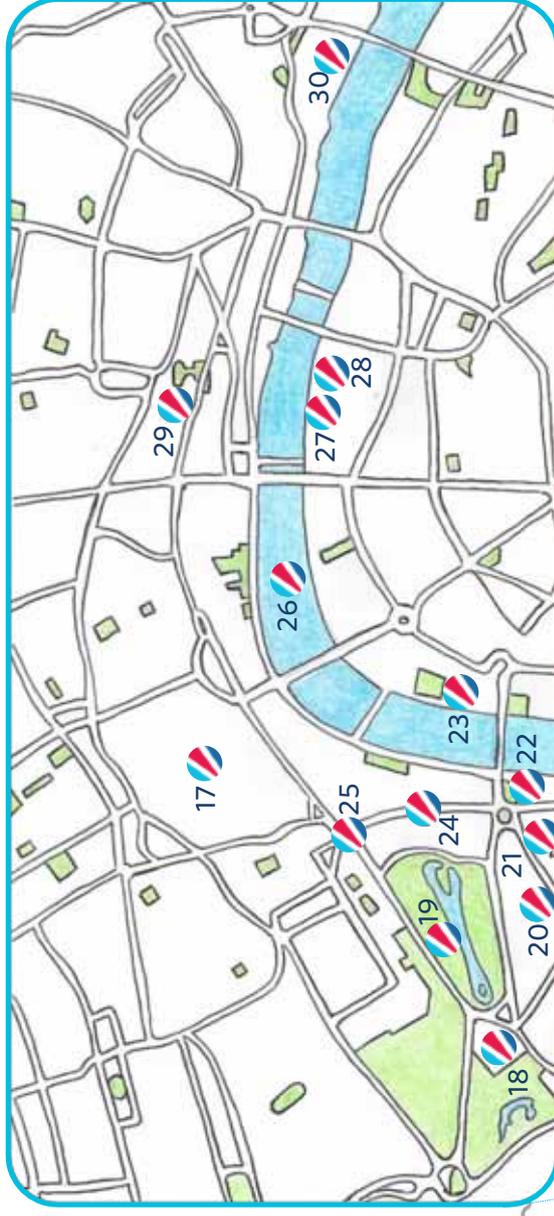
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS  
CULTURAL ALLIANCE

*“Explore British Culture in a Global Community”*



**12 July – 2 August 2020**

## 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>Charterhouse Campus</b> |
| 8 | Arundel Castle      | 16 | Canterbury              | 24 | Whitehall            |    | <b>Cranleigh Campus</b>    |

## Welcome to ISCA - built on 38 years' experience

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 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, embracing global cultures and becoming global citizens.

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. 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 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 38th 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 offer two campuses, Charterhouse School and Cranleigh School - both situated in the heart of the British countryside. 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 38 years. The whole ISCA team and I would be delighted to welcome you, your school or your child onto our ever more global program in 2020.



**Luke Liddle**  
**ISCA Managing Director**



## 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 landmarks in England, understand more about British culture and history by visiting the sights, exploring them and learning in an interactive way.
- **Learn independence:** ISCA students are independent. They are travelling to a new country, meeting new friends and exploring new places. A central ethos of the program is student-led learning. When we visit the sights students will explore independently in small groups, whilst knowing they are in a safe and secure environment, with 1 teacher for every 4 students.
- **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 Cranleigh School, 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?

- *38 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 2020

Monday 13 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 14 July	am pm evening	Presentation on Winchester Winchester - City - Cathedral - 14 <sup>th</sup> Century School Welcome BBQ - Voluntary Activities - Welcome BBQ
Wednesday 15 July	am pm evening	London: Tower of London Thames Boat Trip - London Eye Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Thursday 16 July	am/pm evening	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim Presentation on Nelson and HMS Victory
Friday 17 July	am pm evening	Portsmouth: HMS Victory Arundel Castle Free - Voluntary Activities - Movie
Saturday 18 July	am pm evening	London: Houses of Parliament (Commons, Lords and Great Hall) Covent Garden Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Sunday 19 July	am/pm evening	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim Presentation on Shakespeare & Stratford
Monday 20 July	am pm evening	Stratford-upon-Avon - Shakespeare's Birthplace Town Trail - Tour of Royal Shakespeare Theatre Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Tuesday 21 July	am pm evening	Westminster Abbey Visit to Warner Bros Studios Harry Potter Sets Free - Voluntary Activities - Cricket - Swim - Movie
Wednesday 22 July	am/pm evening	On-Campus Day - Activities - Presentation on Bath/Stonehenge BBQ - Dance
Thursday 23 July	am pm evening	Bath: Roman Baths - Abbey - Explore Stonehenge Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Friday 24 July	am pm evening	London: Globe Theatre Tour, Exhibition, Workshops St Paul's Cathedral Free - Voluntary Activities - Basketball - Swim - Movie
Saturday 25 July	am/pm evening	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim Presentation on Canterbury, Thomas Becket and Chaucer
Sunday 26 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 27 July	am pm evening	Canterbury - Cathedral River Trips - Explore City Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Tuesday 28 July	am/pm pm	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Swim Presentation on Brighton/Leeds Castle Trip
Wednesday 29 July	am pm evening	Oxford - City & Colleges (Guided Walks) Oxford - Independent touring in own groups Free - Voluntary Activities - Swim - Movie
Thursday 30 July	am pm evening	Brighton or Leeds Castle Brighton - Brighton Palace Pier, Beach, The Lanes, Royal Pavilion Wicked Theatre Performance
Friday 31 July	am/pm evening	On-Campus Day - Sports & Activities - Soccer - Swim End of Program Presentation and Prize Giving
Saturday 1 August	am pm evening	Eton - Windsor Castle Thames Boat Trip - Runnymede (Site of Magna Carta) BBQ and Dance
Sunday 2 August	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**

**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**

**10.30 Board the London Eye**

**11.45 Assemble at London Eye Pier**

**12.40 Picnic lunch by the River Thames**

**1.30 Visit the Tower of London**

**4.00 Assemble at coaches**

**6.00 Arrive at campus**

**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. Our campus experience enables students to immerse themselves in the global mix of the program, allowing the formation of lifelong friendships.

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 providing supervision on each floor.

In addition, as two of the leading independent schools in the country, Charterhouse and Cranleigh 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! 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 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 are off campus a packed lunch is provided, except on 5 occasions when we have free 'lunch choice' (visiting Bath, Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, Covent Garden & Brighton). On these days ISCA suggest a variety of different lunch options and allow the students to choose where to have their 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 a medical supervisor 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, our ISCA staff are 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).

In addition, the ISCA staff are all 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
- Drama
- Rugby
- Hockey
- Squash
- Netball
- Tennis
- Ping Pong
- Swimming
- Cricket
- Golf
- Dance
- Volleyball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Rounders
- Foot-golf
- Art
- Benchball
- Dodgeball
- Basketball
- Orienteering
- Workshops
- Team-building Activities



## Become part of ISCA 2020

ISCA organise every part of the trip, including return flights from your home airport. Each school will have a designated group leader. The school is responsible for handling all communication between ISCA and the parents/ students. To become part of ISCA you would typically follow this process:

1. **Attend a presentation from ISCA**, As part of our personal approach Luke **will visit each school** that wishes to participate in the 2020 program. Luke will be available to answer any questions you may have.
2. **Confirm your attendance**. Each group leader will submit their final group number by **14 October 2019**. At this time you need to decide if your child will be flying with the group to and from London (**full price**) or whether you will be arranging their own flight, for example to complement family travel plans (**land only**). *Please note ISCA can only book round trip tickets for the group.*
3. **Pay 30% deposit**. Once ISCA has accepted your group you will be sent a payment letter by your group leader. This will allow you 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 2019**.
4. **Before 31 March 2020**. Parents will be sent a link to pay the remaining 70% balance.
5. **Tourist Visa**. Students and Teachers who require a tourist visa should apply no later than April 2020.
6. **May 2020**. Group leaders will receive eTickets for travel.
7. **Sunday 12 July depart home country** to travel to England for your three-week ISCA experience!





# ISCA Summer Program Price List

Please note ISCA reserve the right to change these prices up to 1 August 2019 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 in December 2019. Parents are responsible for travel arrangements to and from their departure 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 are strongly 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.

### Argentina

Buenos Aires \$7,145

### Peru

Lima \$7,250

### Australia

Perth AUD \$8,890

### Uruguay

Montevideo \$7,145

### Brazil

Porto Alegre \$7,250

Rio de Janeiro \$7,095

São Paulo \$7,150

### USA

Atlanta \$7,145

Boston \$6,890

Charlotte \$7,145

Cincinnati \$7,145

New York \$6,990

Norfolk \$7,095

Raleigh Durham \$7,095

### Chile

Santiago \$7,145

### Japan

Tokyo ¥795,000

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

## Land-Only Price

The land-only price is \$5,790 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. ISCA cannot collect unaccompanied students from the airport, unless they arrive on exactly the same flight as the group.

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 14 October 2019. The booking is then confirmed by a 30% non-refundable parent deposit payable using a debit or credit card before 31 October 2019. The remaining 70% balance is payable by 31 March 2020.

## Protected Trust Services

ISCA is pleased to be a member of Protected Trust 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*



*Join us in 2020 for an ISCA Summer!*



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