

# UK Summer Programme

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**ISCA**<sup>®</sup>  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS  
CULTURAL ALLIANCE





# Welcome to the 39<sup>th</sup> ISCA Summer Programme

Every year, the Independent Schools Cultural Alliance, ISCA, welcomes select school groups from all over the globe to the United Kingdom for our three-week programme. During their time with us, each student will learn about British history and culture by visiting the very best sights in southern England. We have chosen these sights with Middle Schoolers in mind: they are immersive experiences which capitalise on a Middle Schooler's natural sense of curiosity.

The ISCA experience is just as much about building global connections, embracing global cultures, and becoming global citizens. Our campus environment is intentionally designed to encourage students to learn about the cultures of their contemporaries by forming lasting friendships. As one parent reminded me at the end of our programme, making these cultural connections at Middle School age will serve our students as they

move into the ever more global economy in which they will work and, eventually, become leaders of.

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.

Middle School students have an amazing sense of curiosity and wonder, an openness to learn about the world, others, and themselves and the ISCA experience empowers them to do just that. The whole ISCA team and I would be delighted to welcome your child onto our global programme in 2021. I invite you to use this book to explore what makes ISCA such a unique experience for Middle School students.

**Luke Liddle**  
ISCA Managing Director

# Explore British culture in a global community



## Experience some of Britain's best historic and cultural sights



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

# Understand British history and culture

**3000 BC**  
Stonehenge

**1066**  
Battle of  
Hastings

**1215**  
Signing of the  
Magna Carta

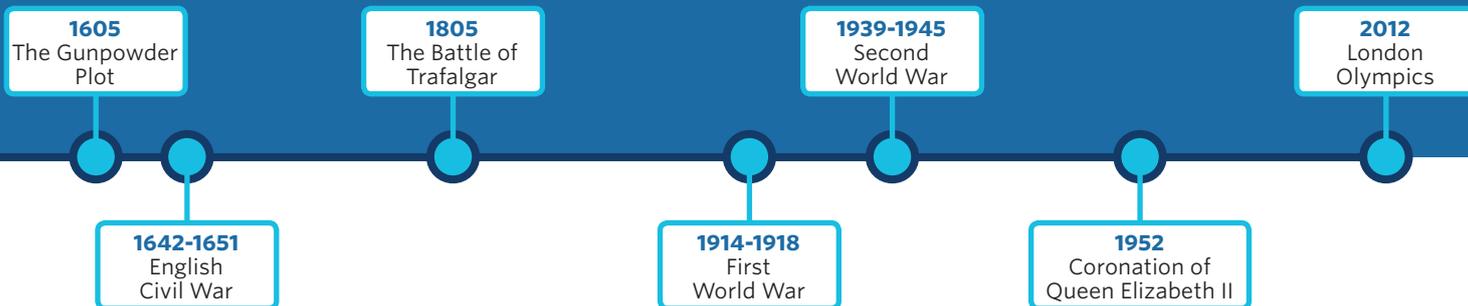
**AD 60**  
Roman Baths

**1096**  
University of  
Oxford

**1564**  
Birth of William  
Shakespeare



During the programme students will take a journey through British history, developing an understanding of key historic events by exploring over 30 of the most significant landmark sites in the country.



# Interactive learning

## ISCA Explorer

Every student receives our course book, containing a detailed history of each place we visit.

## Workshops

Interactive sessions to bring history to life. Whether it is re-enacting the Battle of Trafalgar or building a scale model of Stonehenge, our excellent teachers will stimulate learning through collaborative working.

## Activity Booklet

Each student is given a booklet containing worksheets, specifically designed to encourage asking questions and engaging with our tour guides.

## Theatre

During the programme students will visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare; will participate in an interactive drama workshop at the Globe Theatre; and will experience a West End Show.



# Become global citizens

## An immersive experience

ISCA welcomes English-speaking schools from all over the world, creating a truly immersive global experience and allowing students to share their own cultures and form new global friendships.

## Culturally mixed campus

Our boarding houses, buses and activity groups are all mixed to allow students to make new friendships, appreciate new cultures and leave ISCA having become global citizens.

## Global evening

A selection of students from each country will have the opportunity to present their unique culture to the rest of the ISCA group.

# Develop independence

## Student led

ISCA students will travel to a new country, meet new friends and explore new places.

A central ethos of our programme is student-led learning.

Although we always enter sites as one group, students will then have the opportunity to explore in groups of 3 or more. This gives them agency over their learning and allows them to focus on their own specific interests.

Teachers are always present, giving the students the security of knowing they are in a safe environment, with 1 teacher for every 4 students.





# Campus life

Our countryside location, 35 miles south-west of London, gives us quick and easy access to many of the UK's best historic and cultural sights.

At the start of the programme, students unpack and have a base to return to at the end of each day. Middle School students crave consistency, and this campus arrangement provides students with a sense of routine.

The campus environment also allows students to exercise independence and foster relationships with fellow participants. Every student becomes part of a house community and will be responsible for their own room during the programme.

As the popularity of the programme has increased, we now operate two campuses simultaneously during the three weeks.

School groups will be assigned to either our Charterhouse or Cranleigh campus. We allocate in a way that ensures a cultural mix at each campus, whilst keeping numbers at a level that guarantees each student can have a truly immersive global experience and the opportunity to form life-long friendships which have made this programme so unique for the last 39 years.





## Cranleigh

Cranleigh School was founded in 1865 as a community school for the sons of local farmers. Since then, Cranleigh has developed into one of the country's leading independent co-educational boarding schools.

Located in 280 acres of beautiful Surrey countryside, Cranleigh has several original buildings as well as its exceptionally well-equipped performance studios and sporting facilities.



## Charterhouse

Founded in 1611, Charterhouse is one of the great historic schools of England. The school was originally established in an old Carthusian monastery in London, before moving to its current site in Godalming in 1872.

This 250-acre campus has an expansive range of sporting facilities for ISCA students to enjoy during the programme.

## Typical **Off-Campus** day

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
<p><b>7.30</b> Rise and Shine</p> <p><b>8.00</b> Breakfast</p> <p><b>8.45</b> Coaches depart for London</p> <p><b>10.00</b> Guided tour of Tower of London</p>	<p><b>12.30</b> Picnic lunch by River Thames</p> <p><b>1.00</b> Assemble at Tower Pier for Boat Trip to Westminster</p> <p><b>1.45</b> Arrive at London Eye Pier</p> <p><b>3.00</b> Board the London Eye</p> <p><b>4.00</b> Assemble at coaches</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Arrive at campus</p> <p><b>7.00</b> Dinner</p> <p><b>7.30</b> Voluntary Sports &amp; Activities</p> <p><b>7.45</b> Voluntary Swim</p> <p><b>9.00</b> Students to houses</p> <p><b>10.00</b> Students to rooms. Peace &amp; Quiet!</p>

## Typical **On-Campus** day

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
<p><b>8.30</b> Rise and Shine</p> <p><b>9.00</b> Late Breakfast</p> <p><b>10.00</b> Assemble at ISCA Garden</p> <p><b>10.15</b> First Activity Sessions</p> <p><b>11.15</b> Drinks Break in ISCA Garden</p> <p><b>11.30</b> Second Activity Session</p>	<p><b>1.00</b> Lunch</p> <p><b>2.00</b> Assemble at ISCA Garden</p> <p><b>2.30</b> Third Activity Session</p> <p><b>4.00</b> Free time</p>	<p><b>6.00</b> Dinner</p> <p><b>7.00</b> Break off into sports groups. Workshops on Nelson &amp; HMS Victory</p> <p><b>8.00</b> Free time</p> <p><b>9.00</b> Students to houses</p> <p><b>9.30</b> House Meetings. Put out laundry for collection.</p> <p><b>10.00</b> Students to rooms. Peace &amp; Quiet!</p>

### 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”. On these days ISCA suggest a variety of different lunch options but allow the students to choose where to have their lunch.

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

### 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 programme 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).

### 24/7 Medical Care

ISCA employs a medical supervisor on the campus during the programme. 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.



# ISCA 2021 Programme

Week 1	
Monday	<i>Arrive in UK</i>
Tuesday	<b>Winchester</b> Winchester Cathedral 14th Century School
Wednesday	<b>London</b> Tower of London River Thames London Eye
Thursday	<i>On-Campus Day</i>
Friday	<b>The South Coast</b> HMS Victory Arundel Castle
Saturday	<b>London</b> Houses of Parliament Covent Garden
Sunday	<i>On-Campus Day</i>

Week 2	
Monday	<b>Stratford-upon-Avon</b> Shakespeare's Birthplace Town Trail Royal Shakespeare Theatre
Tuesday	<b>Warner Brothers Studios</b> Harry Potter film sets
Wednesday	<i>On-Campus Day</i>
Thursday	<b>The South-West</b> Bath Stonehenge
Friday	<b>London</b> Globe Theatre Tate Modern St Paul's Cathedral
Saturday	<i>On-Campus Day</i>
Sunday	<b>London</b> London Walks Hampton Court Palace

Week 3	
Monday	<b>Canterbury</b> Canterbury Cathedral Boat trip on the River Stour
Tuesday	<i>On-Campus Day</i>
Wednesday	<b>Oxford</b> University of Oxford Walking Tour Blenheim Palace
Thursday	<b>Brighton</b> Brighton Palace Pier Royal Pavilion The Lanes
Friday	<i>On-Campus Day</i>
Saturday	<b>Windsor</b> Windsor Castle Runnymede
Sunday	<i>Transfers to Airport</i>





# Become part of ISCA 2021

**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 2021 programme. Luke will be available to answer any questions you may have.
2. **Confirm your attendance.** Each school will submit their final group number by **19 October 2020**.
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 2020**.
4. **Before 31 March 2021.** Parents will be sent a link to pay the remaining 70% balance.
5. **Tourist Visa.** Students and group leaders who require a tourist visa should apply no later than April 2021.
6. **Sunday 11 July depart home country** to travel to England for your three-week ISCA experience!



# Provisional prices for 2021

Fly from	Price
<b>Argentina</b>	
Buenos Aires	\$7,145
<b>Australia</b>	
Perth	AUD \$9,490
<b>Brazil</b>	
Porto Alegre	\$7,250
Rio de Janeiro	\$7,195
São Paulo	\$7,195
<b>Chile</b>	
Santiago	\$7,145
<b>Japan</b>	
Tokyo	¥795,000

Land-only price	
Flights not included	\$5,890

Non-US Dollar amounts can be processed in US Dollars if required.

ISCA reserve the right to change all advertised non land-only prices up to 1 August 2020 in the event of significant changes to airline pricing.

Fly from	Price
<b>Peru</b>	
Lima	\$7,295
<b>Uruguay</b>	
Montevideo	\$7,145
<b>USA</b>	
Atlanta	\$7,195
Boston	\$6,995
Charlotte	\$7,195
Cincinnati	\$7,195
New York	\$7,095
Norfolk	\$7,145
Raleigh Durham	\$7,145

## Booking

Schools should submit their final numbers by Monday 19 October 2020. The booking is then confirmed by a 30% non-refundable parent deposit payable using a debit or credit card before 31 October 2020. The remaining 70% balance is payable by 31 March 2021.



## 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 their money is secure and completely protected against the failure of the company and/or any of its suppliers.



## **Travel**

All flights are on scheduled air services unless stated otherwise. Tickets and full travel details are provided in December 2020. 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 in this brochure 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.

## **Land-Only Price**

This price excludes the air fare and transport to the campus. ISCA cannot collect unaccompanied students from the airport, unless they arrive on exactly the same flight as the group. Land-only students must therefore be dropped off and picked up from the campus.

Please note, if you wish to arrange flights separately you must select the land-only option at the time of booking.

# 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

*"A profound, flawless journey through British lifestyle, culture and history"*

Teacher, St Matthew's College, Argentina

*"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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