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EXPLORING WRITER'S CRAFT IN ENGLAND & IRELAND

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Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; weShare, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily;

Sightseeing: Literary Dublin; Dublin; C.S. Lewis Tour of Belfast; Stratford-upon-Avon; London;

Entrances: St. Patrick's Cathedral; Trinity College and Book of Kells; Dublin Writers Museum; Irish Literature Lecture; Titanic Belfast; Shakespeare's Birthplace and Ann Hathaway's House; Museum of London Docklands; Crime Writing Workshop (pending availability); Globe Theatre Tour and Lecture; Tower of London; Guided visit of the British Library; Creative writing workshop at the British Library

Overnight stays:

Dublin, (3)
Stratford-upon-Avon, (1)
London, (4)

Not Included on tour

Optional excursions; Insurance coverage; Beverages and lunches; Transportation to free-time activities; Customary gratuities (for your Tour Director, bus driver and local guide); Porterage; Adult supplement (if applicable); Weekend supplement; Any applicable baggage-handling fee imposed by the airlines (see eftours.ca/baggage for details); Expenses caused by airline rescheduling, cancellations or delays caused by the airlines, bad weather or events beyond EF's control; Passports, visa and reciprocity fees



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Your itinerary

Day 1: Board your overnight flight to Dublin!

Day 2: Dublin

Arrive in Dublin

Arrive in literary Dublin, one-time home of James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, and W. B. Yeats! Dublin is also the setting for Joyce's *Ulysses*, one of the 20th century's greatest literary works. In recent years Dublin has also developed as one of Europe's busiest entertainment centers.

Guided Literary Walking Tour

Visit the favorite haunts of Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift, James Joyce, and numerous other scribes who called Dublin home. As you stroll through this literary city, your guide recites choice passages from these authors' works.

Overnight in Dublin

Day 3: Dublin

Guided Sightseeing tour of Dublin

Begin your tour of the Irish capital by viewing some of Dublin's celebrated Georgian squares. From here you will visit St. Patrick's Cathedral to see the beautiful interior and pay tribute to the patron saint of Ireland. You will then head past the Post Office, site of the 1916 rebellion, before continuing along the banks of the River Liffey. Continue your visit in Phoenix Park which houses the residence of the President of Ireland.

Trinity College

Playwright Samuel Beckett and satirist Jonathan Swift studied at Trinity College, your next stop. In the Long Room of the Old Library you'll view the Book of Kells, a calligraphic manuscript created by Irish monks more than 1,000 years ago.

Dublin Writers Museum

Celebrate Ireland's incredible literary history when you visit the Dublin Writers Museum. Housed in a restored Georgian mansion on Parnell Square, the museum provides an insight into the life and oeuvre of some of Ireland's most prominent writers including Oscar Wilde, James Joyce and Samuel Beckett.

Irish Literature Lecture

Take an in-depth look at the lives of many famous Irish writers, their most important works and their worldwide influence in this informative lecture.

Overnight in Dublin

Day 4: Dublin

Full Day Excursion to Belfast

C.S. Lewis Guided Tour of Belfast

Enjoy a guided sightseeing of Belfast, the capital of northern Ireland, focusing on C.S. Lewis. Start at Donegall Square, presided over by the white stone city hall, then pass Belfast Castle with its huge estate rolling down the slopes of Cave Hill. You may also see the 'peace-line' - a blockade of iron that divides Protestant and Catholic communities.

Visit St. Mark's Dundela

Visit the church where the notable Christian writer, C.S. Lewis was baptized on January 29th, 1899.

Titanic Belfast

The Titanic Belfast Museum is a "can't miss" visit in any tour of Northern Ireland. It is located in the heart of Belfast, on the slipways where RMS Titanic was built, and offers over nine galleries including special effects, dark rides, full-scale reconstructions and innovative interactive features to explore the Titanic story in a fresh and insightful way. The museum traces the lifespan of the RMS Titanic from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, and finally to her infamous maiden voyage and catastrophic demise.

Return to Dublin

Overnight in Dublin

Day 5: Dublin | Holyhead | Stratford-upon-Avon

Board the ferry to Wales

Arrive in Holyhead

Transfer to Stratford-upon-Avon

Continue on to legendary Stratford, the birthplace of William Shakespeare.

Overnight in Stratford-upon-Avon region

Day 6: Stratford-upon-Avon | London

Guided Sightseeing of Stratford-upon-Avon

Begin your tour by the statue of Shakespeare's jester. From here you will enter the Shakespeare museum and birthplace to learn more about the works of England's most famed writer. This half-timbered Tudor building offers detailed insight into life 500 years ago. Leaving the house, you will head towards the River Avon to see fine examples of the houseboats that still journey along England's intricate canal ways.

Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Ann Hathaway's House

The town of Stratford-upon-Avon is of course most famous as the birthplace and home of William Shakespeare. The town is amazingly preserved from its Tudor past and visiting both the home of the Bard himself and the famous cottage of Shakespeare's wife before they married gives you an excellent idea of what life was like during their time.

Transfer to London

Ranging from the North Sea in the east to the playing fields of Eton in the west, London covers an area of some 620 square miles and is home to over 8 million people. Prepare to observe the stunning architecture, vibrant street life and royal majesty of this bustling metropolis.

Overnight in London

Day 7: London

Guided sightseeing of London

A local guide leads you on a panoramic tour of London. Begin in Grosvenor Square; site of the U.S. embassy and the house where Eisenhower once lived, this area is sometimes called "Little America." Continue to Hyde Park Corner, located at the southeast corner of Hyde Park, one of London's largest parks. At bustling Piccadilly Circus, the intersection of five busy streets, check out the bright lights and big city displays, before heading to Trafalgar Square, site of Nelson's Column, built to commemorate his 1805 victory in the Battle of Trafalgar. Pass Speaker's Corner, where anyone with something to

say is invited to speak his mind. Snap a photo of the Houses of Parliament and continue along London's South Bank for views of the famous Tower of London and London Bridge. View St. Paul's Cathedral, the magnificent 17th-century Baroque church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Finally, witness a London tradition: the Changing of the Guard.(Subject to scheduling)

Visit the Museum of London Docklands

This museum tells the history of London's River Thames and the growth of the Docklands.

Museum of London Docklands Workshop: 'Elementary, my dear Watson': Crime Writing in the 19th Century *pending availability
Meet Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in the Victorian East End, where he's looking for inspiration for his latest novel. Discover how an author evokes atmosphere and emotion, how a plot is developed, and some themes explored in his work. Texts are put into context in a facilitated sources and artefacts workshop. Focused gallery activities will allow your students to develop their own writing or to explore the social, historical and cultural contexts of some of the set texts.

Day 8: London

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre Tour, Exhibition & Lecture

Take a fresh approach to Shakespeare during an interactive lecture at London's Globe Theatre. During Elizabethan times, the Thames-side playhouse was popular with Londoners craving a little Shakespearian diversion. Learn about the layout and social importance of the theater and develop a keener sense of Shakespeare with a variety of hands-on activities. (In cases where the workshop is not available, groups will instead enjoy a special literary walking tour of London.)

Explore Borough Market

Take some time to explore historic Borough Market, one of the oldest and most highly regarded fresh food markets in the city, with over 100 individual stalls. Allow your senses to be enticed by bubbling vats of curry, slabs of English cheese, sizzling sausages and mouthwatering gourmet sweets and baked delights.

Visit the Tower of London

The history of London comes to life at this complex of 20 towers surrounding Tower Green. The oldest tower, known as the White Tower, was completed in 1097, when it was the tallest building in London. The Tower buildings have had many uses over the years; perhaps the most infamous was as a jail for political prisoners, not to mention two of Henry VIII's wives. The most famous exhibits at the Tower are the British Crown Jewels. Aside from a short interruption during WWII, these splendid baubles have been locked behind the Tower's walls for centuries.

Overnight in London

Day 9: London

Visit the British Library

The British Library houses an impressive 150 million items in many languages and forms. You may choose to browse their selection or take in one of their impressive rotating special exhibits. The Library's highlight is visiting the Sir John Ritblat Gallery. The collection includes original copies of a dizzying array of iconic English works from Shakespeare's first folio, to the Magna Carta, to Jane Austen's greats, to Alice in Wonderland and even hand written lyrics by the Beatles.

Guided Tour of the Treasures of the British Library Collection

Write Here! Creative Writing Workshop at the British Library *pending availability

Write Here! is a creative writing workshop that encourages students to generate new work inspired by some of the great writers and original drafts housed at the British Library. From free writing and word games to descriptive narrative or dialogue, students will be guided through a range of imaginative activities to get their creative juices flowing. Led by professional writers, participants will be encouraged to be playful with their writing, but also to experiment with a range of techniques to progress their work and develop their confidence as creative writers.

Exploration time in London

Enjoy free time in London. You might wish to visit the original Hard Rock Café or Madame Tussaud's Chamber of Horrors, take a cruise down the Thames, or browse through the countless stores along Oxford Street. Or, perhaps you'd like to visit the fascinating, hands-on exhibits of London's Natural History Museum.

Overnight in London

Day 10: London

Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Your tour director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you will check in for your return flight home.

Itinerary is subject to change

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