



JOURNEYS IN LEARNING: ON-SITE IN ENGLAND WITH JANE AUSTEN, CHARLOTTE BRONTË, AND VIRGINIA WOOLF

September 10-22, 2019

During this 13-day literary journey in England, the lives and works of three renowned women authors will come alive. Site visits to village and city places directly relevant to our three featured authors' personal worlds and fictional settings will be integrated with animated discussions of three novels: Jane Austen's *Persuasion*; Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*, and Virginia Woolf's *Night and Day*. The tour will also include a St. Kate's-related visit to the gorgeous gothic ruins of Whitby Abbey, after which our own Whitby Hall is named. The itinerary will lift up the importance of women, both historically and in literature.

Program Inclusions

Experience educational and inspirational travel with St. Kate's alumnae/i under the leadership and teaching expertise of Geri Chavis, PhD.

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Travel roundtrip nonstop from Minneapolis/St. Paul to London including estimated fuel surcharge and airline taxes.

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Accommodations in moderate Four-Star hotels. Single room accommodations at hotels available at additional cost.

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Private, deluxe motorcoach for transfers and touring. Handling of one piece of luggage in/out of hotels.

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Seventeen meals including breakfast daily, two lunches, three dinners and one afternoon tea.

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Professional, licensed United Kingdom tour manager will travel with the group and provide expertise September 11-18, adding local guides as needed. Use of audio system headset for guided walking tours.

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Entrance fees for visits and activities along with gratuities for tour manager, guides, motorcoach drivers and hotel and restaurant staff.

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Group travel insurance from Cultural Insurance Services International, including medical evacuation coverage.

Your Hosts

Geri Chavis, PhD, is Professor Emerita of English and Women's Studies at St. Kate's. Her specialties include nineteenth and early twentieth century British and American literature; the genres of the novel and poetry; and courtship, marriage and family themes in literature. Chavis is also a licensed psychologist, and certified poetry therapist. She has co-taught two study abroad interdisciplinary literature courses in England in recent years and has been facilitating workshops in poetry therapy in the U.S., England, Ireland, Cornwall, and Scotland. She is currently finishing a book entitled *Peril and Protection in British Courtship Novels: A Study in Continuity and Change*.

Kelly Povo, Alumnae/i Relations Chapter Manager since 2011, graduated from St. Kate's in 2009 with majors in Art History and Women's Studies. As University representative for the Lifelong Learning Traveling Scholar committee, Kelly has hosted more than ten St. Kate's Alumnae/i programs including *Paris, Lyon and LePuy: Art and Culture from a Woman's Perspective* in 2015. As a special bonus, Kelly has been a professional photographer for over 30 years and will document the trip and share her photos!



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Customized Program Itinerary

Tuesday, September 10 MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL DEPARTURE. Evening flight departure on a Delta Air Lines direct flight to London.

Wednesday, September 11 LONDON ARRIVAL/WINCHESTER. Morning arrival to London Heathrow Airport where a British tour manager provides a welcome along with an awaiting private motorcoach for the drive to Winchester. Check in at [THE WINCHESTER ROYAL HOTEL](#) for a two-night stay. Enjoy a walking tour of [Winchester](#), the ancient English city where Jane Austen died over 200 years ago. Visit sites related to [Jane Austen](#), including the Winchester Cathedral, one of the largest cathedrals in Europe, where she is buried. Welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

Thursday, September 12 WINCHESTER (Chawton and Steventon). Depart this morning for a full day excursion experiencing the socio-cultural world of Jane Austen. Drive about an hour through the English countryside to the village of Chawton for a curator led visit to the [Jane Austen's House Museum](#), the cottage where the author lived and wrote. See the [Chawton Manor House](#) and its gardens, referred in Jane Austen's letters as "The Great House". Enjoy lunch and a discussion at the historical [Greyfriar Pub](#). Continue to the village of [Steventon](#), where Jane Austen was born in 1775 and lived for 25 years. Afternoon visit of the village and Saint Nicholas Church. Return to the charming setting of Winchester for an evening at leisure with dinner on your own. (B,L)

Friday, September 13 WINCHESTER/LYME REGIS/BATH. Following breakfast, depart on a scenic journey through the county of Dorset to [Lyme Regis](#), with a visit to the [Lyme Regis Museum](#). Lyme Regis was a favorite haunt of Jane Austen, who visited in 1803 and 1804, and based many scenes in her novel *Persuasion* on the picturesque ancient town. Continue to Bath for a two-night stay at the [MERCURE FRANCIS HOTEL](#). Private room in the hotel for evening discussion followed by dinner on your own. (B)

Saturday, September 14 BATH. Experience a day visiting the Roman City of [Bath](#) including the famous Georgian sites, the [Royal Crescent](#), [Pulteney Bridge](#), the [Assembly Rooms](#), [Fashion Museum](#), the [Roman Baths](#) and the [Georgian Pump Room](#). Also see the [Jane Austen Centre](#), a permanent exhibition exploring Jane's time in Bath and the influence that this beautiful city had on her books, characters and personal life. Time on own to visit the [Thermae Bath Spa](#). Informal early evening meeting with leaders followed by dinner on your own. (B)

Sunday, September 15 BATH/STRATFORD-UPON-AVON/CHESTERFIELD. Travel today to Chesterfield. Stop en route in the birthplace of William Shakespeare, [Stratford-upon-Avon](#). Time for exploration with lunch on own. Continue north to the Bakewell area for a visit to [Haddon Hall](#), named one of the most romantic houses in Britain, where scenes from several movie versions of *Pride and Prejudice* and *Jane Eyre* were filmed. Parts of the house date from the 12th century and include beautiful terraced gardens overlooking the River Wye. Overnight

in the [Chesterfield area](#) with check in at [CASA HOTEL](#). Group dinner this evening at the hotel. (B,D)

Monday, September 16 CHESTERFIELD/YORK. Today discover the Brontë family sites. Travel to [Haworth Village](#) for a visit to the [Brontë Parsonage Museum](#) and the moors, scenes used by Charlotte in her writings. A Brontë guide will provide an introduction to the Brontës, the famous Yorkshire family, during a walking tour of the village. Following the tour, travel to historic [York](#) for check in at [THE PRINCIPAL HOTEL YORK](#) for a two-night stay. Enjoy a leisurely evening in York with dinner on your own. (B)

Tuesday, September 17 YORK (Whitby). Experience a full day excursion to [Whitby](#). Explore this unique countryside, traveling through the beautiful North Yorkshire Moors National Park to the seaside town of Whitby, to visit the evocative ruins of [Whitby Abbey](#), the namesake of St. Catherine's Whitby Hall and famous for Bram Stoker's *Dracula* setting. Return to York for a group dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

Wednesday, September 18 YORK/CAMBRIDGE/LONDON. Morning departure to London, with an en route stop in [Cambridge](#) with time for personal exploration including lunch on own. Upon arrival in London, enjoy a panoramic tour before check in for a four-night stay at [MELIA WHITE HOUSE](#). Reserved private space in the hotel for a group discussion. Evening to enjoy at leisure to discover London including dinner on your own. (B)

Thursday, September 19 LONDON. Today learn about the Bloomsbury set and Virginia Woolf beginning with a walking tour of sites in the [Bloomsbury area](#). Afternoon visit to Kew Gardens to hear dialogues from Woolf's *Night and Day* which take place amidst these unique gardens, landscapes and architecture. Enjoy English afternoon tea in the [Orangery](#). Evening and dinner on your own. (B,T)

Friday, September 20 LONDON. Free day in London for independent exploration. (B)

Saturday, September 21, LONDON (Lewes). Embark on a full day excursion to Lewes in East Sussex focusing on Virginia Woolf. Visit [Charleston House](#), the home and country meeting place of the Bloomsbury Group. Farewell group lunch in the area. Afternoon visit to [Monk's House](#), Virginia Woolf's 17th-century country retreat. Return to London for overnight with dinner on your own. (B,L)

Sunday, September 22, LONDON/TWIN CITIES ARRIVAL. Morning departure by private motorcoach and local assistant for London Heathrow Airport. Early afternoon departure on a Delta Air Lines flight for Minneapolis-St. Paul. Arrive late afternoon to Minneapolis-St. Paul for customs clearance. (B)

*Included meals: B=breakfast, T=tea, L=lunch, D=dinner
Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.
Click hotel names or other sites in blue for website link.*

Passport, Health, Insurance and Travel Information

U.S. citizens need a passport valid at least six months beyond the tour return date. Passport applications are available at the [U.S. Department of State website](#). There are no vaccination or visa requirements for U.S. citizens to enter United Kingdom. Consult your physician and utilize information on Travelers' Health on the [Centers for Disease Control website](#) for precautions.

Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for their own passport and any visa requirements for the countries visited and must travel with a permanent resident card or other documentation to re-enter the U.S. Without proper documents, entry could be denied at participant's expense.

For international travel information, including country specific background, travel advisories and alerts [click here](#).

Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) group insurance included in cost covers evacuation and major medical as described in Statement of Conditions. **Cancellation insurance and coverage for pre-existing medical conditions is not included and highly recommended for health situations that may prevent you from traveling or interrupt your travels.**

Travel Guard is recommended for travel cancellation insurance. Access insurance options using this link to [Travel Guard](#) and completing a worksheet with your personal details. For coverage questions, Call Travel Guard at 800-826-4919 and use Seminars International referral number 14847980. When purchasing insurance, thoroughly read the coverage to ensure it meets your needs. Purchasing travel insurance within 15 days of enrollment may waive pre-existing medical conditions.

Travelers are required to walk significant distances including uneven surfaces, steps and inclines during parts of the itinerary. This itinerary is not wheelchair, scooter or walker accessible. Consult with Seminars International or your tour leadership if you have questions about the walking and mobility required to fully participate. Seminars International, in consensus with tour hosts and destination partner, reserves the right to not accept or withdraw any participant whose ability to participate in the tour or whose conduct is incompatible with the operation of the tour or the interests of the group as a whole.

For travel and destination information, click website link: [Visit Britain: The Official Tourism Website of Great Britain](#)
[Visit London Official Visitor Guide](#)

Further Information



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Registration

To secure registration, you must complete the enrollment form **and** pay the required deposit. You need passport details (unless applying for a passport) and emergency contact information to properly fill out the enrollment form.

Step 1: \$600 deposit due immediately to secure registration. Make check payable and mail to Seminars International, 55 E. Monroe, Suite 2870, Chicago, IL 60603. Please add **Tour# 5167** to the memo portion of your check

Payment is available by credit card at <http://www.semint.com/payments.html> or by calling 800.541.7506. A 3% service fee is added to all credit card transactions.

Step 2: If this is an electronic brochure, click below to fill out one enrollment form per person. The **T# is 5167**. A printed copy of the enrollment form is also available by contacting Jeaneen Lincoln at 800-541-7506 or jeaneen@semint.com. Deposit payment must be received within 10 days of completing enrollment form to maintain your registration. **A letter of confirmation is emailed after receipt of both the deposit and the enrollment form.** If program is full upon submitting enrollment form, you will be notified.

Passport Name: Complete this form with your **full name exactly as it appears on your passport**. Include your middle name or initial plus any suffix (Jr., Sr., or III) exactly as printed on your passport. If you do not have a passport at this time, enter your name exactly as it will appear on the passport. There may be a fee for any name changes.

[If this is an electronic brochure, click here for link to enrollment form.](#)

Note: If you need an electronic brochure, email travel@semint.com and reference **T# 5167**.

Program Cost

\$5,260 including non-stop airline tickets from Minneapolis/St. Paul

Supplement for single accommodations - \$1,025
Limited availability of single accommodations.

This comprehensive cost includes airline ticket taxes/fuel surcharge of \$577, gratuities and CISI group insurance (approx. \$75 value). These costs are often not packaged into other travel programs and instead listed as additional costs in the fine print.

Above price based on a minimum group size of 22. See three-tiered pricing based on group size on page 4.

Statement of Conditions

Program cost and minimum number group size: \$5,800 based on a group size of 17 -21; \$5,260 based on a group size of 22-26; \$4,870 based on a group size of 27 participants. Program cost will increase if group size is smaller. *Program cost based on exchange rates and tariffs in effect as of August 28, 2018 subject to change in the event that there is a fluctuation of more than 4%.*

Air transportation included in cost: From Minneapolis/St. Paul to London Heathrow round-trip on currently confirmed airfare by Delta Air Lines, subject to restrictions and cancellation penalties by the airline; current taxes and surcharges of \$577 are included and subject to change until ticketed.

Surface travel and transfers: By private, deluxe motorcoach for all transfers and touring plus handling of one piece of baggage in/out of hotels.

Accommodations and meals: Shared occupancy at hotels listed in itinerary or similar as hotels subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Single accommodations supplement is \$1,025.00 and limited. Buffet breakfast daily, two lunches, three dinners and one English afternoon tea for a total of 17 meals as indicated in the itinerary. Upon request, Seminars International and sponsor/host(s) will try to pair participants traveling as a single with a roommate. There is no guarantee of a roommate and if one is not available, the single supplement is assessed at time of invoice. Some hotels provide a smaller room size for single occupancy.

Program arrangements: English-speaking professional tour manager upon arrival through September 18; use of audio headsets; inside visits described in itinerary include entrance fees or donations as needed; suggested gratuities for tour manager, local guides, motorcoach drivers and hotel and restaurant staff. **Note:** Participants with special needs may incur surcharges for additional services. Accessibility for people with disabilities varies significantly from country to country. Be advised the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States, and facilities outside the United States, such as ramps, elevators and hand railings may be limited. This itinerary is not wheelchair, scooter or walker accessible.

Deposit and payment schedule: \$600 per participant due to secure enrollment no later than **March 29, 2019 as long as space is available.** A waiting list is maintained when registrations exceed 27. **Full payment due June 22, 2019.** Upon receipt of enrollment and deposit, a confirmation of registration is sent by Seminars International via email. Any payments by credit card incur an additional 3% to cover merchant fees. Invoices are sent in advance of final payment.

Group insurance: The following Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) group insurance coverage is included for each participant. **This insurance does not include individual trip cancellation and pre-existing medical condition coverage, additional insurance is highly recommended.**

Schedule of Benefits Policy # GLM N0496486A

Coverage and Services Maximum Limits:

- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Per Insured Person \$10,000.
- Medical expenses (per Covered Accident or Sickness).
- Deductible zero.
- Basic Medical \$100,000 at 100%.
- Home Country Coverage Limit \$10,000.
- Emergency Medical Reunion \$3,000.
- Team Assist Plan (TAP): 24/7 medical, travel, technical assistance.
- Emergency Medical Evacuation 100% of Covered Expenses.
- Repatriation/Return of Mortal Remains 100% of Covered Expenses.
- Security Evacuation (Comprehensive) \$100,000.
- Trip delay of \$100 per day to a maximum of \$500/5 days if delayed more than 12 hours.

Click here to access further information on travel insurance.

Trip delay: In the unforeseen circumstance your program experiences travel delays and unexpected expenses are incurred, Seminars International will invoice participants for any additional costs associated with the delay minus the \$100 per day CISI trip delay coverage, if qualified. Obtaining additional travel insurance as recommended on page three may offset these expenses.

Cancellation and refund policy: Should cancellation occur prior to 120 days before departure, the initial deposit will be refunded less

a \$100 fee per person. In addition to airline penalties, the following specified costs are non-refundable: **120-90 days** = half of deposit; **89-75 days** = full deposit; **74-46 days** = 50% of program price; **45-31 days** = recoverable costs only (possible forfeiture of entire program cost); **cancellations received 30 days or fewer from departure will receive no refund. Cancellations must be submitted in writing; the date such notification is received by Seminars International is the cancellation date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.**

Leadership: The person(s) identified as the leader/host is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Seminars International. In the unlikely event of a change in leadership, a qualified replacement will be selected by the sponsoring organization or previous leader. Seminars International will operate the program as planned and is not responsible for the change in leadership. The cancellation and refund policy remain as stated.

Exclusions: Items not listed above, including but not limited to meals other than those indicated; beverages except at breakfast; baggage handling at airports; optional entertainment and excursions; any baggage charges; all personal items, such as telephone calls, laundry expenses, individual room service; cancellation insurance; non-tour related gratuities; passport fees; increases in air ticket taxes or fuel surcharge; increases in VAT or city/hotel taxes.

Management and responsibility: Seminars International (SI) acts only as an agent and neither SI nor any employee or appointee nor any other person, party or organization or agency collaborating with it is or shall be responsible or liable for any injury or loss, accident or damage, delay or deviation or curtailment, howsoever caused or arising or the consequences thereof, which may occur during any part of the travel or program or during such free time as the members may elect to spend independently on the program. The airlines or commercial carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passage contracts in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, will constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of this program and/or passenger.

Deviations policy: Some participants may wish to extend their stay, originate or deplane from different cities or purchase the land program only. Early flight departure on group airfare is not permitted. Every effort will be made to assist program participants within the rules of the group air contract for a \$100 per person service charge, plus any additional charges levied by the airline or other supplier. Once the deviation has been booked, any changes may incur additional costs. Please note you are purchasing a group program and any deviation from the program arrangements requires staff time not calculated in the program cost. No refund may be granted to participants who wish to omit portions of the itinerary. **All deviation requests must be submitted in writing by May 28, 2019; requests made after this date incur additional fees or may be unavailable.**

Seminars International

Seminars International, with fifty years of experience crafting faith-based, educational, performing arts and special interest programs on seven continents, is proud of a proven record in providing attention to detail, safety, security, creativity and value. Our services allow leaders to focus on the purpose and goals of their program while we take care of the travel logistics, providing peace of mind from beginning to end.

Custom Design - We design customized international programs sensitive to the needs and interests of a group while focusing on value and affordability.

Pre-Departure - Our services include customized travel e-packets and tour literature focusing on being prepared and responsible travelers.

While Abroad - Along with our Chicago-based team, our network of on-the-ground international partners and CISI Team Assist are prepared 24/7 to provide support and assistance, particularly with an emergency situation.

Program Evaluation - Upon return we invite you to complete an evaluation to share feedback on how we may enhance your experience in the future.