OXFORD BERKELEY PROGRAM
JUL. 19 – AUG. 8, 2020
“For the curious person who wants adventure coupled with learning, the Oxford Berkeley program can’t be beat.”

Lynn D.
Immerse yourself in educational splendor at Oxford University. Spend three weeks at Merton College at Oxford and absorb the culture and traditions of this lively university town. Attend inspiring seminars and experience life as a student at the oldest university in the English speaking world.

Seminar topics range from Shakespeare to British culture and identity, from art and design to the English country garden. These diverse subject offerings provide a rare opportunity to learn from Oxford faculty who are leaders in their fields. Conclude your course of study with an academic submission for academic credit.

A time-honored tradition since 1969, Cal Discoveries Travel creates learning opportunities for thoughtful travelers. Join great minds on our world-class journeys.
WHY PARTICIPATE?

• An academic focus supported by a community of Oxford scholars:
  Come away with in-depth knowledge of the region’s history and culture.

• A diverse cohort of multigenerational students from all over the United States:
  Unique perspectives and a chance to expand your personal and professional network.

• An immersive three-week program:
  Intimately experience everyday life at Oxford while taking full advantage of access to academic resources and cultural offerings.

FIELD TRIPS

Scholars typically take three field trips while at Oxford, generally each Thursday of the program. Field trips, led by tutors and linked to seminar material, are an essential part of your learning process. These trips incorporate an important experiential learning component to the seminar and may include visits to museums, castles, historic buildings and abbeys, walking tours, and more.

Examples of typical field trips could be a visit to London’s restored Globe Theatre to understand how Shakespeare’s plays were experienced by audiences of his time, or a tour of the great houses of the English countryside to experience the power and wealth of England’s ruling families through their art and architecture.

Why Eureka?

eu·re·ka: a cry of joy or satisfaction when one finds or discovers something.

Experience trips built with you in mind — handcrafted itineraries created by UC Berkeley travel experts.

SEMINARS

Students select one seminar to delve into for the three-week program. Mornings at Oxford are spent in 12-person seminars taught by British university scholars—tutors, as they are known at Oxford—who are experts in their fields. These gifted and experienced instructors are passionate about sharing their knowledge. Courses cover unique themes that change every year. Examples include Brexit and the European Union, King Arthur, Shakespeare, the role of the English country house, and much more! At the end of each course, students are required to write a paper and give a short presentation on a subject of their choice that relates to their seminar. Papers are approximately 1,500 words in length and provide an excellent way for students to summarize what they learned and their experience as scholars at Oxford. Additionally, academic credit is offered to students who successfully complete all of the requirements of their seminar.
MERTON COLLEGE

“Merton has an ‘Alice in Wonderland’ quality. You step through this little gate, and you’re suddenly in a different world. All the noise of Oxford drops away and it feels like you could be miles out in the country. And for three weeks, that’s your home.”

Christopher Day, Director of Studies

Oxford University is made up of more than 30 different colleges, essentially academic communities where students live and take classes. Oxford students closely identify with their college, each of which has its own persona and unique offerings.

As a student in the Oxford Berkeley Program, you attend classes and live at Merton College, one of the two oldest colleges at Oxford. Merton is picturesque, known for its medieval and 17th-century buildings and a garden protected by the city wall. Merton is situated on a quiet, cobbled street close to university libraries and lecture halls. Over the centuries, prominent scholars and cultural leaders have called Merton home, including four Nobel Prize winners and the physician who discovered the circulation of blood. At Merton, you will have access to Oxford staff who will work with you and hold regular office hours throughout the duration of your stay to assist with administrative, cultural, and logistical matters.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

You will live in dormitories at Merton College—just as renowned authors T. S. Eliot and J. R. R. Tolkien did decades ago. Rooms at Merton are historic attractions and a far cry from US dorms, even boasting reviews on TripAdvisor! Each scholar is assigned a private room and bathrooms are shared with two or three others in the program. A few rooms have private bathrooms en suite, and double rooms are also available. Merton dorm amenities include weekly maid service, on-site laundry, computer and printer access, a TV room, on-site library, and complimentary in-room tea service.

Dining at Merton Hall is an experience in itself! The food at Merton is served in a traditional and charming British style. Your meals are included: breakfast and morning coffee every day, lunch on weekdays, and dinner on weekdays and Sundays. Lunch is an informal buffet-style meal. Dinner is a formal meal two nights of the week (business attire is encouraged) and informal on the remaining evenings. Meals are served in the magnificently appointed Hall, where historical figures such as Elizabeth I have dined. Meals also provide opportunities to get to know your fellow scholars as well as plan trips and free-time activities.
Staff members dine in Hall at High Table. Each evening, they invite a few students to join them for cocktails and dinner. Joining faculty at High Table—literally, a table raised on a platform above the rest—is a unique Oxford tradition not to be missed. Every scholar has the opportunity to eat at High Table once during the program. Dietary restrictions and special health requests may be accommodated. This information will be collected after enrollment confirmation.

A TYPICAL DAY

Berkeley scholars spend three weeks at Oxford and balance their academic seminar with activities and free time.

**BREAKFAST** | 7:30 a.m.

**CLASS** | 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(includes a 30-minute coffee, tea, and cookie break)

**LUNCH** | 12:45 p.m.

**AFTERNOON** | Free time

**EVENING LECTURE** | 5:30 p.m.
(twice a week)

**DINNER IN HALL** | 6:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITY RATING**

**Level 2**

What to expect: These trips often travel by motor coach, ship, or train. Touring days may include full-day motor coach excursions or extended periods of standing and walking during city tours, museum visits, and/or outdoor activities. Travelers should be able to board transportation, walk over sometimes-uneven terrain, and climb a few flights of stairs, occasionally without handrails or assistance. Elevators are not always available. Outings last two to four hours most days.

Suitable for: Travelers who are able to comfortably walk two to four miles, or 4,600–6,900 steps, each day.

For more information on physical requirements, please visit [alumni.berkeley.edu/activityrating](http://alumni.berkeley.edu/activityrating).

**PRICE PER PERSON**

$7,095

Based on single occupancy

+ additional field-trip fee of approximately $300 – $445 per person

Optional Fees

$990 – private bath supplemental

$495 – double room supplemental

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(covers) Oxford University; (interior) Merton College, St. Mary The Virgin, Magdalen Bridge, Aerial view of Oxford, 2018 Oxford Berkeley Program cohort, cloister, College garden, Merton College, Merton Hall; (back) Oxford.
Please enter the names of each traveler exactly as they appear on your passport.

1 Name ___________________________ Cal Class Year ___________  
Email ___________ Date ___________ 
2 Name ___________________________ Cal Class Year ___________  
Email ___________ Date of Birth ___________ 

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☐ I request a standard single room with semi-private bathroom. Included in price.  
☐ I request a standard single room with private ensuite bathroom. A $990 charge will be added to your final invoice.  
☐ I request a double room and will share with ___________. A $495 charge will be added to each roommate’s final invoice.  
Seminar Choice: 1st choice ___________ 2nd choice ___________ 

Enclosed is my/our deposit of ___________ ($600 per person) for person/people on the above tour.  

Make check payable to Cal Alumni Association (CAA), or charge my deposit to: AMEX MasterCard Visa AMEX 
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Signature ___________ 

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

PRICE PER PERSON: $7,095 per person, no single supplement. Additional field trip fee of $300—$445 per person applies (fees vary according to which seminar student chooses).  

OPTIONAL FEES: Private bath and double rooms have limited availability. These requests may be indicated in the appropriate section on the enrollment form and are available on a first come, first served basis. $990 — Private bath supplemental; $495 — Double room supplemental.  

FINAL PAYMENT: Reservations are to be paid in full by March 21, 2020 (120 days prior to departure). Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, or Amex. Make checks payable to Cal Alumni Association. Late payments will be subject to a $100 late fee and/or subject to cancellation.  

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