

A Eureka Trip

OXFORD BERKELEY PROGRAM

JULY 14 – AUGUST 3, 2024

Price per person: \$8,395, standard single room with shared bathroom, \$9,385, single room with ensuite bathroom, \$8,890, double room with ensuite bathroom



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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.

Seminars cover topics such as Shakespeare, British culture and identity, art and design, and modern-day science and ethics. These diverse 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 or presentation to your seminar.

Participate in academic focus, supported by a community of Oxford scholars. Come away with in-depth knowledge of the region's history and culture.

Join a diverse cohort of multi-generational students from all over the United States. Experience unique perspectives and the opportunity to expand your network.

Revel in an immersive three-week program. Experience everyday life at Oxford while taking full advantage of academic resources and cultural offerings.

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 in Oxford—who are experts in their fields. These gifted and experienced instructors are passionate about sharing their knowledge.

- **Finest Hour: The BBC at War 1939–1945**
Dr. Tim Barrett
- **The Victorian Ghost Story**
Emma Plaskitt
- **Who Owns the Past? A Closer Look at Ethics in Archaeology**
Fay Stevens
- **Mary, Queen of Scots: Heroine, Villain, Legend**
Dr. Janet Dickinson
- **Medieval and Renaissance Marvels: Oxford and Beyond**
Dr. Róisín Astell
- **Art and Power in the Tudor Court**
Dr. Gillian White
- **Understanding Our Genes**
Dr. Amr Abdelgany
- **Roman Britain: History and Archaeology**
Dr. Steve Kershaw

Read more about the seminars and the tutors at alumni.berkeley.edu/oxseminars.

LEVEL 2 ACTIVITY RATING

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 2–4 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.

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.

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. (including a 30-minute coffee/tea and cookie break)
- Lunch: 12:45 p.m.
- Afternoon: Free time
- Evening Lecture: 5:30 p.m. (once a week)
- Dinner in Hall : 6:30 p.m.

MERTON COLLEGE

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 laureates 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 U.S. dorms. Merton dorm amenities include weekly maid service, on-site laundry, computer and printer access, TV room, on-site library, and complimentary in-room tea service.

Dining at Merton Hall is an experience in itself! Meals are served in the magnificently appointed Hall, where historical figures such as Elizabeth I have eaten. Meals also provide opportunities to get to know your fellow scholars. Staff members dine in the Hall at High Table. They invite a few students to join them for cocktails and dinner. Joining faculty at High Table—a table raised on a platform above the rest—is a unique Oxford tradition not to be missed. Your meals include 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 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays (business attire is encouraged) and informal on Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Price per Person: \$8,395 per person standard room with shared bath; \$9,385 per person single room with ensuite bath; \$8,890 per person double room with ensuite bath.

Final Payment: Reservations are to be paid in full 90 days prior to departure (April 17, 2023). Final payment may be made by MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or by personal check. Checks may be made payable to Cal Alumni Association. Late payments will be subject to a \$100 per person late fee and/or subject to cancellation.

Cancellations and Refunds: All cancellations must be submitted in writing (email) to be valid. Any cancellations for any reason prior to the final payment date are subject to a \$400 cancellation fee. Cancellations made 120 – 90 days before departure will forfeit 25% of total trip cost. Cancellations made 89 – 60 days before departure will forfeit 50% of total trip cost. No refunds are granted within 60 days of tour departure or for no-show or early departure from a trip already in progress. Reservations and payments cannot be transferred to any other person unless authorized by CDT staff.

CAA Membership Policy: One traveler per room, whether an alumni or friend, must be a current Cal Alumni Association (CAA) member at the time of departure to participate in Cal Discoveries Travel offerings. Payment of \$60 for seniors 65 years and over and \$75 for others establishes a regular or affiliate membership with all other association benefits. Memberships are for individuals only, and are nonrefundable and non transferable. A traveling pair and their children under 21 years of age may travel on one membership. Please make dues payable to CAA by separate check, or, if you prefer, provide a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express number with expiration date for payment. You can also enroll online at alumni.berkeley.edu/join.

Cost Includes: 19 nights at Merton College in a single dormitory room with shared bathroom (upgrades available); tuition, full daily breakfast, mid-morning tea and biscuits during seminar sessions, lunch on weekdays, dinner on weekdays and Sundays; general lectures and receptions; and services of on-site program director and summer school assistants.

Cost Does Not Include: International airfare; passport or visa fees, ground transportation; meals and beverages other than those specified; optional tipping or gratuities; additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline; travel insurance; other expenses of a personal nature (liquor, laundry, etc.); any items not listed in the itinerary.

Mobility and Fitness To Travel: This trip has a Level 2 activity rating. These trips often involve travel by motor coach, ship, or train. 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 2–4 hours on most days. Suitable for travelers who are able to comfortably walk two to four miles, or 4,600–6,900 steps, each day.

COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS: The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to departure.

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