CULTURE CALENDAR EVENTS SEMESTER 2 2019/20

At the University of Liverpool, we want to give you the opportunity to experience the best the UK has to offer. In order to make you feel like true Scousers, we have created a ‘Culture Calendar’ to allow you to experience different aspects of local culture. We offer unique experiences at a discounted rate, while allowing you the opportunity to socialise with other students along the way. Please find below the events that we have planned for Semester 2!

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and there is limited availability so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Booking will be available from 1pm (GMT) on Wednesday, January 15 through our online store.

AFTERNOON TEA
1:00pm-3:00pm
WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY
Cuthbert’s Bakehouse, 103 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TB
We’ve organized space at a Liverpool favourite for a traditional English Afternoon Tea. Afternoon Tea is far more than just the hot drink- it's a cultural experience! You will be served tea, scones with jam and clotted cream, sandwiches, and desserts- and you will have a chance to mingle with other study abroad students.

Register by 22 January.

LARK LANE FOOD TOUR
5:30pm-8:30pm
WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY
Lark Lane, Liverpool
This is a study abroad tradition here at Liverpool! Lark Lane is a fun, bohemian district of Liverpool, full of restaurants and bars to explore. You'll have food and drink at 3 of our favourite places!

Includes food at 3 restaurants, so come hungry! Register by 22 January.

SNOWDONIA DAY TRIP
9:00am-6:00pm
SATURDAY 7 MARCH
Conwy and Betws-y-Coed - North Wales
Join us for a journey through the foothills of Snowdonia National Park in northwest Wales. This region is known for its stunning landscapes, and is home to Wales's highest mountain, Mount Snowdon. Our trip will take you to Conwy Castle, a world heritage site, for a guided tour. We will also head to several beautiful landmarks in the region including Betws-y-Coed - a small village located in the Conwy Valley. It was founded around a monastery in the 6th century, and has developed into a lovely Welsh village. You'll have time to explore, do a bit of shopping if you'd like, and grab a bite to eat before returning back to Liverpool.

Includes private coach, all entries, and guide throughout the day. Register by 22 January.

PEAK DISTRICT DAY TRIP
8:15am-6:30pm
SATURDAY 25 APRIL
Mam Tor & Castleton - England
The Peak District is Britain’s first National Park. It is distinct from the surrounding lowlands and its three main landscapes, the Dark Peak, White Peak and South West Peak, each have their own character and sense of place. Over a third of the area is protected for nature conservation and the mosaic of landscapes support an abundance of plants and animals. People have lived here for over 10,000 years shaping the landscape and leaving a wealth of cultural history.

Enjoy incredible scenic views of this unique landscape as we make a short climb to the top of Mam Tor where you can see for miles across the rolling hills. We will also spend our free time in the beautiful village of Castleton – there’s nothing better than relaxing in a cosy English pub with roaring fires after your walk in the fresh air.

Finally we will walk through either Cave Dale or Winnats Pass (incredible limestone gorges typical of the areas) which are gorges formed during the Ice Age and you really have to see if for yourself! There are also opportunities to visit Peveril Castle (£5.60) or one of the local caverns (£9-12). Note that this trip requires moderate activity, with a short steep climb on rocky terrain.

Includes private coach, local guide, a walk up Mam Tor, walk through limestone gorges, and visit to Castleton Village. Register by 22 January.
SCOTLAND WEEKEND TRIP

APRIL 4-8, 2020
Edinburgh, Stirling, & Inverness - Scotland

Spend a long weekend over Spring Break exploring Edinburgh, Stirling, Inverness, and the Highlands! Fans of Braveheart and Outlander will be happy to see famous filming locations and actual locations of historic events throughout the trip! Included is a day-long trip through the Highlands to the Isle of Skye and Loch Ness, which is otherwise difficult to manage by public transportation. This trip is subsidized by the Study Abroad Team in order for you to be able to visit as many beautiful places in Scotland as possible.

Our sites:
- Edinburgh Castle is one of the oldest fortified places in Europe. With a long rich history as a royal residence, military garrison, prison and fortress, it is alive with many exciting tales. When you climb Castle Hill, you will walk in the footsteps of soldiers, kings and queens – and even the odd pirate or two.
- Stirling Castle was the key to the kingdom of Scotland, dominating a vast volcanic rock above the river Forth at the meeting point between Lowlands and Highlands. During the Wars of Independence, which were civil wars among the Scots as well as a struggle between Scotland and England, the castle changed hands eight times in 50 years. It was also a childhood home of some of the most famous people in Scottish and British history, such as Mary Queen of Scots and James VI and I.
- The Wallace Monument is one of Stirling’s most distinctive landmarks, overlooking the scene of Scotland's victory at the Battle of Stirling Bridge, of Braveheart fame. (optional, £8.50 plus bus fare £3.10)
- The Culloden Moor Battlefield is where, on 16 April 1746, the final Jacobite Rising came to a brutal head in one of the most harrowing battles in British history. Jacobite supporters, seeking to restore the Stuart monarchy to the British thrones, gathered to fight the Duke of Cumberland's government troops. It was the last pitched battle on British soil and, in less than an hour, around 1,600 men were slain – 1,500 of them Jacobites. (optional, £9.50 to visit visitor centre- free to see battlefield and memorials plus bus fare £5.60)
- Eilean Donan Castle is a picturesque castle near the Isle of Skye which was founded in the thirteenth century, and became a stronghold of the Clan Mackenzie and their allies the Clan MacRae. In the early eighteenth century, the Mackenzies’ involvement in the Jacobite rebellions led in 1719 to the castle's destruction by government ships.
- The Fairy Pools are a natural waterfall phenomenon in Glen Brittle on the Isle of Skye.
- Urquhart Castle is nestled on the shores of Loch Ness. Once one of Scotland's largest castles, Urquhart saw great conflict during its 500 years as a medieval fortress. Control of the castle passed back and forth between the Scots and English during the Wars of Independence. The power struggles continued, as the Lords of the Isles regularly raided both castle and glen up until the 1500s. The last of the government troops garrisoned here during the Jacobite Risings blew up the castle when they left. Urquhart's iconic ruins remain, offering glimpses into medieval times and the lives of its noble residents.

The approximate itinerary is as follows:

Day 2: Visit to Edinburgh Castle. Train to Stirling. Visit to Stirling Castle and optional visit to Wallace Monument or free time.
Day 3: Train to Inverness. Optional visit to Culloden Moor Battlefield, or free time.
Day 4: Private transport to Eilean Donan Castle, Isle of Skye including Fairy Pools, and Urquhart Castle.
Day 5: Train returns to Liverpool. "Students may choose to remain in Inverness or Edinburgh along our journey if they'd like to continue their travels in Scotland. All students must travel with the group until Day 5, at which time they become independent travelers if they do not return with us to Liverpool."

Includes accommodation in dormitory-style hotels and hostels, all train transportation, private transport on Day 4, Edinburgh walking tour, and castle entrances (Edinburgh Castle, Stirling Castle, Eilean Donan Castle, and Urquhart Castle). Register by 22 January.