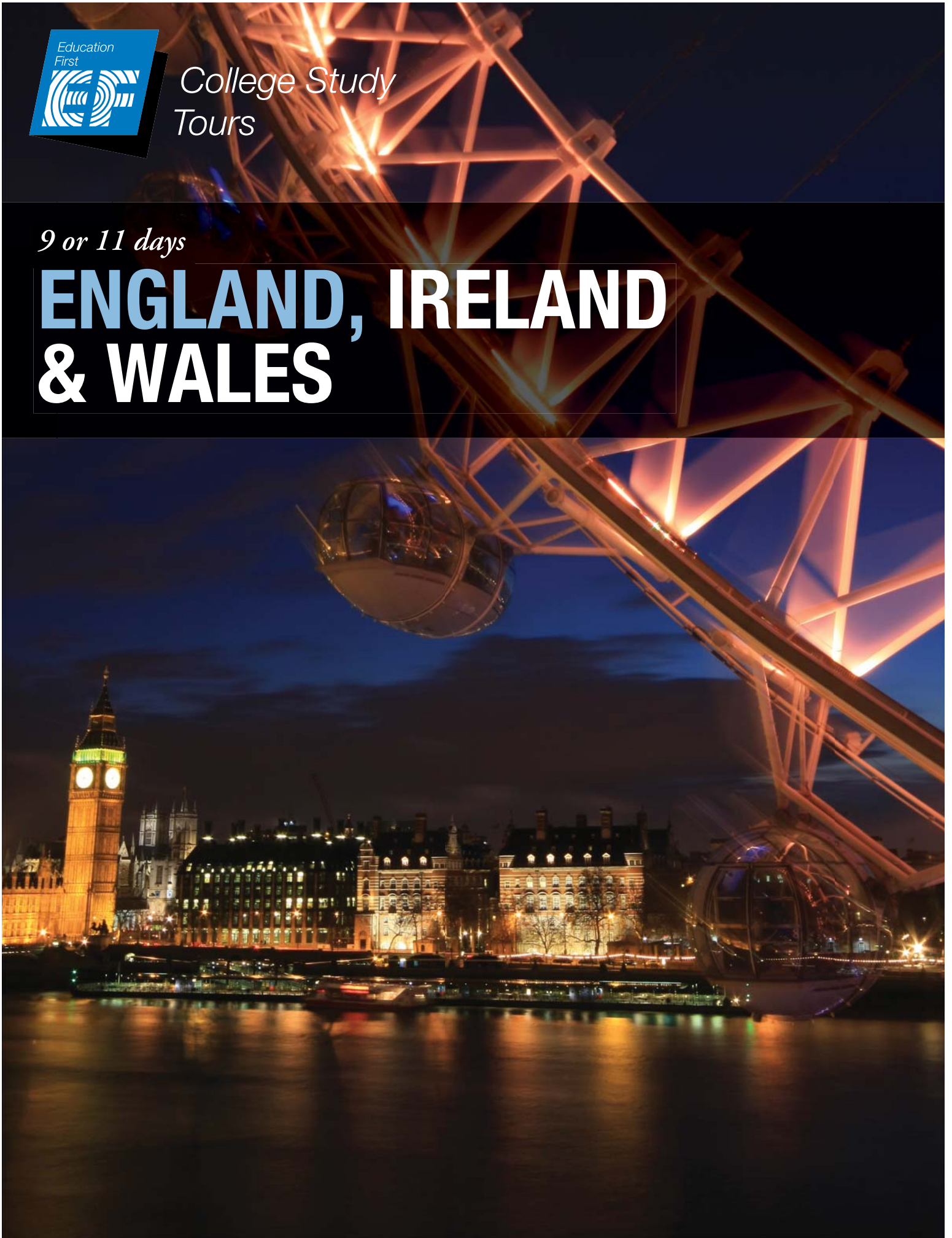




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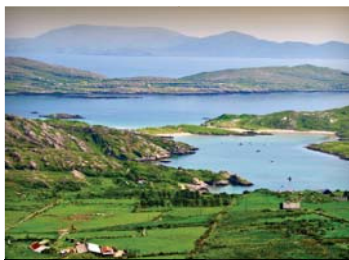


# FACULTY-LED INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

ABOUT THIS TOUR

*Start your panoramic tour of England, Ireland and Wales* in the Emerald Isle, where you'll enjoy an excursion to the Ring of Kerry and experience the charm of Dublin. Continue exploring as you tour North Wales, Stratford and Oxford. Finish your adventure by discovering the best of London, from Trafalgar Square to St. Paul's Cathedral.

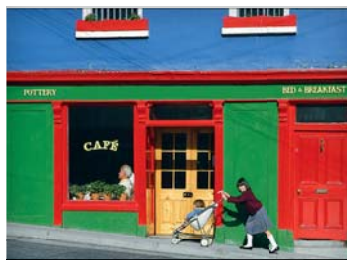
Today, advancements in every sector take place on a global scale. Students who understand and contribute to the international dialogue broaden their minds and gain a competitive edge in their fields. Traveling on an EF College Study Tour—an alternative to typical semester abroad programs—helps you truly make the most of your college education in just one to four weeks. Lectures and visits provide crucial historical and cultural insight, rounding out academics with a fuller context and creating incredible memories along the way.



**DAY 3:** *Ring of Kerry*



**DAY 4:** *Blarney Castle*



**DAY 5:** *Dublin*



**DAY 5:** *St. Patrick's Cathedral*



**DAY 8:** *Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament*

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## INCLUDED ON TOUR:

- Round-trip airfare
- Local transportation
- Hotel accommodations
- Breakfast daily and select meals
- Full-time CST Tour Director
- Sightseeing tours and visits to special attractions
- Free time to study and explore

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[efcollegestudytours.com/EIWA](http://efcollegestudytours.com/EIWA)

## OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

### Windsor Castle

Optional excursions let you incorporate additional sites and attractions into your itinerary and make the most of your time abroad.

## EXTENSION: Paris (2 days)

Extend your tour and enjoy extra time exploring your destination or seeing a new place at a great value.



DAY 7: Anne Hathaway's Cottage



DAY 8: Houses of Parliament



DAY 8: Piccadilly Circus



DAY 10: Louvre

## DAY 1 FLY TO IRELAND

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Shannon.

## DAY 2 SHANNON • KILLARNEY

**Arrive in Shannon** • Welcome to the Emerald Isle! Depending on your arrival time, you may have **free time** to settle in and explore on your own. Your professor may also use this time to focus on coursework.

**Travel to Killarney** • Make your way to the beautiful town of Killarney (literally, "church of sloes"), where you'll spend the night.

## DAY 3 KILLARNEY

**Ring of Kerry** • Traverse the Ring of Kerry and encounter Ireland's famed mystical beauty. This stunning coastal route wraps around the Iveragh Peninsula. Here you can experience everything from the **Old Monastery** to unspoiled beaches to **Killarney National Park**. On your visit, take in magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean and the placid **Lakes of Killarney**. You'll also pass by the misty peaks of **Macgillycuddy's Reeks**. This range reaches its zenith at Carrauntoohil, Ireland's tallest mountain.

**Visit the Bog Village** • Check out the Bog Village, a winner of the prestigious National Heritage Award. Wander through a recreation of an Irish village from the early 1800s as costumed guides demonstrate the way of life that prevailed in 19<sup>th</sup>-century rural Ireland.

## DAY 4 KILLARNEY • DUBLIN

**Travel to Cork** • Continue to Cork, Ireland's thriving cultural center, full of art, live music and a growing restaurant scene.

**Visit Blarney Castle** • At this medieval fortification, join the Castle's visitors in kissing the **Blarney Stone**, which is said to grant the gift of eloquence.

**Cashel Rock** • Set on rolling Irish hills, the historic site of Cashel Rock is home to an incredible array of medieval architecture. Be sure to check out the ruins of Cormac's Chapel and the Round Tower.

**Travel to Dublin** • Head to Dublin, the largest city in Ireland. Once your group arrives, refuel with a hearty **Guinness stew dinner** before turning in for the night.

## DAY 5 DUBLIN

**Sightseeing tour of Dublin** • Experience Ireland's capital, scenically situated between Dun Laoghaire and Howth Head's rocky peaks. On your sightseeing tour, you'll pass by **Phoenix Park** and the **presidential residence** before continuing to bustling **O'Connell Street**. When you ride through Dublin's elegant **Georgian squares**, ask about the colorful doors lining these streets.

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

**Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral** • Explore the Gothic arches and spires of St. Patrick's Cathedral, whose presence honors the patron saint of Ireland.

## DAY 6 DUBLIN • NORTH WALES

**Visit a Welsh castle** • Take a **ferry ride** to Holyhead, where you will visit a Welsh castle.

**Travel through Snowdonia** • Tonight, travel across the lush greenery and icy blue lakes of Snowdonia National Park.

## DAY 7 STRATFORD • OXFORD • LONDON

**Stratford-upon-Avon** • Tour the half-timbered house that is **Shakespeare's**

**birthplace**. Continue to **Anne Hathaway's Cottage**, a picturesque farmhouse where the Bard's wife spent her childhood. The Cottage grounds include a classic English garden that boasts a variety of colorful flowers.

**Oxford** • Explore the world's oldest university town and take in the spired city that generations of great thinkers called home. Centuries-old Oxford is the alma mater for many notable figures, including British prime ministers Tony Blair and Margaret Thatcher.

**Travel to London** • Make your way to cosmopolitan London, where you'll spend the night.

## DAY 8 LONDON

**Sightseeing tour of London** • From **Big Ben** to the **Houses of Parliament**, Great Britain's royal tradition and rich history greet you at every turn. Admire the city's architectural marvels, like the Baroque domes and spires of **St. Paul's Cathedral**, the 17<sup>th</sup>-century church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Check out the lively five-way intersection at **Piccadilly Circus** as well as the urban greenery of **Hyde Park**. You may even get a chance to witness the ceremonial **Changing of the Guard**. Cap off your tour beside the **River Thames** and snap photos of the **Tower of London**.

**Optional: Windsor Castle** • On your trip to this former fortress, see priceless objects in the State Apartments, like paintings by Rubens and Holbein. Encounter the Gothic splendor of St. George's Chapel, final resting place of many monarchs including Henry VIII and Charles I. Take a look into the miniature world of **Queen Mary's Dolls' House**, where castle items are replicated in 1/12th scale—including a working lighting system and functional plumbing! Those who do not join the excursion will enjoy **free time** in London.

**Fish and chips dinner** • Share program memories with new friends over a traditional fish and chips dinner this evening.

## DAY 9 DEPART FOR HOME

Transfer to the airport and check in for your return flight home.

## 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION DAYS 9-10 PARIS

**Travel to Paris** • Board a **Eurostar train** and travel to the City of Light.

**Sightseeing tour of Paris** • Ride down the famous **Champs-Élysées**, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques. Pass the **Place de la Concorde** and the **Arc de Triomphe** and strike a pose in front of the **Eiffel Tower**. Your guide shares insight into Parisian culture and stories of the city's military history when you continue past **Les Invalides**.

**Louvre** • Enter by I.M. Pei's glass pyramid, and discover the Greek, Roman and Asian antiquities, as well as precious objects from the Middle Ages, that await inside. The Louvre's massive halls are home to more than 35,000 objects; among them is Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the **Mona Lisa**. Get an up-close look at her beguiling smile.

**Explore Paris** • Check out Paris on foot. Head to the Latin Quarter, so named because the language was once commonly spoken by the Sorbonne students that populated the area. Today the students remain, frequenting the numerous shops and bistros.

**Notre Dame Cathedral** • Admire Notre Dame's sculptured façade, stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

## DAY 11 DEPART FOR HOME



## WHAT OUR TRAVELERS SAY

### BARBARA L.

*Concordia University  
Portland, OR*

"The overall experience of the trip was amazing, unforgettable. I went on the tour not knowing many of the students in my group, and came back with really good friends and amazing memories. With the guidance of the tour director, I got to experience new culture without feeling completely lost. I now know that I can succeed and survive in a foreign country."

### ERIN H.

*Itasca Community College  
Grand Rapids, MN*

"I had such an amazing time, and I learned so much. We saw so many different sights. My experiences enriched my understanding of another culture, and created a realistic concept of an entirely foreign culture I would never have been exposed to otherwise."

### CHELSEA S.

*Northern Oklahoma College  
Stillwater, OK*

"I can't believe we had the opportunity to see and do so many things for what we paid. I traveled on my own soon after my trip, and the flight alone cost more than the entire tour—which included meals, shows, tourist sites. I will never ever forget this experience. You'd be crazy not to take a tour with EF—they take great care of you."

### VIRGINIA M.

*Palo Alto College  
San Antonio, TX*

"Every student should go. I enjoyed flying to a foreign country, getting completely out of my comfort zone and truly seeing what this world has to offer. We tried new food, spoke different languages, and saw so many of the best sights on our walking tours. I love history, and being able to experience what I've studied for years was so moving it left me speechless. If there is ever an opportunity to go, take it!"



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