

DISCOVER OUR CELTIC ROOTS



Celtic Roots and Global Appalachia is a global studies experience that allows students and the community to explore their Celtic Roots, either through travel or semester abroad study in the M.A. dual degree program with the University of West of Scotland. The 2021 Global Appalachia and Celtic Roots study tour will take travelers to the Scottish Highlands and Orkney Islands, the English Lakes and the Yorkshire Moors—all featured in the stories of Robert Burns, Emily Brontë, William and Dorothy Wordsworth, James Boswell, Bram Stoker (*Dracula*), and Appalachian writers Ron Rash and Denise Giardina—with Muriel Spark's *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, Lewis Grassic Gibbon's *Sunset Song*, and Sir Walter Scott's *Rob Roy*, spotlighting the prominence of place through film. Travelers will visit World Heritage Sites throughout Britain, traveling to Grasmere, Ayr, Edinburgh, Inverness, Orkney Islands, Haworth, Whitby, Scarborough, and London.

SIGN UP TODAY

To register for the Celtic Roots and Global Appalachia Highlands and Orkneys tour, visit:

www.shepherd.edu/appalachian and click on **Celtic Roots and Global Appalachia**

or visit:

<https://worldstrides.com/custom/celtic-roots-global-appalachia-highlands-hebrides>.

COURSE CREDITS

Students may register for these courses to receive University credit for the trip. Course options are

- APST 430/530: Celtic Roots and Global Appalachia (3 credits)
- APST 431/531: Travel Practicum (3 credits)

Community Members

Community members who do not wish to earn course credits may sign up as Lifelong Learning program members. To sign up for the Lifelong Learning program, visit www.shepherd.edu/lifelonglearning or contact Karen Rice at 304-876-5135 or krice@shepherd.edu.

HOTELS

Wordsworth Hotel and Spa
www.thewordsworthhotel.co.uk

Ibis Edinburgh Center Royal Mile Hotel
www.booking.com/hotel/gb/ibis-edinburgh.html

Penta Hotel Inverness
www.pentahotels.com/hotels-destinations/united-kingdom/inverness

Royal Hotel Scarborough
www.britanniahotels.com/hotels/the-royal-hotel-scarborough

Copthorne Tara Hotel London Kensington
www.millenniumhotels.com/en/london/copthorne-tara-hotel-london-kensington/?cid=gplaces-copthorne-tara-london-kensington

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CELTIC ROOTS AND GLOBAL APPALACHIA

**THE HIGHLANDS AND THE
ORKNEYS**

July 25-August 6, 2021

APST 430/530 Celtic Roots
APST 431/531 Celtic Roots Practicum

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and Communities**



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DAY-BY-DAY DETAILS

July 25 | Depart from Dulles International Airport for a non-stop flight to London, England

July 26 | A World Strides private coach will meet us at the airport and carry us to Grasmere (village), in **England's scenic Lake Country**, where we'll stay at the Wordsworth Hotel and Spa. A welcome group dinner will celebrate our arrival, after which we can enjoy an evening stroll through the village and the magic of the Cumberland mountains.

July 27 | It's market day in the village of **Keswick, Cumbria**. We'll enjoy a boat ride on Derwent Water, where you can get off and on to walk about the Catbells, a favorite of William and Dorothy Wordsworth. Lunch on your own as you explore this bustling English village. Our coach will take us back to Grasmere for afternoon tea at Dove Cottage.

July 28 | We head for **Ayr, Scotland**, a 2 hour, 45-minute drive from Grasmere, to visit the Robert Burns Center and Museum. Walking the Poet's Path, we'll pass the haunted Abbey ruins, setting for "Tam O'Shanter," and visit the cottage where Burns was born. After, you may explore the center and lunch on your own before the short drive to **Edinburgh** to our Ibis Hotel, Hunter Square, in Edinburgh's Royal Mile. You are in the center of Scotland's greatest city, and the evening is yours to explore or sip a glass of wine in a pub or café.

July 29 | A leisurely morning walk up the **Royal Mile** takes us to the charming Lady Stairs Close and the Writers' Museum which celebrates the work of Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott, and Robert Louis Stevenson. After, you may choose to explore Edinburgh Castle in one direction or the Holyrood Palace in the other on the Royal Mile or visit the Scottish National Museum to see the historic, cultural, and engineering accomplishments of the Scots. A Writer's Tour that leaves from the Writers' Museum will show you the haunts of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, J. K. Rowling, and others who made their home in Edinburgh. You may choose an afternoon's hike and the splendid view of the Firth of Forth from Arthur's Seat looming above the city. Dine at your leisure and enjoy the superb Scottish cuisine.

July 30 | Today coach to Inverness in the **Scottish Highlands**, a 4-hour journey. After checking into the Penta Hotel Inverness and lunch, we'll head to the loch, departing from Fort Augustus to enjoy a relaxing tour by water of the gorgeous views of the Scottish highlands from Loch Ness. The evening is ours to explore the city.

July 31 | Today's highlight is a tour of the **Orkney Islands**. A local guide will join us as we journey to **Scotland's archipelago**, a WWII outlier setting with Skara Brae and the Ring of Brodgar in our sights, as well as the town of Kirkwall, St. Magnus Cathedral, and Stromness. The Orkneys are at the northern-most end of Scotland, majestic and hauntingly awe-inspiring. This will be

a day taking us far back into ancient Celtic times of prehistory.

August 1 | Today, we immerse ourselves in both the grandness of Scottish history and Shakespearean tragedy, where history and legend merge. The morning finds us on the way to **Drum-mossie Muir**, the Battle of Culloden. This definitive battle looms large in Scottish history and in the pages of Diana Gabaldon's Outlander series. Afternoon brings us back to Inverness Castle, one of Scotland's great castles said to have been originally built in the 11th century by Malcolm III, the victor in *Macbeth*. A tour of the castle concludes our day in Inverness.

August 2 | We leave the Highlands today for Whitby, stopping for lunch at Abbotsford, Sir Walter Scott's palatial gothic home and spectacular August gardens. It will be early evening when we arrive at Whitby Abbey, setting for the 664 Synod of Whitby and one of Henry VIII's 16th-century casualties of the Dissolution. A remarkable event in church history, the synod, called at Hilda's double monastery of Streonshal—later named Whitby Abbey—determined the Ionian or Celtic Church would follow practices of Rome, including Easter's date. Also from this ruin and the little church below, Dracula launches his invasion of Britain in the Stoker 19th-century novel, a compendium for Victorian fears and class angst and a remarkable example of Gothic fiction. Our coach will drop us at the Abbey Ruin and Museum, and after wend our way to Scarborough where we rest for the night.

August 3 | Departing Whitby, we head for **Haworth**, where we'll tour the Brontë parsonage at the edge of the Yorkshire Moors, inspiration to the Brontë sisters. After lunch in the village, we're on to London and our Kensington hotel.

August 4 | Our morning starts with a half-day tour of the city with a local London guide, who will orient us to the **London Underground** and introduce us to this great city: Trafalgar Square, White Hall, Parliament, Downing Street, St. James Park, and Buckingham Palace. The afternoon you will be free to "follow your bliss" and experience the international cuisine of London. Perhaps you'll enjoy a concert at St. Martins in the Field or a play in Covent Garden, all near St. Giles Hotel.

August 5 | Explore on your own today, one of the world's great cities and financial capital of Europe. Ride the great Wheel on the **Thames**, see **London Bridge** and the famed **Tower of London** which holds the Crown Jewels, taste some fish-and-chips, ride the Underground to **Kew Gardens**, take a boat ride down the **Thames to Greenwich**, or search for the home of Virginia Woolf and her iconoclastic siblings in **Bloomsbury** near the British Museum. We'll meet later for our final farewell dinner provided by World Strides, savoring the tastes and adventures of this memorable Celtic Roots adventure together.

August 6 | **London to Dulles International Airport**

August 7, 8, 9 | Optional 2-day Extension at the St. Giles in London

GROUND TRAVEL

COST

(added airfare from approximately \$600-\$900):

\$3,629 Twin occupancy for participants throughout the tour based on a minimum of 15-19 travelers and 1 program leader.

\$3,281 Twin occupancy for participants throughout the tour based on a minimum of 20-24 travelers and 1 program leader.

\$1,116 Supplement for single accommodations throughout the tour.

\$184 Optional 2-Day Extended London Stay at St. Giles (double accommodations)

\$205 Optional 2-Day Extended London Stay at St. Giles (single accommodations)

No penalty cancellation up to 90 days prior to trip.

Inclusion

- Two English-speaking trained local guides (Inverness, Orkney Islands, London).
- One program leader and tour director.
- All breakfasts and two group dinners. Transportation by modern coach, all transfers, and 3-day London Underground passes.
- Tourist and Heritage Sight Admissions, including Derwent Water Boat Ride, Dove Cottage Tour and Tea, Robert Burns Center and Heritage Site, Edinburgh Writers Museum, Loch Ness Boat Tour, Drum-mossie Muir Battle of Culloden Center, Orkney Island Tour with Heritage Sites, Inverness Castle, Abbotsford House and Garden tour, Whitby Abbey World Heritage Site, and Brontë Haworth House.
- Gratuities for included meals, guides, and drivers.
- Wireless hotel internet access.

Dates and Deadlines:

- April 16, 2021: \$600 Deposit to Hold Traveler's Place upon Registration, World Strides website (Maximum number on the tour, 20) (First 10 to register will receive a discount)
- April 26, 2021: Second Payment Deadline (80% of balance)
- June 10, 2021: Final Payment Deadline
- July 25-August 6, 2021: Celtic Roots Highlands and the Orkneys Tour