



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Leeds International Summer School

EXCURSIONS, TRIPS AND SOCIALS GUIDE

During your time at the Leeds International Summer School (LISS) you'll have the opportunity to get involved in lots of fantastic excursions, field trips and socials that will help you to make the most of your time in Yorkshire and the UK.



There is at least one excursion every week. You will also have field trips each week, related to the modules that you choose to study. This is a terrific way to see more of the UK and learn about British culture. All trips and excursions are included in your programme fee, so you don't need to worry about paying for these when you arrive in Leeds.

There will also be an extensive programme of social activities in the evenings and at weekends. These are not included in your programme fee, but will be low-cost activities in Leeds. Social activities are planned and run by the LISS Social Assistants.

SOCIAL ASSISTANTS

LISS Social Assistants are Leeds students who have usually spent some time studying abroad. They will live in the accommodation with you and are also an excellent source of support for you if you need any advice during your time in Leeds.



EXCURSIONS

Previous LISS excursions have included:

York

York is one of the most beautiful cities in the UK and is renowned for its Roman, Viking, and Medieval heritage, old, cobbled streets and many visitor attractions.

Top 3 things to do in York

1. York Minster – check out the impressive Cathedral in the centre of York
2. City walls – walk on the walls that surround the original parts of the city
3. National Railway Museum – discover 300 years of history that changed the world in the UK's largest railway museum



Harewood House

Harewood House is a country house near Leeds. It was built between 1759 and 1771 and was the home of Mary, Princess Royal.

Main attractions

- A guided tour of the House (built in the 18th century) – discover the state rooms and exquisite artwork
- Below stairs areas – explore the servants' quarters
- The bird garden – see birds from around the world



Whitby

Whitby is a popular seaside holiday town on the Yorkshire Coast. It is rich in history and is well-known for the 199 steps that lead up to the parish church of St. Mary and the ruins of Whitby Abbey. The churchyard, on Whitby's East Cliff, inspired Bram Stoker to write his world famous book, Dracula. Below the famous church, a maze of alleyways and narrow streets run down to the busy quayside.

Top 3 things to do in Whitby

1. Climb the 199 steps to the Abbey
2. Enjoy the coastal views during a walk along the beach
3. Eat fish and chips for lunch



Yorkshire Dales

If you love the outdoors you will be impressed by the Yorkshire Dales National Park, a specially designated area of outstanding natural beauty. Grassington is a picturesque market town in the heart of the Dales and Bolton Abbey is a small village. Bolton Abbey overlooks the River Wharfe and is home to the 12th Century ruined Bolton Priory.

MODULE FIELD TRIPS FACTFILE

For each academic module that you study you will attend compulsory field trips. These bring together what you have learnt in the classroom and put things into context. Previous trips have included:

LIVERPOOL – BUILDING BRITAIN, 1700–1840: INDUSTRIAL “REVOLUTION” OR “EVOLUTION”?

- The International Slavery Museum
- The Albert Dock, historically a very important port entrance into Britain



HAINSWORTH – BUSINESS AND CULTURAL AWARENESS: BRIDGING THE GAP

- Visit one of the oldest companies in Yorkshire and the UK
- Get an insight into the unique history, ethos and vision of the company, which has produced fabrics for Royal weddings



NATIONAL SCIENCE AND MEDIA MUSEUM – MUSIC IN FILM

- Look around the museum that is home to over 3.5 million items of historical significance
- Visit eight floors of interactive galleries about film, photography, animation and new media



CLIMBING IN YORKSHIRE – SPORT IN THE UK: HEALTH AND PERFORMANCE ISSUES

- Discover the Yorkshire heritage area of Brimham Rocks
- Develop your outdoor climbing and abseiling skills



HAWORTH AND BRONTË PARSONAGE – BRITISH LITERATURE AND THE BRONTËS

- Visit the Brontë Parsonage museum
- Take a tour of Haworth and go for a short walk on the moors



PENDLE HILL – HERETICS, WITCHES AND CONSPIRATORS: A HISTORY OF FEAR, 1500–1700

- Have a guided tour of the Pendle Heritage Centre
- Walk from the village of Barley with views of Pendle Hill, where the Pendle witches lived



COMPANY TOUR – ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIETY: IEDAS, OPPORTUNITIES AND VALUE CREATION

- Visit a range of business enterprises in different locations across Leeds and Yorkshire
- Meet real entrepreneurs and find out how they set up their businesses and why they were successful



BBC MEDIACITYUK TOUR – INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL EFFECTS IN FILMMAKING

- Take a tour of the BBC, home to programmes including favourites such as Match of the Day, A Question of Sport, Mastermind, BBC Breakfast, Radio 5 live, BBC Sport and the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra
- Visit TV and radio studios and try out your broadcasting skills



DRAX POWER STATION – RENEWABLE ENERGY FUTURES: POLICY AND TECHNOLOGY

- Take a tour of Drax Power Station which has six boilers, each as high as a 15-storey office block, a main chimney taller than the London Eye, and over 1,800 miles of steel tubing, enough to stretch from John O'Groats to Land's End and back again
- Explore how electricity is generated at Drax and find out how they are upgrading to the latest biomass technology.



CASTLE HOWARD – THE ENGLISH COUNTRY HOUSE: A SOCIAL HISTORY

- Visit the magnificent 18th century residence and take a guided tour of the house
- Explore the house's gardens, lakes and woodland



RIPON LAW AND ORDER MUSEUM – EXPLORING THE LAW: CRIME, CONTRACTS AND LEGAL SKILLS

- Visit the three sites of the museum: the Liberty Courthouse, Prison and Victorian Workhouse
- Learn about the history of policing, and take part in a trial re-enactment



SOCIALS

The LISS Welcome Orientation and Farewell Party are included in your programme fee.

Additional low-cost evening and weekend socials are organised throughout the programme by the LISS Social Assistants. Previous socials have included:



Kirkstall Abbey festival

Music, food, stalls, dancing and more around the ruins of the stunning Kirkstall Abbey, a medieval Cistercian abbey on the banks of the River Aire.



Ilkley by train

Ilkley is a spa town in West Yorkshire, surrounded by traditional Yorkshire countryside.

Betty's, the famous Yorkshire tea room, has a café and shop in the town. You can also walk from the town centre up to Ilkley Moor and see the famous "Cow and Calf" rocks.



Brit quiz

Test out your knowledge of all things British at a traditional British pub quiz. Prizes up for grabs for the teams who come first, second and third!



Film night

Catch a film at the Hyde Park Picture House, a historic cinema that celebrated its 100th birthday in 2014.

After the film explore Hyde Park, a thriving student community with cafes and pubs and even an ice cream parlour.



Picnic and games in the Park

Come along to meet up with your fellow summer school students and the LISS Social Assistants for a traditional British picnic, or to play some informal games in the nearby park.

