



**NOCCCD Children's Literature
LONDON
June 15 – July 15 2017**

TODAY



- Welcome to London & arrival
- Housing and Transport
- AIFS Student Services
- Advice & Information
- Further Questions

WELCOME TO LONDON



June 15

Arrive in London

June 16 – July 14

Orientation with AIFS Staff

Lots of fun and exciting daytrips and excursions

July 15

Program Ends

Depart London

Further details to be confirmed on your itinerary



GROUP FLIGHT



June 14

British Airways flight #282 departs LAX at 3:30pm

Arrives London Heathrow @ 10:10am the next day (Thursday June 15)

An AIFS representative will be waiting for you at the airport, and you will be transferred to your housing or AIFS.



IMMIGRATION



You will receive an immigration letter from AIFS
(sent out this week to your home address)

Keep it safe! Fold it up and keep it in your passport

Be patient and prepared for lines

You cannot open a bank account



ARRIVALS



Once you have cleared immigration, collect your luggage from the carousel.

If any bags are missing, file a claim with the customer service desk BEFORE exiting the baggage area.

Please give the Dilke House address and duty cell phone, as listed on your luggage tags.

Lost/delayed bags usually delivered within 24-48 hours- pack a change of clothes & essentials in a carry on just in case.

ON THE GROUP FLIGHT?

Immigration letter, insurance card and luggage tags mailed approx. 2 weeks before departure

AIFS staff will meet you at the airport, in the arrivals hall and transfer you to your accommodation/the AIFS Student Centre and then arrange taxis to your homestays



ORIENTATION

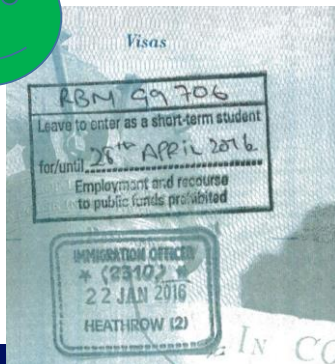
AIFS is required to see all passports (student & faculty) at orientation & make a copy

Copy will be kept safely on file as required by UK Visa & Immigration (UKVI)

We will check you have the correct stamp for your stay in the UK

You will need your immigration letter (short term student visitor letter - sent from Stamford 2 weeks before departure) for every time you re-enter the UK

Student Visitor stamp (non-intern):



HOUSING & TRANSPORT



HOMESTAY

- Twin room with another AIFS student on the programme
- A London home, usually located in the north of the city
- Shared bathroom and living space
- Access to kitchen & space to store groceries
- Weekday continental breakfast
- Limited laundry facilities



HOMESTAY



- Host details sent direct from Penny Carnegie, Homestay Coordinator
- Say “Hi!”
- Small gift
- Guidelines:
 - ✓ *Common sense*
 - ✓ *Polite*
 - ✓ *Respectful*
 - ✓ *Communication*

DIGS RAVENSCOURT

3 Paddenswick Road
Ravenscourt Park
W6 0BY



Shared apartments

Small kitchenette, bathroom with shower

Linen & utensils supplied – not towels

Common room

Laundry facilities (pay with coins)

Wireless Internet is provided

5 minute walk from Ravenscourt Park Underground Station

DIGS RAVENSCOURT



Option to upgrade to a single studio

Option to extend your stay in
London

If you are interested in either of these options, please email Debbie Smith: dsmith@aifs.co.uk

TRANSPORT

OYSTER travelcard included for zones 1-2 (DIGS) or 1-3 (Homestay)

Unlimited use on:

- Underground (the tube)
- Night tube
- Buses & night buses

Beware of rush hour!

You will get lost at first.

Take a map & don't follow the crowd!





TRAVEL SAFETY



- Do not travel alone at night
 - Use a buddy system
- Do not accept drinks from strangers
 - Do not take unmarked cabs
- Do not accept a ride from a stranger
- Ensure your phone is always charged and has credit

ACTIVITIES

As part of your program you will visit:

Two nights in the Lake District
Daytrip to Oxford
Tower of London
Westminster Abbey
Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studios
Museum of London
Sherlock Holmes Museum
And more!

Details to be confirmed on your itinerary

DILKE HOUSE



AIFS
Dilke House
1 Malet Street
London
WC1E 7JN
UK



AIFS STUDENT SERVICES



Friendly, experienced staff to take care of the day-to-day running of the program

Coordinate accommodation, cultural activities, optional weekend trips

Program administration

Student and faculty support, advice and information

24 hour emergency phone service

Arranging medical appointments as needed

Contact the team:

studentinfo@aifs.co.uk

AIFS STUDENT SERVICES



Free printing

PC Lab

Travel Resources

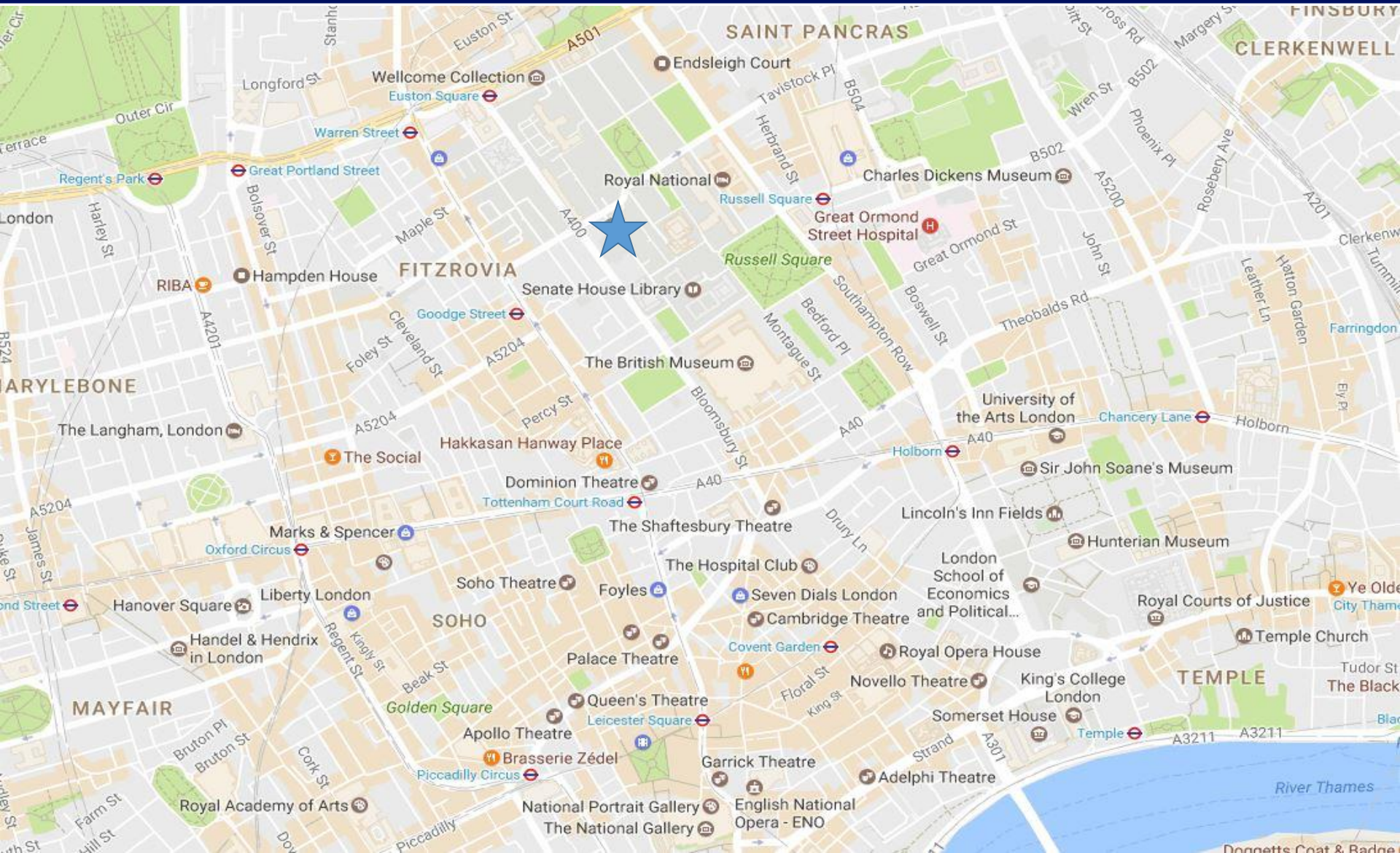
Open

Mon – Thurs:
8am-5.30pm

Friday:
8am – 5pm



AIFS STUDENT SERVICES



ADVICE AND INFORMATION



Cultural Differences

“We all speak English, there’ll be no problem...”

LANGUAGE

TIPPING

SIZE

COST

**PERSONAL
SPACE**

**PACE OF
LIFE**

**CUSTOMER
SERVICE**

PACKING

DO BRING:

- Prescribed medicines- enough for the entire trip & favourite over the counter remedies (*NB: A U.S. prescription cannot be filled in Europe*)
- Towels
- Clothing you can layer
- Rain wear
- Comfortable shoes- you'll be doing lots of walking
- Mp3 player for those long journeys



PACKING

For the first few days you will have to carry everything you pack through airports, on buses, up flights of stairs...

Do not pack more than you can easily carry.

DON'T BRING:

- Bed linen or pillows
- Expensive hairdryers/ straighteners
- Too much stuff
- Clothes you “might wear”
- Heavy and/or expensive items (check insurance)

Remember you will have limited wardrobe space and will need room in your suitcase for souvenirs

BRITISH WEATHER

The average temperature in London in Summer is between 55 and 75 degrees.

Bring sandals but don't expect to wear them every day!

Contrary to popular belief, it doesn't ALWAYS rain in London, especially in the Summer, but you should be prepared for changeable weather.



VOLTAGE



Do you need an adaptor or a convertor?

BOTH

-An adaptor converts the pins so you can plug into a power outlet

-A convertor changes the voltage from 100-120 (US) to 200-240 (UK)

Some equipment is multi-voltage and just requires a plug adapter and perhaps a flick of a switch (eg: laptops, phone chargers)

Other equipment will need a voltage converter which does more than just adapt the plug (eg: hairdryers, straighteners)

You can purchase both at RadioShack, Target, or online at Amazon

MONEY

The UK uses the POUND (£) (GBP)

£1 (GBP) = approx. \$1.29 (USD)

OR

\$1 = approx. £0.77

(Most European countries outside the UK use the €URO)



MONEY

You **MUST** tell your bank you will be abroad **BEFORE** leaving the US

Get internet banking so that you can manage your money in Europe

ATM (cash points) Cirrus, plus, star signs – check fees

Credit cards (Minimum amounts)

VISA & MASTERCARD widely accepted, AmEx less

Traveller's checks becoming outdated- VISA Travel Money Card

Bring a small amount of cash in £ with you for arrival (£100-150)

DON'T bring cash \$\$\$ to exchange

COMMUNICATION



Keep in touch with family and friends while you're away!

Email, Skype, Facetime, Google Hangouts, Facebook Messenger...

US Smartphone with wifi- iMessage, WhatsApp, Viber...
(turn off data roaming to avoid a huge bill when you get home)

Consider purchasing an international plan for your US phone or
a "pay as you go" cell phone once in the UK

AIFS operates a 24 hour emergency cell phone for students

Dialling from the UK: 07715373105

Dialling from the US: 011 447715373105



MAILING ADDRESS

Please give the AIFS Student Services Center as your mailing address.

Staff will sign for packages and notify you of their arrival.

Please mark all packages “second hand/ used goods”.

Beware of import fees imposed by customs for US goods.

Never mail medicine/vitamins, even if you don't need a prescription for them in the US.

YOUR NAME
AIFS

Dilke House
1 Malet Street
London
WC1E 7JN

INSURANCE



All students receive medical insurance as part of their program fees (\$50 deductible)

For pre-existing conditions make sure your own insurance will cover you abroad

Be aware of limitations & conditions

Laptops, digital cameras, iPods, are expensive

Take care of your belongings

For further details on insurance visit aifscustomized.com



TRAVEL

This is a Study Abroad program, but free weekends can be used to travel!

- London has four airports within easy reach- gateway to Europe
- Don't dismiss travelling within the UK- more than just London!
- Well travelled AIFS staff on hand to advise
- Bargains to be had- book early for best prices

SAFETY AND SECURITY



Please register with the US embassy:

www.step.state.gov/step

AIFS...

Logs weekend travel plans

Receives US State Department Advisories

Has emergency procedures and extensive back-up services

Has excellent links with local emergency services

The screenshot shows the top of the STEP website. On the left is a blue briefcase icon with a white checkmark. To its right is the text 'Smart Traveler Enrollment Program' and 'A SERVICE OF THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS U.S. Department of State'. On the far right is the U.S. State Department seal. Below this is a login section with the text 'Sign In or Create Account' followed by two input fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and a blue '>>' button. Below the fields is a link that says 'Forgot Username or Password?'.

A blue banner with the text 'TRAVELING? Enroll a trip and get Travel Alerts and Warnings'. Below the banner is an image of a blue passport and a globe.

A red banner with the text 'STAYING AT HOME? Get Travel Alerts and Warnings'. Below the banner is a white warning sign with a red border and a black exclamation mark.

A green banner with the text 'FREQUENT TRAVELER? Create an account'. Below the banner is an image of a signpost with many directional arrows pointing to various countries like Canada, Greece, India, Spain, etc.

What is STEP?

The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a free service to allow U.S. citizens and nationals traveling abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Benefits of Enrolling in STEP

- Receive important information from the Embassy about safety conditions in your destination country, helping you make informed decisions about your travel plans.
- Help the U.S. Embassy contact you in an emergency, whether natural disaster, civil unrest, or family emergency.
- Help family and friends get in touch with you in an emergency.

Stay Informed, Stay Connected, Stay Safe!

SAFETY AND SECURITY

DON'T

- Leave your belongings unattended
- Draw attention to yourself...don't be that loud person – the British are a little more reserved!
- Get involved in politics. People will want to know your opinion about the upcoming elections!
 - Let your guard down when you are travelling
 - Forget to keep in contact with home



AIFS DISCIPLINE

Study Abroad program-
Attendance mandatory to all class events

All students sign agreement and release form as part of application

You are representing your college/university and are subject to their rules as well as the rules of AIFS

AIFS operate a warning system

Continually ignoring the rules means removal from the program, with no refund.

Drug use = immediate removal from the program

Behaviour continuously monitored

AIFS PORTAL



www.aifscustomized.com

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Getting Started

Customized, Faculty-Led Study Abroad

Start building your program today!



Faculty & Coordinators



Request a quote



Set up a consultation



Download tips for planning your program



With AIFS Customized, Faculty-Led Programs you will have over 50 years of experience at your disposal. We are ready to help you create your ideal program that will allow your institution to internationalize your campus and:



Retain student tuition revenue

In addition, student financial aid still applies, making study abroad an option for more students.



Maintain academic oversight

The program is customized to fit your curriculum. Your institution provides academic credit, so there is no issue of credit transfer.



Manage risk

AIFS books the on-site facilities/services and pays any deposits, so there is no financial risk to your institution. AIFS holds over \$50 million of liability insurance.

Students

Find your program!

Your school

Choose a school

All Schools



RESEARCH PROJECT



Opportunity to be involved with a research project exploring the effects of study abroad.

Volunteers (both students and professors) to take part in a series of interviews before, during and after your study abroad experience.

Email sent out last week with details.

There is absolutely no obligation to take part in the study.

If you are interested or have any questions at all, please contact Rupert directly: rupert.ward@hud.ac.uk

ANY QUESTIONS?

Please send any questions to the
AIFS Student Services Team

studentinfo@aifs.co.uk

*(please put NOCCCD
in the subject of the email)*

We look forward to seeing you in
London

A large green circular graphic with the text 'NOT LONG TO GO!' written inside in a bold, black, sans-serif font, tilted at an angle.

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