CAS “SUMMER IN LONDON” PROGRAM

HOUSING CHECK-IN, ORIENTATION PLAN & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY JUNE 18th 2017

Welcome to London!

From 8.30am = Housing Check-In at Guilford House.
Upon arrival at Guilford House you will be given a “Welcome Pack” along with your room key from the Guard at the Reception desk of Guilford House. You would then, be welcome to settle into your room. For students arriving seeking lunch, we would recommend you head to the Brunswick Shopping Centre (10 minutes’ walk from Guilford House) where you will find a selection of places to eat and (also) the local Waitrose Supermarket if you would like to stock up on some groceries.

At 4pm = Meet NYUL staff member Mark Fuller in the Student Lounge of Guilford House for Housing & Orientation.
A session to welcome you to London and explain the amenities available at Guilford House and to make your residence in the building a safe and enjoyable stay.

Following = Familiarisation Walking Tour of Bloomsbury.
Including the local amenities; e.g. Russell Square its banks and post office; Russell Square Tube Station and the Brunswick Shopping Centre and local supermarkets

MONDAY JUNE 19th 2017

10.00am = Meet our Housing Team outside Guilford House for walk to the NYU-London Academic Centre.

10.45am = Cultural Orientation (presented by Tony Skitt)

Following= Buffet lunch at the NYU-London Academic Centre

12.30pm = Book sale of all required texts books (until 1.45pm)

2.00pm = Walking tour of London’s South Bank (Optional)
Following today’s orientation, you are invited on a walk that will take in many of the London's most spectacular views as we walk along the city's River Thames from Saint Paul's Cathedral to the Tower of London passing many of the city’s famous sites including Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, the Clink Prison and the Bishop of Winchester's Palace before stopping for refreshment at the wonderfully atmospheric Borough Market – a magnet for London’s foodies. After coffee, we continue along the south bank of the Thames to cross the river at the iconic Tower Bridge to finally see the world-famous Tower of London. The Tower has been a castle, a palace and a prison during its long history and remains one of London’s most important buildings. Following the walk, students will be led back to Guilford House.
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 21st 2017**

**7.00pm =  London by Night Walk (Optional)**

A short walk from the NYUL residences is Holborn, home to a number of London’s most famous and historic pubs. We aim to visit three; the first dates from the 15th century, the second is named after the knights who formerly owned land in the area and our last pub is where one of London’s infamous murderers used to ply his trade!

**FRIDAY JUNE 30th to SATURDAY JULY 1st 2017**

**Overnight tour to Brighton and the South of England.**

As part of your program, we invite you to join the Cultural Activities staff of NYU London on an overnight tour to Brighton and the South of England. We will be based for our overnight stay at Brighton Youth Hostel which is splendidly located in the heart of this most vibrant of seaside towns.

As the nearest point to the sea from London, Brighton became a favoured destination for British tourists from the middle of the 18th-century. It is a town that wonderfully retains its Georgian charm that so captivated the future George IV and inspired him to build one of the country’s most magnificent and intriguing buildings, the Royal Pavilion. Decorated with an Indian exterior and East Asian interior, the Pavilion is a hard building to categorise architecturally but a wonderfully eclectic and entertaining place to visit and our day trip includes entrance in to this remarkable building. Brighton today is a wonderfully free-spirited place, home of some of the country’s best nightlife, Europe’s biggest annual Pride festival and a buzz that has attracted hordes of young visitors from the time of the Mods and the Rockers in the 1950s through to the present day.

On our way down to Brighton we will have chance to explore a number of other scenic highlights in the South of England; these include Bodiam Castle, Bodiam is arguably the finest example of a medieval moated castle in Britain. Built in the latter part of the 14th-century in response to the threat France posed during the 100 Years War, Bodiam is not only one of the country’s most picturesque and evocative castles but a classic example of the evolution in castle design from the motte and bailey style of the Norman period into the quadrangular shape preferred, as weapon’s technology developed. Visitors to Bodiam often remark that this was just how they imagined a castle to be!

We follow our visit to Bodiam with lunch in the wonderfully picturesque town of Rye. Now land-locked, but formerly a major port to combat the threat of the French, Rye seems a place suspended in time, with its half-timbered buildings, cobbled streets and narrow alleyways. We can take lunch in one of the town's old pubs, including the Mermaid Inn, an old smugglers’ haunt where illicit cargoes were cellared awaiting nightfall.

We complete our day with a visit to Monk’s House, the country home of Leonard and Virginia Woolff and a treasure trove of rich literary and artistic history. We have chance to visit the house and beautiful Bloomsbury garden that inspired an iconic 20th-century writer.

We will stay overnight at Brighton Youth Hostel, allowing students to experience the varied delights of Brighton’s nightlife. During our time in the city we will visit Brighton’s famous Royal Pavilion and embark on a professionally-guided Literary Tour of the city, before returning to London by train on Saturday afternoon.