

NYU London

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UNDERGROUND

Pre-Departure Orientation
Fall 2013

Trivia!

- 1. Who is the current Prime Minister of the UK?**
 - A. Nicolas Sarkozy
 - B. John Cleese
 - C. Tony Blair
 - D. David Cameron
- 2. Possibly the most famous year in British history is 1066, which marks...**
 - A. The Battle of Hastings
 - B. The Treaty of Neeps and Tatties
 - C. The Signing of the Magna Carta
 - D. The War of Roses
- 3. How many countries make up Great Britain?**
 - A. 1
 - B. 3
 - C. 4
 - D. 13
- 4. Alan Sugar is...**
 - A. The inventor of Cadbury Cream Eggs
 - B. The British version of Donald Trump
 - C. The Director of NYU London
 - D. Your Study Abroad Advisor



Who are we?

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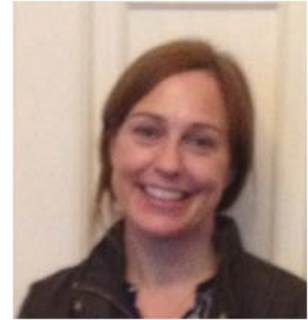
- Traveling
- Playing music
- Watching Premier League and La Liga football



Who are we?

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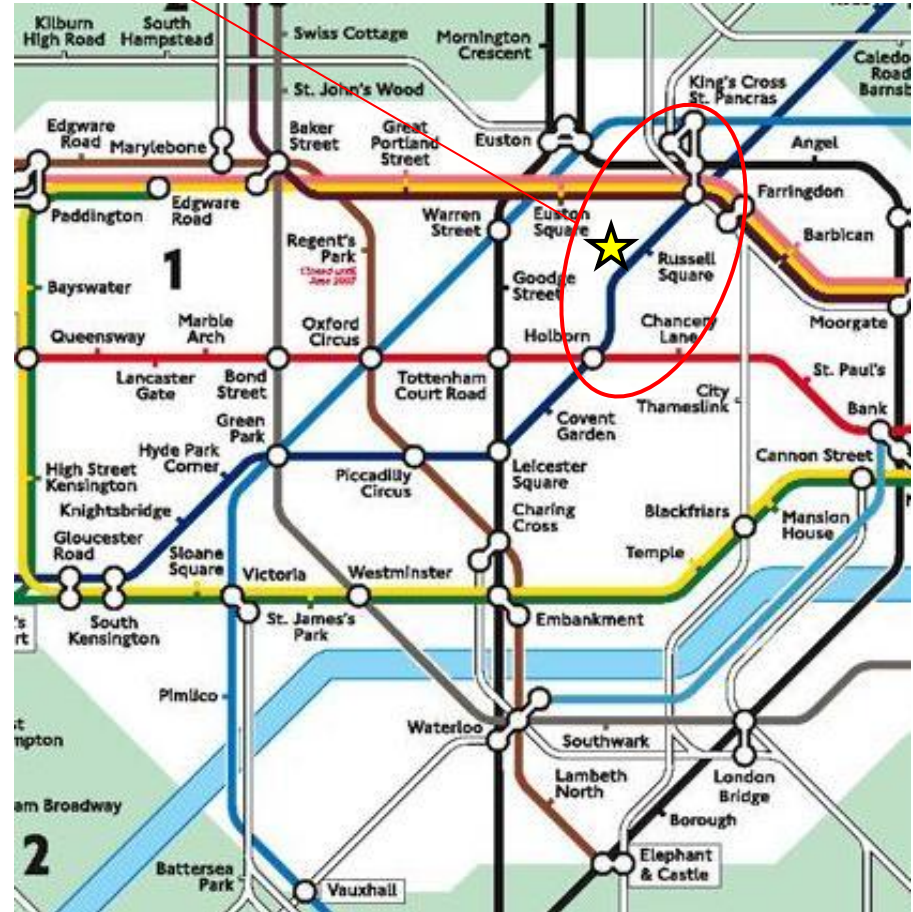
NYU London – Quick Facts

- ▶ One of NYU's 13 Global Academic Centers.
- ▶ Students attend for one semester or full academic year.
- ▶ Courses taught in NYU's own academic facilities, by locally-hired faculty.
- ▶ Classroom learning supplemented by field trips, excursions, and community service.
- ▶ Full-time professional staff provides high quality student support services.
- ▶ 375-450 students each semester:
 - ▶ Mostly upperclassmen (sophomores-seniors), from all of the NYU schools, representing many different majors
 - ▶ About 100 Liberal Studies Freshmen
 - ▶ ~10% Visiting Students from other US Colleges and Universities



NYU London – Location

- ▶ NYU London is centrally located in Bloomsbury, the heart of the city's university district.
- ▶ From the NYU Center, students are just steps away from the British Museum, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, and the West End (London's famous theater district).
- ▶ Bloomsbury is perhaps best known for its historical intellectual inhabitants, including Virginia Woolf, E.M. Forster, and John Maynard Keynes, among others who comprised the Bloomsbury Group.



NYU London – Academics

- ▶ Register for 12-18 credits, *not including waitlisted courses!*
- ▶ **Required Course:** *Global Encounters: Contemporary British Politics & Culture*
 - ▶ **Must be taken Pass/Fail**
- ▶ NO UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCES. Any unauthorized absences will result in a 3% grade reduction.
- ▶ Waitlists are *not* a guarantee! Use the **SWAP** function!
- ▶ **Wait for syllabi before planning personal travel! Site visits & field trips (often on Fridays) are considered required class time.**
- ▶ Exams may NOT be taken early/late.
- ▶ TurnItIn.com is used to ensure academic integrity.
- ▶ Unless otherwise notified, **ALL of your books will be purchasable during your orientation in London.**

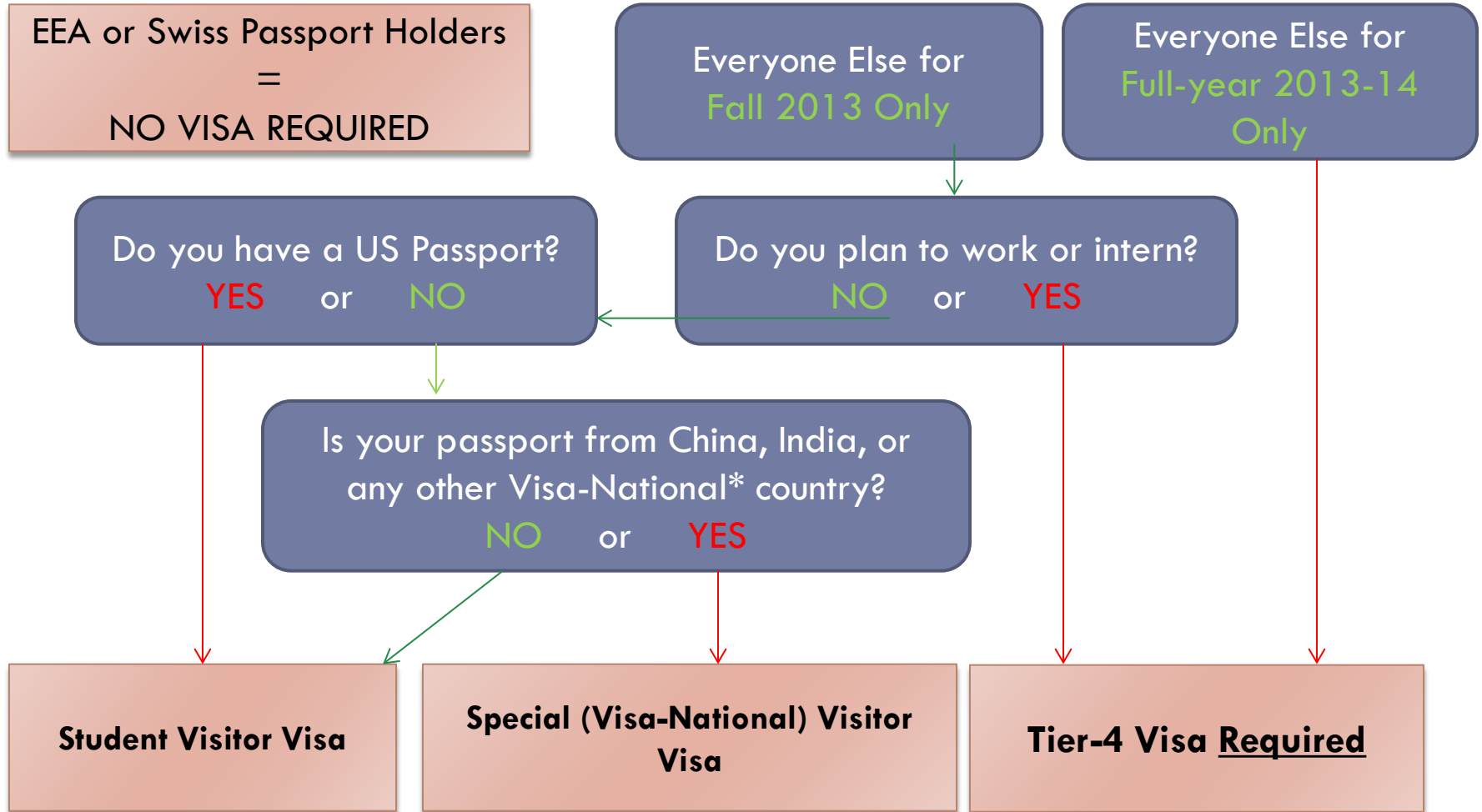


NYU London – Starting your visa process...

- ▶ **Step 1: OBTAIN or RENEW YOUR PASSPORT!**
 - ▶ Your passport **MUST** be valid through:
 - ▶ June 28th, 2014
- ▶ **Step 2: Complete Passport Inquiry Form**
 - ▶ Emailed to you by the Office of Global Services (OGS)
- ▶ **Step 3: Apply for your visa after you receive a support letter and instructions**
 - ▶ Entering as a student visitor does not require a pre-application, but you must present documents to the UK Border Agency when you arrive in
 - ▶ You will receive required immigration forms based on the information you provide on the Passport Inquiry Form from OGS in the coming weeks.
 - ▶ For all visa related questions email ogs.outbound@nyu.edu



NYU London – Do You Need a Visa?



*a full list of UK Visa-National countries can be found online, at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/policyandlaw/immigrationlaw/immigrationrules/appendix1/>

NYU London – Internships

- ▶ Students have already applied for and been accepted to the internship course.
- ▶ Internship placements arranged through EUSA
 - ▶ Students have already been accepted to the internship course; no longer accepting applications.
 - ▶ Students who have been accepted and confirmed their space must take Internship Course for 4 credits
- ▶ Students **MUST** get a Tier-4 Visa in order to hold an internship, regardless of whether it is paid or unpaid.
- ▶ The Tier 4 Visa limits you to 20 hours of work/interning per week during term time.
- ▶ Academics come first! Your job/internship must work around your class schedule, NOT vice versa!
- ▶ Work- or internship-related absences will not be excused, and required exams, excursions, assignments will NOT be rescheduled to accommodate your job/internship.



NYU London – Volunteering

- ▶ You do **NOT** need a Tier-4 Visa for most charitable volunteering or community service.
- ▶ Students can apply to take part in the NYUL Community Service Award, which recognises students who volunteer for 10 hours or more while abroad.
- ▶ You may like to:
 - ▶ Commit to an on-going community service such as HandsOn London;
 - ▶ Participate in as many one-off events as you like with charities such as Thames 21, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Starfish or the local Soup Kitchen.
- ▶ **IMPORTANT:** We recommend that ALL students interested in volunteering obtain a **Good Conduct Certificate** (sometimes also called a “**Letter of Good Standing**”) from your local police department before leaving for the UK. This is **CRUCIAL** if you plan to volunteer with children (e.g. the SHINE Project) or vulnerable adults, such as the sick or elderly.



NYU London – Billing

- ▶ Just like a semester at NYU in New York
- ▶ **eBills ONLY** - sent to your NYU email address
- ▶ You must register for at least 12 credits, NOT including waitlisted courses, for your bill/financial aid to be correct!
- ▶ Fall 2013 bills will be generated in **early May**
- ▶ You can authorize a parent or other individual to have access to your eBill
- ▶ Payment is made directly to the NYU Bursar
- ▶ **Estimated Housing Charge:** All students are charged the same average housing charge on your first bill. This estimate is used as a “placeholder charge” until we assign you to your final housing location.
- ▶ Housing charge will be adjusted 2-3 weeks after the semester begins; credit or new bill will be issued
- ▶ Questions? Visit the [NYU Bursar’s Website](#)



NYU London – Money

- ▶ Credit Cards (specifically Visa and MasterCard) are widely accepted
 - ▶ Credit cards usually offer the best exchange rate.
 - ▶ Fee is generally very small; typically a small % of the total transaction, ranging from a few cents to a few dollars per swipe.
 - ▶ Check with your credit card company for international fees/charges.
- ▶ Debit cards *will* allow you to withdraw money from local ATMs
 - ▶ Easiest way to access local currency!
 - ▶ Exchange rate is much better than exchanging money at the airport.
 - ▶ ATMs are often fee-free, BUT your bank *will* charge you! Check with your bank for fees
 - ▶ Make a few large withdrawals vs. many small ones. Lock excess money away in your room; only carry what you need!



NYU London – Packing

▶ Packing

- Bedrooms are small – only bring what’s absolutely necessary.
- Limited clothes hangers will be provided.
- Check maximum baggage allowance with your airline.
- Remember: you’ll want to bring extra things back!

▶ Shipping

- **YES, you may ship items, ONE WEEK before arrival, to:**

**NYU London
ATTN: [YOUR NAME]
6 Bedford Square
London, WC1B 3RA
UNITED KINGDOM**

(*this will be your mailing address all semester/year)

▶ Clothes to pack

- Sweaters, hats, scarves, gloves, and a coat for the cold winter weather!
- Dress in layers to stay the most comfortable at all times.
- You’ll need a raincoat/umbrella, and sturdy walking shoes!



NYU London – Packing (continued)

- ▶ **Suggested items**
 - ▶ Book bag for weekend trips and groceries is useful
 - ▶ Power adapters/convertors
 - ▶ Battery-operated travel alarm clock
 - ▶ Any medication you need (and copies of the prescription written in the generic term)
 - ▶ Camera (with battery charger)
 - ▶ Toiletries you can't live without – the brands are different abroad, and some things can be expensive
 - ▶ A travel-sized umbrella!

- ▶ **Leave these things at home:**
 - ▶ Linens
 - ▶ Kitchen utensils
 - ▶ Anything you couldn't bear to lose!

- ▶ **WARNING: Voltage is different in the UK:**
 - ▶ Buy shavers, hairdryers, flatirons, etc. cheaply upon arrival; *don't* bring them from the US!
 - ▶ “Hi-tech” electronics (laptops, iPods/iPads, cameras, etc.) often have a built-in voltage converter; that's what that box on the cord is for!



NYU London – Fall 2013 Calendar

August 28	Students Arrive
September 2	Classes Begin
October 4	Make-up Day for Monday Classes
October 11	Make-up Day for Tuesday Classes
October 25	Make-up Day for Wednesday Classes
November 1-10	Fall Break
November 11	Classes Resume
November 15	Make-up Day for Thursday Classes
December 5	Classes Finish
December 6	Reading Day
December 9-12	Exams
December 14	Students Depart

Please note that Fridays are set aside for required co-curricular trips and make-up classes, and are not free for student travel.



NYU London – Arrival

▶ ARRIVAL

- ▶ **NO shuttle service** from the airport to NYU London housing
- ▶ A staff member is usual present at LHR to help direct you.
- ▶ Arrival instructions will be provided before departure

▶ CHECK-IN

- ▶ All students **MUST** check-in **ON** arrival day (**August 28**), ideally between **8am** and **3pm**.
- ▶ Housing is only available for dates of the program: 8am on **August 28 – December 14 @ 12 noon**.
- ▶ If you arrive early or depart late, you must find your own accommodations. **No exceptions!**

▶ ORIENTATION

- ▶ Orientation is **MANDATORY**, and begins on the morning of August 29 through September 1.
- ▶ Classes begin September 2.



NYU London – Communication

- ▶ Purchase an inexpensive PAYG (Pay-As-You-Go) local cell phone in the UK for texting/calling locally.
- ▶ Consider unlocking your smart phone and/or purchasing a new SIM card on site.
 - ▶ Contact your cellular provider to discuss these options.
- ▶ Set-up a video chat account (such as Skype) for yourself -- and your parents, if they're tech-challenged.
- ▶ Create a communication plan
 - ▶ You should inform family and friends that you will call or email them as soon as you can after arrival, BUT this may not be for several hours after your plane lands.
 - ▶ Decide with your family & friends on a reasonable amount of time to stay connected, and stick to it.
 - ▶ *Home will be here when you get back!* Spend more time building stories than sharing them!



NYU London – Housing

- **TWO housing options at NYU London:**
 - Students live in **NYU-L Residence Halls**
 - Byron Court & Guilford House
- Housing is **mandatory** and **guaranteed** for all students
- Housing assignments are NOT first-come, first-serve; they are based on an the housing application in the Study Away Confirmation Portal (due June 15).
- All bedrooms/apartments are single-sex
- We will attempt to honor all mutual roommate requests
- Roommate details are not supplied before arrival
- **Each apartment layout is slightly different!**
- Assignments will be emailed about 2 weeks before arrival
- **Single rooms are VERY limited.**
- ALL NYU London buildings are non-smoking.



NYU London – Housing – Residence Halls

Byron Court & Guilford House

- Apartment-style housing; 1-3 bedroom suites, with 2-4 beds in each room.
- Apartments have one or two bathrooms, with showers (not baths).
- Fully equipped kitchen area in each apartment: oven, stove, microwave, refrigerator/freezer, storage cabinets.
- Very few single occupancy rooms are available, and all are within shared suites (less than 5 single rooms total between both residences)
- Priority for singles given to those who provide relevant medical documentation to the NYU Moses Center (and receive approval) – you need to do this ASAP!
- Communal facilities include
 - Study space outside bedrooms
 - Laundry facilities
 - TV room
 - Meeting spaces



NYU London – Housing – What’s Provided?

ALL housing options include:

- Bed linens: One (fitted) undersheet, duvet (comforter), duvet cover, pillow and pillowcase.
- Towels are **not** provided – **bring at least ONE with you.**
- Utensils, pots, pans, cutlery, plates, bowls are included.
- Utilities (gas, water, central heating and electricity, wireless internet) are all included.
- Everyone will have their own bed, desk, chair, wardrobe space, corkboard/bookshelf space.
- Regular room cleaning and linen exchange services; coin-operated laundry in the building.
- Beds are UK single size (not large, or double size).
- Security and controlled entry; maintenance support.
- All residences have strict “no smoking” policies.
- **There are NO meal plans or dining halls at NYU London.** Everyone will have access to kitchens and cooking essentials.

- *In exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to place some students in similar accommodation which does not exactly match the descriptions provided; full details will be given.*



NYU London – Security

- ▶ NYU's center is monitored by security guards 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- ▶ There is ALWAYS an NYU staff member on duty, in New York and London.
- ▶ You will be given a phone number to call in emergencies during on-site Orientation.
- ▶ To call for a local emergency number:
 - ▶ Dial **999** instead of 911.
- ▶ **Help us keep you safe. Follow all staff recommendations:**
 - ▶ Don't invite strangers into the residence. Your guests should always be in your company.
 - ▶ Always lock your doors.
 - ▶ Don't ever hitchhike.
 - ▶ **Don't leave your street smarts in NYC!**



Preparing to Live in a New City

- ▶ You might find yourself getting a bit anxious as you get closer to the date of your departure.
- ▶ It's natural to be nervous before moving to new surroundings.

Some steps you can take to prepare can be found at:

www.nyu.edu/global/culturaladjustment

1 -- View the ["What is Culture" Webinar](#)

2 -- Plan how you will [Reflect on the Experience](#) before arrival, during, and after you return

- Blogging
- Facebook
- Personal Journal

3 – Research the culture you will experience by logging into **GlobeSmart** :

GlobeSmart is a web-based cultural awareness training tool which provides quick and easy access to extensive knowledge on how to engage effectively with people from countries around the world.



NYU London – Tips

▶ **Don't worry – London has shops!**

- ▶ Boots, Tesco, Waitrose, Argos
- ▶ Shops & amenities: generally 9am–5pm
Larger supermarkets close at 10pm
- ▶ Most pubs/bars close at 11 pm; clubs at 2am
- ▶ Shops have limited hours on Sunday
- ▶ The Tube closes at ~12-12:30am, but buses run 24hrs

▶ **Mind Your Language!**

- ▶ We might speak English too, but it's very different.

▶ **Get with the Etiquette**

- ▶ Don't stand on the left-hand side of escalators.
- ▶ Queuing (making a line) is a way of life!
- ▶ **Gratuity:**
 - ▶ Don't tip in bars/pubs (unless you've ordered food)
 - ▶ Restaurants: ~ £1 per person (but check for service charge!)
 - ▶ Cabs: not expected to tip; round up, or add £1 at most





The University of London Union (ULU) is a great way to connect with London students, whether over a drink in the Duck & Dive bar, at gigs, over coffee at the subsidised Lunchbox store, or when joining the gym or signing up to a ULU Club or Society.

www.ulucol.ac.uk

UCLU

University College London Union

University College London Union is another great way to connect with London students. With a subsidised gym, infinitely more choice of clubs and societies to join and great places to eat, you will be able to apply for your UCLU membership a few weeks into the semester. NYUL pays the fee, so all you will have to do is pop into Student Resource Room and fill out a short form to apply!

www.uclu.org



NYU London – Healthcare

- ▶ **Free emergency health care in the UK (NHS)**
- ▶ **Primary care at NO COST at the Gower Street Practice**
- ▶ Students are also automatically enrolled in HTH, a comprehensive international health coverage plan
 - ▶ Free of charge for students
 - ▶ No advance out-of-pocket payment for students to see a doctor or counselor
 - ▶ Credentialed, western trained, nearby, English-speaking health professionals
 - ▶ REMEMBER to register with HTH when you receive the email from them.
 - ▶ HTH works everywhere in the world (except the US!)
- ▶ Students should consult with NYU site staff if you need help seeking medical attention.
- ▶ **DO NOT cancel your domestic health insurance while you are abroad!**
- ▶ If you take prescriptions regularly we recommend getting a full supply prior to going abroad.
- ▶ If you anticipate wanting to be in on-going counseling while abroad, call the NYU Wellness Exchange so they can help coordinate. **It is covered by HTH!**



NYU London – Travel

- ▶ NYUL arranges a variety of activities for all students, including Welcome Reception during orientation.
- ▶ Planned trips to explore various parts of the UK
- ▶ Included in the cost of your program! (i.e. **FREE!**)
- ▶ **Examples** of some past trips:
 - ▶ Bath & Stonehenge
 - ▶ Brighton
 - ▶ Canterbury Cathedral & Leeds Castle
 - ▶ Cambridge
 - ▶ Greenwich (by boat)
 - ▶ Oxford
- ▶ **Destinations vary by semester, and are not guaranteed to repeat.**
- ▶ You should **wait to book leisure travel** until after the first week of classes. Some courses have required trips!
- ▶ Use your Fall Break (Nov 1 - 10) to travel more extensively
- ▶ Don't forget to see LONDON!



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NYU Public Safety

(212) 998-2222



NYU London – Things to Do

- ▶ Confirm your spot in the program (\$500 reservation fee and Confirmation Form)
- ▶ Obtain or renew your passport ASAP!
- ▶ **Read all What's Next blog posts!**
- ▶ Complete your visa survey for visa instructions
- ▶ Register for courses abroad (*this week!*) through Albert
- ▶ Log into Study Away Confirmation Portal when it opens in mid-May to complete housing application by June 15th
- ▶ Notify NYU Housing to cancel housing in NYC (NYU Students)
- ▶ Book your flight and/or register your flight with NYU Traveler by June 15th
- ▶ Enjoy your time abroad! For many, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity!



NYU London Global Ambassadors



(Thank you!)

