First Day in London

London Cohort 2016
Sunsets over Dublin
Beautiful UBCO
“I feel that I will have many stories to tell my new friends at the College of Charleston. Studying abroad is an amazing experience. It’s not everyday that you get the chance to travel all around Europe. I highly suggest to my fellow students of Charleston to study abroad because it is a chance of a lifetime. The stories that I will tell will be about my time here in Dublin, the people I have met, and the places I have seen.” – Dublin Student
Trip to Brighton
“My end goal was to succeed in all my classes and get to understand the British culture. The end goal was important but it was the journey that made the trip that much better. In the end the journey is more important in my opinion because I got to experience the what a different world was like on my own without any guidance. My family was not there to guide me and help me through the journey and I really got to understand what the real world was like. Being able to live this amazing journey, going to a different place every weekend has been outstanding I get to feel what all the different cultures are about. Without the journey the end goal would not have been as satisfying and learning experience.” – London student
“To awaken quite alone in a strange town is one of the pleasentest sensations in the world” - Freya Starks

“I do believe that waking up quite alone in a strange town is a pleasant sensation. It gives you a new sense of excitement and adventure. Being stuck in the same routine gets old very fast, and one of the signs of being in a routine is expecting to wake up in a certain place…” - Kelowna Student

“I agree that waking up in a strange place is one of the most pleasant sensations. Every day for the next three months I will be waking up in London. This is an amazing experience that I am blessed to be given. I am going to love being able to walk out my front door and explore the city, seeing things I’ve only seen pictures of. Being able to actually live the scenery, landmarks, and history will be a much greater experience than just seeing and hearing about it. Considering how easy it is to see museums, travel to other countries and be engulfed by many different cultures I plan on taking advantage of my time while I am here.” – London student
The Kangaroo Farm
“Everyone should go on an adventure at least once in their life. Not to a specific destination but through a new area. Go out of your comfort zone and see new things that is the best way to learn new things. Go through many places and meet new people and you will gain a whole new respect for the world you live in. It also may give you a new appreciation for what you have and what you think you want. Seeing how other people live may make you give thanks for the life you live. Just remember that there is always a new place to go so why not go see them.” - Kelowna Student
Holidays in London
“Travel will make you appreciate the familiarity of home. It will restore your sense of childlike wonder for what was already there. And when you return, you will remember what it is to truly be alive again.” – Jessica Yurasek

“Coming to Dublin I expected to have homesickness, but I also had never been away from home for more than a week. So, outside of going to a country and a college I had never been to, I was also leaving home for an extended period of time for the first time. The feeling of homesickness is not too bad, but it is present and I have never truly felt it before, so it is hitting home. I believe I am transitioning well into the country, maybe not getting used to being away though.” – Dublin Student
High Tea in London
Pumpkin Carving in Dublin
Harry Potter Studios
"Travel and change of place impact new vigor to the mind" – Seneca

“I feel like the mobile seminars and extracurricular trips iCharleston plans out for us are very worth while and add a very positive experience to the classroom. Trips such as Sligo have pushed me out of my comfort zone and allowed me to experience places in Ireland I never would have experienced in a traditional classroom in Dublin. Without experiences like these you are left with just the experience you receive in Dublin which is still fantastic but these trips outside the city allow for a much more rounded experience of Ireland instead of just what you get from the big city.” – Dublin Student

“Travel and being in a place that is foreign to me is definitely very good for the mind. It’s always good to do something new and exciting. Routine is great but it gets old and boring. Being abroad gives me a new perspective on things. I feel like I can look at academics differently. Things I learn in class have been helping me get used to living in London and things I learn in London have been useful in class. This is a whole new learning experience that I believe will really help me grow inside and outside of the classroom!” – London student
English Football- Fulham FC
English Football - Chelsea
Rugby – Leinster vs. Munster
"Wherever you go becomes a part of you somehow."
-Anita Desai

“I agree with this quote because I believe that everything and place you experience will affect you. Whether or not this effect is immediate or in the future, it will have a place. I believe that all the choices you make, including where you travel influences you from that moment on. Locations that stand out to me the most on this break are the places I have decided to travel. Italy has forever affected me as I traveled to see where my family and I came from. Also, living in a different country for four months has had a big impact on my life. I have learned so much about British culture as well as realizing how wonderful my home is and how I am so lucky to have this opportunity.” – London student
Houses of Parliament
Causey Farm
“After living in Dublin for the past 2 months, the culture here has become normal to me. I no longer question it or even think twice about it. I keep thinking to myself, when I come back to America December 17th, the little things that I never thought about at home will stick out to me. Little things like driving on the left side with the driver on the right or pressing a switch when leaving a building or paying for plastic bags when buying my groceries or something as little as saying “cheers” instead of “thank you “goodbye”. In the beginning of this experience all of these new cultures were hard to understand and overwhelming to become accustom to so quickly, but now its all normal to me and soon, America will become the new place I’ll find hard to adjust to.” – Dublin Student
Study Tour to Northern Ireland
Carrick- A- Rede Rope Bridge & Giant’s Causeway
“Travel far enough, you meet yourself.” -David Mitchell

“I have discovered that I can do it. I am here in London and happy. I can do things on my own that I never thought I would have the guts to do. I have discovered that my work ethic can be strong without the support of tutors and constant help from teachers. Study abroad has definitely brought out my adventurous side. I go out and do more. It has not changed me completely, but the culture has definitely influenced me. I will always carry a piece of studying abroad in London with me.” – London student
Downtown Kelowna
“Whenever I travel at some point, I begin to get home sick. Being in an unfamiliar environment makes me miss the at home daily routine. Although this may happen, nothing is more fun then meeting new people and seeing new places. Since I arrived in Canada I haven’t experience home sickness or culture shock. I do miss Chipotle and driving my car but, it feels as if I’m at summer camp and will be back home shortly. The school year has gone by quickly which helps a lot. Returning home for Christmas will be bitter sweet.” - Kelowna student
Farewell Dinner in Kelowna
Final Day in Dublin
“I’m really neutral about going home. I am not nervous at all. A lot of people really want to go home but I really want to stay. Yes, it will be nice to see family and friends but I really would rather stay here. When I go back to the United States, I’m looking forward to seeing my friends and family and celebrating the Holiday’s. When I leave, I’ll miss the people here and the freedom. It has been a great experience living here for a few months and I’ll miss everything about this place.” – Dublin Student

“We shall not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.” – T.S. Eliot