For more than two millennia, London has thrived as a major city of the time. Join us as we walk through the original Roman settlement and study English history to the present day. London is a global city with more than 14 million people and numerous historical sites that are sure to inform and delight participants. We will also include visits to family and consumer sciences related organizations.

**List of sites we will visit:**

**Buckingham Palace:** Buckingham Palace is the Queen’s official London residence. It has 775 rooms and 800 staff members. We will visit some of the state rooms, Queen’s Gallery and the Royal Mews.

**Tower of London:** Established as a royal fortress in 1078, the Tower of London has served as an armory, a treasury, a menagerie, the Royal Mint, a prison and home of the Crown Jewels of England.

**Westminster Abbey:** Westminster Abbey is at the heart of the English constitution. In addition to hosting coronations and burials, this is the church of Royal weddings. Since 1066, the coronations of all crowned English monarchs have occurred here. Among the more than three thousand buried are 17 English sovereigns.

**British Parliament:** The British Parliament is the supreme legislative body for the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland. It is comprised of the House of Lords and House of Commons and is responsible for making laws and setting taxes. Our visit will include the Queen’s Robing Room and Prince’s Chamber, Majestic Lord’s Chamber, Central Lobby, Members’ Lobby and one of the voting lobbies as well as the Commons Chamber.

**St. Paul’s Cathedral:** St. Paul’s Cathedral is one of the most famous and most recognizable sights in London. Its dome, framed by the spires of Wren’s City churches, dominated the skyline for 300 years. At 365 feet (111 m) high, it was the tallest building in London from 1710 to 1962. Its dome is among the highest in the world. St. Paul’s is the second largest church building in area in the United Kingdom after Liverpool Cathedral. The tour will include entry to the Cathedral floor, crypt and the three galleries in the dome.

**Churchill War Rooms:** The Churchill War Rooms tell the story of Winston Churchill’s life and legacy. Hear extracts from Churchill’s rousing wartime speeches, read some of the
hundreds of letters Churchill exchanged with his wife and delve into Churchill’s life story. See objects relating to all periods of Churchill’s life, from his early childhood to his state funeral.

**Victoria and Albert Museum**: The Victoria and Albert Museum has unrivaled collections of contemporary and historic art and design. It houses some of the world’s greatest resources for architecture, fashion, photography, theatre and performance, sculpture, contemporary design, ceramics, Asian art and design, furniture, textiles, jewelry, metalwork and many more. The collections represent pieces from the Bronze Age to the 21st Century.

**British Museum**: The British Museum was established in 1753 and houses treasures from around the world. It includes numerous collections including Roman, Greek, African, North American, Asian, Arab, Mexican and European. The British Museum is the oldest public museum in the world.

**Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace**: The Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace encompasses a colorful spectacle and British pageantry. This ceremony has taken place since 1660.

**Thames River Cruise**: This leisure passenger cruise along the River Thames carries you on a route through the heart of London between Westminster and Tower of London. The cruise proceeds through Tower Bridge and down river to Greenwich — a journey through 2,000 years of liquid history.

**Royal Opera House**: The Royal Opera is one of the world’s leading opera companies. Based in the iconic Covent Garden, it is renowned both for its outstanding performances of traditional opera and for commissioning new works by today’s leading opera composers.

**Afternoon Tea**: Afternoon Tea is a longstanding British tradition. We plan to join a formal afternoon tea at a British landmark venue and one during a museum visit. They will include the traditional finger sandwiches, scones with clotted cream, and desserts with a selection of teas.

**Shopping**: London is the center of world class shopping ranging from haute couture to famous department stores to century-old street markets. Your choices will include Harrods, Fortnum and Mason, Piccadilly Circus, Liberty London, Hamley’s Toy Store, Burlington Arcade, Portobello Road Street Market, London Silver Vaults plus many more.

**Wales**: At the time of this publication, we are investigating the possibility of a day trip to Wales.

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**Study tour planning information**

**PROGRAM COST**: $3,400 approximate fee
- The final cost will be determined once the number of participants is known.
- Program fees are refundable up to the time the expense is incurred by the University of Kentucky. (This date will vary by items and contracts signed by the university.) A 10% fee will be assessed for all refunds.
- Includes double occupancy lodging, ground transportation to some venues and admission fees to venues on the official itinerary.
- **Airfare** is not included in the program fee. Each participant is responsible for his/her own airline arrangements and payment. If you want to travel from Lexington with the group, we will provide you with airline information so you can arrange your flight.
- **Other expenses** will include meals, optional events, shopping, etc.
- **First deposit** of $1,500 due by February 15, 2016.
- **Final payment** due by May 1, 2016.

**TRANSPORTATION**: The Underground Tube will be utilized for most travel to venues included on the itinerary. The trip will require lots of walking. Participants who choose to use cabs in lieu of walking will do so at their own expense. Some buildings may not have elevators. Be prepared to walk steps or wait for the group while they do. Most places are accessible but will require that some travelers take it slow.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**: We highly recommend the purchase of travel insurance for protection from the unexpected. We can provide the vendor name for companies we use on campus. Be sure to read the policy carefully to ensure you receive the best coverage for your situation.

**INSERVICE CREDIT**: Available

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