



Virginia Tech RSAP Summer 2018

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Each year, CLI partners with a select number of universities to create one-of-a-kind, fully customizable study experiences around the world. With careful guidance from CLI's team of American and international educators, Virginia Tech RSAP students will gain invaluable insight into England and Ireland's deep-rooted history of technological innovation, as well as the future of some of their most relevant industries.

CLI provides three core services: (1) assistance in developing your program itinerary; (2) comprehensive pre-departure support (see www.studycli.org/rsapengland18); and (3) facilitation of all logistical provisions (e.g., domestic and international airfare, buses, hotel accommodations, restaurant recommendations and bookings, activity planning, and CLI program leaders).

Please note that while the spirit of the below schedule will remain unchanged, certain aspects — in consultation with VT faculty leaders — are subject to be updated. Company visits are typically scheduled one to four months prior to program start date. As a result, our proposal includes a few placeholders for unspecified visits. Each will be specified in the months leading up to May 2018, and this process will be completed in close collaboration with Virginia Tech faculty leaders. CLI maintains a strong track record of providing engaging and impactful company visits to both highly localized firms as well as multinational corporations.

As always, please feel free to contact us anytime if you have questions, requests, and/or suggestions during the program planning and implementation process.

MAY 14 - MAY 16: LONDON | INNOVATION IN THE UK'S CAPITAL CITY

DAY 1 | SUNDAY, MAY 13 (WASHINGTON DC TO LONDON)

Evening Fly from Washington DC to London

DAY 2 | MONDAY, MAY 14 (LONDON)

Morning Arrive in London and transfer to hotel
While traveling into London, engage in a comprehensive orientation session to understand and conceptualize the journey ahead. In addition to several other items, students will receive a public transportation pass to London.

Early Afternoon Group lunch

Late Afternoon Visit The Emirates Aviation Experience
The Emirates Aviation Experience provides visitors with unique insight into the world of modern commercial aviation. Students will have the opportunity to take to the skies in one of four state of the art flight simulators.

Evening Explore the streets of London on a hop-on hop-off bus tour, followed by a group welcome dinner with program and faculty leaders



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DAY 3 | TUESDAY, MAY 15 (LONDON)

Morning	Tour Tower Bridge with two private guides (13 students per group) <i>Discover the inner workings of one of the most famous bridges in the world. Constructed in the late 19th century, the Tower Bridge contains over 70,000 tons of concrete and 11,000 tons of steel.</i>
Noon	Walk to group lunch at Jamie's Italian (~10 min), near the Thames
Afternoon/Evening	Free time to explore London

DAY 4 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 (LONDON)

Late Morning	Embark on the London Underground and Tube Tour <i>Learn about the Tube's origin, design and construction. Begin at the historic Paddington Station, visit an old ghost station that has been abandoned for over 50 years, and finish at the futuristic Westminster Station.</i>
Early Afternoon	Stop by Big Ben and the British Parliament, followed by a group lunch
Late Afternoon	Company visit
Evening	Free time to explore London and enjoy small group dinners on your own

MAY 17 - MAY 20: PORTSMOUTH, OXFORD, STONEHENGE, BATH, AND NOTTINGHAM

DAY 5 | THURSDAY, MAY 17 (LONDON TO WINCHESTER, VIA PORTSMOUTH)

Morning	Check out of hotel and travel to Portsmouth by bus (~2 hours) <i>Portsmouth is the only island city in the United Kingdom and has been the headquarters of the British Navy for over 500 years.</i>
Noon	Group lunch near the Historic Dockyard
Early Afternoon	Attend guided tours of the Historic Dockyard and the HMS Victory <i>The HMS Victory is a 104-gun warship constructed in the 1760s and retired in 1812. It is often considered the most famous warship in British naval history.</i>
Late Afternoon	Bus to Winchester (~50 min) and check into the hotel
Evening	Free time to explore Winchester and enjoy small group dinners on your own

DAY 6 | FRIDAY, MAY 18 (DAY TRIP TO OXFORD)

Early Morning	Travel to Oxford by bus (~1.5 hours)
Late Morning	Explore the Mini Cooper Plant in Oxford <i>Manufactured to individual customer specifications, this is the birthplace of hundreds of MINIs that leave the plant's assembly lines each day.</i>
Noon	Small group lunches on your own near Oxford University
Early Afternoon	Free time to explore Oxford University on your own
Late Afternoon	Bus back to Winchester; free time



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DAY 7 | SATURDAY, MAY 19 (WINCHESTER TO NOTTINGHAM, VIA BATH)

Early Morning	Check out of the hotel and travel to Stonehenge by bus (~45 min)
Late Morning	Explore the mysteries of Stonehenge, followed by a bus ride to Bath (~1 hour)
Noon	Group lunch
Early Afternoon	Explore the Roman baths and Georgian architecture of Bath w/ Footprints Tours <i>Bath is a breathtaking town that features elegant Georgian squares. It was the favorite destination of Queen Victoria, Lord Nelson and Jane Austen.</i>
Late Afternoon	Free time in Bath for exploration and small group dinners
Evening	Bus to Nottingham (~3 hours) and check into the hotel

DAY 8 | SUNDAY, MAY 20 (NOTTINGHAM)

Morning	Visit Peak District National Park for hiking or cycling (~1 hour bus from hotel) <i>Explore the spectacular countryside of the Peak District by bicycle, on bridleways, quiet lanes and traffic-free trails. Lovely villages, superb views, interesting history, fascinating wildlife and geology — it's all in Peak District for you to enjoy. This guided cycling activity is optional; you may also choose to hike or simply relax in the park.</i>
Noon	Group picnic lunch
Afternoon/Evening	Free time to explore Nottingham

MAY 21 - MAY 26: DUBLIN & GALWAY | DISCOVERING IRELAND'S NATURAL BEAUTY

DAY 9 | MONDAY, MAY 21 (NOTTINGHAM TO LIVERPOOL)

Early Morning	Check out of the hotel
Late Morning	Cultural exchange activities at University of Nottingham (arrive by 8:00am); includes group lunch at university
Early Afternoon	Bus to JCB Excavators (~50 min) for private tour of its manufacturing facilities <i>Our visit will begin with welcome refreshments and a short presentation showcasing JCB's global manufacturing facilities and products. We'll then continue onto the assembly line of the world famous Backhoe Loader machine. Here we'll see how the machine is built from sheet steel, profiling, laser cutting, welding, painting, and assembling.</i>
Late Afternoon	Continue along the road to Liverpool (~1 hour 50 min)
Evening	Check into the Shankly Hotel; free time for small group dinners and exploration

DAY 10 | TUESDAY, MAY 22 (LIVERPOOL TO DUBLIN)

Morning	Transfer to Holyhead for 11:50am Swift Fast Ferry to Dublin (~2 hours)
Early Afternoon	Lunch on your own on the ferry; check into the hotel
Late Afternoon	Visit to the St. Patrick's Cathedral



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Evening Enjoy a traditional Irish dinner as a group at the Brazen Head
Try their Guinness stew, a mix of beef with vegetables and spices, soaked in a broth of Guinness beer.

DAY 11 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 (DUBLIN)

Morning Organizational visit to Foodcloud
This is a successful Irish startup that uses technology to connect businesses with surplus food and charities that help low-income communities.

Noon Small group lunch on your own
Choose between Eddie Rockets, Against the Grain, The Noodle House, Roma II, Charley's Malay & Chinese Restaurant, or Bobo's Gourmet Irish Burger, all within two blocks of one another.

Afternoon Visit Trinity College (~15 min)
This personalized tour of Ireland's most prestigious university will provide insight into students' daily life and education. The visit is arranged in cooperation with Trinity College's Engineering Department.

Evening Free time to explore Dublin; small group dinners on your own

DAY 12 | THURSDAY, MAY 24 (DUBLIN TO GALWAY)

Morning Check out of the hotel and board a train to Galway (~2.5 hours)
Enjoy this morning's train ride through the Irish countryside en route to Galway, the cultural and artistic capital of the west of Ireland, as well as one of the best places to listen to traditional Irish music.

Early Afternoon Check into the hotel followed by group lunch in Eyre Square

Late Afternoon Engineering company visit

Evening Free time to explore Galway and small group dinners on your own

DAY 13 | FRIDAY, MAY 25 (GALWAY)

Morning Visit the Cliffs of Moher (~1.5 hours by bus from hotel)
Enjoy an excursion to these cliffs that tower an imperious 750 feet above the Atlantic. This region is considered to house some of Ireland's most haunting and stunning natural wonders.

Early Afternoon Lunch on your own

Late Afternoon Return to Galway by bus

Evening Enjoy a festive group farewell dinner in central Galway!

DAY 14 | SATURDAY, MAY 26 (GALWAY TO WASHINGTON DC)

All Day Fly back to the USA