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CONGRATULATIONS on being accepted by UW-Eau Claire to the University of Evansville's study abroad program in Harlaxton, England. Living and studying in a foreign culture is both an exciting and a challenging experience. Past participants of study abroad report that the many advantages of international study include:

Gaining new perspectives on a chosen academic field
Increasing understanding of different cultures
Enhancing personal development
Developing different perspectives on U.S. culture
Gaining self-confidence and independence
Learning skills for the future international job market

It is up to you to determine how you can best benefit from these possible advantages. This is your adventure!

Use this guide with the general Study Abroad Handbook. The handbook has information that is valid for all study abroad programs. This guide has specific information for the Harlaxton study abroad program. It is designed to complement the handbook, study abroad orientation, and your individual pre-departure preparations.

Please realize that although this guide contains all of the information available at the time of printing, it is impossible for any single resource to answer all of your questions. Your peer adviser will email additional information throughout the semester. Please contact the Center for International Education (CIE) staff, your peer adviser, and past program participants with your specific questions. You should also make use of the additional written and web resources listed towards the end of this guide.

Basic questions only you can answer include:

- 1) What are YOUR goals for this experience? Common goals of students abroad include advancement in a future profession, desire to expand personal and academic horizons, need for a change, and wish to challenge oneself with immersion in a new culture.
- 2) Given the way the program is set up; how can you best prepare to meet your goals? For example, if one of your goals is truly being immersed in British culture, yet you are living in a historic manor full of U.S. students, how are you going to get out and meet the locals?

The information in this guide was current at the time of printing, though changes may occur at any time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Program

Harlaxton Manor is owned and operated by the University of Evansville, Indiana. UE is a medium-sized, private liberal arts institution affiliated with the Methodist church.

Although some Harlaxton students come from U.S. public universities, most are from liberal arts colleges with religious affiliations. Professors are from U.S. partners and the UK.

The Location

Harlaxton is in central England, two miles away from the town of Grantham, Lincolnshire. The landmark manor is set in the green pastures and rolling hills typical of the English countryside. The nearest city is Nottingham, about 20 miles away. A fast and frequent rail network provides easy access to other parts of Great Britain, making trips all over the country possible. London is about an hour away by train.

Academic Calendar

You will find a **tentative** schedule, including required and optional fieldtrips for Summer 2019, at the link below. The calendar will not be finalized until the group flight is arranged, which typically occurs by mid-March for summer.

<https://harlaxton.evansville.edu/accepted/downloads/summer2019/Summer2019Calendar.pdf>

Please do not make travel arrangements until the optional group flight has been announced and the calendar confirmed.

Exact arrival information will be given to

you when the group flight information is announced.

Important Note:

- To arrive in the UK on the noted arrival date, you will need to leave the US the previous day!

Italy Trip: If you are participating on the end of program Italy trip, the earliest you could return home is the day after the group returns to London, so **you will need to make your own housing arrangements in London for the night that you arrive back in London.**

Class schedule and independent travel:

Classes are scheduled Monday through Thursday to allow time for optional weekend field trips or independent travel.

ACADEMICS

There is additional information on maintaining program eligibility, as well as topics such as registration, class attendance, credits and course load, grades, transcripts, and accessing the UW-Eau Claire library while abroad in your Study Abroad Handbook.

Pre-departure Planning

Summer Harlaxton students can take one or two classes (3 or 6 credits). Per the University of Evansville, most students take one class. However, you do need to take 6 credits to access summer financial aid. See the Study Abroad Handbook for details.

You will indicate your first course choices, as well as alternates, when you apply to

Harlaxton. Every effort will be made to accommodate first choices, but this cannot be guaranteed. Enrollment priority is based on the date the Harlaxton deposit is paid.

Courses with insufficient enrollment (fewer than 8 students) may be cancelled.

Registration

At UW-Eau Claire: All you need to do for registration at UW-Eau Claire is **sign your online PPA for Summer 2019**. Center for International Education (CIE) staff will work with the Registration Office to enroll you in the Harlaxton program under a temporary INTA course number. This “blanket registration” will appear on your billing statements and will be replaced by the specific Harlaxton courses once your transcript arrives.

At Harlaxton: You will officially register for your Harlaxton courses through the University of Evansville online system in late March or early April. Instructions will be provided by UE.

Dropping a Class

If you choose to register for six credits, then wish to drop a course, UE/Harlaxton financial penalties will apply.

UWEC Course Equivalencies

A list of course equivalencies can be found on the [CIE Harlaxton Academics page](#).

Class Schedule

Summer classes are typically scheduled Monday through Thursday at noon. Monday and Tuesday afternoons are reserved for course specific fieldtrips and

study sessions. Wednesday afternoons are reserved for local and regional fieldtrips.

Grades

Harlaxton grades on a U.S. A-F scale.

UW-Eau Claire students abroad are not allowed to take classes pass/fail, and grades from Harlaxton are figured into students' UW-Eau Claire GPA.

Class Attendance

Harlaxton College has a very **strict** attendance policy. Three or more unexcused absences will always result in a lowering of your grade; professors are free to set stricter standards in their classes.

MONEY MATTERS

Information about how payments are made, when they are due, the UW - Eau Claire withdrawal/refund deadlines, financial aid, scholarships, budgeting and ways to bring money abroad is in your Study Abroad Handbook.

Cost Estimate

You can find the most current cost estimate for your program, in easily printable format, on the [CIE Harlaxton webpage](#). Be sure you are looking at the correct term. Remember that the cost estimate includes what you pay to UW-Eau Claire, what you pay to Harlaxton, and what you pay directly to other vendors.

Accessing Cash

Harlaxton College has an ATM in the Manor where you can withdraw pounds as needed.

Personal Travel

Personal travel depends on your budget and priorities. It is possible to travel every weekend; it is also possible to use the Manor for short day excursions. You can find cost estimates for the optional excursions Harlaxton plans to offer here:

<https://harlaxton.evansville.edu/accepted/excursions.cfm>

Currency and Currency Exchange

The currency of the United Kingdom is the pound, abbreviated GBP (Great Britain Pound) and symbolized "£." Just like the dollar, the pound is divided into 100 units, called "pence," abbreviated "p."

Coins come in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 pence, as well as 1 and 2 pounds. There are £5, £10, £20, and £50 bills.

As of December 12, 2018, the exchange rate was £1 = \$1.21838. You can find current exchange rates at <http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>.

Traveler's Checks

Many people no longer find travelers checks useful in the UK due to the convenience of ATMs and the service fees (1-4%) associated with cashing your traveler's checks. Also, you will need to go to a bank or a money exchange office (e.g. bureaux de change) in order to cash traveler's checks, which can be inconvenient. However, traveler's checks can be useful in an emergency situation such as when your credit or debit cards are lost or stolen, your cards are damaged, your

cards are de-activated due to fraud concerns, etc.

HEALTH & SAFETY

In addition to the information on CISI insurance and the Health Issues and Safety Abroad sections of your Study Abroad Handbook, you should be aware of the following health and safety information specific to the UK.

On-Campus Medical Services

There is a nurse at Harlaxton four hours per day. She can make referrals to a clinic in Grantham as necessary. If you have a prescription medication that needs refrigeration, such as insulin, storage can be arranged through the nurse and the Dean of Students.

Counseling Services

A counselor is available one night per week at the Manor. Her office is in a little-used part of the building. You can sign up for appointments in advance, using an anonymous system posted on her door.

The Dean of Students and the Student Services Interns live in the Manor and are available 24 hours a day if needed. Other counseling resources are available in Grantham. Resource lists are posted around the Manor and/or can be provided by the Student Affairs staff.

Services for Students with Disabilities

With written documentation, Harlaxton can provide accommodations for students with a variety of specific requirements.

It is also important to look at the level of accessibility in the UK. To find more information on this topic, please see the [State Department Country Specific Information page](#).

If you have questions or concerns about this, please contact Cheryl Lochner-Wright, your UWEC study abroad coordinator (lochnecb@uwec.edu).

Intro to the British Health System

The National Health Service (i.e. the UK national healthcare system) sometimes does not have a very good reputation in the U.S. The system generally works fine; however, it operates under a different set of assumptions from the U.S. health system. U.S. students and their parents need to be aware of the major differences between the U.S. and British health systems.

- 1) The British system is set up to **favor those typically most in need of medical treatment**: infants/children, pregnant women, and the elderly. People in traditional university age range are expected to be low users of the system except in the case of accidents or serious illness.
- 2) Because of this, **there can be a long wait to set up treatment for pre-existing conditions**. If you have a condition that will need ongoing treatment while in the UK, contact your UW-Eau Claire study abroad coordinator right away!
- 3) In Britain, **medical professionals do not consider a common cold/sore throat to require medical attention**. Having a cold for three to four days is considered normal,

and of no major concern in a person of college age.

4) **Antibiotics are rarely prescribed in Britain**, due to research that frequent use of antibiotics leads to mutation in germs, rendering the antibiotics useless. Antibiotics are therefore used to treat severe illness. If you use antibiotics regularly, you may wish to bring them with you.

5) **Allergy shots are generally not recommended** by physicians in the UK. It will be difficult to find anyone who will prescribe or administer them.

Vaccinations

There have been large measles outbreaks in Europe. The [Centers for Disease Control](#) recommends that you are up-to-date on routine vaccines before your study abroad experience. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot.

Also, our university partners in the UK have indicated that the National Health Service has a policy of immunizing for Meningitis "C" and recommend that students who have not been vaccinated make arrangements to have this done before leaving home.

Safety in England

One main thing to remember about safety in England is that they drive on the opposite side of the road from the U.S., so LOOK RIGHT!! before crossing the street.

Information on crime, road safety, drug penalties, and terrorist activity in England is included on the [U.S. Department of State travel website](#). Safety in and around Harlaxton will be discussed during orientation in England.

Hiking

Per the U.S. State Department, "Hiking in higher elevations can be treacherous. Several people die each year while hiking, particularly in Scotland, often due to sudden changes in weather. We encourage visitors, including experienced hikers, to discuss their intended routes with local residents familiar with the area and to adhere closely to recommendations."

Sexual Harassment and "Lad Culture" in the UK

"Lad culture" is a concern among British universities. In [recent research](#), it was defined as a "group" or 'pack' mentality residing in activities such as sport and heavy alcohol consumption, and 'banter' which is often sexist, misogynist and homophobic." Although some respondents found it influenced their academic experience at the university, lad culture is seen as particularly influential in the social side of university life. Some commentators compare it to "bro culture" or frat culture here.

Many respondents reported sexist jokes and rape banter in their friendship groups that made them feel uncomfortable or pressured to engage in sexual relationships. Sexual harassment was common, and there were accounts of sexual violence. Harassment ranged from verbal harassment and

catcalling to physical harassment and sexual molestation. Some viewed groping in nightclubs as a part of a normal night out.

Excessive drinking is an often-cited contributing factor and the university drinking culture is seen as one of the biggest obstacles to eliminating lad culture. Some women were also found to participate in the heavy drinking and crude behavior associated with lad culture and have been dubbed "ladettes."

Undoubtedly, some UW-Eau Claire students have witnessed or been victim to this type of behavior in Eau Claire. However, it may be more difficult to speak up when you are in a new culture. You cannot change a culture in a visit, but you can make smart choices about how to manage your interactions and reactions to lad culture:

- Ask your British friends, both male and female, how they think lad culture impacts university social life.
- Remove yourself from situations where you do not feel comfortable. Listen to your instincts.
- Drink in moderation if you choose to drink. [CASE at UW-Eau Claire offers advice how to drink in moderation.](#)
- Be careful accepting drinks from people that you don't know. In particular, watch your drink when you are out at bars or clubs.

Emergency Contacts

General emergency procedures are described in the Study Abroad Handbook and Harlaxton staff are available if difficulties arise. You will receive an emergency contact card from your Peer Advisor. The information is also on the *Contact Names &*

Addresses section of this guide and will also be posted to the Learning Content of your UWEC online study abroad account closer to departure.

911 Equivalent in the UK

If you are in an emergency situation in the United Kingdom, you will need to know how to reach the local police, fire, or ambulance services. The local equivalent to the 911 emergency line **in the United Kingdom is 999; in Gibraltar, it is 112.** Save this number in your cell phone in case you need it to use it quickly.

The U.S. State Department also provides a list of [911 numbers abroad](#). Please note that in some countries there are different numbers for fire, police, and ambulance. Plan ahead and research numbers before you go.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please see passport information, as well as additional visa information, in your Study Abroad Handbook.

Visa for the UK

A visa is official permission to temporarily reside in another country and is granted by the government of that country. U.S. citizens studying in the UK for less than six months may enter the UK under two categories: Short-Term Study Visa or Tier 4 (General) Student Visa. **Harlaxton and UW-Eau Claire recommend that students enter under the Short-Term Study Visa category.** See the "Visa Information: UK" in the Learning Content section of your UW-Eau Claire online study abroad account for basic information about the visa options.

Note that **you cannot enter the UK for the first time via Ireland if you are using the short-term study visa option.** In addition, proof of onward journey, **usually in the form of a roundtrip plane ticket**, is required.

It is your responsibility to keep up-to-date about student visa requirements for England, and if required, to apply for and receive a visa from an English consulate or embassy in a timely manner. You may need to be able to prove that you are leaving the UK within 90 days; the usual way to do this is with a roundtrip plane ticket.

Visas for Travel to Other Countries

If you plan to travel outside of the UK while abroad, verify visa requirements for each country you will visit by contacting the nearest consulate for that country, or your travel agency. Most Western European nations do not require U.S. citizens to have a visa for tourist travel of less than three months, but you should always verify the requirement as entry requirements can change with little notice.

PACKING TIPS

In addition to the general packing information in the Study Abroad Handbook, you will receive a packing list at Orientation 2 and should know the following about Harlaxton.

Clothing

Weather in the UK is often cool and wet, especially in the fall and winter. Many buildings are not centrally heated. Past

participants suggest bringing clothing that you can wear, or take off, in layers.

Harlaxton College tends to be on the casual side for class and free time around the Manor. However, there are formal dinners a couple of times each semester. Take clothing that is washable and does not wrinkle easily. Bring a few “dress-up” clothes for formal dinners and going out to restaurants or clubs. Some nightclubs don’t allow jeans or tennis shoes.

Appliances

The standard electric current in Europe is 220 volts. U.S. appliances such as hair dryers and razors run on 110 volts. If you plan to bring these appliances, you will need to buy both a converter and a plug adapter. Past students have indicated that Harlaxton sells them for about £5, so you can always choose to buy them upon your arrival. You may also simply choose to buy the appliances in England or use old ones left at Harlaxton by past participants if there are any available.

TRAVEL TO ENGLAND

There is additional information on travel, including student-oriented travel agencies and instructions for booking a flight, in your Study Abroad Handbook.

Travel Arrangements/Group Flight

It is your responsibility to make travel arrangements to London. A list of student-oriented travel agencies and instructions for booking a flight are included at the end of the Study Abroad Handbook.

UW-Eau Claire students can book a seat on the optional group flight from Chicago, arranged by the University of Evansville. The group flight is scheduled to arrive on the designated arrival day and in time for the airport pick up. You will receive details directly from UE.

Please do not make travel arrangements until the optional group flight has been announced and the calendar confirmed.

Exact arrival information will be given to you when the group flight information is announced.

As stated earlier:

- Most visas require a **roundtrip** ticket. If you are planning to travel at the end of the program, that is fine. You do not need to leave the UK immediately at the end of the program, as long as you will not be there/in Europe as a tourist for more than a total of 90 days before/after the program
- **You cannot enter the UK for the first time via Ireland if you are using the short-term study visa option.**

You may wish to purchase travel or trip cancellation insurance when you purchase your ticket. Discuss your options with a travel agent and be sure you know exactly what the policy covers. (For example, most policies do not cover optional change of travel plans, and specifically exclude travel disruption due to acts of war.)

Immigration

If you are using the short-term study visa option to enter the UK, you will be asked to provide documents to the UK immigration official at the airport. Please see your BlugoldAbroads Learning Content “Visa Information: UK” for details on what documents you need to have with you. Upon verifying your documents, the immigration agent will stamp your passport with the short-term study visa.

Airport Pick Up

Harlaxton offers a pick-up service at **London Heathrow Airport only**. To take advantage of the pick-up service, you must take the Harlaxton group flight OR plan your travel to arrive on the designated arrival day at the designated time and submit your travel details to Harlaxton College through their online system. Historically, students have been asked to arrive by 10:30 am on the designated arrival day for the pick-up service.

Independent Arrival

You will need to make your own way to Harlaxton if you:

- Arrive at any other airport besides London Heathrow.
- Arrive later than the designated time on the designated arrival day.
- Arrive on a different day than the designated arrival day.

UE will provide independent arrival instructions. Note that you will need to travel through London and change transportation with your luggage two to four times, in order to reach Harlaxton Manor. You will also spend at least \$100

U.S. to get from the airport to Harlaxton. Please consider these factors when comparing airfares.

Immigration

At the airport in the United Kingdom, you will need to pass through immigration. See the “Visa Information: UK” handout in the Learning Content section of your online study abroad account for details on what documents to bring.

SETTLING IN

Orientation

You will have an orientation to Harlaxton Manor, the program, and the surrounding area when you first arrive at Harlaxton.

Buying Textbooks

Textbooks are on sale at the beginning of the term. You may pay with cash (pounds) or credit cards. Because the Harlaxton curriculum changes each semester, there is limited opportunity to sell books back.

Housing

All students on the Harlaxton program live either in Harlaxton Manor or in the adjoining Carriage House. There are two to five people per room, but the room sizes are generous. Every roommate receives a key/key chain for their room and an electronic key to open the outside doors at night. Housing assignments are done at Harlaxton; you cannot request to live in the Carriage House or the Manor.

What’s Provided for your Room

Pillows, sheets, and duvets (comforters) are provided, but you need to provide your

own towels. There will be a change of bed linen available to you every two weeks. Your room will be furnished with a bed, a chest of drawers, a small closet with hangers, a chair, a desk, and a desk chair. Some rooms have sinks and mirrors.

On-Campus Alcohol Policy

Unlike UW-Eau Claire, Harlaxton College does NOT allow students of legal drinking age to store or drink alcohol in their rooms. Students caught with alcohol in their rooms will incur disciplinary action, often including a substantial fine.

According to the Harlaxton Student Handbook: *Drinking is allowed only in the Bistro except during special events when there is a bar in the state rooms; drinking is confined to the state room used. With the exception of the above, possession and consumption of alcohol on-campus is strictly prohibited. This prohibition extends to student rooms, the grounds, sports hall, playing fields, and all vehicles used by the college for transportation. Students present in a residential facility where alcohol is present are also subject to disciplinary action. SAO (Student Affairs Office) staff, college drivers, RAs, and security staff will confiscate any alcohol brought onto campus. This policy includes empty alcohol containers.*

Meals

Meals are cafeteria style and held at designated hours in the Refectory. Every floor also has a small kitchen area with a refrigerator and storage cabinets. Some floors have microwaves.

Much of the food at the Manor will be familiar, but you will have opportunities to try traditional British food. Suggestions:

- **Black pudding:** sausage made with pig's blood & fat
- **Bangers & mash:** sausage with mashed potatoes
- **Yorkshire pudding:** a batter made with flour, eggs, and milk and cooked in the oven. Often eaten with roast beef for Sunday lunch.
- **Pie:** a pie is any baked food surrounded by pastry (mixture of flour and butter). So, you can get steak and kidney pie, or apple pie, to name a few.
- **Ploughman's lunch:** typical mid-day pub meal, consisting of a bread roll with a piece of cheese and pickled onion.
- **Fish and chips:** French fries and batter-fried fish. The chips are generally served with salt and vinegar.

Helpful Hints

Past students put together the following list of places to check out in Grantham:

- Fat Lou's (when you need U.S. food!)
- Wok This Way (Chinese)
- McDonald's (good for vegetarians, believe it or not)
- Boots (like Walgreens)
- WM Morrison (supermarket)
- HC Hair Design (salon)
- Replay (salon)
- Euroclean (dry cleaners)

COMMUNICATION

Information on accessing/forwarding your UW-Eau Claire email address, as well as telephone calls through your computer, is in your Study Abroad Handbook.

Time Difference

England is six hours ahead of Eau Claire. For example, when it is 1:00 P.M. on Thursday in Eau Claire, it is 7:00 P.M. on Thursday at Harlaxton.

Video Chatting

Most Harlaxton students communicate with family and friends back in the U.S. by using and online video chat service such as Skype, Facetime, or WhatsApp. Past students recommend that you set up a regular time (for example, Sundays at 10 PM, Harlaxton time) so both sides are online at the same time. Keep in mind that some places in the manor have better WiFi connections for video chatting than others so you may have to search for a place that will work well for you. The college also has a few computers set aside in the manor computer lab to use for this purpose.

Telephone Information

From the U.S. to England: You must first dial 011, which is the international dialing code. Next, you must dial 44 to get England, and then the rest of the number to reach a specific city and location.

There are four telephones available for student use at Harlaxton. There are no telephones in the student rooms. Your callers have two ways to communicate with you by telephone:

- 1) Call the main number (see below) and leave a message with Security or voice mail after 5pm in England (11am in Eau Claire). The message will be posted. Remind your caller to specify whose time zone you are to use when returning the call.

- 2) Call the student kiosk number where you will be waiting for the pre-arranged call.

Main reception number (24 hours):

011-44-1476-403000

Student kiosk-Manor:

011-44-1476-403050; then Option 2 followed by Option 1

Student kiosk-Carriage House:

011-44-1476-403050; then Option 2 followed by Option 2

The easiest way for you to make outgoing phone calls on a Manor phone is by using a calling card. You can buy them at Harlaxton.

Email

Harlaxton has five computer suites with 24-hour access to the Internet, email and word processing.

Harlaxton is completely wireless, so anywhere you go on campus you will have Internet! All classroom, social, and residential areas have coverage. You can even sit outside and have access. If you would like to access the wireless networks and access ports, you need to bring your personal computer. The Harlaxton College webpage (<http://www.harlaxton.ac.uk/>) has more specific information related to "Library & Technology" under the "Academics" heading on the horizontal toolbar at the top of the page.

Snail Mail/Mailing Address

(AIRMAIL recommended; allow at least one week)

Your name, box number

Harlaxton College

Harlaxton Manor

Harlaxton, Grantham,

Lincolnshire NG32 1AG

UNITED KINGDOM

The University of Evansville will email the group about a month prior to departure with a link to a list of students' mailbox numbers.

The Harlaxton front desk sells postcard stamps, and you can mail postcards and small letters back to the U.S. from the Manor mailbox.

TRAVEL WHILE ABROAD

See additional travel information in your Study Abroad Handbook.

Local Travel

Much has happened in British history at, or very near to, Harlaxton Manor. Harlaxton therefore offers a some inexpensive (~£5) local trips, often as class fieldtrips, but also just for general interest, to make sure you are aware of the history and British culture all around you.

Longer Travel

Harlaxton offers a number of more extensive day and weekend trips at additional cost. Reservations for the trips are now made online, directly through Harlaxton. You will receive the exact day and time that travel booking begins from

the University of Evansville. You can find recent examples here:

<https://harlaxton.evansville.edu/accepted/excursions.cfm>

Before you can make travel reservations, you must have filled out the online forms in your Harlaxton College account. You will book through the Harlaxton online system. **A deposit is due when you make your reservation, which you must pay by credit card via the online travel booking site.**

Since the deposits are charged in pounds, you should **contact your credit card company prior to the booking day so that your card is not blocked for suspicious activity.** You may also need to temporarily raise your daily limit if you are planning on registering for several trips. Cancellations to your travel bookings can only be made to the same credit card used for the original booking. Cancellation deadlines are also online.

Independent Travel

Harlaxton offers on-campus and online resources to help interested students plan independent travel. On campus, there is a travel library where students can access guide books and maps. The Student Affairs Office also offers an "Independent Travel Seminar" during the first week of the semester

Bus & Train in the UK

If you plan to travel in England, Scotland or Wales, transportation by train, ferry, and bus (coach) are HIGHLY recommended. A 16-25 RailCard gives you 1/3 off regular

fare tickets. It pays for itself after three to four trips. Check out this Web site for more information: <http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk/>. You can download the application form online or simply ask for one at any train station in England. Bring an extra passport-size photo for the application.

There is also a special rail pass just for southwest England (which includes London and Oxford). When you buy a ticket to London with the pass, the ticket may also be used as a subway pass around London for the entire day.

If you plan to take buses, keep in mind that they are both cheaper and slower than trains. An NX2 card will give you at least 10% off all National Express bus tickets. If you've got time to spare, consider taking advantage of National Express' £1 Fun Fare. During specific times, seats are offered for an absolute steal between London and 28 other cities.

CULTURAL NOTES

Where am I going? UK, England, or Great Britain?

You are actually going to all three simultaneously. "The United Kingdom is a country that consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. In fact, the official name of the country is 'United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.'

Great Britain is the name of the island northwest of France and east of Ireland that consists of three somewhat autonomous countries: England, Wales and Scotland. Therefore, England is part of Great Britain,

which is part of the United Kingdom. The UK includes England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland." From: http://geography.about.com/library/faq/blq_zuk.htm

The Government

The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy, with a queen and a parliament that has two houses: The House of Lords and the House of Commons. Supreme legislative power is vested in parliament, which sits for five years unless dissolved sooner. The House of Lords was stripped of most of its power in 1911, and now its main function is to revise legislation.

The current monarch and prime minister are:

Sovereign: Queen Elizabeth II (since 1952)

Prime Minister: Theresa May (since 2016)

England has existed as a unified entity since the 10th century; the union between England and Wales, began in 1284 with the Statute of Rhuddlan, which was not formalized until 1536 with an Act of Union. In another Act of Union in 1707, England and Scotland agreed to permanently join as Great Britain. The legislative union of Great Britain and Ireland was implemented in 1801, with the adoption of the name the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. The Anglo-Irish treaty of 1921 formalized a partition of Ireland; six northern Irish counties remained part of the United Kingdom as Northern Ireland and the current name of the country, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, was adopted in 1927.

From:

<http://www.infoplease.com/country/united-kingdom.html> and
<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108078.html#ixzz1fnATw3d5>

Population

Population of the UK: 63,742,977 (2014 est.)

Nationality: British

Language: English (Note: the UK also has recognized regional languages: Scottish Gaelic, Welsh, and Cornish)

Religion: Christian 59.5%, Muslim 4.4%, Hindu 1.3%, other 2%, none 25.7%, unspecified 7.2%

Ethnic groups: White 87.2%, black 3%, Indian 2.3%, Pakistani 1.9%, mixed 2%, other 3.7% (2011 estimated)

From: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/uk.html>

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