


# Study Abroad Garden Tours



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**“Travel is more than the seeing  
of sights; it is a change that  
goes on, deep and permanent,  
in the ideas of living.”**

**Miriam Beard**



# Program Director's Role

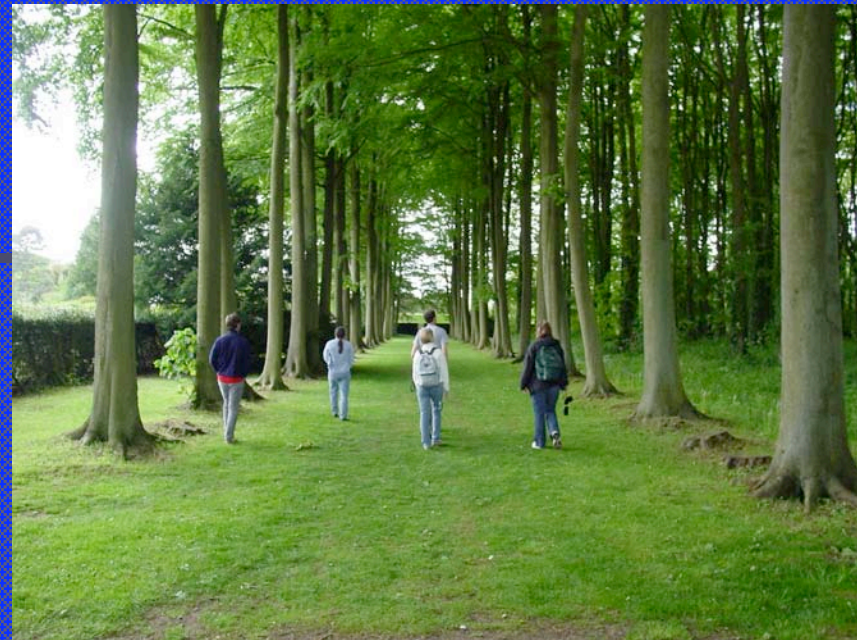
- Goal : Change your life (Grand Tour)
- Rewarding experience
  - Timeliness vs. fines
  - Noise control in 2-star hotels - no air
  - Uphold Office of International Education Regulations
    - Right to send you back home

# Course Content :

## Qualities of a Cultured/ Educated Person

### 3 “P’s” of Cultured Renaissance Person

- Poetry/Philosophy
- Painting
- Plants



# Course Content

- Garden appreciation
- Garden design influences
  - Climate (Plant hardiness)
  - Topography (Italian terraces)
  - Politics (Catholic - French Grand)
  - Art (Lorraine - English Landscape)
  - Philosophy









# Course Requirements

- Independent study reading and test
- Garden writeup - one page
- Journal, scrapbook - notes, memories, bus quizzes, key points
- Plant catalog - 30 new plants-pictures, use
- Best 30 pictures (drawings)

# Due Dates

- Paper - six weeks before leaving
- Independent study questions: one week before leaving
- Journal - six weeks after returning
- Plant catalog - six weeks after returning
- Importance of completing work - grad school

# Payment Schedules

- 1st - Deposit - ASAP
  - Limited numbers
- 3.5 months before leaving
  - Group airline tickets
- Tuition - early May

# Marketing

- Intro classes – Intro Horticulture
- Study abroad fairs
- Arts and Science Advisers
- Study abroad listings



# Orientation Meeting

- **Passports**
- **International Student Card-not for two weeks**
- **Course requirements- Syllabus and outline**
- **Course logistics**
  - **Payment schedule**
  - **Packing**
  - **Food**
  - **Meeting at destination**

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- Due dates
- Assignment guidelines
- References
- Tour guidelines
- Packing tips
- FAQs

# Money

- Bring \$100 in currency
- Souvenirs and entertainment
- Suggest ATM with Visa
- Carry a money belt or document pouch



# Food

- Continental or English breakfast
- Provided dinners (parents pay)
- Vegetarians?
- Grocery stores and delis

# Packing

- Pack light - all one color scheme
- One suitcase
- Prescriptions
- Medicines: stomach
- Layering
- Rain or shine: overshoes, rain suit



# Medical

- Doctor on call
- Health insurance brochure
- Extra glasses, contacts
- Disclosure of disabilities - stay on medication

# Safety

- Crime
- Overindulgence - no alcohol in rooms
- Terrorism - no joking
- Neck pouches
- Bus driver cell phone/ hotel phone numbers card

# Emergency

- Training in emergencies
- Emergency handbook
- Emergency numbers

# Forms

- Application, interview, transcript - weed out non-desirables
- Agreement for Participation/Covenant not to Sue
- Health Form
- Evaluation - after trip

# E-mail updates

**“Half the people don’t read and  
half the people don’t listen”**

**Tim Smalley**

# Cultural Adjustment

- Drive on the other, not wrong side of street
- Don't use the phrase "In America,..."
- Blend in, don't talk loudly
  - Volume - inversely correlated to civility
- Anti-American criticism - take the high road
- You are a guest, experience the culture - warm beer, no ice, no water, no iced tea



**“There is as much difference  
between us and ourselves as  
between us and others.”**

Michel de Montaigne

French Philosopher (1533-1592)

# Potential

- 40 to 80 students per year
- One of best courses at university

