

Medieval England & the Gothic Revival

Proposed Itinerary for May 2021

Please be aware that we will be climbing stairs to access train and Tube stations and while touring the medieval buildings during our site visits. You will be on your feet both indoors and outdoors for many hours each day. Students should wear comfortable shoes and clothing with layers. England is notorious for rain, so make sure to bring a raincoat or umbrella every day. See Dr. Carney or Dr. Cartwright BEFORE you make a deposit if you have any questions or concerns about accommodation while abroad.

Note on the Reading: Horace Walpole's *The Castle of Otranto* must be read before departure. We strongly recommend that students do as much of the additional reading before departure as possible. *The Mysteries of Udolpho* is four volumes. We will be reading the first three volumes. We will read all of Matthew Gregory Lewis' *The Monk*. Manage your reading time to be finished with Radcliffe (vols. 1-3) by the 5th day; finish M.G. Lewis' *The Monk* by 10th day. *Erec et Enide* should be read by Day 11. There will be supplemental readings, many of their primary medieval documents, provided in print and on Scholar by the instructors.

Day 1 - Departure

Afternoon: Students should arrive with passport, course materials, one carry-on and one bag (50 lbs maximum) at Dulles Airport. Time, Departure Terminal, and Flight Information TBA.

Day 2 - Arrival in the UK

Morning: Arrive in London. Take the train from Heathrow to King's Cross Station. Depart for York.

Afternoon/Evening: Check in at the hotel, walk through the city of York, group dinner and evening seminar to go over the syllabus and prepare for our first activities.

Day 3 - Introduction to Medieval History.

Morning: Visit Clifford's Tower & York Cathedral.

Afternoon: Class lecture on medieval England.



Clifford's Tower and York Minster, York, England

Day 4 - History. Radcliffe.

Morning: Class Lecture on the Medieval Catholic Church

After lecture students will discuss the medieval world observed the previous day, and begin discussing Radcliffe's *The Mysteries of Udolpho*.

Afternoon: Free Time

Day 5 - The Reformation in England.

Day Trip to Scarborough Castle and Whitby Abbey.



Scarborough Castle and Whitby Abbey, Yorkshire, England

Day 6 - Radcliffe.

Morning: Class discussion of Radcliffe's *The Mysteries of Udolpho*.

Afternoon: Free Time

Day 7 - Monastic Orders.

Day trip to Fountains Abbey.



Fountains Abbey, Yorkshire, England

Day 8 - M.G. Lewis / Travel to London

Morning: Class discussion of Lewis' *The Monk*.

Afternoon: Travel to London / check in to hotel. Orientation to London and group dinner.

Day 9 - M.G. Lewis / History of Medievalism

Morning: Open-top bus tour of London and visit to the Tower of London.

Class at the Tower: Discuss the Romanesque and the architecture/history of medieval England.

Afternoon: Walk to Borough Market for lunch (optional). Remainder of afternoon free.

Evening: Discussion of Lewis' *The Monk* after dinner.

Day 10 - M.G. Lewis / History of Medievalism

Morning: Tour Westminster Abbey & Parliament

Afternoon: Discussion of Lewis' *The Monk* and comparison of the Gothic cathedral at Westminster with the Gothic Revival style seen at Parliament.



Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament, London, England

Day 11 - Free Day



Optional: See a play at the Globe, get a view of the city from the London Eye, or visit the British Museum

Day 12 - Medieval Romance / Erec & Enide

Morning: Discussion of the medieval “romance” genre and comparison with the development of the romance during the Gothic Revival at St Martins-in-the-Fields.

Afternoon: Free Time.

Day 13 - Putting it all together. Representations.

Morning: Discussion: comparing and contrasting representations of medieval times in Walpole, Radcliffe, and Lewis at St Martins-in-the-Fields.

Afternoon: Individual Consultations for research paper projects. Remainder of afternoon free.

Day 14 - Putting it all together. Themes.

Morning: Discussion of the gender and political themes of Walpole, Radcliffe, and Lewis; discussion of the endurance of the Gothic into the modern day at St Martins-in-the-Fields.

Afternoon: Visit Strawberry Hill House



Strawberry Hill House, Twickenham, London

Day 15 - Final Exam.

Morning: Final Exam

Afternoon: Free Time

Day 16 - Travel Home.

We will travel to London Heathrow and fly to Washington Dulles. Departure and Arrival Times TBA.