



Visit the Emerald Isles...

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As an English major and avid reader, the British Literary Tour offered me the opportunity to wander the moors I've read about in *Wuthering Heights*, stroll through the same streets in London I had read about in *The Scarlet Pimpernel* or *Oliver Twist*, and peruse the homes and landscapes that inspired many of my favorite authors and poets. I already knew I was going to be a fifth year senior, and the daunting prospect of more time spent in a classroom coupled with wanderlust urged the decision to participate in the trip.

This study abroad program gives students a chance to immerse themselves in what they are learning, rather than be a spectator in their own education.

Rather than sitting in a classroom reading "Riders to the Sea" by John Synge, I was able to climb up to the ruins on the cliffs if Inishmore, an island off the coast of Galway, and see my fellow classmates perform the play (including Irish accents!) and feel the wind and mist on my face, just as Synge would have.

Now serving as the Student Director, I will help with the British and Emerald Isles tour of 2012, which leaves next September and will feature about three and a half week of exploration through Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and England. Non-stop adventure, learning, and growth come at only \$3,700 plus tuition.

Every day is jam-packed with breathtaking destinations such as Belfast, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Bath, Edinburgh, and Dublin. Attractions include the Cliffs of Moher, Sherwood Forest, Jane Austen's home, the

atre in London's West End, Shakespeare's home, Westminster Abbey, LDS wards throughout the U.K. and so much more.

All food is included and students' money is put to excellent use. After the total payment is made, a student can embark on this tour with little to no extra pocket money and still have a full, enriching experience.

While other study abroad experiences usually happen in one location, the newly named British and Emerald Isles tour is a pilgrimage throughout Ireland and Great Britain where students of all majors earn credit in English, religion, horticulture, or humanities.

This trip is not just a unique classroom experience. Students are able to explore their ignorance, discover their strengths, and come back better. With a balance of group experience and free time, students are able to create their own unique adventures and experiences and meet new people in large cities such as Glasgow, London, and Dublin!

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While off exploring with a few friends, I met my favorite actor from *Les Miserables*, met family in Dublin, found a flea market in York, explored a crypt underneath a Cathedral in Warwick, talked to LDS missionaries in Salisbury and Paris, and played dress-up in a post office museum in Bath! All were unexpected but memorable additions to my trip that changed the way I viewed my education and the world around me.

For more information, feel free to visit <http://www.byui.edu/TravelPrograms/British/>.