

# Reading Reunion: Celebrating 50 Years

July 11 – 15, 2018

\$625 per person

including group activities, sightseeing & designated meals

## July 11th (Wednesday): Welcome to Reading

After arrival in Reading to check-in to your accommodation for a four-night stay.

- *Global Explorers can offer individual & group flights, travel insurance, & airport transfers.*
- *A Global Explorers tour leader(s) will be present at Heathrow Airport to meet & assist travelers.*
- *Accommodation options (a variety of hotels) will be offered.*

Your afternoon is free to enjoy Reading at your leisure.

Suggestion locations to visit include:

- *Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology*
- *Museum of Rural English Life*
- *The Valley Gardens, Great Windsor Park*
- *Cliveden House Gardens*

## Traditional British Garden Party

- *6.00pm, 141 Whiteknights Road*

*Relive one of the cherished traditions of Reading, the Garden Party. Reacquaint yourself with classmates, faculty & staff, while enjoying a delicious array of heavy hors d'oeuvres.*

## July 12th (Thursday): Morning Lecture & Afternoon 'Day Trip' to London

Seminar with Dr. Lars Franke, Director of Randolph College Abroad: the World in Britain Program & Assistant Professor in Music

- *9.30am-10:30am*

*As all Readingites remember, most days began with a seminar lesson on British culture & life. Step back in time with an enlightening lecture by the current director of the program!*

## 'Day Trip to London'.

- *Board your coach & travel to central London for Lunch & Sightseeing Walking Tours (to be selected in advance by travelers)*
- *Upon arrival in London, enjoy free time (90+ mins) for lunch in central London at a location determined by the sightseeing tour you select. Areas will include Covent Garden, Spitalfields, Knightsbridge, etc.*
- *Enjoy an entertaining & educational private guided walking tour or museum or 'sight' visit led by official Blue Badge guides! Options include:*
- *Harry Potter walking tour*
- *Shoreditch Street Art*
- *Soho - "No Sex Please, We're British"*
- *Westminster Abbey & Buckingham Palace's Royal Mews*
- *National Gallery - private guided tour*

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- Break apart from the group to enjoy dinner & the beautiful sites along the Southbank.
- The entire group will reconvene for Twilight Ride on the London Eye, complete with a champagne toast! There's no better way to view the sparkling lights along the River Thames.
- Late evening transfer to Reading with drop-offs at various hotels & Whiteknights.

### July 13th (Friday): England Day Trips - Full-Day Trip to Various Destinations

Multiple England Day Trips will be offered (*to be selected in advance by travelers*).

Destinations will include:

- Bath (including a guided walking tour, visit to the Roman Baths & sites of significance to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jane Austen's death)
- Stonehenge & Salisbury (including a guided tour up England's highest steeple - for those with a head for heights!)
- Blenheim Palace & the Cotswolds (including a tour of Blenheim Palace & scenic drive through one of England's most picturesque regions, stopping in a typical Cotswold village)
- Stratford-Upon-Avon (a guided day-trip to Shakespeare's home town, including visits to Anne Hathaway's Cottage & the Bard's birthplace)

Afternoon Tea: All groups will enjoy afternoon tea during their day, in historic & picturesque venues

Late afternoon return to Reading (arrival by 6:00pm).

Dinner on own.

### July 14th (Saturday): Morning Trips & Thames Dinner Cruise

Half-Day Trip to Various Local Destinations (*to be selected in advance by travelers*).

Explore various destinations close to Reading such as:

- Bath - Explore the city of Bath, with a guided walking tour & visit to the Roman Baths & sites of significance to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jane Austen's death.
- Guided tour of Windsor Castle, the Queen's permanent home.
- Guided tour of Oxford, with visits to Christchurch & Green Templeton College
- Basildon Park - Enjoy a guided tour of this stunning 15th-century country house, that has featured in Downton Abbey, Pride & Prejudice, & many other period dramas.
- Royal Horticultural Society Garden, Wisley - Visit one of the world's great gardens, RHS Wisley, a showcase of garden styles & inspiration. Your visit includes a guided tour of the garden.

Mid-afternoon return to Reading (arrival by 2:30 p.m.)

This afternoon is free for you to relax, explore Reading, or a combination of both!

### 5:00pm Evening Thames Dinner Cruise

Travel to Henley-on-Thames for an elegant evening on a Thames Dinner Cruise. Enjoy the picturesque countryside as you celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University of Reading study abroad program! 10:00pm return to Reading

### July 15th (Sunday): Farewell

Departure day

- Airport transfers can be arranged by Global Explorers if wished

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