



PRE FALL 2006

Cultural Activities Calendar

Dear Pre Fall Term Students,

Hello and welcome from the American InterContinental University London's Cultural Activities and Sports Department!

The Cultural Activities team in London comprises Alice Gilkes, Sports & Cultural Activities Coordinator and Tony Skitt, Director of International Programmes. Each term we organize a series of events designed to give students an understanding of British and European culture by visiting many wonderful places and attending special events.

Inside you will see that we have plenty of exciting activities for you to enjoy, including trips to the theatre, sporting fixtures, walking tours, day trips around Britain and evening trips around London.

By reading this leaflet you will see some of the pre-arranged events that are available to you when you arrive in London. To sign up for these events and to reserve tickets all you have to do is to come along on Monday 21st August to Student Affairs where I will be happy to sign you up!

We look forward to seeing you in London in soon!

MONDAY 21 August

Cultural Activities Sign-Up:

Tickets for all activities can be purchased from 8.00 AM in Student Affairs (Maim Building, Marylebone High Street). Fill out the Sign up Sheet in your Orientation packet and bring it along.

WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST

Premier League Football – Live: The English Premiership is arguably the most exciting football (soccer) league in the world, and we aim to obtain tickets to a top game. The Premier League contains 20 of England's best soccer teams, 5 of whom are based in London. Tonight's game will be a classic North v South encounter, with Fulham's young stars seeking to overcome the might of "Big" Sam Alladyce's Bolton team. Bolton are a big, physical side, much in the mould of their coach (Alladyce) and will take no prisoners as they attempt to over-power their London hosts. Fulham though, whose attack is led by US World Cup star, Brian McBride, will use speed, skill and guile to try to unlock the Bolton defence. It should be a fascinating contest between two distinct styles of play. Expect lots of incident and goals, but don't expect a quiet night!
(Approximate cost £20-£40).



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SATURDAY 26 AUGUST

Day trip to Cambridge:

Spend a day in this famous and beautiful university town. Cambridge University was founded in 1271 on the banks of the River Cam and has been busy producing many of the world's great minds since that date. The University colleges span this 700-year tradition, and many are architectural masterpieces, most especially King's College with its world-famous Chapel. The cost of the trip is £30.00 and includes a guided tour of Cambridge and entry to the Tower of Saint Mary the Great.

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST

Day Trip to Bath and Stonehenge:

Spend a day visiting two of Britain's most popular tourist destinations; the stunning city of Bath and the Pre-historic monument at Stonehenge. Bath is a great place to begin an exploration of British culture, as it was a city built by the Romans (on Celtic foundations) and each subsequent period of British history has touched the city in some way. Today its most visible era is the 18th-century, from which we are left the world's finest collection of Georgian buildings. Jane Austen knew Bath well; she lived in the city and used it as a source of inspiration for many of her novels. Bath is not all sightseeing though; it was Princess Diana's favourite shopping city and it is also a vibrant university town. The cost includes a visit to the world-famous Roman baths where bubbling hot springs and a bathing complex were built by the Romans when Bath was known as Aquae Sulis. On the way to Bath, we will explore prehistoric Britain by visiting Europe's most famous ancient site, Stonehenge. Magical and mystical, Stonehenge is the world-famous stone circle erected around 3,000 BC. Why Stonehenge was constructed is still a matter of some debate; was it built as a place of ritual sacrifice or as a giant astronomical calculator for time-reading? The cost of the trip is £39.00 and includes return bus transportation and entrance into Stonehenge and the Roman Baths.



Sunset at Stonehenge



Open Air Theatre - Regents Park

MONDAY 28TH AUGUST

Bank Holiday

There will be no classes scheduled today. So take advantage of the long weekend and plan a trip yourself to a destination in the United Kingdom or on the continent! Why not come along and see us in Student Affairs where we can share with you a number of resources and advice to make the most of the time that you have.

TUESDAY 29 AUGUST

A Midsummer Nights Dream - Open Air Theatre:

The Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park is most definitely a London summer highlight. The Theatre stages this Shakespearean classic in an outdoor theatre that provides a wonderful atmosphere against a background of rustling leaves from the magnificent trees that surround the theatre. This tale of warring fairies and mismatched lovers and set in an enchanted forest has become synonymous with the open air theatre. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is one of Shakespeare's most popular and widely performed plays. It is a quintessential comedy, between mix and match couples in a wood near Athens. What results is a delightful confusion of misguided affection. Tickets cost £17.00 each. "The perfect place for an enchanting dream night creeps over the park and once more, sprinkles enchantment over this dream." Evening Standard

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST

The "Undiscovered London" Pub Walk

To travel rather than be packaged! This is the walk to go on because you want to see where it takes you. Because you really do want to discover the hidden London...because you want to see the London the hordes never get to see: old dockyards and twist crooked little alleys and pubs that are the real thing! Enjoy a heart stopping view of the whole sweep of the river and its ancient city— all the more special because the last Londoners to walk along this stretch of the Thames would have been wearing periwigs, breeches and buckleshoes....and carrying snuff boxes. Intrigued? You should be! Just £4.50 for the pleasure of this walk.



WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Ride the London Eye: Ride one of London's newest and most popular attractions, the London Eye (or Millennium Wheel). At 135 metres high, the Eye is the world's tallest observation wheel and gives dramatic (25 miles in each direction) views right across London from its location on the South Bank of the River Thames. From this giant "ferris wheel" type structure, visitors will be given a unique perspective on the city's great landmarks that up until now have only been enjoyed by the birds. The Millennium Wheel costs £11.00 to ride. This activity will take place in the evening and further information, including finalised timings and travel arrangements, will be announced following Orientation.

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Day Trip to York

Spend a day exploring north England's finest city and its marvellous surrounding countryside. As King George VI once proclaimed, "the history of York is the history of England." York is a walled city graced by a magnificent medieval Minster (or church). Adopted as a garrison town by invading Roman and Viking forces the Jorvik centre transcends time to take you back to life in past centuries. Still surrounded by its medieval walls today, York is both a picturesque slice of English history and a modern, thriving city with excellent restaurants and public houses. The cost of this trip is £39.00 and consist of a return train journey to York and an expert guided tour of York.

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Curry Night in Brick Lane:

English cuisine has sometimes been cruelly berated over the decades, but things began to change for the better following the immigration into this country of people from other parts of the British Commonwealth, most especially from the Indian sub-continent. Indian food is wonderfully flavourful and aromatic. It is usually spiced to taste from gentle and creamy korma dishes through to explosive phall and vindaloo dishes for lovers of heavily spiced and hot food. Indian cuisine has now become a firmly established favourite with the British, and it seems a little ironic that some of the world's best Indian cuisine can be found in London, and London's best Indian cuisine can be found in Brick Lane. So if you fancy trying something completely different and enjoying one of those most pleasing multi-cultural experiences in London, come along! The meal costs £12.00 and includes a poppadom starter dish, followed by a main course curry of your choice.

MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER – THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Final Exams

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Housing Check-Out

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Event dates and prices quoted within this brochure are given to help students plan their time and budget their finances but remain subject to change. Every effort has been made to quote accurate prices; however, we reserve the right to change prices and activities before students' arrival in London if circumstances require it.

Sign-Up Information:

Students can sign up for the activities listed within this brochure at Cultural Activities Sign-Up (on Monday August 21st). More information regarding Sign-Up for activities will be announced upon students' arrival in London.

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ONGOING SPORTS DURING PRE-FALL 2006

BASKETBALL PICK-UP GAMES

**FREE PICK-UP GAMES EVERY
FRIDAY FROM
3.00 PM TO 5.00 PM.
PEOPLE IN THE AIU-LONDON
COMMUNITY!**



FOOTBALL

**JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER
TERM FOOTBALL IN
REGENT'S PARK!**



FREE SOFTBALL

**SUMMER SOFTBALL
EVENINGS. EQUIPMENT
AVAILABLE TO TAKE
OUT.
IN REGENT'S PARK.**



SWIMMING

**SEYMOUR LEISURE CENTRE
KEEP FIT AND RELAX AT THE
SAME TIME!**



TENNIS

**WHETHER EXPERIENCED OR BEGINNER,
TENNIS FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR
BOOKING THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER!**

