



The Programme Schedule | ***Xnational Xarts Xchange 2017- Updated 22.11.2017***

Friday	01 December 2017	<p>08.35 Arrival in Edinburgh Pick up by Dodds of Troon in arrivals with Trent Kim Transfer by coach to Mercure Hotel, Dalblair Rd, Ayr KA7 1UG www.mercureayr.co.uk Leave luggage at hotel CULTURAL TOUR Approx. 12.00-13.15 Lunch in Ayr at Smiths Pub and Restaurant (<i>not included</i>) 13.30 Transfer by coach to Culzean Castle & Country Park (Travel time 30 minutes) 14.00-16.00 Trip to Culzean Castle & Country Park (<i>not included</i>) * See notes 16.00 Transfer by coach to Mercure Hotel, Ayr for check-in 18.00 Walk to Gaiety Theatre (with Trent Kim) – 20 minutes 18.30 Evening Theatre Performance at Gaiety Theatre – <i>Cinderella (included)</i> 20.30 Dinner at Mercure Hotel (<i>included</i>)</p>
Saturday	02 December 2017	<p>CULTURAL TOUR 09.00 Transfer from Ayr to Glasgow, George Square 10.00-14.30 Self-guided sightseeing day with lunch in Glasgow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hop-on hop off bus (Tickets required) • Glasgow Gallery of Modern Art • People’s Palace and Winter Gardens • Curious About Glasgow (Tickets required) • Glasgow Central Station Tours (Tickets required) • Christmas Market (George Square and St Enoch Square) • The Style Mile (Buchanan Galleries, Princes Square, St Enoch Centre) <p>16.45 Meet at George Square (City Chambers). Walk to Sharmanka Theatre 17.15-18.00 Sharmanka Kinetic Theatre – <i>Private performance (included)</i> 18.00-19.45 Free time for dinner</p> <p>20.00 Pick – up at George Square (City Chambers). Transfer to Ayr (Travel time approx. 1 hours)</p>
Sunday	03 December 2017	<p>CULTURAL TOUR 08.30 Transfer from Ayr to Edinburgh via scenic route (Approx 2.5 hours travel time)</p> <p>11.00 – 18.00 Self-guided sightseeing day with lunch in Edinburgh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Mile • Hop-on Hop-off Bus (Tickets required) • Christmas Market – East Princes Street Gardens • Edinburgh’s Giant Advent Calendar (General Register House) • John Sinclair House, Historic Environment Scotland (12pm-6pm) • 24 Doors of Advent • Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art (Free) • National Museum of Scotland • Dovecot Studios (10.30am-5.30pm) – 24 Doors of Advent

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holyrood Palace (Tickets required) • Edinburgh Castle (Tickets required) <p>We advise you to eat before the theatre performance</p> <p>18.30 Arrive at Lyceum Theatre 19.00-21.00 Evening Theatre performance – <i>The Arabian Nights (included)</i> 21.00 Transfer from Edinburgh to Ayr (Travel time approx. 2 hrs)</p>
Monday	04 December 2017	<p>Breakfast at Mercure Hotel 10.00 Meet Trent Kim at hotel 10.00-13.00 Welcome Activities (UWS) [by Trent Kim] 13.00-14.00 Welcome Buffet Lunch at UWS (Cyber Café) 14.00-16.00 Master class 1 (UWS) [Adrian Osmond] 16.00-17.00 Production Meeting 17.30-18.30 Dinner at UWS 19.00-21.00 Rehearsal 21.00 Walk to Mercure hotel</p>
Tuesday	05 December 2017	<p>Breakfast at Mercure Hotel. Walk to UWS (20 minutes). 10.00-12.00 Morning meeting and Rehearsal (with Trent Kim) 12.00-13.00 Lunch at UWS (Canteen Vouchers will be provided) 13.00-14.00 Production Meeting (with Trent Kim) 14.00-16.00 Master Class 2 [by Dr Ranjana Thapalyal] 16.30-18.30 Master Class 3 [by Claire Halleran] 18.30-19.30 Dinner at UWS (Cyber Café) 19.30-21.00 Rehearsal 21.00 Walk to Mercure hotel</p>
Wednesday	06 December 2017	<p>CULTURAL TOUR 09.00 Transfer to Glasgow, Kelvingrove Museum (Travel time approx. 1 hr) 10.00-14.00 Sightseeing morning in Glasgow with lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelvingrove Museum and Park • University of Glasgow / Hunterian Museum • Centre for Contemporary Arts <p>14.30-15.00 Meet at Centre for Contemporary Arts for set-up 15.00-17.00 Master class 4 [by Dr Laura Gonzalez] (CCA) 17.00-18.00 Networking event at CCA in Glasgow with evening buffet 18.30 Transfer to Ayr (Travel Time approx. 1 hour)</p>
Thursday	07 December 2017	<p>Breakfast at Mercure Hotel. Walk to UWS (20 minutes). 10.00-12.00 Master class 5 [by Jamie Wardrop] 12.00-13.00 Lunch at UWS (Canteen Vouchers will be provided) 13.00-14.30 Rehearsal 15.00-17.00 Mentoring Session 1 (UWS) [by Dr Laura Gonzalez] 17.30-18.30 Dinner at UWS 19.00-21.00 Rehearsal 21.00 Walk to Mercure hotel</p>
Friday	08 December 2017	<p>Breakfast at Mercure Hotel. Walk to UWS (20 minutes). 10.00-12.00 Mentoring Session 2 [by Claire Halleran] (UWS) 12.00-13.00 Lunch at UWS (Canteen Vouchers will be provided) 15.00-17.00 Mentoring Session 3 [by Jamie Wardrop] (UWS) 17.30-18.30 Dinner at hotel 19.00-21.00 Rehearsal 21.00 Walk to Mercure hotel</p>
Saturday	09 December	<p>Breakfast at Mercure Hotel. Walk to UWS (20 minutes). Free morning</p>

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Sunday	10 December 2017	Breakfast at Mercure Hotel. Walk to UWS (20 minutes). 10.00-12.00 Rehearsal 12.00-13.00 Lunch at UWS (Canteen Vouchers will be provided) 13.00-15.00 Mentoring Session 5 (UWS) [by Dr Laura Gonzalez] 15.00-17.00 Rehearsal 17.30-18.30 Dinner at UWS 19.00-21.00 Rehearsal 21.00 Walk to Mercure hotel
Monday	11 December 2017	Breakfast at Mercure Hotel. Walk to UWS (20 minutes). 09.00-11.00 Mentoring Session 6 (UWS) [by Claire Halleran] Pick up packed lunch from UWS. Walk to Gaiety Theatre. 12.00-17.00 Showcase (Mentored by Douglas Paisley at the Gaiety Theatre) 18.30-20.30 Festive Dinner at Vito's, Ayr (<i>not included</i>) Walk to Mercure hotel
Tuesday	12 December 2017	Breakfast at Mercure Hotel. Free morning 12.00 Transfer by coach from Mercure Hotel to Glasgow Airport 16.15 Departure from Glasgow

Additional Programme Notes:

Problems and emergency contact information

Should you have any problems on the trip which cannot be resolved by your tour manager, please contact either:

Trent Kim – UWS Programme Leader – 07546 794 679 (trent.kim@uws.ac.uk)

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Open Monday to Friday 9am-12pm, 2pm-4pm

Preparation

Please note that the programme takes place in winter season in Scotland and the weather can be unpredictable. Please bring plenty warm and waterproof clothing, including strong footwear, hat, gloves and scarf. It is likely to be wet, windy and cold during your stay. There may also be bright sunny days and a small chance of snow. Please also note that it gets light just after 8am and will be dark by 4pm at this time of year.

It is likely that you will also want to bring your own personal spending money for drinks, additional snacks, shopping and personal items (including first aid, medicines etc) to supplement what is provided within the programme. The programme has been put together at short notice on a limited budget so we appreciate your understanding of certain limitations.

Water Bottle

Please consider bringing your own water bottle to refill along the way. UWS has free filtered water points throughout the University and this is a cost-effective way to keep hydrated while also helping to reduce waste.

Included Activities

Coach transport to each city on the cultural tours has been included. Public transport within Ayr, Edinburgh or Glasgow is not included.

Culzean Castle and Country Park

Please note that due to the time of year, the castle interior is not open. However, there are a number of attractions at the site. The castle itself is located in a stunning country park location beside the coast, which is well worth seeing and there are beaches, walks, Highland cows, an art gallery, book shop, souvenir shop and restaurant.

Optional Activities

A selection of optional activities are listed in the cultural tour days. The suggested activities are generally walkable so you should not need public transport. This isn't an exhaustive list and should be used as a guide only. Your tour guide will help you on the day. To avoid disappointment, you may wish to book tickets online for museums and attractions, where possible, in advance of your trip.

Activities have not been assessed by us and as such our staff and leaders are unable to assist you with booking these activities. The decision to partake in any activity is at your own discretion and risk.

Medical and health information

You should have your own health and medical insurance in place to cover while travelling. You should bring any personal medical items (including first aid kit) required to protect your health and well-being while on the trip.

Should you require **emergency** health assistance, please call 999 and also advise your tour leader. You can receive out of hours **non-emergency** advice by calling 111.

If any member of the group is unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group, we advise that the member does not take part but we are unable to provide a refund for any scheduled activities.

Food and dietary requirements

Generally food will be served via UWS Hospitality. Lunch and dinner at UWS and CCA are included. If you have any dietary requirements, please advise us in advance. On 1st December and 8th December, dinner is included at the Mercure Hotel.

On the cultural tour days, meals are not included in the trip as we cannot handle cash payments to you. Your tour leader will manage payments.

Money matters

The local currency in Scotland is the British Pound (GBP). In Scotland, British pounds are issued by Scottish banks and are legal tender internationally. However, on occasion it can be difficult to change these internationally so we advise you to spend your currency in Scotland.

The most convenient and cheapest way to acquire money in Scotland is via an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) as they are often referred to. Check with your bank in advance concerning the suitability of your account / card overseas and any international fees that will be applied. You can withdraw local currencies easily at airports, major train stations and most city centres, but be sure to bring some extra emergency cash in a major currency that can be exchanged if the ATMs are not functioning. When leaving home don't forget your PIN and make sure you know the telephone number for cancelling your card if it is stolen. Keep this in a safe place. Credit cards are not always accepted in stores and restaurants. We recommend you carry some cash to pay for restaurant bills and other services.

Tipping

If you're happy with the services providing a tip - though not compulsory - is appropriate.

Contingency Funds

Please make sure you have access to an extra money for emergencies or other events that result in unavoidable changes to the itinerary (e.g. transport strikes or cancellations, airport closures). Sometimes these things necessitate last minute changes, and as a result there may be some extra costs involved.

Petty theft and personal safety

While travelling there is always the risk of pick-pocketing and petty theft, particularly in the more touristy cities. We recommend that you exercise caution and do not walk alone at night. We encourage you to walk together and only on main, well-lit thoroughfares. Be particularly vigilant on public transport. Simple measures like carrying your day pack on your front, not hanging your bag over the back of your chair or on the floor and wearing a money belt will reduce any chance that your valuables should go missing.

On campus, the same common sense applies. Please look after your belongings. UWS cannot be held responsible for any loss outside of the campus or on campus.