



International Business School Suzhou, London, Derby, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow & Edinburgh

Sunday	welcome to the UK!	day 1
afternoon	arrive London, transfer to hotel, check-in	bus transfer
Monday	exploring transport in the capital	day 2
morning	orientation talk by ISP Program Manager & University faculty	conference room
	visit: tour of Acton Depot London Transport Museum - Museum Depot start your journey around the UK with a history lesson of all the different types of transportation, explore one of the most comprehensive and important records of urban transport anywhere in the world	bus full day
	lunch: own arrangements	
afternoon	visit: inner workings of London transportation Transport for London learn about Transport for London's business activities and their extensive fleet tour of facilities, tour of premises	
Tuesday	connecting England	day 3
morning	free to relax & explore the city	
	lunch: own arrangements	
afternoon	visit: crossrail 2 presentation Crossrail hear a presentation from the Crossrail 2 specialists in charge of a proposed railway line to South-East England management presentation, discussion	bus half day
evening	light welcome dinner: fish & chips: The Admiralty	bus transfer
Wednesday	training day	day 4
whole day	lecture: training day at Liverpool University in London University of Liverpool in London	bus transfer
	full day catering at the university	
Thursday	the English way	day 5
morning	meet near the entrance to Paddington offices Meeting point: Sheldon Square Amphitheatre; the group will be divided into two: Group A will have a tour of Old Oak Common Crossrail Depot in the morning and a tour of Paddington station in the afternoon, while Group B will have the visits the other way round	

	group A - visit: rail services in central London Crossrail explore the Old Oak Common Crossrail depot which came into service last year as a maintenance base and main train-crew facility for the Elizabeth line trains (new line through central London) management presentation, discussion, tour of facilities, tour of premises	bus full day
	group B - visit: Crossrail presentation & tour of Paddington station Crossrail visit the Paddington station which just recently underwent a transformation by Crossrail; now the station serves also to the needs of passengers using the Elizabeth line (new rail line through central London) presentation, discussion, tour of facilities, tour of premises	
	lunch: own arrangements Changeover of groups	
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evening	presentation: "Leadership in rail" - networking event Stephenson Harwood meet and network with members of professional association Young Rail Professionals, enjoy evening with drinks, canapes and presentations	

Friday	looking at the bigger picture	day 6
morning	visit: heathrow express depot tour Heathrow Express explore the Heathrow Express depot and learn about the unique operations of this airport rail link operator between London Heathrow Airport and Paddington;	bus half day
	lunch: own arrangements	
afternoon	rest of the day at leisure	

Saturday	steam locomotive ride and transfer to Derby	day 7
morning	transfer to Loughborough (duration approx. 2.5 hour)	bus transfer
	debrief session: en route	on the bus
afternoon	cultural event: shed tour & steam locomotive ride hop on a steam train ride from Loughborough to Leicester North, walk around the station, visit the Loughborough museum and emporium and join the locomotive shed tour	
	arrive to Derby, transfer to hotel, check-in	

Sunday		free day to explore the city or trip to Robin Hood's Nottingham	day 8
		free day to explore recommended activity: take a trip to Crich tramway village and experience the period village with a pub, cafe, old-style sweetshop and tram depots; the museum contains over 60 trams built between 1873 and 1982	
Monday		the future of railway engineering, today	day 9
morning		visit: innovation works for an increased efficiency Garrandale Rail get to know one of the UK's industry leaders in railway technology and learn about their innovation efforts management presentation, discussion, tour of facilities	bus half day
		lunch: own arrangements	
		rest of the day at leisure	
Tuesday		new generation leading the 4th Industrial Revolution	day 10
morning		visit: taking a step forward through automation TrainFX take a look into the inner workings of the led screen manufacturer for railway operators and learn about the TrainFX efforts to create a better connected, smarter and more comprehensive passenger experience management presentation, discussion, tour of facilities	bus full day
		lunch: own arrangements (to go)	
		transfer to Birmingham (duration approx. 1 hour)	bus transfer
afternoon		visit: training future generations of railway engineers Birmingham center for Railway Research and Education explore the center for Railway Research and Education, part of the University of Birmingham, and how they are contributing to the future of UK railways management presentation, discussion, tour of facilities	
evening		BBQ with Young Rail Professionals: The Lost & Found Summer is here and it's time for the YRP West Midlands Summer BBQ! This year's summer social will be hosted at The Lost and Found, a grand Victorian building on Bennetts Hill, in the heart of Birmingham's city center.	evening bus transfer back to Derby
Wednesday		transfer to Liverpool	day 11
morning		transfer to Liverpool (duration approx. 2 hrs 15 mins)	bus transfer
		lunch: own arrangements	
afternoon		cultural event: guided tour of Liverpool incl. Beatles story take a turn in the heart of Liverpool city center and learn all about the legacy left by the Beatles & understand how that helped win Liverpool's bid to host the European Capital of Culture in 2008	bus/walk

Thursday		meet the mayor	day 12
morning	visit: meeting with Deputy Mayor of Liverpool City Council Liverpool town hall management presentation, discussion, tour of facilities		walk
	lunch: own arrangements		
afternoon	lecture: Visit Chinese SoE ZPMC's office in Liverpool ZPMC UK presentation, discussion		bus half day
Friday		university day	day 13
morning	visit: Meeting with the University of Liverpool, follow by a campus tour of the University of Liverpool management presentation, discussion, tour of the campus in the form of Scavenger Hunt		bus transfer to the University
	lunch: own arrangements		
afternoon	visit: Visit Liverpool Material Innovation Factory Materials Innovation Factory take a tour with a Liverpool University student around the Material Innovation Factory (MIF)		walk
Saturday		explore the city of music and football!	day 14
	free day to explore the city recommended activity: visit the Cavern club where the Beatles played for the first time, enjoy performances by various cover bands that take place throughout the whole day! Alternatively football fans might enjoy a tour of the new Anfield LFC stadium; book a private tour and see what is happening behind the scenes of the world-famous football club		
Sunday		free day to explore	day 15
	free day to explore the city recommended activity: take a walk along the riverbank, go on a boat trip down the river Mersey, visit Royal Albert Docks as well as museums located in the area		
Monday		transport in the Liverpool City Region	day 16
morning	presentation: introducing the new fleet of Stadler trains onto the Merseyrail network Merseytravel meet the programme director of rolling stock and learn about the implementation of a new fleet of Stadler trains into Merseytravel network		
	rest of the day at leisure		

Tuesday		transfer to Manchester	day 17
		transfer to Manchester (duration approx. 1 hr 30 mins)	bus transfer
morning		visit: city transport Keolis Amey Metrolink Ltd - Transport for Greater Manchester explore the government-run public transport in Greater Manchester Area, tour the Network Management center, maintenance shed and wider network	bus half day
		rest of the day at leisure	

Wednesday		don't stagnate, innovate!	day 18
morning		free morning to explore recommended activities: visit one of the historical sights in Manchester and learn about the world's finest collections of rare books and manuscripts in the John Ryland's Library	
		lunch: own arrangements	
afternoon		lecture: railways of the North Transport for the North discover activities of the unique transport body which is aiming to transform the transport systems across the North of England	
		debrief session	

Thursday		from the past to modern times and beyond	day 19
morning		free morning to explore and shop recommended activity: discover shops inside of the Arndale shopping center or small shops with unique products from local designers	
		lunch: own arrangements	
afternoon		cultural event: objects and stories learn about the world's first steam powered, inter-urban railway designed to transport both passengers and goods; the railway was built between Liverpool and Manchester and its terminus - Liverpool Road Station is now home to the amazing Museum of Science and Industry	
evening		YRP North West Summer BBQ and International Networking Event: Common Bar Take the opportunity to network with likeminded professionals from the North West region of the UK during a BBQ event!	bus transfer/restaurant

Friday		transfer to Glasgow	day 20
morning		transfer to Glasgow (duration approx. 3 hrs 30 mins)	train
		lunch: own arrangements	

afternoon	cultural event: guided tour of Glasgow discover the history of Glasgow from its early beginnings as a small provincial town to its emergence in the 17th and 18th centuries as a major trading port, then through to the 19th and early 20th centuries when it was a major industrial powerhouse; learn about its post-industrial renaissance in the late 20th century, when it was European City of Culture and then its history through to the present day	bus/walk
Saturday	a day trip from Glasgow that features panoramic locations from famous movies	day 21
	free to explore the city recommended activity: observe the city from the Glasgow Tower which is part of the unique Glasgow Science center, you will get an amazing view of the whole city, including the river Clyde and you can also visit exhibition about future of energy and see a movie in IMAX cinema	
Sunday	explore the lochs	day 22
	free for sightseeing & shopping recommended activity: one of the most popular things about Scotland is the breathtaking countryside, so why not take a day trip to Loch Lomond and Trossachs National park and see for yourself? Alternatively, if you are a football fan there is a premier league game in Newcastle in the North East of England so take a day trip to see Arsenal fight Newcastle in their home stadium!	
Monday	Glasgow's problem solvers	day 23
morning	presentation: increasing sustainable economic growth Transport for Scotland learn about the activities of the national transport agency for Scotland; explore their projects to improve the quality of transportation in Scotland presentation, tour of facilities, tour of premises	
	lunch: own arrangements	
afternoon	visit: daily life at the busiest train station in Scotland Glasgow Central Station Network Rail meet the first female general manager of Glasgow Central Station discussion	walk
Tuesday	new technology for a better future in comparison with the past	day 24
morning	free to explore the city Recommended activity: go explore Glasgow's small streets and lanes with breathtaking graffiti and quirky little shops; choose souvenirs from young Scottish designers, and browse anything from traditional soaps to woollen sweaters!	
	lunch: own arrangements	

afternoon	cultural event: tour of Riverside Museum explore the hyper-modern museum designed by world-famous architect Zaha Hadid; delve into the unique collection of historic vehicles with a local tour guide, Riverside museum is Glasgow's award-winning transport museum; with over 3,000 objects on display, there's everything from skateboards to locomotives; climb aboard a train, tram or bus and get a real feel for archaic public transport; discover Glasgow's rich shipbuilding history, explore the car and motorbike walls and help put out a fire with an interactive fire engine	
	visit: learn more about the modernisation of Glasgow subway: strategies and key takeaways from the process and take a tour of the Riverside museum Strathclyde Partnership for Transport learn about Glasgow's subway modernisation from an expert at Strathclyde Partnership for Transport management presentation, discussion, brainstorming session	walk
evening	networking reception with Young Rail Professional from Scotland: The Raven meet the Scottish division of Young Rail Professionals over great food and drink in an informal setting	bus transfer

Wednesday	transfer to the Scottish capital and admire the symbol of Scotland	day 25
	transfer to Queensferry (duration approx. 1 hr)	bus transfer
morning	cultural event: three bridges cruise - explore the construction of Scotland's symbol enjoy the spectacular view of the three bridges; especially the Forth Rail Bridge which is famous for its unique construction and for being a Scottish symbol; embark on a boat ride and enjoy the views!	
	debrief session: en route	
	lunch: own arrangements	
afternoon	cultural event: guided tour of Edinburgh (incl. Edinburgh castle visit) learn about Edinburgh, which has been the capital of Scotland since the 15th century; in this tour you will hear about the hangings that took place in the Grassmarket and see the Royal Mile which joins Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyrood House	bus/walk

Thursday	way towards sustainable future	day 26
morning	visit: making Scotland a better place Transform Scotland learn more about Scotland's alliance for sustainable transport; their aim is to create most affordable transport options for everyone - public, private and third sector organisations from across Scotland management presentation, discussion	bus half day
	transfer to Linlithgow (app. 15 mins by train)	public train/walk
	lunch in Linlithgow: own arrangements Discover one of the traditional pubs in this picturesque historical town.	

afternoon	lecture: the engineering challenges of Scotland's railway improvement works and rail decarbonisation Linlithgow Burgh Halls Rail Media presentation, discussion	boat/walk
	cultural event: boat trip to Avon Aqueduct embark on a boat trip through a canal to the Avon Aqueduct; enjoy this unique experience with our speaker David Shirres as a skipper of the boat!	

Friday	constantly moving forward	day 27
morning	visit: Edinburgh - Glasgow Improvement; HSTs for Intercity Initiative and tour of Haymarket depot ScotRail (Scotland's Railway) the group will be divided into three groups and rotate: one part involve a tour of the Haymarket depot which is operated by ScotRail, the second will be a presentation about the improvement of the line between Edinburgh and Glasgow, and at the third stop there will be a presentation about HSTs as part of the Intercity Initiative management presentation, discussion, tour of Edinburgh Gateway station	bus half day
	lunch: own arrangements	
	return to hotel & debrief on the bus	
	rest of the day at leisure	

Saturday	exploring the Lowlands	day 28
	free for sightseeing & shopping recommended activity: if you are not planning to use the day to travel outside of the city you can still use the day to do a proper hike and climb up to Arthur's seat which is an extinct volcano right next to the city of Edinburgh; if you feel like a shorter stroll, take a walk up Calton Hill and admire the views of the city, seaside and Arthur's hill	
evening	farewell dinner - dive into Scottish traditions: Spirits of Scotlands Show enjoy the Ceremony of the Haggis and a great traditional Scottish Show featuring pipes, accordion, fiddle, guitar, traditional Scottish dancers and be ready to learn some Ceili dancing	bus transfer

Sunday	Scottish farewell	day 29
	free day: Edinburgh International Festival every August the Edinburgh International Festival transforms one of the world's most beautiful cities, presenting three exhilarating weeks of the finest creators and performers from the worlds of the arts; Edinburgh's six major theatres and concert halls, a few smaller venues and often some unconventional ones too, come alive with the best music, theatre, opera and dance from around the globe; the International Festival presents events which cannot easily be achieved by any other UK arts organisation through innovative programming and a commitment to new work	

Monday	depart for China via London	day 30
morning	check-out, transfer to airport	bus transfer
	depart for China from London	