

## Campbell Law in Cambridge: On the Last Two Weeks



As soon as I said my goodbyes to my parents and friends at RDU airport, I found myself feeling a flurry of emotions ranging from complete excitement to nervous anticipation. This would be my first solo adventure abroad. Although I have only been in England for two weeks, so much has happened since I began my journey with the Cambridge Study Abroad program at Sidney Sussex College. Upon my arrival, Professor West from Cumberland Law, treated me to my first English afternoon tea. This was such a unique experience, as the English take their tea time very seriously. Professor West was also kind enough to give me a tour of the city. While exploring Cambridge, I found that it is very similar to any college town in the United States as it is filled with many food options, scholars, tourists, and various forms of entertainment. Although the city is very walkable, the best way to really see Cambridge is by punting the Cam along “the Backs.” Punting, similar to riding on an Italian Gondola, involves a boat tour of Cambridge. If you choose to have a guide do the punting for you, this proves to be a unique way to learn the many fun facts about the colleges. But, if you are brave, you can choose to punt on your own and get quite a workout.

Our first week of class involved a crash course on the English Legal System, taught by Professor Adrian Jenkala. Professor Jenkala served as a Barrister for twenty-five years. Essentially, a Barrister is our equivalent of a trial advocate. In addition to learning about the innerworkings of the English Legal System, we also took a class trip to London. On our trip we observed a trial in the Royal Courts. Interestingly enough, the Barristers still wear wigs and robes when arguing their case in court. This is an example of the many ways in which England preserves tradition in keeping certain “relics” of the past. It certainly makes for an interesting viewing of a court case, and creates a stark contrast to how we dress for court in the United States.

After watching a trial, we had the privilege of dining at the Middle Temple Inn. The Middle Temple is one of four inns potential Barristers are required to join before beginning their careers in the legal profession. Upon joining an inn, the potential Barristers must participate in various activities such as mock trial hypos to “gain their stripes.” While eating my meal, I was surprised and honored to discover that in 1602 Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night” was first performed in the Middle Temple Hall. This was an exciting fact to learn, as it would be wholly relevant to our upcoming class on Shakespeare and Trial Advocacy.



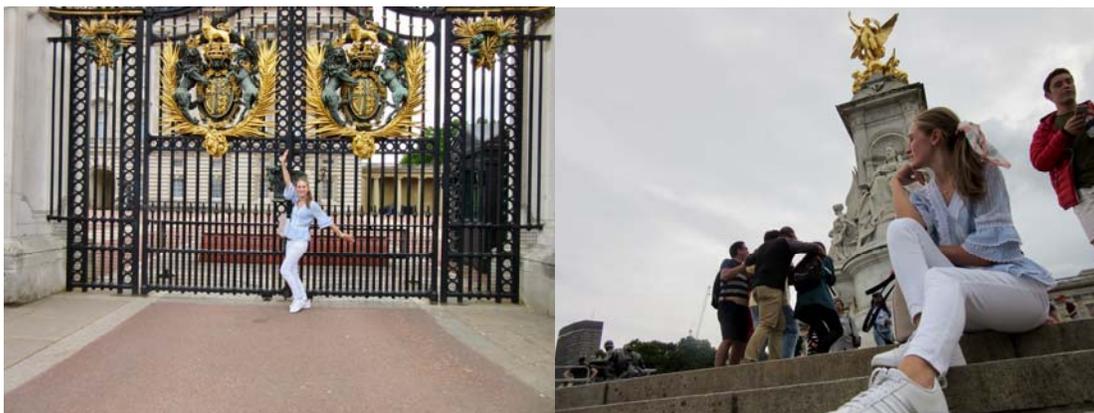
Once everyone had finished their meals, we made one last stop at Parliament. Our visit to the House of Lords was very exciting, because they were expressing their concerns with a “no deal BREXIT.” The English Parliament operates differently than our Congress, as the members of Parliament are much more vocal during bill discussions and will even put forth a resounding “boo” to convey their distaste in parts of a bill. Seeing the Lords cheer and boo during the discussion made for an entertaining observation, and created a stark contrast to our electronically run voting system in our North Carolina State Legislature. Similar to all that is scholastic, our first week in Cambridge ended with a brief exam on what we had learned, as well as watching the U.S. Women’s team become world champions in the FIFA World Cup. As someone who played soccer for thirteen years of my life, it was fulfilling to watch soccer in a country that truly lives for the sport. Everyone would fill up the pubs for the games to cheer on their teams. The most fulfilling part of watching a soccer game in Europe was that regardless of if we were strangers, Americans would somehow find each other in the pub to cheer on the United States team to victory. This was very fulfilling to experience, because you realize that despite the polarization which exists in the States, we can still be unified on foreign soil.

To end my first week in England, I decided to take a spontaneous trip to London. My day trip transported me hundreds of years into the past, as I walked the cobblestone paths throughout the Tower of London. I never realized how massive the Tower was until I walked through it. There is so much to do and see, as this site is home to a long and bloody history. I found it useful to invest in the audio tour because I was able to walk about freely, take my time in doing so, while learning various facts about each part of the Tower. I found my favorite part of the site to be the section which housed the ravens. According to an old legend, the Tower and the crown will fall if the resident ravens ever leave the Tower. In accordance with this myth, the Tower keeps the required six ravens, plus one, to ensure this prophesy never comes to pass. Ravens are actually

highly intelligent birds with the capacity to comprehend and even imitate human speech. I found it interesting to sit and watch the ravens communicating with each other on the grounds as tourists walked by, paying no mind to the birds. Of course, the Tower is better known for its long history of torture, as well as the fact it houses the Crown Jewels.



After spending several hours in the Tower, I caught the Tube to Baker Street. Any fan of the franchise I am about to describe should have perked at my mention of Baker Street. 221B Baker Street is the site of the flat belonging to the famous Detective Sherlock Holmes. Unfortunately, Holmes is a fictional character, but similar to the Harry Potter franchise, Holmes made a significant impact on English culture. Because of this impact, an exact replica of 221B Baker Street was erected so fans could walk through his humble abode. This was a really unique experience, and I highly recommend it for anyone who is a fan of Sherlock! To round out my day trip, I could not visit London without paying a visit to the famous Buckingham Palace. The palace itself is beautiful, and carefully contained within tall, blackened gates. I have to admit, as I waited to take a photo in front of the palace, I could not help but feel like the peasants before me who stood outside the gates to gaze upon the palace. In this sense, I suppose some things never change. Staring at the palace, I could not help but wonder what it would be like to actually see Queen Elizabeth II, since she has made such a huge impact on the modernization of the constitutional monarchy.



After my brief adventure in London, week two of classes began. Like many of my classmates, I chose to take the Law of the European Union and Shakespeare and Trial Advocacy. Although I have only been through one week in these classes, they both seem to be incredibly relevant to the

legal profession as well as the modern age. Shakespeare and Trial Advocacy can easily be described as “Shakespeare Bootcamp,” because it reintroduces students to Shakespeare in a more relatable context. What makes this class more special is the fact that England is the birthplace of Shakespeare, and has become a major part of English culture. Not only did Shakespeare expertly craft his famous plays, but he also included law as an element in his storytelling. Until this class, I had no idea how much Shakespeare actually used law and trial advocacy as a central driving point to his story plots. So far, this class is proving useful in learning how to address jury members during a trial, as well as developing presentation skills for the court room. One perk to this class is we get to view film adaptations as well as live performances of the plays at the Cambridge Shakespeare festival before reading the plays. This is incredibly important to understanding Shakespeare, since his works were meant to be watched and not read. Watching the plays truly helps reduce the learning curve, allowing for better comprehension of his works and understanding of how it applies to the legal profession.

On the other hand, Law of the European Union is useful in that it better educates students on the issue of BREXIT. One thing I instantly discovered—actually on my first day in Cambridge while riding in a cab to Sidney Sussex—is I never left the political polarization in America. Although the United Kingdom is not faced with exactly the same issues as the United States, it is still facing a national split in terms of leaving the European Union in a little policy matter known as BREXIT. Taking this class, as it is taught by someone who has lived in England his entire life, has to be the best way to learn about BREXIT issues and has proven to be more helpful than reading up on the issue from news outlets such as BBC. Although there is still a great deal to learn about the complexities of the European Union, I believe my classmates and I are in good hands with the expertise of Professor Jenkala, paired with his own personal experience as a citizen of the United Kingdom.



One major highlight of last week came as a pleasant surprise. Rumors had been spreading around Cambridge that the city would be paying host to a prestigious guest. After lunch, on a warm, sunny Tuesday, Professor West, my classmates, and I hurried to Queen’s College in hopes of seeing Queen Elizabeth II herself. Queen Elizabeth II had come to Cambridge to view an exhibition celebrating a century of crop research, to dine at Queen’s College for lunch, and to pay a visit to the Royal Papworth Hospital. As she left Queen’s College in her car, we had the wonderful opportunity of laying eyes on the Queen as she journeyed to her next destination. Seeing the Queen was incredibly exciting as people were lining the streets to see Her Majesty,

waving United Kingdom fans, and yelling with excitement. One thing I noticed while waiting to see Queen Elizabeth II was the Bobbies (police officers) were very friendly with the crowd. One particular moment actually involved a Bobbie removing his helmet and placing it on the head of a young child. Seeing moments like this really shows that community policing is at work all over the world.

By the weeks end, I had read two Shakespeare plays focusing on case presentation to a jury and showing the burden of proof, and had learned about the basic parts of the European Union. With all this learning, it was time to take another trip to London. This past weekend I had the opportunity to explore the British Museum, walk the same grounds where all eight of the Harry Potter movies were filmed, as well as see some very famous paintings in the National Gallery. One thing that is incredible with the British Museum and the National Gallery, is these buildings are just as historical and artistic as the exhibits within their walls. Every part of these museums is something to appreciate. I found the Greek artifacts and the Rosetta Stone to be particularly interesting in the British Museum. Also, I was very excited to lay eyes on artistic works from Degas, Monet, and Van Gogh in the National Gallery. In addition to viewing these famous museums, I also decided to have tea at, the Pinterest famous, Peggy Porschen Cakes. This has to be the best cake I have ever tasted in my entire life. Sometimes, social media can bring about a wonderful experience!

To put it plainly, the best part of this past weekend was going to the Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio Tour. I never realized how exciting visiting a movie studio could be. Having the chance to see all the props, costumes, and sets used in such a special franchise was an exciting experience. I even had the chance to learn more about film production and the daily lives of child actors in cinema. Ironically enough, part of my tour included a discussion on the laws concerning child actors and balancing their career with education. For any Harry Potter fan, I highly recommend this tour, you will even have a chance to have some delicious butterbeer midway through the studio! Although this is a lengthy blog post, this is truly representative of how much can be experienced in just two short weeks on this amazing trip.



## Campbell Law in Cambridge: The End is Nigh

Two more weeks of study have come and gone. From studying the inner workings of the E.U. and Shakespearean works, to a massive heat wave in the midst of a new prime minister being elected to the U.K. Parliament, the time since my last blog post has been all but uneventful. To begin with, class has brought in several notable speakers. Valentin Gerlier, currently a PhD candidate for the University of Cambridge and an avid lover of Shakespeare, lectured my class on *The Winter's Tale*. Although *The Winter's Tale* is my least favorite of the plays I have read for ShakesLaw, Valentin gave a riveting lecture on the play and dived into the symbolism contained throughout the story. Valentin also commented on the dual nature of the play, observing that the first half of it is a tragedy, while the last half is more of a comedy. This allows for the cycle of death and rebirth to flow throughout the story. Brian Rose-Smith, another lecturer for ShakesLaw, is a retired solicitor and gave a lecture on the English history which serves as a backdrop to Shakespeare's *Richard III*. Unlike most of Shakespeare's works, this play was based on a real person. Richard III has frequently been compared to that of a cruel, conniving tyrant, and there is a great deal of mystery surrounding his rise to power. Because of this, he made for a perfect character of a Shakespearean tragedy. Although he is overexaggerated in *Richard III*, he has actually been said to be responsible for ordering the deaths of young Edward, Prince of Wales, and his younger brother Richard, the Duke of York. These two princes conveniently disappeared after Richard's ascension to the role of Lord Protector in 1483. The two princes would not be found until 1674, when workers discovered their skeletons under a staircase of the Tower of London. Lastly, Loreta Raulinaityte lectured my E.U. class on the inner workings of the European Parliament and the relationship of the Baltic States with E.U. eastern partnerships. Loreta is currently the director of the Department of Communications of the Lithuanian Parliament, and also served six years in Brussels at the European Parliament. She had a great deal to say about the tension between the E.U. and Russia, her time as a member of the European Parliament, and the importance of Lithuania's membership in the E.U.

By the weekend, I caught an early morning train to begin my adventure in the more rural communities of England. My first stop was Dover. This is a small coastal town serving as the home to Dover Castle and the famous White Cliffs of Dover. I actually arrived in Dover a lot sooner than I expected, and was able to spontaneously grab an English Breakfast at a local restaurant called "Chaplin's." This restaurant was very unique in that it was entirely dedicated to Charlie Chaplin, with the walls adorned with old photographs of the silent film star. Once I got my fill of breakfast, I made the "brief" trek to Dover Castle. Granted, I was able to knock out this walk in ten minutes, but it was entirely uphill. Let me just say, my entire lower body was burning by the time I got there. I was, thankfully, able to catch my breath while purchasing my entrance ticket. Walking up to the castle entrance was actually surreal. The Great Tower, itself, is massive and impressive in light of the technology that was available when Henry II had it built in the 1180s. Surprisingly, the general architecture of the Great Tower was similar to the Tower of London. This observation made sense when I discovered Henry II was William the Conqueror's great grandson. As compared to the Tower of London, exploring Dover Castle had less restrictions on where you could go. While I explored, I found narrow halls, dead ends with marvelous views, and even medieval tunnels that were right out of a horror film. In addition to exploring the inside of the castle, I also had the opportunity to stand on the roof of the Great Tower to look out over the English Channel. Since I arrived to Dover on a clear day, I was

actually able to see France from across the Channel. In addition to exploring the castle, I also had a chance to walk through the WWII tunnels and learn about Operation Dynamo. Touring these tunnels was a haunting experience when thinking about the desperation that must have been felt while attempting to save as many soldiers as possible from the advancing, Nazi army.



After exploring Dover Castle, I made the trek to the White Cliffs of Dover. The Cliffs are significant in that they represented a beacon of hope during WWII, and are a natural marvel of nature itself. The Cliffs offer amazing, picturesque views that are difficult to match, but you have to work for it. I consider myself physically fit, but I was not prepared for the hiking needed to navigate the Cliffs. By the time I made it to the South Foreland Lighthouse, I had walked about five and a half miles. South Foreland Lighthouse was the first

lighthouse—in the world—to use an electric light, and was also where the telegraph was first tested using Morse code. Since I went on a tour, I actually had the chance to push buttons on the switchboard to turn the light on. I also had the privilege of pushing the “big red button” to turn off the light. Although the lighthouse is no longer in use, it was fun to push a few buttons and pretend as if I was turning it on. The walk from the lighthouse to my hotel was long and laborious. By the time I finally arrived to my hotel, I had walked about twelve miles in one day. Even though I will never forget how much my feet ached that day, I will also never forget the views I earned on that walk. There is nothing like seeing the Cliffs of Dover, it is almost too difficult to describe. In addition to seeing the Cliffs, I even had the bonus of seeing some wild horses grazing along the winding paths.



Once I had explored Dover and indulged in a good night’s rest, I caught a train to Salisbury. This would be the day I would finally see Stonehenge. This peculiar formation has been in existence for about 5,000 years, and although historians have uncovered how the stones got there, historians have yet to discover why they were dragged hundreds of miles from the Preseli Hills in Wales to Amesbury. While walking to Stonehenge, I listened to an audio tour describing the various theories with why Stonehenge even exists. These theories were very interesting and

alluded to the simple fact that we, as human beings, cannot know everything. Out of all the theories, I thoroughly enjoyed one in particular. A scholar had theorized that since Stonehenge was made of stone, it was to represent the eternity of the afterlife. This would be in opposition of the fact that humans, at the time, lived in temporary, wooden homes. Residing in wooden homes represented the idea that life is temporary. I felt partial to this theory because of the symbolism. It makes sense to draw this comparison, but there are also theories that Stonehenge was a place of healing as well as sacrifice. Whatever the theory, I found that Stonehenge paled in comparison to the White Cliffs of Dover. Regardless, I believe everyone should see Stonehenge at least once in their life.



Before returning for Cambridge, I made stop at Salisbury Cathedral. This cathedral was incredibly beautiful with its gothic, medieval architecture. I was fascinated with the stained-glass windows, the gothic arches, and the attention to detail. Aside from the church itself, the best part of Salisbury Cathedral was actually found in a document that could not be photographed. This document was an original copy of the Magna Carta. Today, only four original copies have survived. It actually took over fifty hours to hand write each copy that was made of this historic document. The copy I saw was in pristine condition, and it was such an honor to see a document that continues to influence political views on basic, fundamental, human rights. Now, let me say this, I did not plan to visit England based on a chronological timeline, but this ended up happening all on its own. To quickly recap my trip thus far, I first saw the Tower of London which was “built” by William the Conqueror. Then, fast forward to my visit to Dover Castle, which was “built” by his great grandson, Henry II. Two days after I saw Dover Castle, I laid eyes upon the very document Henry II’s son, the “Bad King John” was obligated to sign. Reflecting back on my travels, I could not have planned the trip better, and it is almost fulfilling to see something progress so chronologically.



This past week saw our curriculums beginning to conclude. To begin our final, full week of class, my Shakeslaw class made a mini fieldtrip to the Wren Library at Trinity College. At the Wren Library we had the chance to see a perfect, Shakespeare folio. In addition to this, we also saw a Sir Isaac Newton's *Principia Mathematica*—with his original notes written in the margins—his walking stick, as well as strands of his hair. Up until Thursday, the week was fairly routine, with hardly any issues. Unfortunately, Thursday brought a massive heatwave to England. I am sure, by now, many of you have read about how people survived the heatwave. Although it seems as if the English were overreacting, let me tell you, they were not. It reached a temperature of 101°F in Cambridge. Considering there are very few places with actual air conditioning, it was very difficult to escape the heat. Ironically enough, less than twenty-four hours later, the heatwave disappeared and was replaced with more tolerable temperatures and rain.



On Friday, my ShakesLaw class fit in one more class fieldtrip to London. We had the wonderful opportunity of viewing a whimsical version of *Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Globe Theater. My classmates and I viewed the play as “groundlings” and had the opportunity to stand right up on the edge of the stage. It is so exciting to view a Shakespeare play in the Globe, because the actors have more freedom to interact with the crowd, and will sometimes enter the stage by walking through the audience. After the play, Professor West had organized a special workshop for law students with a professional Shakespearian actor and director. This workshop was well-

tailored to our interests as law students, and gave us the chance to practice diction, use of language, and basic interaction with the audience (which would be the judge and jury in our case). Until this class, I would have never saw the common thread between Shakespeare, acting, and law. These areas, surprisingly, have a lot in common. Although the law values logic and genuine responses in the courtroom, there is plenty of room for vocal acting in emphasizing certain words with increased volume, strategic pauses, and deliberate movements. Sadly, this was our last trip to London as a class, but we had a fantastic time visiting the Globe. We even had a delicious meal at a fancy pub before catching a train back to Cambridge.



This final weekend in Cambridge has been bittersweet, but still provided many adventures. On Saturday, I began my day with afternoon tea at Harriet's tea rooms. Harriet's has become my favorite place to have afternoon tea, and never seems to disappoint with its options and atmosphere. I am beginning to have a difficult time understanding why we, as Americans, left behind the custom of afternoon tea. This is such a classy pastime and can be incredibly relaxing. After having tea, I embarked on a local scavenger hunt to find the "dinky doors." This is something I discovered early on in my trip, but have saved for my final weekend at Cambridge. These doors were created by an anonymous individual and placed around Cambridge "to defend against the daily onslaught of miserable miserableness." Although this sentence, pulled from their website, seems ridiculous they really have achieved their goal of breaking up one's daily, mundane routine. I had a great time exploring Cambridge to look for these creative additions to the city, and definitely recommend doing this if you ever visit Cambridge. If you are curious about this scavenger hunt, the following is a link to their website: <https://www.dinkydoors.co.uk>.



While looking for the doors, I enjoyed a nice walk along the Cam and found a merry band of swans swimming in the river. Believe it or not, I have had a difficult time spotting these beautiful birds, so I was very excited to find them. While taking some photos, one of them actually approached my purse and tried to rummage through it. I suppose he wanted to have some of the loose-leaf tea I purchased earlier in the day. I would have been happy to share a cup with him if it had not been so dreary and rainy that day. Once I had found all the doors in Cambridge, I finished off my day with dinner at Eagle pub. The Eagle is actually well-known as the place where Watson and Crick discussed their theories of DNA while refreshing themselves with Ale.



On Sunday, I traveled to Ely with Nick Sorensen and Professor West to attend a Sunday service at Ely Cathedral. This was such a unique experience, because the cathedral had an ancient atmosphere and listening to the voice of the choir echoing throughout the church truly sent me back in time. Ely Cathedral was built in the Gothic style and is a little over 900 years old. I was actually surprised to learn Ely, itself, came into existence after the cathedral. Essentially, the cathedral is what made the town. Since I was born and raised as an Episcopalian, I truly enjoyed this Anglican service, and felt as if I was returning to my religious roots. Regardless of the way I choose to worship, I have always enjoyed seeing different services. Everyone participates in religion in their own way, and it can be enlightening to see the subtle differences. Throughout the service, I could not help but find myself getting lost in the artwork on the ceiling and the

surrounding stained-glass windows. Speaking of the stained-glass windows, Ely Cathedral actually has a stained-glass museum that is worth visiting. In the museum you can learn about how stained-glass windows are made, as well as see various pieces up close.



After exploring the museum, Nick and I parted ways with Professor West and went on our own adventure. Our first stop was at Oliver Cromwell's home which was conveniently located beside the Cathedral. This visit was truly appropriate for us as students of Sidney Sussex College, because Cromwell had been a student of the college and his head is said to be hidden somewhere on the college grounds. Visiting Cromwell's house was a unique experience in that we had the chance to learn about his life as well as decide whether he was a hero or a villain in the English Civil War. I decided to be an optimist and chose to view him as a hero of his time. In retrospect, he led the Parliamentarians to victory against King Charles I, who refused to call Parliament due to his belief in exclusive divine rule. King Charles I would only call Parliament into service when he needed money, which naturally caused England to fall into war. On the other hand, Nick chose to peg Cromwell as a villain. Based on certain facts, Cromwell could be viewed as a villain because he rose up against the monarchy, likely ordered the deaths of thousands of civilians, and essentially took on the stereotypical image of a power-hungry aristocrat. In other words, Cromwell can easily be viewed as an inherently flawed human being with his feet planted on both sides, as a hero AND a villain. All in all, this was a really enjoyable experience and gave us more history on the well-known participant of the English Civil War. After exploring Cromwell's home, we walked along the river in Ely to see a little bit of the town, and then caught a train back to Cambridge.

As this trip is quickly coming to an end, I cannot wait to see what these last few days have in store. Despite the fact this week comes with final exams, I am certain a few more adventures will come with these final moments in Cambridge.

## Five Things I Learned Studying Abroad



One last afternoon tea, one last stroll on cobblestoned paths, one last evening of sharing laughs at an English pub, and one last meal together. My experience on the Cambridge Study Abroad trip has now ended. Within the last few days I shared a formal dinner with my classmates, gave a group presentation on *Macbeth* focused on the themes of murder and guilt with the law, and wrote about the complexities of the E.U. with my final examination. While waiting out the hours until my flight home, I cannot help but reflect on my experience in Cambridge. The greatest benefit to studying abroad is not isolated to studying school subjects in a foreign setting. Although this can be an amazing and enriching experience the greatest benefit, in my opinion, is having time to reflect and learn more about yourself. My study abroad trip to Cambridge was challenging and intimidating for the first week. I was in a country I had never seen, with people I have never met, and halfway across the world from everything I have known. I had to learn how to catch a plane and go through customs with no help, I had to learn how to use the tube (subway), I had to learn how to pop from platform to platform at various train stations, adjust to a new time zone, as well as a number of other new and exciting things. Thankfully, adapting to a new environment and way of life was not that difficult in the long run. Nevertheless, there are five things I learned on my journey that I was not expecting to learn and are more subtle to someone traveling to another country.

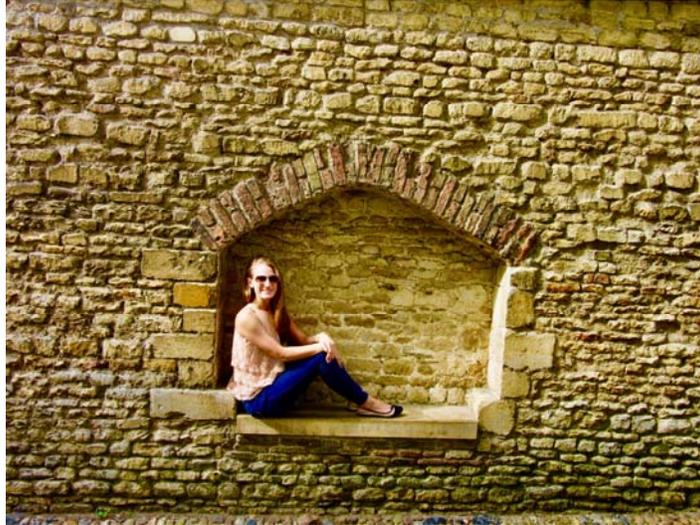
1. If you are visiting a continent where it is possible for you to see several countries, consider resisting this temptation and focus on the country you are visiting. On this trip, I did contemplate going to other countries, but in the end, I decided to stay in England. One of the biggest complaints I heard from those who went to other counties was that they wished they had had more time. With this program—and likely other study abroad programs—we had weekends to travel. Three days is not enough to see a country, let alone a city. My decision to stay in England ended up being a productive choice, because I had the chance to see many famous sites in London, explore the grounds of Dover Castle and the White Cliffs, lay eyes on Stonehenge, as well as explore my “home city” of Cambridge to find unique areas that would typically be missed. Staying in the country you are visiting allows you to really take everything in, and later

on, appreciate it more. The humorous part of this advice is I did not even see one-fourth of England, but I was still able to take my time at the places I visited.



2. At least in England, do not be afraid to converse with the locals. The residents of England were kind, friendly, and polite. Some of my best conversations were with complete strangers I will never meet again. If you are lucky, you will end up beside someone who is as vocal about their views as you are, and will have a truly memorable conversation. My most memorable conversation was at a pub. I ended up sitting with a native from the Republic of Ireland, Poland, and two residents of England. Of course, we discussed the European Union and its overall relationship with Brexit. If I had hesitated to speak to these people, I would have never had such an enriching conversation. Naturally, you want to be cautious with who you talk to and how much you say, but do not isolate yourself from these kinds of social opportunities.

3. If you are centralized in a specific city or town for an extended period of time, go for a walk and explore where you are living. I always enjoyed taking a walk in Cambridge, because even though the buildings had not changed much, I always found something new to marvel over. Whether it was a musician strumming a guitar in the street, or a random “fairy door” on the side of a building, I always found something new and exciting to appreciate.



4. Try the same food item in different cultures. England has some fantastic food, but speaking as a lifelong southerner, I would not have minded having food that exploded with flavor. Most of the food was bland, but it was always filling. Keeping this in mind, the meat that was served the most at Sidney Sussex for lunch was lamb. In my experience, lamb tends to be lacking in flavor. Yet, when my classmate invited me to eat dinner at a Turkish restaurant, I ended up having the spiciest and most flavorful lamb I have ever had! Therefore, be sure to try the same food in different styles and restaurants, you might surprise yourself!

5. Do not limit yourself to the city. When you are in England, it is easy to just say you want to go to London and then call it a holiday. Even though there is a lot to see in London, and it is a unique and fun place to visit, you do not want to miss out on what the English countryside has to offer. England still is knee deep in agriculture, so when you go to places like Salisbury (the city where Stonehenge and an original Magna Carta calls home) or Dover (the city where you can find Dover Castle and the White Cliffs) you will find beautiful, green, rolling hills, livestock, and quaint little towns. The English countryside holds a great deal of beauty and tranquility that cannot easily be found. Of course, plan sometime in the major cities, but not miss out on seeing some truly gorgeous landscapes.



These learning points ended up turning into travel advice from my personal experience. Of course, what I have shared does not have to be adhered, but keep it in mind whenever you travel. It is easy to get wrapped up in what everyone else does when they visit another country. In all honesty, make it your own trip, something that you will always remember. The advice I have given made this my own trip. I saw a great deal of England, in a short amount of time, and I feel better off for it. Nevertheless, I do look forward to returning England one day. It truly is an amazing country, filled with history, good-hearted people, and memories that will always be cherished.

