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NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY CENTRE GUIDE

Nottingham, situated on the River Trent, is known as the “Queen of the Midlands” because of its broad streets and picturesque parks. Steeped in history, it is particularly famous as the home of Robin Hood, the legendary outlaw. The city has a great recently modernised shopping centre, cinemas, contemporary art galleries, two theatres, restaurants and an ice rink.

Our courses take place on the 65 acre Jubilee Campus of the University of Nottingham, 20 minutes’ bus ride from the city centre. Opened in 1999, this modern facility has architect-designed buildings, a series of lakes, and environmentally friendly buildings.. All classrooms are equipped with modern teaching facilities and audio visual aids. The restaurant, at the heart of the campus, occupies a huge atrium which is bathed in natural light through its glass roof.

The peaceful setting and excellent facilities combine to create a relaxing place to study English.



Nottingham Campus

ELAC STUDY VACATIONS

Elac Study Vacations was formed in 1991 with one centre in Eastbourne. We now have multiple summer centres and one year round-centre in Bath, which is also our head office.

We currently welcome over 4,000 students from all over the world to our courses. Despite this growth, we still retain the values and ethos that characterized Elac from the beginning: to run quality courses that are attractive to staff, students and partners and where the welfare of all is our main priority.

More information on Elac can be found on our website, www.elac.co.uk.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our goal is to be an independent, ethical and environmentally-aware organisation dedicated to the teaching of English, and more generally to the nurturing of positive values in young people in an international setting.

The Dining Hall

To achieve this goal, we aim to provide a secure, welcoming, inclusive and fun environment where students can feel at ease with each other and our staff, whilst on a course which they find both stimulating and challenging.

We believe that this will provide the platform we need to deliver the following outcomes for our students:

- A development of their language skills and confidence
- A deepening of their knowledge and understanding of British life and culture
- A broadening of their outlook on the world and awareness of other perspectives
- New, wide-ranging and long-lasting friendships that cross cultures

ACCOMMODATION AND LAYOUT

Student accommodation is in Southwell or Newark Hall. All rooms are single with their own en-suite bathroom. Each room has excellent study facilities with desks and reading lamps. There are also communal kitchens and common rooms with television and games.

The accommodation is all on the same campus and is within walking distance of classrooms and catering facilities.



Nottingham Accommodation

SAFEGUARDING/ WELFARE

All our staff are employed using safer recruitment methods and receive training regarding student welfare and child protection and are aware of the Elac safeguarding policy. If they notice a student is experiencing any problems, they will liaise with the Welfare Officer and Group Leader, who can then investigate and take the appropriate action. This is referred to head office and the Designated Safeguarding Lead if necessary.

We also have a legal duty to identify and safeguard children who may be vulnerable to radicalization (the Prevent duty).

We maintain a good supervision ratio of staff to students, both during activities on-site and educational excursions off-site.

All Elac staff, group leaders and students sign a code of conduct which indicates the kind of behaviour we wish to promote. It clearly sets out the process for dealing with unacceptable behaviour. Information can be downloaded from the following link -

<http://elac.co.uk/downloadable-information/>

There are at the start of lessons, at the start of activities, and in the accommodation in the evening.

Curfew times re communicated and we expect students and group leaders to respect these.

WELLBEING AND MEDICAL CARE

The physical and mental health of our students and staff is a priority and we encourage students to talk to us if they are experiencing any problems. We keep a record of all student's medical conditions and requirements, so all staff are aware of specific conditions, e.g. food allergies.

If a student becomes unwell, we will arrange to take them to a local GP. Queen Mary's Centre (QMC) has an A and E and Nottingham University Hospital is a mile away. Local pharmacies can also help with minor ailments.

A First Aid box is kept in the Elac office and basic kits are taken on all excursions. The ELAC team have numerous First Aiders. They will be available throughout the day. Any injuries/accidents should always be reported to the Elac Office.

PLAN OF THE CAMPUS



THE ELAC EXPERIENCE

We aim to deliver a rich and varied experience: a blend of language learning, cultural highlights, personal development and fun. Each centre has its own particular style, but there are common features and a shared ethos across all our centres.

The combination of lessons and projects, activities, social events and educational excursions makes up the Elac Experience, led by a committed team of staff, many of whom have chosen to work for Elac summer after summer.

All students on our two or three-week Summer programmes, **Voyagers (11-14)** and **Trailblazers (14-17)**, will experience their own unique Elac journeys. Here are some aspects of our programmes which are the same for everyone.



Welcome:

- Meet and Greet
- Private coach/taxi transfer to your centre
- Welcome meeting & course orientation

Lessons:

- English level test
- Communication language skills & functional English
- 1:16 teacher/student ratio
- Lessons linked to Educational excursions

Creative & Physical Activities:

- Physical activities e.g. swimming, games, sports
- Creative activities e.g. drama, design, art & craft
- Workshops; Music & Rhythm, Circus Skills, Exploring Creativity etc.
- Evening entertainment programme, e.g. Discos, Talent Shows, Quizzes & Sports Tournaments

Educational Excursions:

- 2 half day local excursions (*3 for 3-week students)
- 3 full day excursions (*4 for 3-week students)
- 1 optional excursion (*2 for 3-week students) **supplements apply)
- Entrances and/or tours included

Farewell:

- Private coach/taxi transfer to your departure airport
- End of course certificate

TRINITY EXAMINATION

Students have the option to be prepared and entered for the Trinity GESE at the appropriate level. This takes place during three additional sessions organised in the afternoons or evenings prior to the exam.

There is an additional charge for entering the exam (please see our website).

The exam is offered at 12 Grades.

These are as follows:

Initial Stage:	Grade 1 - 3
Elementary Stage:	Grade 4 - 6
Intermediate:	Grade 7 - 9
Advanced:	Grade 10 - 12

It is envisaged that the majority of our students will be entered across grades 3 - 8. The exam takes place online and a digital certificate will be awarded at the end of the course.

TEACHERS

We require our teachers to have a degree plus a TEFL certificate, for example, CELTA or Trinity Cert. TESOL.

Teachers are supervised by an Academic Manager who provides academic support and ensures the programme is delivered to the highest possible standard. We also pride ourselves in our teacher development programme of workshops and lesson observations provided throughout the summer.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

YOUR BEST WEEKS THIS SUMMER

VOYAGERS AGES: 11-14

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

- CULTURAL EXCHANGE
- GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROJECTS



WELCOME & TESTING

LEVEL TEST, CAMPUS TOUR & WELCOME

ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- LESSONS LINKED TO EDUCATIONAL VISITS
- COMMUNICATIVE LANGUAGE SKILLS & FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH



21ST CENTURY SKILLS

- INTRODUCTION TO 21ST CENTURY SKILLS
- CREATIVE PROJECTS
- FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH
- GROUP WORK
- ROLE PLAY & PRESENTATIONS



SUMMER WORKSHOPS

- MUSIC & RHYTHM
- CIRCUS SKILLS
- PHOTOGRAPHY & DIGITAL MEDIA CHALLENGES
- EXPLORING CREATIVITY
- TEAM BUILDING



PHYSICAL & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

- FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, SWIMMING, VOLLEYBALL, DODGEBALL...
- CREATIVE & CHALLENGING ARTS SESSIONS (T-SHIRT DESIGNING, DRAMA, ART & CRAFTS)...



EVENING ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME

- DISCOS
- TALENT SHOW
- QUIZZES
- MOVIE NIGHTS
- CASINO NIGHT
- SPORTS
- TOURNAMENTS MINI OLYMPICS
- MURDER MYSTERY
- STEM CHALLENGES
- CHILL OUT LOUNGE....



EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS

- FULL-DAY TO YORK INC. YORK MINSTER
- FULL-DAY TO LIVERPOOL INC. FOOTBALL STADIUM OR THE BEATLES STORY
- FULL-DAY TO CAMBRIDGE INC. PROFESSIONAL GUIDED WALKING TOUR
- 2 HALF-DAY TO NOTTINGHAM
- **3 WEEK STUDENTS**
- FULL-DAY TO LINCOLN INC. CATHEDRAL



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

A CHOICE OF CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND FUN DESTINATIONS TO VISIT

(SUPPLEMENTS APPLY)



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YOUR BEST WEEKS THIS SUMMER

TRAILBLAZERS AGES: 14-17

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- CULTURAL EXCHANGE
- GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROJECTS



WELCOME & TESTING

LEVEL TEST, CAMPUS TOUR & WELCOME

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21ST CENTURY SKILLS

- 21ST CENTURY SKILL DEVELOPMENT
- BUSINESS INNOVATION
- CRITICAL THINKING
- PUBLIC SPEAKING
- LEADERSHIP



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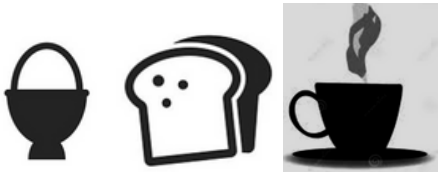
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MEALS

All meals are taken in the university restaurant, a magnificent atrium building located at the heart of the campus, next to the lake and gardens. There is always a selection of hot and cold dishes, as well as vegetarian dishes and a salad bar.

For excursions, a packed lunch or lunch vouchers are provided. The packed lunch consists of a sandwich/baguette, crisps, fruit, cake/chocolate bar, mineral water/drink, or similar. Any specific food requirements should be made known to Elac in advance so that the caterers can be informed.



BREAKFAST 7.30 – 9.00

A typical breakfast consists of: cereal and toast cooked breakfast of bacon, sausage, eggs, baked beans, tomatoes croissants and waffles, fresh fruit juice, tea or coffee



LUNCH 12.15-14:00

A choice of menu always include vegetarian and hot and cold dishes. A sample menu would be: freshly made soup, chicken in sweet and sour sauce, vegetable and tomato risotto, new potatoes, sweetcorn, courgettes, dessert of pear and berry crunch and cream



DINNER 17:30 - 19:30

Again, a choice of menu always includes vegetarian and hot and cold dishes, eg. Freshly made soup, pepperoni and chorizo pasta, prawn salad, vegetable paella, garlic doughballs, broccoli, baby corn and salad dessert of fresh fruit



TWO WEEK INCLUDED EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS

These are a very popular part of our course, and give students an opportunity to use their English as well as learn more about Great Britain. Students have the opportunity to learn more about the trip during lessons. Students travel by coach or train to these destinations. Activity leaders will brief students to follow certain rules for their own safety. On our return, a late dinner will be served.

YORK FULL DAY



The Shambles, York

York, famous for its ancient Gothic Minster, is a two hour coach trip from Nottingham. Students have a walking tour of this historic walled city. They visit “The Shambles”, unique streets largely unchanged from the Middle Ages with overhanging timber-framed houses, as well as the Minster.

They also visit the fascinating Jorvik Centre, a fully reconstructed Viking village complete with the sights and smells, and an adjoining museum.

As usual, there is time available for shopping.

CAMBRIDGE FULL DAY



Cambridge

In Cambridge our students enjoy a walking tour of the city from a professional tour guide to learn about its history, including an entrance into one of the famous colleges.

In the afternoon students can choose to spend time in further sightseeing, wandering main shopping streets or in trying their hand at punting on the river (there is an extra charge for this).

TWO WEEK INCLUDED EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS



Liverpool Scene

LIVERPOOL FULL DAY

From the Fab Four to Liverpool Football Club, and with more galleries and museums than any other city outside London, Liverpool is an exciting and fascinating city to visit. The day includes a walking tour of the historic centre and sights, as well as a visit to either Anfield Football Stadium or The Beatles Story. There will also be an opportunity to do some shopping.

NOTTINGHAM HALF DAY

Nottingham is a great place to explore on foot, with a castle, caves, science centre and Lace Market just some of the sights.

Students will visit Nottingham at least twice for a walking tour, as well as having time to shop and relax.



Nottingham

THREE WEEK INCLUDED EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS

LINCOLN AND LINCOLN CATHEDRAL FULL DAY



Lincoln is a Cathedral City and the county town of Lincolnshire - one of the UK's largest counties. It is a fascinating city with cobblestone streets, colourful streets along Steep Hill, stunning historic buildings and the iconic Cathedral overlooking the city.

Students will have a guided walking tour, a visit to the Cathedral, and also have time for some shopping.

NOTTINGHAM FREE TIME

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Students will visit Nottingham at least twice for a walking tour, as well as having time to shop and relax.



OPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS

As well as included excursions, there are also opportunities to go on optional excursions. In a two week programme there is one optional excursion day, and in a three week programme there are two. These can be found in the booklet, "Optional Excursions", which gives suggested itineraries and costs. If you would like to supplement your programme, please speak to the Head office, or the Activity Manager on arrival.

GROUP LEADERS

Working closely with Group Leaders is essential, as they know their students, their culture and their language. This happens through regular meetings when information is shared and issues can be raised.

Prior to the Welcome Meeting on the first day of the course, where the Elac Management Team share information with Group Leaders regarding all aspects of the course. Group Leaders will be given a Welcome Pack complete with information for helping both students and Group Leaders settle into the programme.

We also want Group Leaders to enjoy their time with Elac and have an opportunity to meet other leaders. Events are organized, such as visits to places of local interest, teacher development sessions, cream teas, or a cheese and wine evening.

Elac has a dedicated office and its location will be given out when students arrive. There is also a Group Leaders room on-site where Group Leaders can relax and have access to tea and coffee.



Group Leaders enjoying a cream tea

SECURITY

The UK is seen as a safe place to visit and Nottingham is a safe location. However, we advise students to lock all windows and doors on leaving their accommodation building and follow security procedures explained by their Group Leader on arrival.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- **Elac Nottingham Office: TBC**
- **Elac Nottingham 24 hour emergency: 07579 831428**
- **Police, Fire, Ambulance - 999 (emergencies only)**
- **Police – non emergencies - 101**
- **Elac Head Office (Bath): +44 1225 443261**

CENTRE ADDRESS

Elac Study Vacations
Jubilee Campus
University of Nottingham
University Park
Nottingham
NG7 2RD

If sending post, please ensure the letter/package is clearly labelled with the student's name and group.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO BRING



DOCUMENTS

- **Passport** and copy of it
- Visa document and copy of it (if required)
- Insurance document (including EHIC card if from EU)
- A copy of any medication prescriptions or certificates
- UK currency



CLOTHING ESSENTIALS

- Casual clothing
- Trainers
- Sports clothes
- Swimwear
- Swim towel
- Something smart
- Costume for disco/talent show
- Bag for dirty laundry



FOR EXCURSIONS

- Small backpack/handbag
- Comfortable clothes
- Shoes for walking
- Umbrella
- Waterproof jacket
- Sunglasses & sunscreen



TOILETRIES AND MEDICINES

- Toiletries, eg shampoo, soap, toothpaste,
- Medicines, eg asthma inhaler, contact lens solution
- Towel



GADGETS AND ELECTRONICS

- Electronic devices (camera, mobile phone, ipad)
- Travel adaptor (UK 3 pin, 13A, 220V - 240V)



OTHER USEFUL ITEMS

- Pencil case
- Pen & Pencil
- Notepad
- Water bottle
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS, IN CASE THEY GET LOST

GENERAL INFORMATION



STUDENT AGES & NATIONALITIES

- 11 - 17 years
- Italian
- Spanish
- French
- Russian
- Chinese
- Israeli
- Saudi
- Montenegrin

Please note - the above nationalities are popular examples. We host various nationalities throughout our centres.



AIRPORT ARRIVALS

- Group will be met by an Elac representative.
- Travel to centre by private coach.
- On arrival Elac staff show them to their accommodation.
- Transfer time -
- **Birmingham (BHX)** 60 mins
- **Heathrow (LHR)** 160 mins
- **Manchester (MAN)** 100 mins
- **Stansted (STN)** 150 mins



REGISTRATION & INTRODUCTION

Students will have a welcome talk and a tour of the site. Students will receive the following items:

- Lanyard
- Course programme
- Emergency Contact Card

Students are registered prior to or after their assessment test.



FIRE SAFETY

- Fire safety procedures on first day
- Practice fire drill for students.
- Fire signage throughout building
- Group leaders explain safety procedures to students in their own language.



MOBILE PHONES

- All mobile phones must be switched off during lesson times.
- Teacher may confiscate phone if rules are not followed.



NOISE

- Students must keep noise to a minimum when returning to their accommodation
- Curfew is 10pm.



DEPOSITS

- Group Leaders asked to hold a deposit of £25 per student in case of damages.
- Group Leader to investigate and pay for any damages caused.
- Individuals should pay the deposit to the Welfare Officer.
- Replacement of lost fob/key is £100.



DAMAGES

- Fire alarm set off between 9.00 and 5.30 pm: £75.00
- Fire alarm set off between 5.30 pm and 9.00 am: £100
- Replacing/refilling fire extinguishers: £150

The University imposes the above call out charges for deliberate acts of misuse.



SMOKING, DRUGS & ALCOHOL

- It is illegal to smoke in any indoor public places - this includes vaping.
- There is no smoking allowed on the Christ's Hospital campus, except for a small designated area for staff.
- No alcohol or drugs are permitted in any of our junior vacation courses **regardless of age.**



COMPUTER AND WIFI ACCESS

- Wifi available throughout the site
- Student access to computer room during activities.



SHOP

Shop on-site that sells:

- Hot and cold drinks
- Chocolate
- Snacks
- Sweets
- Ice cream

As well as a range of other useful supplies.



LAUNDRY

- Laundry room
- Card system (£2)
- Bed linen washed once a week.



BANK & POST OFFICE

- Cashpoint on campus
- Selection of banks nearby (15 min)
- Stamps available at campus shop, post box on campus.
- Post Office (15min)
- Alternatively, currency exchange can be done whilst on excursions.



HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTRE

- Queens Medical Centre, Derby Rd, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 2UH (5 min)



LOCAL TRANSPORT

- Direct bus to city centre from campus (15 min)
- Taxis can be organized through the Elac Management team.



QUIET/MULTI-FAITH ROOM

- All students and Group Leaders can have access to a quiet room for religious observance.
- Please speak to the Elac management team for more information.



PLACES OF WORSHIP

- All Saints Church (Christian) Raleigh Street, Nottingham tel: 0115 948 3658
- St.Barnabas Catholic Cathedral (Catholic) North Circus St, Nottingham tel. 0115 953 9839
- Islamic Centre Nottingham (Muslim), 3 Curzon Street, Nottingham tel. 0115 910 4615
- Nottingham Liberal Synagogue (Jewish), Lloyd Street, Sherwood, Nottingham tel. 0115 962 4761

FINAL COMMENTS

If you have any queries about this course, please get in touch with our head office. Further information and photos can be found on our website (www.elac.co.uk). We hope you enjoy your course at our Nottingham campus.