

## SLU 301 2025 Schedule, Sessions, & Speakers

### Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>: DEPARTURE DAY

- Make sure and try to get some rest before you board the plane (which we know is hard sometimes as you are busy packing and preparing to leave town- but you will be glad you did). You are going to be on an overnight flight to Europe (typically 7+ hours) and want to make sure you are ready to roll when you arrive the next morning!
- Dress for the day is casual, comfortable clothes. Just remember it gets cold on the plane.
- If you can, you should change money over to GBP before taking off for your international flight if you have not done so already.

### Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>: WELCOME TO SLU 301 & WINDSOR

- **Heathrow Airport Arrival:** Upon arrival into London (most groups will arrive in Terminal 3), go through customs, and claim your luggage.
  - **If your luggage is lost:** Pass this message on to another SLU attendee so that SLU staff at Heathrow can be informed. Proceed to the lost luggage area and fill out forms with the London hotel information (Heathrow Renaissance Hotel – Bath Road, Hounslow, England TW6 2AQ). Make sure you do not leave until you have a contact name and number to continue to track your luggage. It normally helps to have someone in the States to continue to help track this until you have confirmation that your luggage has arrived in London.
- **Once You Have Your Luggage (or your lost luggage claim information):**
  - Meet SLU staff at the Arrivals Hall of Heathrow Airport where they will all be wearing the special **SLU Staff T-Shirt**. **Make sure to have your SLU nametag on so we**
- **For Attendees who booked their own flights or arrived early:** a separate email will be sent to you with instructions on where to meet the SLU Group. For the most part, if you arrive in London early, you will meet the SLU group at the hotel, and if you are flying into London the morning of July 21<sup>st</sup>, we will customize your instructions based on what time/ terminal you fly in.
- After arrival, we will board our coaches for breakfast and SLU 301 Welcome Session at the hotel. We will not be checking into the hotel until the evening, so plan to come off the plane or change at the airport in your outfit for touring Windsor. You will drop your large suitcase at the hotel to be stored until the evening and receive your syllabus here from your SLU staff member.
  - [Welcome Session with Dr. Jeff Wallace: Redeeming the Time and Maximizing the Moments](#)
  - [Windsor Overview with Dr. Candi Finch: Considering Legacy and Eternity](#)
- Then we will be off to explore the **city of Windsor** where history is full of lessons you can apply to your life today! You will get to tour **Windsor Castle**, the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world! You will also have time to get [lunch on your own](#) while we explore the city.
- In the evening, we will then depart for the hotel to check in for one night, have a private dinner and SLU 301 session.

- [Evening Session with Dr. Jeff Wallace: Five Blind Spots that Every Leader Should Avoid.](#)

## **Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>: WINCHESTER & FERRY**

- HERE WE GO! We will spend the morning venturing to **Winchester Cathedral** and the **Great Hall** before boarding our FERRY for a trip across the **English Channel** – amazing! Dinner will be on board. This is a 5 ½ hour ride and is a favorite of past attendees as you can catch up with SLU friends.
  - [Morning Session with Dr. Candi Finch: Leadership Take-aways from the Landscape and Legends of Winchester](#)
- We then arrive by 10 PM in Caen, France and board the SLU coaches to go to different hotels in Normandy for the evening (we are only staying at these hotels one night).
- Dress for the day is casual, comfortable clothes.

## **Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>: NORMANDY**

- **Get Ready to Storm the Beaches!** Today is an all-time favorite for our SLU alumni! **American Normandy Cemetery** and SLU wreath laying ceremony, **Pointe du Hoc**, and a picnic lunch on **Omaha Beach**.
- **Special dress guidelines for Normandy:** Normandy is hot but windy. A sweatshirt or light jacket is a must. Collared shirts (for men), blouses or nice tops (for women) and jeans/pants/capris should be worn this day. We dress this way at Normandy out of respect for our visit to the American Normandy Cemetery. **We just ask that no T-shirts or shorts are worn on this day.**
  - [American Normandy Cemetery Focus with Nikki Hoffpauir: Spirit of American Youth](#)
  - [Omaha Beach with Dr. Jeff Wallace and Jerry Reeder](#)
- After our time in Normandy, we will spend the afternoon driving to Paris arriving in time for dinner and private session:
  - [5 Leadership Decision we Learn from the Fields of Pointe Du Hoc with Nikki Hoffpauir](#)

## **Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>: PARIS**

- We have an early start for breakfast before another SLU private session and then we depart for a full day of Paris touring. The coaches are split into groups for touring at the newly opened **Notre Dame**, **Rodin's Sculpture Gardens**, a picture stop at the **Eiffel Tower**, the Invalides, the **Arc de Triomphe**, and more!
- Sessions
  - [Morning Session with Dr. Candi Finch: The DNA of SLU 301: A Heart of a Patriot, Soul of a Saint, A Renaissance Mind, and Body of a Gladiator](#)
  - [Evening Session with Dr. Jeff Wallace: The Art of Communication](#)
- Dress recommendation for Paris is to think in layers using breathable fabrics. Paris is usually hot, hot, hot.
- [Lunch is own your own](#) this day.

## **Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>: PARIS to LONDON**

- Get ready to rise and thrive! It's an early start as we travel back to London. It is "All Aboard" for the Eurostar, the high-speed rail that takes you under the

English Channel in style, all the way to London! We arrive at St. Pancras Station-London and are whisked away by private coach to begin three days of touring in London and Oxford!

- Upon arrival back in London, we have some SLU all-time favorite moments! As time allows, we will explore **St. Paul's Cathedral**, the British Museum, the **British Library**, and then we will continue by our private coaches for a visit to **Bunhill Fields**.
- Get ready for a night out at the **Imperial War Museum**! We will end the evening with **SLU exclusive after-hours night at the IWM** with a **SLU private reception**. We will then return to our London hotel for our final hotel check-in of the trip.

## Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>: OXFORD & SLU GRADUATION DAY

- We are off to **Oxford** for the day! First, we will enjoy a private SLU session in Holy **Trinity Church** where **C. S. Lewis** worshipped. Then you will have some free time and [lunch on your own](#) in Oxford to choose your own adventure! You can walk along the path where C. S. Lewis and Tolkien spoke of the Scriptures and held each other accountable for their dreams and goals. Or you can choose to walk the halls where John Wesley studied, prayed, and prepared for ministry. Or visit Christ Church to see the Harry Potter dining hall or pick one of the other grand adventures Oxford has to offer. Or you can simply wander the streets of Oxford shopping and exploring.
- Then it is time to get back together in the evening for SLU Graduation! This is a special time when all SLU participants are challenged regarding what is next in their leadership journey. On this evening, Dr. Jay Strack and Brent Crowe will pray over every group of SLU graduates.
- Sessions
  - [Holy Trinity Church with Dr. Brent Crowe](#)
  - [Graduation Address with Dr. Jay Strack and Dr. Brent Crowe](#)
- Guidelines for Oxford and Graduation Day are as follows:
  - **Oxford** during the day is the same as Normandy. Just no shorts or T-Shirts
  - **Graduation Dinner at the Hotel** (you will have time to change after your time at Oxford): guys should be in pants and long-sleeved button-down shirts (coats and tie are optional- not required). Ladies -think professional, business/ church attire (not prom). No jeans.

## Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> LONDON

- For our last day, there is so much to see: **Tower of London**, Parliament Square, **Victoria and Albert Museum**, Tower Bridge, **Cabinet War Rooms** and **Churchill Museum**, pictures at Buckingham Palace, and more...
- We will end the evening with a private dinner at our hotel and our SLU 301 closing session.
- Sessions
  - [Morning Session with Dr. Brent Crowe: Focus on Wesley](#)
  - [Closing Session with Dr. Brent Crowe](#)

## **Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>: TIME TO HEAD HOME**

- For those who booked flights through SLU, you will be given your assigned time to board coaches for the airport for departure at 5:45 AM.
- For those who booked flights on their own, we are happy to accommodate you on a SLU shuttle to the airport if you provided your travel information in to SLU. Please note that all of the SLU shuttles will depart by 5:45 AM. Additionally, there are airport shuttles called the Hoppa, or you can Uber for under 10 GBP typically.
- When you arrive at Heathrow airport, get a boarding pass with a seat number (if they tell you, it will be assigned at the gate, tell them you are a minor traveling with a group and must have it at check-in), go through security, and proceed immediately to the boarding area. Keep a close watch on the monitor as the British airports sometimes do not post the departure gate until a few minutes before boarding and it can take as long as 20 minutes to walk to the gates.
- Once you arrive in your domestic connecting city, go through customs, claim your luggage, and walk out to the area to recheck your luggage for the final flight home. Again, go immediately to the train and then proceed to your flight boarding area. Allow a minimum of 2 hours for this process.

## **SLU Hotels**

**NORMANDY:** Coaching groups will be in different hotels while in Normandy.

- Group 1 **Ibis Caen Porte D'Angleterre** (4 Quartier Savary, Bd du Grand Parc, 14200 Hérouville-Saint-Clair, France)
- Group 2 **Appart" City Caen** (1 ter rue Claude Bloch, Caen, 14000)
- Group 3 & 4 **Hotel Mercure Caen Centre Port de Plaisance and Hotel Ibis** (1 rue de Courtonne 14000 Caen)
- Group 5 **Ibis Budget Caen Porte De Bretagne** (1 Av. du Fresne, 14760 Bretteville-sur-Odon, France)

**PARIS :** **Marriott Paris Rive Gauche Hôtel**, 17 Boulevard Saint Jacques, 75014, Paris France

**LONDON:** **Heathrow Renaissance Hotel**, Bath Road, Hounslow, England TW6 2AQ, United Kingdom