



ALUMNI
EXPEDITIONS

Rough Love in a Rugged Landscape

Wuthering Heights in Cornwall

October 18 – 26, 2012

Welcome to the UBC Alumni Association's literary adventure in Cornwall. On this trip we will walk and talk and have a wonderful time in the far southwest of the English mainland, which boasts one of the most spectacular coastlines in the United Kingdom. It is a lovely time to ramble in the rugged countryside reminiscent of the Yorkshire moors so vividly depicted in Emily Bronte's timeless masterpiece, *Wuthering Heights*.

This trip will combine mornings spent in discussion and afternoons spent in splendid discoveries. Our discussions are led by our very experienced discussion leader, Gary Schoepfel of the Great Books Foundation, Harrison Middleton University, and Classical Pursuits. Discussions are forums for thoughtful readers – they are lively, friendly, occasionally contentious and lots of fun! The object is not go home with a leader imposed 'right answer', but to challenge opinions in the light of a thought-provoking text. Our local Blue Badge Guide will take us to his favourite spots in the area and ply us with local legends and lore.

Please join fellow UBC Alumni and friends on this delightful and enriching trip to Cornwall. This group is limited to 16 participants to ensure stimulating literary discussions.

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Thursday, Oct. 18: Arrive London

Participants will make their own arrival arrangements. We'll meet at our hotel this evening and head out for a welcome dinner in a local pub.

Overnight: Thistle Picadilly Hotel, London

Meals: Dinner

Friday, Oct. 19: Train to Plymouth

This morning we'll transfer to Paddington Station for our three hour (approx.) train journey to Plymouth and onward to Fowey (pronounced Foy to rhyme with Joy!) Situated on the south coast of Cornwall between Looe and Mevagissey, Fowey is not only a historic town but also a commercial seaport. This afternoon we'll have a walk about in town with our local Blue Badge guide to get the lay of the land and enjoy dinner together at our hotel.

Overnight: The Fowey Hotel, Fowey

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Saturday, Oct. 20: Fowey – Bodmin Moor

After breakfast this morning, we'll meet for our first discussion, held in the hotel. Then it's off for a walk on Bodmin Moor with our guide. Our coach will take us to the starting point of the walk that Mark was set out for us. Though Bodmin Moor covers a comparatively small area, the open, gently curving nature of the plateau landform, punctuated by rocky tors, creates a surprising sense of scale, remoteness and even desolation. These qualities combined with the impression of timelessness, contribute to the Moor's distinctive, often challenging, character. Standing stones, burial chambers, Cornish hedges,

clapper bridges, cottages and farms are all built from the boulders which have, over the centuries, been cleared from the surface of the moor. Mark has planned a nice stop for a traditional cream tea along the way.

Overnight: The Fowey Hotel, Fowey

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch / Tea

Sunday, Oct. 21: Fowey – Pencarrow House

Our second discussion will take place after breakfast this morning. Then we're off by coach to visit Pencarrow House, the ancestral home of the Molesworth-St. Aubyns family. This Georgian house was redesigned in the 1770's and boasts an impressive library with secret "jib" door, elegant but lived-in reception rooms, period bedrooms and collections of family prams, dolls, oriental porcelain, fascinating antique furniture and portraits including those by Sir Joshua Reynolds, Raeburn and more recently, Sir Oswald Birley. We'll have a guided tour of the house, beginning in the Music Room with its outstanding rococo ceiling depicting the four seasons. We will also explore the gardens, designed and laid out by the Radical politician, Sir William Molesworth, between 1831 and 1855. Before his death, Sir William was able to say that he had planted a specimen of every conifer, except ten, known to man and considered sufficiently hardy to stand a chance of surviving the British climate. Extensively restored and replanted after the Second World War the gardens now contain 160 different species of specimen conifers, more than 700 different Rhododendron hybrids, and more than 60 different Camellias.

Overnight: The Fowey Hotel, Fowey

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Monday, Oct. 22: Fowey

After breakfast this morning, we'll meet for our discussion. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy the town.

Tonight we'll be showing the film "Wuthering Heights" at our hotel.

Overnight: The Fowey Hotel, Fowey

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Tuesday, Oct. 23: Fowey

After breakfast this morning, we'll meet for our discussion. Across the harbour from Fowey, Polruan is an ancient fishing village with a strong boat building heritage. Clinging to the hillside, and surrounded on three sides by water, the village is a maze of narrow streets alleys and flights of steps winding between the cottages. We'll travel across by ferry and spend the day enjoying the village. From the top of the village we'll access the South West Coastal Footpath and take the challenging but spectacular walk to Polperro. This once-upon-a-time Cornish fishing village has a marked preference for living in the past; there are no cars allowed in the village and there is a distinct out of time feeling to the lovely cobblestoned streets.

Overnight: The Fowey Hotel, Fowey

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Wednesday, Oct. 24: Fowey – Dartmoor

We'll set out this morning by coach on the scenic route to see the wild landscape of Dartmoor that has inspired so many authors and artists. Most recently the Dartmoor was the scene of the blockbuster, Warhouse; the area was chosen for

its stunning light and landscape. Mark will take us on one of his favourite Dartmoor walks and we'll stop at the historic family home of Lukesland, where we'll have our last discussion. The current house was built in 1862 in the distinctive Victorian Gothic style. There are 24 acres of woodland gardens, with flowering shrubs, trees and a wealth of wild flowers in the beautiful setting of a small valley with a brook cascading from its source on Dartmoor through ponds and over waterfalls towards the River Erme.

Overnight: The Fowey Hotel, Fowey

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Thursday, Oct. 25: Train to London

This morning, we'll board the train for the return journey to London's Paddington Station. The afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy your favourite part of the city before our celebratory pub dinner this evening.

Overnight: Thistle Picadilly Hotel, London

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Friday, Oct. 26: Depart London

Participants make independent arrangements to transfer to the airport for homeward bound flights.

Meals: Breakfast

Note: The itinerary and accommodation described here are intended as an example only. In the event of weather changes, logistical arrangements, or local events, we may make changes in the published itinerary.

Tour Cost (per person) C\$3995*

**Price based on current exchange rates and subject to change.*

Tour cost includes

- Accommodation based on double occupancy in first class hotels
- Breakfast daily
- Lunch or dinner daily
- Roundtrip first class rail travel from London to Plymouth
- Transportation by private coach in Fowey
- All activities and entrance fees
- Services of our discussion leader
- Your copy of the novel Wuthering Heights
- Services of our walking guide in Fowey
- Gratuities
- Fully escorted from London

Tour Cost does not include

- Roundtrip airfare from your home to London
- Items of a personal nature
- Meals other than those mentioned above
- Beverages with meals
- Items of a personal nature
- Visa fees if required
- Travel insurance
- Additional arrangements due to any emergency situation

Group Size

10 – 16 participants

Single Supplement

If requesting guaranteed single accommodation, the single supplement for this trip is an additional US\$1295. If you are travelling alone and you are willing to share, we will try to match you up with an appropriate roommate. If we can't, the single supplement will apply. This will be collected at 90 days prior to departure.

Payment Details

A non-refundable deposit of C\$500 per person is required to reserve a space on this tour. A second deposit may be required. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Level of Difficulty – Easy to Moderate

Most days are easy with some walks along uneven terrain. We have planned one day of a challenging walk from Fowey to Polperro; other options available.

Travel Documents

You will require a passport for your trip to the United Kingdom. Please make sure that it is valid for six months after the date of your return home.

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All deposits are non-refundable. If you cancel within 90 days prior to trip departure, all associated trip costs are non-refundable. The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credits will be given for services not used. In the event of a cancellation, you must notify Worldwide Quest immediately and in writing.

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Please note that your deposit payment is non-refundable, however you may transfer deposits to another trip 90 days or more prior to your scheduled departure date. Should you wish to arrange insurance coverage for your deposit payment, please advise us and we will provide a quotation.

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Payment

We accept payments by VISA and MasterCard. We would also like to let you know that we offer a 1% discount when the balance of payment is paid by cheque. Please let us know if you would like to take advantage of this discount.

Tier Pricing

This tour will operate with the minimum number of participants indicated in “group size”. If the minimum number is not reached, a 7% maximum surcharge may be applied. This will be determined by 90 days prior to departure.

Pre Departure Information

Once this tour is confirmed to operate, we will send you detailed Pre-Departure Information including information on health and travel documents, a suggested packing list and a suggested reading list.

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