The concepts of light and truth are repeatedly paired in scripture. “The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth,” the Lord revealed through Joseph Smith (Doctrine and Covenants 93:36). This travel study will partner studying light through the medium of photography with the study of truth throughout the history of the Church in the British Isles and continental Europe. We anticipate exploring great European cities including London, Dublin, and Venice. We plan to navigate the breathtaking English and Irish countryside; hike among surreal Alpine peaks in France, Switzerland, and Italy; and photograph stunning landscapes in the region. Our program will follow the footsteps of early apostles and missionaries across the British Isles and continental Europe, studying sacred stories of sacrifice in sites like Preston, Herefordshire, and Liverpool. Through the lens of a camera and the eye of faith, students will learn about the lands where the gospel first took root internationally, deepening their own conversion to that message as well as their ability to visually communicate its beauty.

**DATES**
22 June–22 July 2024 (approx.)

**HOUSING**
Students will stay in hostels and hotels in the various study sites (England, Ireland, France, Switzerland, Germany/Austria, Italy).

**COURSES**
Students will register for 6 credit hours, including 3 credit hours of REL C and 3 credit hours of DESPH or FNART, from the following courses:
*REL C 225—Foundations of the Restoration (2 credit hours); fulfills a University Core requirement in Doctrinal Foundations
REL C 324 or 325—Doctrine and Covenants (2 credit hours)
REL C 350R—Religious Studies in a World Setting (1 credit hour)
DESPH 116—Intro to Photography and Digital Workflow (3 credit hours)
DESPH 394R—Photographic Special Topics (3 credit hours)
*FNART 270R—Global Arts and Culture (3 credit hours); fulfills a University Core requirement in Arts
Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

**COST**

$6,500–6,900

Includes Latter-day Saint, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, excursions, admissions, transportation (including in-program flights), some breakfasts, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include airfare to London and return from continental Europe, personal expenses, or meals.

**TRAVEL**

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airline reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent.

BYU Travel | 280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | travel@byu.edu

**PREPARATION**

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201, 1 credit hour). This course will be held during the second block of winter semester 2024. Part-time and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee for enrolling in the prep class. Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a Study Abroad scholarship. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply. A nonrefundable $35 application fee is required. Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance. Please refer to the 2024 Payment Information page. **Deadline: 31 October 2023**

**FACULTY**

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**SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

All students participating in the program will be traveling together with the directors. Participants will be expected to travel with the program group between the dates specified. Free time will be given to work on curricular assignments.

**INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

International Study Programs
101 HRCB | (801) 422-3686
isp@byu.edu | kennedy.byu.edu/isp

**PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS**

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU Financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.