

# Discovery and Engagement

SU London field studies and travel with purpose

## wanderlust

(n.) a strong desire or urge to wander or travel and explore the world.

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**“The real voyage  
of discovery  
consists not in  
seeking new  
landscapes, but  
in having new  
eyes.”**

**Marcel Proust**







# Travel with Purpose



A distinctive SU London Program of field studies to promote learning while travelling.

**SU London Field Studies** guide you in exploring new parts of London and surrounding towns, as well as helping you discover different ways of life in the rest of Britain and across Europe. The field studies are designed to show you how to travel with purpose and ensure that you do not regret getting stuck with just another tourist itinerary and few meaningful stories to return home with. We do not want you to miss opportunities for a more fulfilling experience and to really understand who you are, wherever you are.

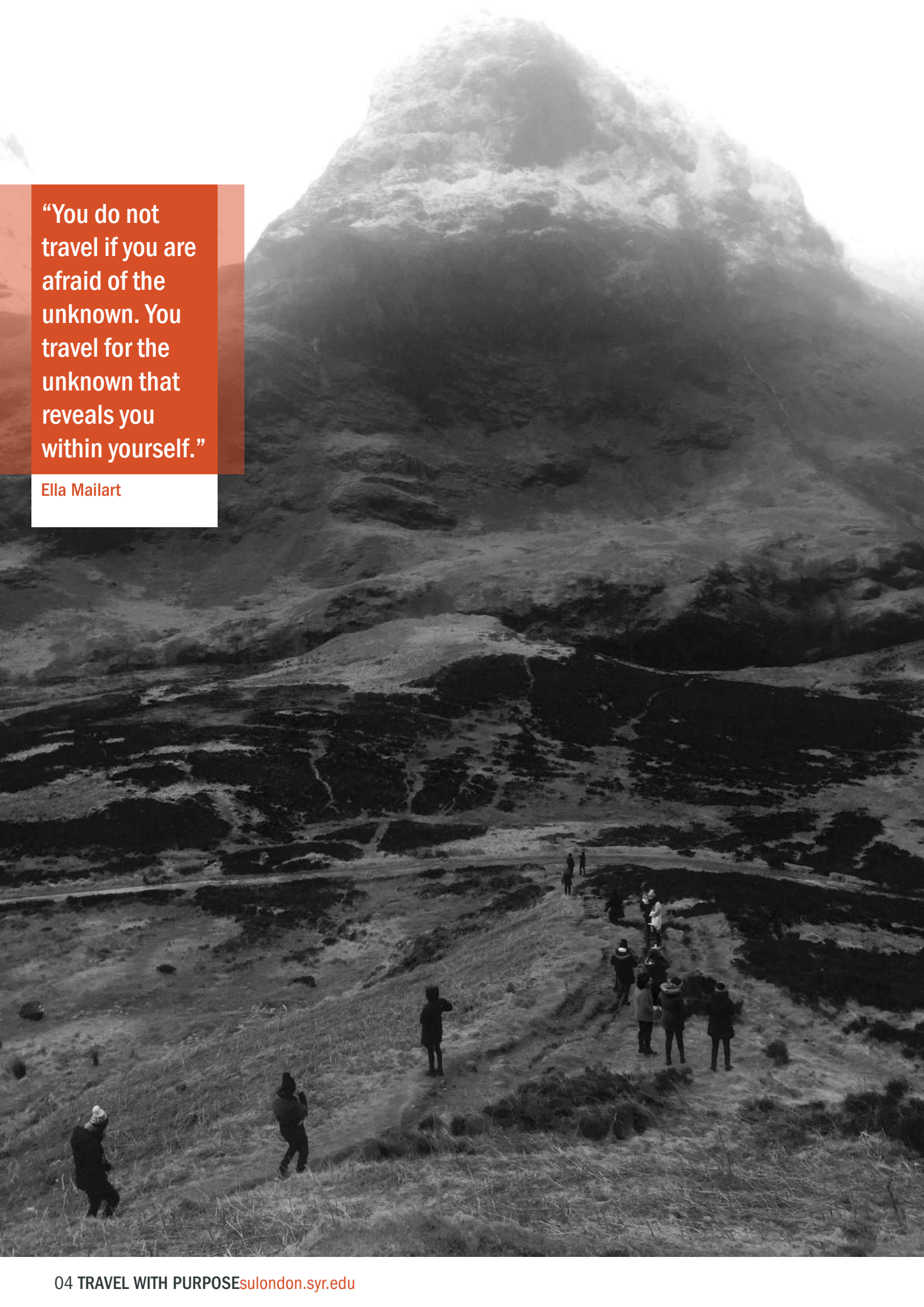
## UNIQUE BENEFITS

**Finances** | Your program fee covers all of the shorter SU London field studies and subsidises the longer trips that are all planned and booked for you.

**Experience** | An experienced SU London field team accompanies each trip to ensure a safe and exciting experience.

**Friendships** | Travel is more enjoyable with new opportunities to establish genuine friendships for the rest of the term and beyond.

**Learn** | Each trip enables you to meet locals and experience cultures and lands in new ways.



**“You do not  
travel if you are  
afraid of the  
unknown. You  
travel for the  
unknown that  
reveals you  
within yourself.”**

**Ella Mailart**





# Microadventures




Learning from new experiences is only possible with experienced guides working on safety.

**“Adventure** is a state of mind, a spirit of trying something new and leaving your comfort zone. It’s about enthusiasm, ambition, open-mindedness and curiosity.”  
**Alistair Humphreys, Microadventures: Local Discoveries, Great Escapes.**

You do not need to travel the world to find adventure. It can be found everywhere, every day, even right outside your front door. You might also visit cities across Europe and still return home without discovering any adventure. It is up to you to seek it out. SU London field studies are about helping you find a balance of familiar and unfamiliar that is right for you.

**Field trips** are also organised by a team with experience and training in expedition leadership, risk assessment and first aid, so you can push the boundaries of your comfort zone with the knowledge that we are also looking out for your safety.

A black and white photograph of a person sitting on a rocky peak. The person is wearing a dark jacket, dark pants, and sunglasses, and is smiling. They are sitting on a large, jagged rock. The background is a vast, cloudy sky with a large, dark, billowing cloud formation in the upper center. The overall mood is adventurous and contemplative.

“Travelling. It gives you home in a thousand strange places, then leaves you a stranger in your own land.”

Ibn Battuta



# Global Cities and Citizens

## Living like a Local



Travel with purpose is living like a local, even if for just a day, rather than being a tourist.

**SU London Field Studies** are designed around core themes to help you better understand London and the other global cities you visit, as well as make sense of what global citizenship means for you today and tomorrow. The main theme for this year is about learning to avoid mainstream tourist traps and discovering how to **live like a local** in each of the places you visit.

### 01 Meet Local



Learn about the **heritage** of local people.



Experience the local **cultures** and traditions.



Understand the **diversity** of local life.

### 02 See Local



Discover **hidden** parts of each city you visit.



Explore **towns and villages** beyond the city.



See the beauty of the surrounding **countryside**.

### 03 Live Local



**Buy** local and learn to eat and shop in new ways.



**Sleep** local and find exciting accommodation.



**Travel** local and move around in different ways.





# Global Cities and Citizens

## Shifting Borders and Identities



The 2009 Lisbon Treaty outlined the process of negotiation for leaving the European Union.

**Fall 2016** introduces a special theme to mark the historical moment of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland negotiating an exit from the European Union. The field studies explore diverse perspectives on the shifting borders and identities that are found across the UK and Europe.

01



**European identities** are deconstructed and reconstructed through interaction with how locals experience important global and regional issues in each place.

02



**Cosmopolitan ideals** are examined and challenged through encounters with people unable to travel through Europe in the same ways as you.

03



**Interconnectedness and interdependence** will be explored through immersion in Nature and the experience of life on our shared home, planet Earth.

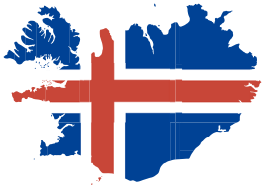


# New Horizons Discover Europe

Discover Europe field studies are led by an experienced field team. The destinations for the Fall 2016 semester have been selected to provide multiple perspectives on the future of Europe and issues that are important for the theme of global cities and global citizenship. The trips are adventures that avoid the same old tourist destinations and offer unique experiences and stories to last a lifetime.







# North | Iceland



A view of Reykjavik and the aurora borealis (the northern lights) during the winter.



**November 24th–27th.**



**£349**



**15 places.**

**Iceland** boasts some of the most stunning landscapes and geographical features in the world. You will visit volcanos, geysers and ice caves, as well as encountering climate change first-hand at the largest glacier in the region, Vatnajökull. Reykjavik offers a chance to talk to locals about what it means to belong in Europe, as Iceland is one of the few countries with a special status in the European Union. There will also be an opportunity to reflect on what it means to travel around Europe when you meet the few people living on the streets of the coldest capital in the region.









# East | Poland



A view of Rynek we Wrocławiu, the medieval market square at the centre of Wrocław



**November 10th–13th.**



**£299**



**15 places.**

**Wrocław** is one of the most important cultural centres of central and eastern Europe and has been voted European Capital of Culture for 2016. It's unique architecture and waterways have earned it the title of the "Venice of Poland". This field trip considers the question of social justice in Europe and introduces the history of the region with visits to the remarkable city of Krakow and the Auschwitz concentration camp operated by Nazi Germany during World War II. A trip to the Tatra National Park also offers the chance to explore the mountains and lakes that have been designated a biosphere reserve by











# South | Adriatic



A view of the famous bridge in Mostar that defines the recent history of the region.



October 21st-26th.



£449



15 places.

**The Adriatic Coast** juxtaposes mountains and sea to create one of the most beautiful places in all of Europe. This mid-semester break travels along the coastline of three different countries that has attracted explorers for centuries. You will visit UNESCO protected natural and cultural heritage sites and the settings made famous in the Game of Thrones. You will meet with locals in Croatia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina to learn about their aspirations of joining the European Union and how their different faiths—Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy and Islam—have shaped their histories.











# West | Portugal



The view across the beautiful city of Lisbon at the western point of Europe.



September 22nd-25th



£299



15 places.

**Lisbon** is one of the most exciting and beautiful cities in Europe. It once stood at the centre of a global empire; you can still find cultural and historic influences that hark back to an “age of discovery”. It boasts a stunning shoreline facing out to the Atlantic; but this coast is now vulnerable to climate change and Lisbon could even flood. You will speak with locals about how the pressures from neocolonialism and globalisation threaten regional unity. You will also learn about how the 2009 Lisbon Treaty redefined the entire meaning of Europe and made the city important to the future of the region.





**“Not all who wander are lost.”**

**J.R.R. Tolkien**

