

A young woman with curly brown hair and a young man with dark curly hair are both wearing tan trench coats. They have wide-eyed, shocked expressions and their hands are raised in front of them, palms facing forward. They are in a crowd, with a red building and a metal truss structure visible in the background.

FIND YOURSELF AT THE **FRINGE**

American High School Theatre Festival
Showcasing the finest high school theatre and performing
arts programs at The Fringe, the world's premier arts festival.



WHAT IS AHSTF?

The American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF) is a platform for high school theatre programs to showcase their talents on the international stage as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Since 1994, we've brought hundreds of student productions to Edinburgh, Scotland for the greatest performing arts festival on the planet!

Invitations to apply for AHSTF are extended to programs that are nominated by state, regional and national theatre organizations. The AHSTF Board of Advisors evaluates applications from programs across the country, and select international schools, to determine which groups are awarded the opportunity to perform. Selected programs are then invited to represent their school, community, and state at the Fringe.

Programs selected to perform with AHSTF are assigned a venue and , four performance dates, a technical rehearsal, dedicated tech team, advertising and marketing support – as well as logistic, travel, and operational support for the duration of the program. Participants will also have plenty of time to experience Scotland and The Fringe in addition to time in London upon arrival to the UK.



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WHAT IS FRINGE?

The Edinburgh Festival Fringe regularly counts over one million visitors to the most prestigious – and prodigious – arts festival in the world. AHSTF is proud to create the platform upon which high schools can add to this excitement.

Every August, Scotland’s majestic capital, Edinburgh, is transformed into a magical, unpredictable, thrilling world of all things performance – comedy, drama, dance, cabaret, revivals, and anything else you can think of. In addition to the “official” stages and the theatres, the pubs, museums, hotels, sidewalks, alleyways, and courtyards also turn into venues. Almost nothing seems off-limits, entirely by design.

The Fringe is the talk of the town for weeks on end. Performers get noticed at The Fringe. Productions get noticed, too. Audiences are quick to share their reactions to what they’ve seen with friends and strangers alike. Imagine an entire city swept away by the pulse of so much creativity, and you’ve only started to understand what’s happening here.



THE FRINGE BY THE NUMBERS



294 Venues
3,269 Shows
50,266 Performances
2,475,143 Tickets Issued
49 Countries Represented



WHAT TO EXPECT!

The time you spend in London and Edinburgh will absolutely change the lives of everyone in your group, especially for students. From time spent fundraising and anticipating departure to pinching yourself and thinking “I’m at The Fringe,” the impact that comes with being part of an event of this magnitude is colossal.

And this is precisely why we take care of everything surrounding your participation with AHSTF. So you can focus on your production – and so your entire group can focus on your time at The Fringe – our staff devotes themselves to giving you an incredible experience. And we get started well before you’ve even received an invitation to perform.

AHSTF programs include (subject to change):

Familiarization Tour (the summer prior to travel)

- Six days, five nights in Edinburgh, Scotland
- Roundtrip airfare
- Accommodations and most meals
- Theatre venue tours / AHSTF University
- Meetings with technical team and AHSTF staff
- Full day sightseeing (past destinations: St. Andrews and Falkland Palace)

Technical/Production

- Four performances and one technical rehearsal slot at AHSTF’s Fringe venue
- One performance on the Royal Mile
- Professional technical support before and during AHSTF
- Private coach transportation to and from performances
- Rental of venue
- Basic lighting, sound, and stage components

Accommodations

- Two nights lodging in London
- Ten nights lodging in Edinburgh
- Proctors for night security
- Breakfast daily and one dinner in London
- Two meals daily in Edinburgh (as specified in final itinerary)

Travel & Sightseeing

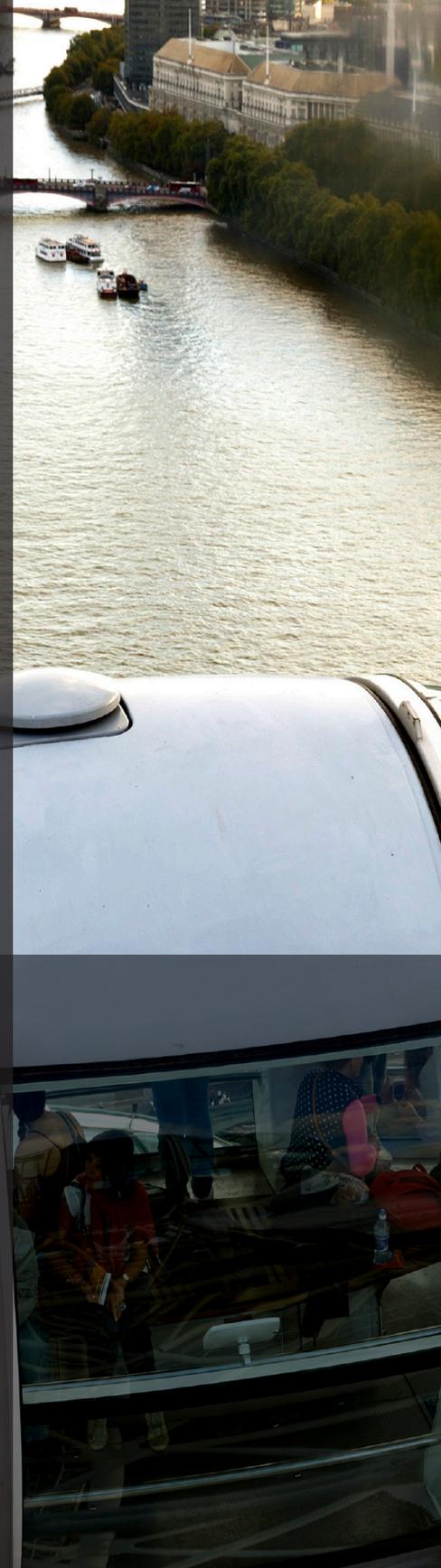
- Round-trip airfare from nearest major airport
- Motor coach service for airport transfers and sightseeing
- Guided tours of London and Edinburgh
- Full day guided excursion in Scotland
- One day London Tube pass
- City bus passes in Edinburgh
- Attendance at the world-renowned Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the grounds of Edinburgh Castle
- Daily access to a Blue Badge Guide (licensed expert on all things Scotland)
- AHSTF Ceilidh – evening of Scottish dance
- Closing ceremonies

Administrative

- All participation and marketing fees associated with Fringe Festival Society
- On-site staffed office
- Personal Account Representative to provide full travel logistics
- Payment collection accounting services

LONDON HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a guided panoramic tour of London
- Attend a theatre production on London's acclaimed West End
- Attend a tour and workshop at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre (Optional)
- Attend a tour and workshop at the National Theatre of London (Optional)
- Explore London with your group and take in the historic sites, London Tower, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and much more.....



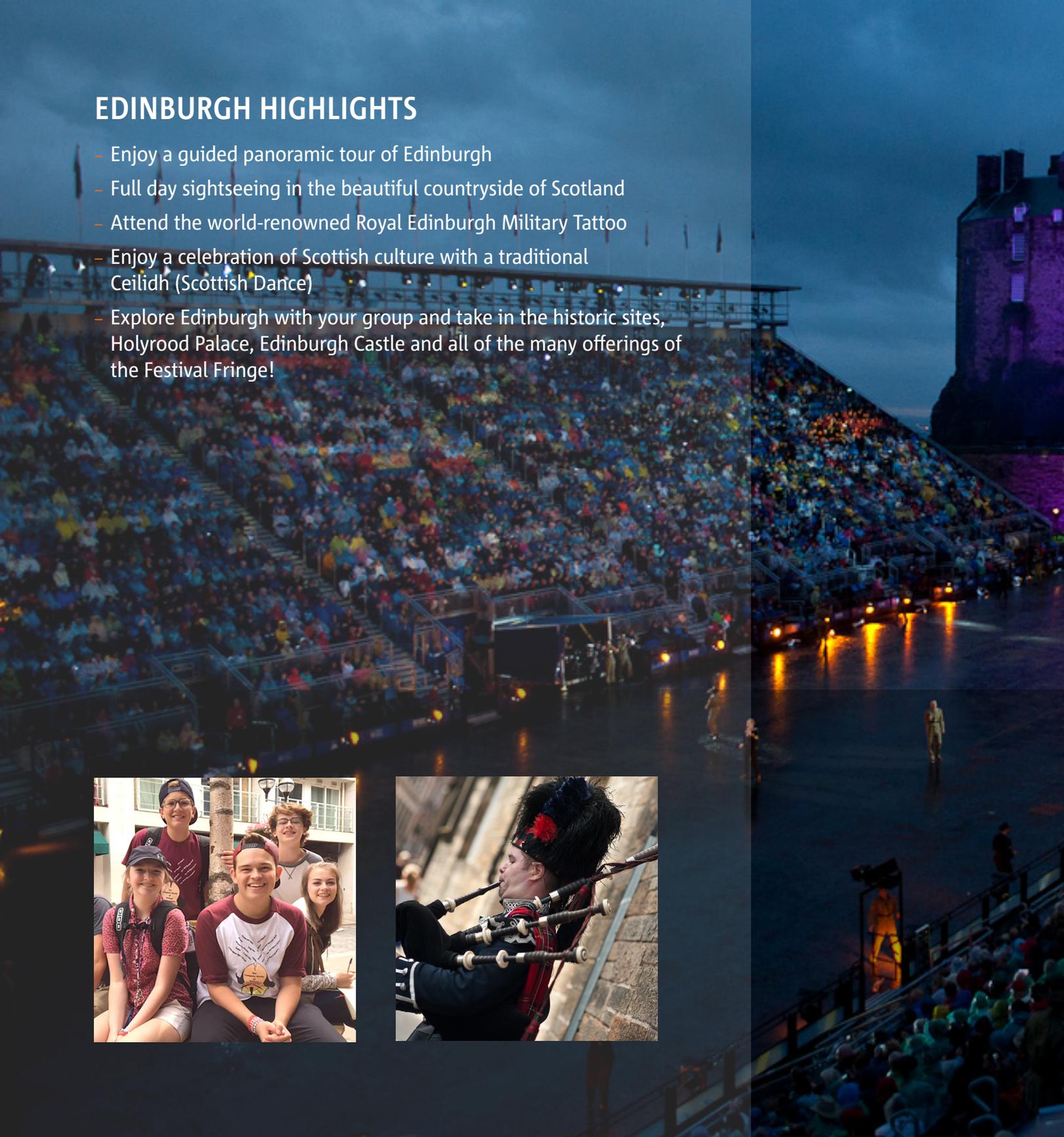


Cheerio! With more than 500 years of theatrical history, London provides unmatched opportunities for students with a devotion to the arts. Embrace history, literature, and art in London, England, while experiencing new customs, time-honored traditions, and tons of sites you've only seen in plays and movies. Stroll the same streets as Shakespeare, wave to the Queen as you see Buckingham Palace, and check out the view from the Tower of London, where generations of outlaws and monarchs spent their final, desperate days. Blink and you're back in modern times, checking out world-class theatre in the West End, and the site of the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.

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EDINBURGH HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a guided panoramic tour of Edinburgh
- Full day sightseeing in the beautiful countryside of Scotland
- Attend the world-renowned Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Enjoy a celebration of Scottish culture with a traditional Ceilidh (Scottish Dance)
- Explore Edinburgh with your group and take in the historic sites, Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh Castle and all of the many offerings of the Festival Fringe!





Many tourists are drawn to the Scottish capital of Edinburgh because of its history, architecture, friendly people, and city walking. For those who revel in the performing arts, the ideal time to visit Edinburgh is in August during the festivals. The city's population multiplies as this hilly fortress town is transformed into the world's stage, with the Fringe turning the town into a massive extravaganza of theatre, music, and dance. If there is time left after attending the myriad of performances, Edinburgh offers the opportunity to explore its many historic buildings, including Edinburgh Castle – built nearly 2,000 years ago – or the Palace of Holyrood, home to the royal family when they visit Scotland. The countryside, with its breathtaking mix of heather, lochs, and highlands, offers many memorable day trips out of Edinburgh.

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SAFETY & SUPPORT

AHSTF's first priority is always the safety of our program participants. As teachers, mothers, and fathers, we understand that students' safety is the primary concern, and that's why we treat each student as if they were our own. We have developed a comprehensive security network that ensures each student, chaperone, and director will be safe every step of the way.

On-site AHSTF Office – Our on-site office allows for quick access to trained staff who are prepared to answer your questions and handle emergencies that may arise at any time.

Night Security – AHSTF employs night security (proctors) to ensure the safety of the students. These proctors monitor the dormitories from late evening to early morning, so directors and chaperones can rest peacefully knowing that their students are safe throughout the night.

ID Wristbands – All students are given an ID wristband upon arrival. These wristbands should be worn at all times to identify AHSTF participants at the dorms, venues, and festival functions.

Insurance Coverage – AHSTF sets itself apart by offering students, directors, and chaperones extensive accident, medical, and dental insurance.

Behavior Contracts – Before students leave home, they (and their parents) must sign a Behavior Contract indicating their agreement to the rules and conditions of the program. This measure allows you to set expectations and prevents problems from arising during your program.

Safety & Support - Tour Central - Open 24/7, our stateside logistics office is ready to handle emergencies and accommodate the needs of teachers and students at any time.



“AS A GROUP, WE WILL FOREVER BE CONNECTED WITH THE MEMORIES FROM THIS TRIP. PERFORMING OUR SHOW TO AN AUDIENCE FROM AROUND THE WORLD WAS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME FOR ME.”

- JEN, DIRECTOR

“THIS WAS, HANDS DOWN, THE BEST PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE THAT MY STUDENTS HAVE EVER HAD.”

- MICHAEL, DIRECTOR

"THIS EXPERIENCE WAS LIKE NO OTHER. I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT THIS TRIP HAS CHANGED ME FOR THE BETTER. IT MADE ME REALIZE THAT I CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING I SET MY MIND TO."

- ROSEANA, STUDENT

"BEST HIGH SCHOOL TRIP EVER!!!"
- HOLLY, STUDENT





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