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### DISCOVER LONDON BEYOND THE OLYMPICS ON A ROAD SCHOLAR ADVENTURE

BOSTON (July 20, 2012) — If you can't make it to London for the Olympics this summer, there are other interesting ways to explore the city's gems. Long before London became the host of the 2012 Olympics, it has been home to renowned theatres and famous stories of espionage and intrigue, making it a popular destination for travelers year-round. Road Scholar learning adventures offer a unique way to experience the culture and history of the heart of the UK. Just a few adventures across the Pond include:

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Embrace the magical worlds of Narnia, Alice's Wonderland, Middle Earth and Harry Potter's Hogwarts through this journey of enchanted Oxford. During interactive discussions with local experts, delve into these legendary tales of elves and hobbits, wizards and muggles, to discover their indelible mark on world literature.

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