

THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN ENGLAND AND WALES

A STUDY TOUR



MONDAY

Introduction to the Judicial System in the UK

- The three legal and criminal justice systems operating in the UK
- Emphasis on the independence of prosecuting authorities and the judiciary rather than on a penal code
- Appointments to the Judiciary
- Statute passed by Parliament as the ultimate source of law

Visit to the UK Parliament

TUESDAY

Civil justice in England and Wales

- Non-court dispute resolution
- The civil courts

Visit to a County Court or tribunal

WEDNESDAY

Criminal justice in England and Wales

- Role of the police and the Crown Prosecution Service
- The criminal courts

Visit to a Magistrates or Crown Court

THURSDAY

Sentencing, Prisons and Probation

- Sentencing guidelines
- Appeals process
- Classification of prisoners and prison establishments
- Parole and early release from custody
- Alleged miscarriages of justice and the Criminal Cases Review Commission

Visit to the Parole Board

FRIDAY

Other Criminal Justice Agencies in England & Wales

- Role of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- National Crime Agency
- Serious Fraud Office
- Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Local Authority Trading Standards

Visit to the Supreme Court of the UK

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To provide an underlying commentary about the value of an independent and criminal and civil justice system. Using the system in England and Wales as an example.

To enable participants to consider varying ways in which to provide appropriate investigation and redress in cases of grievance and of criminal and civil offences.

