TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE®

Oxford • English Countryside • Cotswolds

Featuring
Downton Abbey • Blenheim Palace

July 14 to 22, 2017
Dear Alumni & Friends,

For many, the unspoilt nature of England, Shakespeare’s “blessed plot,” lies in the traditional ways of town and country life practiced for centuries in this storied island’s idyllic university towns, pastoral villages and picturesque countrysides. Experience the time-honored quest for knowledge as played out in the hallowed classrooms, dining halls and quadrangles of Oxford University. Learn more about how the legacy of days gone by transcend time and forms the roots of contemporary country life as you interact with village residents. Call on stunning Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit incredible Windsor Castle, a royal residence of England’s monarchy since the 11th century and the largest inhabited castle in the world. Uncover the deep history behind Highclere Castle, the authentic Victorian manor house now known as “Downton Abbey.” Savor the extraordinary experience of traveling in a small, merry group to the university town of Oxford and through the Cotswold region—town and country juxtaposed—discovering the great heritage and character of England’s historic academic centers, great country manor houses and enchanting villages.

Explore the age-old traditions of Oxford and become more familiar with the lives of great authors and icons of English history who were educated here or hailed from the surrounding region. Admire the picture-perfect scenery of thatched-roof cottages, English flower gardens and gentle streams, framed by the bucolic Cotswold landscape and dotted with evocative ruins and spectacular medieval churches built from the wealth of the wool trade. Hear about contemporary life from the local ladies and gents during the exclusive TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® Forum. Experience the best of quintessentially English culture while staying in an iconic, Five-Star hotel moments away from the regal grounds of Windsor Castle; a deluxe, typically English hotel in the center of a quaint country village; and a historic, Five-Star hotel ideally located in the heart of medieval Oxford.

This comprehensive, one-of-a-kind, small group travel program is an exceptional value and the best way to experience the charm and beauty of English town and country life. So don’t delay—this popular program sells out quickly. Make your reservation today while Early Booking Savings and space are still available!

Sincerely,

Kathy Barnard
Executive Director of Alumni Relations

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Cover: Stroll through Oxford, the “city of dreaming spires” and see the impressive architecture of this world-famous university town.

Walk among quaint row houses in the tranquil Cotswold village of Burford.
Experience firsthand the storied destinations and steadfast traditions that have shaped English character for centuries in Oxford, the medieval town that serves as a beacon of academia; in the royal borough of Windsor and its revered castle, an official residence of the Royal Family for more than 900 years; and in the quintessentially English Cotswold villages spread across the seemingly endless verdant shires of England—Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire—where bucolic country life unfolds amidst charming villages, rolling vales and lush woodlands.

Learn about the rhythms of daily life and the generations-old customs and ceremonies of the hallowed universities in England’s towns, *chinwag* with local village residents and chat with the ladies and chaps of the countryside. Enjoy an enriching and intimate small group travel experience like no other, including all excursions, deluxe accommodations and specially arranged meals—an excellent value. This exclusive program is one of the popular TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® series that immerses you in an intimate, comprehensive travel experience at just the right pace.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS are specially arranged and only available on this custom-designed itinerary:

♦ Enjoy an authentic experience in historic English university towns, a royal residence and in quaint, traditional Cotswold villages and countrysides.

♦ Immerse yourself in a carefully planned, balanced itinerary of all included, guided historical and cultural excursions and time on your own to partake in local daily rituals while sipping afternoon tea, watching punting boats glide along the River Thames or having a Pimm’s cup in a local pub.

♦ Explore the ornate State Apartments of medieval Windsor Castle, the vast country estate of the former English and current British monarchies and the largest inhabited castle on Earth.

♦ Tour UNESCO World Heritage-designated Blenheim Palace, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, and enjoy a private lunch in the lavishly decorated Indian Room.

♦ Visit “Downton Abbey,” the splendid, authentic Victorian-era Highclere Castle, to explore the estate’s magnificent period state rooms, special Egyptian exhibition and extensive gardens; and the village of Bampton, a filming site for PBS’s popular MASTERPIECE series.

♦ Experience the venerable tradition of Formal Hall dining during the exclusive, private Farewell Dinner in one of Oxford University’s grand collegiate dining halls.

♦ Hear it from the Experts! Experienced, accredited local guides will accompany you throughout the program and share their expertise of historical, cultural and contemporary England.

♦ Engage locals during the TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® FORUM, where residents share their stories and discuss contemporary life in the Cotswolds.

The long twilight glow of a perfect English summer evening sweeps over Chipping Campden, a serene, quintessential Cotswold village with a deep-rooted history in the wool trade.
Following the Norman Conquest of 1066, William the Conqueror called for the building of a fortress in Windsor, which became a residence of the English monarchy first used by King Henry I. When England, Scotland and Ireland merged and became the United Kingdom, the British monarchy was established, and the castle has served as the Royal Family’s sprawling country estate ever since.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Tour Windsor Castle’s lavish State Apartments, adorned with priceless original furniture, decor and fine art reflecting the changing tastes of English and British royalty over centuries.

**Cotswold Villages**

The gentle, rolling hillsides, thatched-roof cottages and country paths found in the charming Cotswold villages are something from the pages of a time-worn, pastoral storybook.

**Broadway**

Simply beautiful, Broadway was first settled by the Romans in Worcestershire and is often referred to as the “Jewel of the Cotswolds.”

A frequent retreat of William Morris, leader of the English Arts and Crafts Movement whose devotees settled throughout the Cotswolds, Broadway was once a major stage coach stop brimming with inns and public houses.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** During the exclusive **TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® FORUM**, local residents will discuss contemporary life in the Cotswolds.

Set upon 13 acres of land, magnificent Windsor Castle is a crown estate and an important ceremonial location that hosts the annual Waterloo Ceremony, the Order of the Garter Ceremony and the Royal Ascot Procession.
Stratford-upon-Avon
The beautiful, rural Warwickshire countryside is home to Stratford-upon-Avon, located on the banks of the river Avon. The birthplace of poet and playwright William Shakespeare and the home of the Holy Trinity Church, it is one of England's most important cultural and historic locations. Enjoy wandering through Stratford-upon-Avon with its finely preserved 16th-century shop fronts and half-timbered farm houses of Old England. The layout of the town has remained unchanged since it was founded as a bustling market town in A.D. 1200.

Blenheim Palace
Sir Winston Churchill remarked that he had made two of the most important decisions of his life at Blenheim Palace—to be born and to marry. He continued, in that dry wit of his, to say he was “content with the decision I took on both occasions.” This 18th-century Baroque masterpiece was built by another national hero, Sir John Churchill, the first Duke of Marlborough, with funds donated by a grateful Queen Anne after his victory at the Battle of Blenheim. Today it is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of England’s most treasured stately country houses, with 2200 acres of parkland and gardens designed by the legendary English landscape architect “Capability” Brown.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Enjoy a privately guided tour through the splendid palace before an exclusive luncheon in the Indian Room.

Highclere Castle—“Downton Abbey”
The spectacular Highclere Castle, featured as the Crawley family’s estate in the acclaimed international PBS MASTERPIECE television series Downton Abbey, is set in an Edwardian-period property among 1000 acres of spectacular parklands. It was built as a Victorian country house upon the foundation of a medieval palace owned for nearly 900 years by the Bishops of Winchester. The richly decorated state rooms and bedrooms have been restored with authentic elements including embossed Spanish leather wall coverings, 15th-century Italian embroideries, 18th-century silk bed hangings and 400 years’ worth of European and English paintings and furniture, including a mahogany desk and chair that once belonged to Napoleon.

Scenes from Downton Abbey are also filmed in Bampton, one of the oldest villages in England. First established during the Iron Age, with later markings as the site of an extensive Roman settlement, the historic town is included in William the Conqueror’s Domesday Book of 11th-century shires and landholders.

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MacDonald Windsor Hotel
This iconic, Five-Star hotel is an elegant Georgian townhouse on Windsor’s High Street, just steps away from Windsor Castle. Accommodations feature classic English decor, while personable staff provide excellent service, treating all guests as though they are members of the royal family.

Lyon Arms Hotel
Welcoming guests since the 16th century, this traditional, quintessentially English hotel captures the charm of bygone years and the romance of the countryside with all modern conveniences. Enjoy customary afternoon tea in the serene courtyard and walk through the lovely English gardens. Located in the quaint village of Broadway, this country inn is an ideal “home” from which to explore the Cotswolds.

MacDonald Randolph Hotel
Located in an elegant landmark building, the Five-Star MacDonald Randolph Hotel offers award-winning food in the heart of Oxford. Having played host to prime ministers and presidents, the hotel’s renowned Morse Bar is instantly recognizable as the pub favored by Colin Dexter’s fictional detective, Inspector Morse. The beautiful architecture and historic setting provide the perfect venue to enjoy afternoon tea, while each room has all the modern amenities of a fine hotel.

Oxford
Affectionately named the “city of dreaming spires” by adoring poets, Oxford is home to England’s most venerated university, which counts Sir Thomas More, Percy Bysshe Shelley and Margaret Thatcher among its illustrious alumni. Steeped in eight centuries of history and erudition, Oxford continues to nurture great scholars while blending revered traditions with cutting-edge research and instruction. Here, the exclusive customs of a Formal Hall dinner require proper attire, or college gowns, and are still honored with a three-course meal and waiter service. Learn more about student life at Oxford as you experience the magnificent cobblestone squares, medieval alleyways and Renaissance quadrangles that comprise the grounds of the oldest university in the English-speaking world.

Cultural Enrichments:
Join your traveling companions for a specially arranged, exclusive and private Farewell Dinner in one of the college’s hallowed dining halls.
Included Features

In Windsor, England
◆ One night in the Five-Star MACDONALD WINDSOR HOTEL, located directly across from Windsor Castle.
◆ Private welcome reception.
◆ Breakfast in the hotel.

In Broadway
◆ Three nights in the charming, centrally located, deluxe LYGON ARMS HOTEL.
◆ Breakfast each day and one dinner in the hotel.

In Oxford
◆ Three nights in the Five-Star MACDONALD RANDOLPH HOTEL, located in the heart of Oxford.
◆ Breakfast each day in the hotel.

Exclusive Excursions Led by Accredited Local Expert Guides
◆ Walking tours of the legendary university town of Oxford and the grounds of its exalted colleges.
◆ Tour of the typical and charming Cotswold villages of Broadway, Stow-on-the-Wold, Chipping Campden, Cirencester, Bibury and Burford.
◆ Visit to Sir Winston Churchill’s grave in Bladon.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments
◆ Specially arranged private luncheon in the Indian Room of Blenheim Palace.
◆ Exclusive and private Farewell Dinner in one of Oxford University’s storied college dining halls.
◆ Specially arranged TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® FORUM of local residents who will share their stories and discuss contemporary life in the Cotswolds.
◆ Unique look at the English countryside’s architecture, cultural traditions and timeless way of life during visits to historic Cotswold villages, which lie across Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire.
◆ Visit to Stratford-upon-Avon and the well-preserved childhood country cottage and gardens of Anne Hathaway, William Shakespeare’s wife.
◆ Specially arranged visit to authentic Highclere Castle, also known as “Downton Abbey,” and the village of Bampton featured in PBS MASTERPIECE’S Downton Abbey.
◆ Visit to legendary Windsor Castle, the country residence of England’s monarchy for nearly 1000 years, with lunch.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, led by accredited, local expert guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
◆ Complimentary bottled water on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels.
◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Program Directors throughout the travel program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Cambridge’s Colleges and Chapels
Pre-Program Option
Experience this iconic and prestigious British university town while walking its pristine quads and along the sculpture-lined corridors of Cambridge. Visit the famed King’s College Chapel and tour Bletchley Park, the secret World War II intelligence site where the British cracked the German codes and ciphers. Accommodations for three nights are in the heart of the city in the comfortable Hilton Cambridge City Centre Hotel.

Regal London
Post-Program Option
In stately London, living history makes each successive visit more enjoyable than the last. Visit imposing Hampton Court Palace, the royal Tudor mansion and gardens along the River Thames favored by King Henry VIII. Tour the fascinating WWII Cabinet War Rooms in the Churchill Museum and explore the British Museum’s vast, world-famous collection of art and artifacts. Accommodations for three nights are in the Five-Star Athenaeum Hotel, located just off of famous Park Lane and steps away from leafy Hyde Park.

The Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Highclere Castle, a spectacular Victorian family home, is the filming site for PBS MASTERPIECE'S popular Downton Abbey television series.

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- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
Cambridge's Colleges and Chapels Pre-Program Option
- Double at $1195 per person.
- Single at $1795 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Regal London Post-Program Option
- Double at $1470 per person.
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- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $______ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

- Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by April 10, 2017.

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

If/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

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- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy Class
- Business Class
- First Class

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Explore the enchanting patchwork of the Cotswold countryside dotted with manor houses, traditional farms and picturesque villages.

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