





# THE BEST OF ACORN DAY TOUR OF ENGLAND







### **2023 Tours:**

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Acorn TV is pleased to be partnering for the fifth consecutive year with Transcendent Travel to present "The Best of Acorn TV: A 7-Day Tour of England" for you, our loyal Acorn TV fans & subscribers. You'll have a chance to visit the beautiful and historical production locations for our most popular series—Doc Martin, Midsomer Murders, Agatha Christie's Poirot, Agatha Raisin and more!

In partnership with Transcendent: Experience Based Travel®, Acorn TV will be hosting as we travel between Windsor, Bath, Cornwall, Torquay, The Cotswolds, Oxfordshire and Dorchester while making stops at Windsor Castle, Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey), Port Isaac (Doc Martin), Biddestone (Agatha Raisin) and the Greenway Estate (Agatha Christie's home).

The Acorn TV and Transcendent team will be with you every step of the way to help make connections between our tour stops and the great British programs you've become fans of on Acorn TV. We'll have a couple of special "behind-the-scenes" moments planned, including a visit with a cast member(s) of some of your favorite Acorn programs.

In addition, guests will be staying at some sumptuous hotels, exploring lavish homes and gardens and enjoying fine dining along the way.

In our book, traveling is about creating a blend of unique experiences, paired with delicious meals and superior accommodations. In this tour you can be assured of all three — alongside our personal touches and attention to detail, which will ensure your enjoyment of the experience.

We do hope you'll join us for this remarkable tour of England in 2023!
Sincerely.

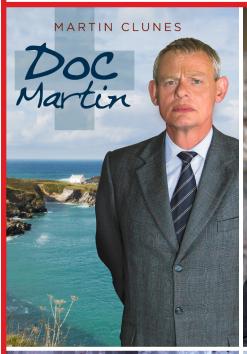


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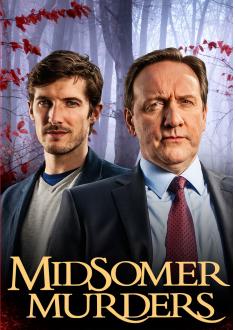


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## EXPLORE YOUR FAVORITE **ACORN™** SHOWS ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE TOUR...





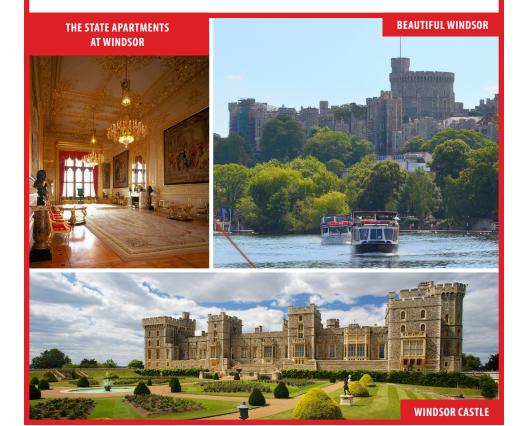




# Monday ERARY

- Arrivals to Windsor Located near London's Heathrow Airport
- Afternoon tour of the State Apartments at Windsor Castle Windsor is the world's longest inhabited castle and weekend home of the Royal Family
- Early evening "Welcome to Windsor Dinner"
- Lecture and meet-and-greet with Sophie Hannah, internationally best-selling author and Agatha Christie expert
- Overnight accommodations at the Castle Hotel, Windsor

This morning as you arrive to Windsor you will be greeted by your knowledgeable tour director for the week, Andrew Lannerd, who will get you settled into your lovely hotel — located directly across from Windsor Castle and right in the heart of all that lovely Windsor has to offer including quaint shops and cafes. This afternoon, guests will enjoy a tour around the magnificent State Apartments at Windsor Castle — one of the official residences of Queen Elizabeth II. Guests will marvel at the castle, which has been the home of the Royal Family and a fortress for over 1000 years. From the beauty of St. George's Hall to the gold-encrusted ceiling of the Grand Reception Room — a visit to Windsor Castle is unforgettable. Following your afternoon at Windsor Castle, you will enjoy an early evening "Welcome to Windsor" dinner as we toast an enjoyable week ahead going behind-the-scenes of many of your favorite Acorn TV programs. Overnight accommodations will be at Windsor's Castle Hotel.



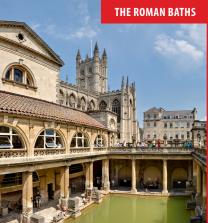
# Tuesday Tuesday

- Delicious Breakfast at our Windsor hotel
- Tour of Highclere Castle The renowned setting for Downton Abbey©
- $Travel\ to\ Bath\$  One of England's picturesque cities
- Expert-led tour of Bath
- Free evening in Bath for exploration
- Overnight accommodations at Bath's top-rated No. 15 Great Pulteney Hotel

Today after a wonderful breakfast, we will travel in our luxury coach to Highclere Castle, the famous "character" you know so well from Downton Abbey©. Guests will enjoy the chance to take a photograph outside as well as a full look inside the castle at the rooms you know so well from this popular television series. Picture yourself in the library next to the fireplace, just like Lord & Lady Grantham, or perhaps in the Dining Room beneath the famous Van Dyck portrait of King Charles I. After your tour inside Highclere, relax with a cup of tea in the tearoom—all the makings of a perfect day. After a few hours at Highclere, we will continue onto Bath, one of the prettiest towns in England. Guests will have some free time in Bath to explore all the city has to offer, including the Roman Baths. Bath Abbey, as well as numerous quaint shops and restaurants—all within a short walking distance to our hotel. You will end your day in the relaxation of the No. 15 Great Pulteney Hotel in the heart of historical Bath.



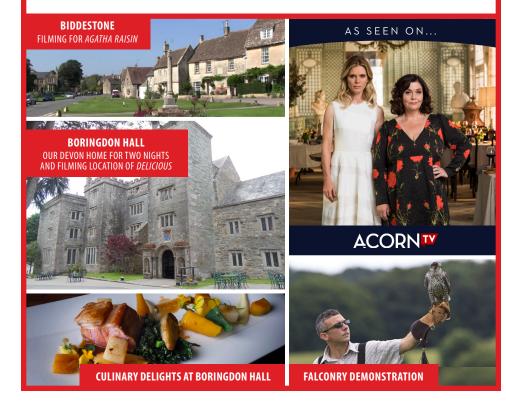




# Wednesday ARY

- Full English Breakfast at No. 15 Great Pulteney Hotel
- Morning at your leisure for further exploration of Bath
- Visit to Biddestone, a beautiful Cotswolds village A filming site for the popular Acorn TV series Agatha Raisin
- Travel to Boringdon Hall near Plymouth
- Interactive falconry demonstration
   Guests will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with magnificent birds of prey
- Superior 3-course group dinner at Boringdon Hall
   Prepared by the top-rated culinary team at Boringdon, a site used in the filming of the series Delicious
- · Overnight accommodations at Boringdon Hall, Plymouth

Today after another delicious breakfast, take a few moments of leisure time for shopping in Bath or perhaps a look in the Jane Austen Centre — located a short walk from our hotel. Then we're off to visit Biddestone, known as a shooting location for the Acorn TV series Agatha Raisin — the popular series is based on the Agatha Raisin series of crime & mystery books. Later in the day, we are off to beautiful Devon and our wonderful home for the next two nights, Boringdon Hall. Boringdon is a luxurious Elizabethan manor hotel, steeped in history. Amid the glories of the past, you'll also find the modern-day comforts of this 5-star hotel with one of Britain's top-rated spa facilities. In addition, you'll enjoy two sumptuous dinners and two breakfasts at Boringdon — meals which will be long-remembered as they are expertly prepared by their top-rated culinary team.





# Thursday A

- Morning leisurely breakfast at Boringdon Hall
- Travel to Port Isaac The gorgeous Cornwall fishing village, made famous by the *Doc Martin* series
- Expert-led tour of Port Isaac and behind-the-scenes look at the *Doc Martin* Series
- Afternoon tea in Port Isaac at the Old School House Louisa's school in Doc Martin
- Travel back to Boringdon Hall
- Overnight accommodations at Boringdon Hall

Today is a day you will long remember. After your breakfast, we will journey to Cornwall and the picturesque fishing village of Port Isaac, known as Port Wenn in the series, Doc Martin. You'll quickly fall in love with the town as we take an in-depth, behind-the-scenes tour of the town focusing on the sites you know so well from the popular series. For lunch, perhaps you'll enjoy some of the famous local seafood or even a Cornish Pasty. Perhaps your favorite cast member will pop-in to say hello! Then we're headed back to Boringdon Hall, with a little vino enroute — a day to remember!







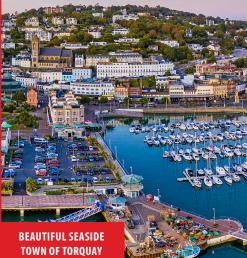
# Friday ERARY

- Breakfast at Boringdon Hall
- A visit to The Greenway Estate, the beloved home of Agatha Christie
- Afternoon visit to the seaside Town of Torquay
   The birthplace of Agatha Christie
- A delicious 3-course dinner at The Queens Hotel, Cheltenham
- Overnight accommodations at The Queens Hotel, Cheltenham

Today, we will journey to The Greenway Estate, the much-loved home and gardens of Agatha Christie. After our time at Greenway, we will will stop at the quintessential seaside town of Torquay to hear about Agatha's life there. Torquay is famous for seaside fun as well as delicious ice cream.

After Torquay, we are off to our accommodations for the evening at The Queens Hotel, Cheltenham where we will enjoy another lovely group dinner amid the majestic surroundings of this historic hotel named in honor of Queen Victoria.







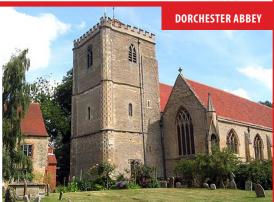


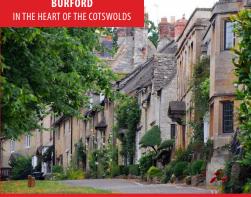
# Saturday R A R Y

- Full English Breakfast at The Queens Hotel, Cheltenham
- Visit to Burford, a beautiful village in the Cotswolds
- Visit Dorchester-on-Thames in beautiful Oxfordshire The village is often called the "star" of Midsomer Murders
- Walking tour of *Midsomer Murder* sites in the village
- Delicious group lunch at the White Hart Hotel, and pint at the famous Six Bells Pub
- Travel to Windsor
- Farewell group dinner in a very special Windsor location
- Overnight accommodations at Castle Hotel, Windsor

If you are a fan of *Midsomer Murders*, today is the perfect day for you. After leaving Cheltenham, we will head through the Cotswolds to the South Oxfordshire village of Dorchester-on-Thames, where so many episodes of *Midsomer Murders* have been filmed. In Dorchester-on-Thames, we will enjoy a walking tour of all of the *Midsomer Murders* sites. Then we're off to Windsor where we will toast our week together in fine-style with a farewell dinner.











# Sunday ERARY

- A delicious breakfast in Windsor
- Morning departures from Windsor

Today, we say goodbye after an unforgettable week together. Our hotel in Windsor is close to Heathrow—or perhaps you'll continue on to enjoy a few days in London?







#### **INCLUSIONS:**

- 13 superior meals
- 6 nights of deluxe accommodations divided between Windsor, Bath, Plymouth and Cheltenham
- Superior motor coach transportation between tour destinations
- Guides, tours and admission fees at tour venues

### SPECIAL EXTRAS INCLUDED IN YOUR ITINERARY:

- Curator/expert led tours at various times
- Wine included with all group dinners
- Snacks at various points throughout the tour
- Welcome goodie bag with various gifts/niceties

#### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- Airfare to/from the United Kingdom
- Meals over and above the 13 included in the tour package
- Personal expenses
- Mixed drinks
- Insurance (may be purchased via Transcendent Travel for a fee - see below)

#### **PASSPORTS:**

Every tour member must have a valid passport that will be in effect for at least six months after the date of the conclusion of the tour.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

Space is extremely limited on this tour, and because of the exclusivity of the included events, we are unable to add participants once the maximum has been reached.

Should you wish to add additional hotel nights prior to or at the conclusion of the tour, please specify when making your tour reservation.

All pricing is based on double occupancy. Upon request, we will make every effort to match a single customer with another party interested in sharing a room.

Due to the exclusive nature of the hotels involved, including hotels with a limited number of rooms, we are only able to offer a limited number of single occupancy rates. Those are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at \$6,395 USD.

PLEASE NOTE: Single rooms in the United Kingdom are often much smaller than double rooms. Paying a single supplement does not guarantee you a full-size double room. We will do our best to accommodate mobility requests and needs. Because of the age of many of the buildings on the itinerary, there will not be an elevator at every stop nor in every hotel.

### \$5,395 usd per person

based on double occupancy

### \$6,395 usd for a single occupancy rate

(limited availability)

\*Space is LIMITED. Due to the exclusivity of the activities involved, each tour is limited to 30 guests.

Each day will involve a good deal of walking, and ability to maneuver steps. Please make us aware of any special needs when booking.

At the time of booking please inform us of any special dietary requests (vegetarian, allergies, etc.).

As a tour participant, you agree that your image may be used by Acorn TV or Transcendent Travel in any way deemed appropriate, but not limited to, publication in newspapers, magazines, and other print media, use in broadcast media, television or video projects, publication via the Internet, and use in marketing materials used by Acorn TV or Transcendent.

Tour pricing is based on a current exchange rate of \$1.30 to the UK pound. Should the exchange rate rise above \$1.60 to the pound within 120 days prior to the start of the tour, Transcendent reserves the right to bill each tour participant an additional \$500 USD in order to cover the additional expense.

#### **PAYMENTS**

Transcendent Travel is pleased to offer several payment options. The options will be governed in part by the date you book your tour and the date the tour commences. Please refer to our web site: "transcendent-travel.com" or call us at 1-866-654-7508.

Should any payment be in arrears more than one payment period and no payment arrangement entered into,
Transcendent reserves the right to cancel a passenger's participation in the tour and to retain all payments to-date.

#### **FORM OF PAYMENT**

All forms of payment are available at no extra charge.
Check or money order: All such payments should be made
out to: Transcendent Travel Services, LLC and mailed to:
Transcendent Travel Services, LLC
P.O. Box 3181 | New York, NY 10185-3181

Credit/debit card payments may be made by calling 1.866.654.7508 or online at www.transcendent-travel.com.

#### **WORRY FREE TRAVEL**

We want you to feel comfortable when booking a tour with Transcendent Travel, so we have a flexible **Cancel for Any Reason** policy up until 90 days prior to the tour departure date. Deposits and tour payments will not be refunded for any cancellations received by Transcendent less than ninety (90) days prior to the start of the tour.

#### RIGHT TO RESCHEDULE

Should world conditions affect the staging of the tour (e.g., natural disasters, including, but not limited to, pandemics; war; terrorism), Transcendent Travel reserves the right to schedule the tour to a later date. In the event a tour participant is not willing to reschedule, and it is within 90 days of the tour start date, all deposits and/or tour payments will be returned to such tour participant who has signed up, less any non-refundable expenses actually incurred by Transcendent.

#### COVID-19

The health and safety of our customers is always our top priority. Each tour will have Covid-19 guidelines in place based on local requirements. As local ordinances may be updated regularly, we will share our policies closer to the tour start date. We reserve the right to update these on an ongoing basis per the available data and recommendations of local authorities. Before each tour, tour participants will be informed of the latest COVID-19 protocols in place and local destination laws. If borders are closed or we have any doubts about the health and safety of a destination and cannot operate a tour, we will give you first notice on a later set of dates. Any refunds will be determined in accordance with our Worry Free Travel and Right To Reschedule Policies noted above.

#### **TOUR GUIDE**

Should the original tour director be unable to lead the tour on behalf of Transcendent Travel, Transcendent reserves the right to engage another competent tour director to lead and execute the tour.

#### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Transcendent recognizes that circumstances occur where it may be necessary to cancel participation in the tour. Substitutions are encouraged so that cancellation fees can be avoided. For substitutions made within 30 days of a tour date, an additional substitution fee of \$500 USD will apply.

#### ITINERARY VARIATION

Transcendent Travel reserves the right to vary itineraries and/ or destinations and to substitute hotels if circumstances warrant. Venues, attractions and destinations may be adjusted or modified at the sole discretion of the tour planners and Transcendent. Should you miss meeting the start of the tour or any event during the tour duration all financial responsibility to catch up with the tour will fall on the participant.

#### **NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE**

Those items listed in the exclusions, as well as laundry, valet service, food not included, after-hours tea, coffee, alcoholic beverages or other expenses of a personal nature or any other items not specified on the itinerary are not included in the tour price.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of Transcendent Travel Services, LLC is strictly limited. Transcendent and its partners, co-venturers,

or promoters of the tour are not liable for (i) delays, losses, changes in routing, hotels, transportation services, and/ or sightseeing or accidents incurred by said persons or operators to passengers and baggage from whatsoever cause and/or (ii) delays, losses or damages incurred or suffered including but not limited to monetary losses and physical and mental injuries as a result of any tour participant contracting COVID -19 while on the tour and/ or any interruption or cancellation of the tour including without limitation losses arising from arrangements for early arrivals, late stays and/or personally arranged tours.

Transcendent also reserves the right to change the routing, hotels, and/or sightseeing and any service offered, should local conditions in our opinion warrant; the extra cost, if any, must be paid by the passengers. The right is reserved to refuse any person on this tour.

The transportation companies concerned are not responsible for any act or omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyances. This passage contract in use by the carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the carrier(s) and the purchasers of the tour and/or passengers. All additional expenses caused by war, natural disasters, landslides, strikes, weather delays, illness or accidents are the responsibility of the passengers.

#### **INSURANCE**

For an additional \$200 USD fee per traveler, we are pleased to offer our customers medical insurance as we travel together. Travel Medical Insurance is highly recommended and may be purchased directly from Transcendent Travel.

Medical Insurance via Transcendent covers the following:

- Medical Coverage up to \$50,000 USD
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) \$25,000 USD for Primary & Spouse; \$5,000 USD for Dependent Children
- Emergency Medical Evacuation/Repatriation \$500,000 USD
- Emergency Medical Reunion \$50,000 USD
- Return of Mortal Remains Up to \$50,000 USD

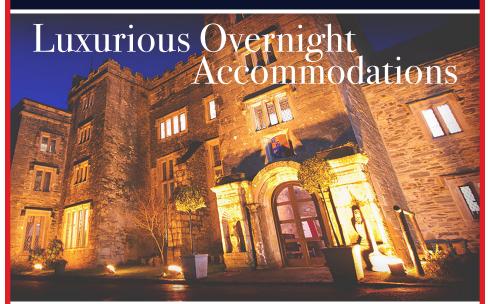
The purchase of insurance is optional, but highly recommended. We will be pleased to answer any questions you have about this coverage and will provide you with a copy of the policy.

\*This policy does not cover participant cancellation. It covers the individual during the duration of the tour.

Should you choose NOT to purchase the insurance, any fees or costs incurred by the individual traveler that otherwise would have been covered by insurance are the responsibility of the individual traveler. In addition Transcendent Travel is not liable for any charges not covered by the insurance policy/vendor. All insurance inclusion and exclusion information will be provided to the traveler in advance of travel.



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