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Great British **TELLY**

A TOUR OF ENGLAND



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Welcome



Jim Deeks is the executive producer and host of CANADA FILES, a new series appearing on WNED-TV and several other PBS stations throughout the United States. A native of Toronto, Jim has been a broadcaster (CITY, CTV, Rogers), writer, and communications consultant for over 40 years. Jim is also a devoted anglophile: he lived in London for a few years after university, and frequently returns to visit friends, tour new areas of the country, and whenever possible, play golf! He's very excited about joining the Great British Telly Tour with fellow supporters of Buffalo Toronto Public Media.

You already love the programming, now it is time for us to take you there! On behalf of WNED | WBFO, I would like to invite you to join us for the Great British Telly Tour, a special tour of England for our most passionate viewers and listeners. In partnership with Transcendent Travel, we will be putting you in front of many of the beautiful places you have only seen on television.

During this special week, we'll be touring the locations associated with *Downton Abbey*®, *Midsomer Murders*, *Poldark*, *Victoria*, *The Vicar of Dibley*, *Agatha Raisin*, *The Bletchley Circle*, as well as other heritage stops associated with *Winston Churchill* and *Mr. Selfridge*. You will "step inside the screen" as you enjoy the towns and brilliant sites, making connections between our tour stops and the great British programs you have come to love on WNED | WBFO. In between you'll have time for exploring and shopping, and enjoying magnificent hotels along the way.

Our team will be with you every step of the way to help guide you through this unforgettable travel experience. Please join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create some very special memories.

For more information, and to make your reservation, call 1.866.654.7508.

Best wishes,
JIM DEEKS,
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER & HOST

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DAY
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ITINERARY

Monday, September 27

- MORNING ARRIVALS TO LONDON HEATHROW
- JOURNEY INTO CENTRAL LONDON | ARRIVE AMBA HOTEL, CHARING CROSS, LONDON — OUR BEAUTIFUL HOTEL IS LOCATED NEXT TO TRAFALGAR SQUARE, AND NEAR ALL OF LONDON'S MAJOR ATTRACTIONS
- 2:00PM | WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC CENTRAL LONDON INCLUDING HORSE GUARDS PARADE, WESTMINSTER, AND WHITEHALL
- TOUR OF THE CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS
THE ICONIC SITE OF SECRET AND STRATEGIC PLANNING DURING WORLD WAR II
- WELCOME TO LONDON RECEPTION AND GROUP DINNER
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT AMBA HOTEL, LONDON

Today as you arrive in London, you will be greeted by the Transcendent Travel team and we will begin our journey together. In the afternoon, we'll participate in a history-focused walking tour of central London and then an unforgettable visit to Churchill's War Rooms — the secret site where Sir Winston Churchill and his generals did their strategic planning of WWII. These rooms are today, just as they were when the war ended.

In the evening, as you settle into the beautiful Amba Hotel located at London Charing Cross, we will gather for a group welcome reception and delicious dinner to toast our week ahead exploring England.



Trafalgar Square



Churchill's War Rooms



Hear the history of Horse Guards Parade and historic Westminster on the afternoon walking tour

DAY
2

ITINERARY

Tuesday, September 28

- DELICIOUS FULL ENGLISH OR CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AT AMBA HOTEL, CHARING CROSS
- COACH JOURNEY TO OXFORDSHIRE — THE HOME OF *MIDSOMER MURDERS*
- EXPERT-LED TOUR OF THE BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES — OFTEN CALLED THE STAR OF *MIDSOMER MURDERS* AS SO MANY EPISODES HAVE BEEN FILMED HERE
- GROUP LUNCH AT THE WHITE HART IN DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES
- JOURNEY TO THE VILLAGE OF WARBOROUGH AND VISIT TO THE SIX BELLS PUB — FREQUENTLY SEEN IN *MIDSOMER MURDERS*
- FREE TIME TO EXPLORE READING, BERKSHIRE INCLUDING READING ABBEY
- GROUP DINNER AT THE ROSEATE HOTEL, READING
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE ROSEATE HOTEL, READING

Today we are off to Oxfordshire, to see many of the sites and villages associated with the classic series *Midsomer Murders*. Our tour of Dorchester-on-Thames will be led by *Midsomer Murders* experts, and we will see the sites used in filming, as well as beautiful Dorchester Abbey. For lunch, we will gather at the White Hart Hotel for a delicious group meal, then head to nearby Warborough — a village filled with thatched-roof cottages as well as the Six Bells Pub, where we will enjoy a pint with the locals. Later in the day, you'll have some free time in Reading for shopping or seeing the ruins of Reading Abbey. In the evening, we will dine in our beautiful hotel, The Roseate Hotel, one of the region's most luxurious places to stay.



The ruins of Reading Abbey



Six Bells Pub as seen in *Midsomer Murders*

Oxfordshire - Go behind-the-scenes of *Midsomer Murders*



The Reading Hotel

DAY
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ITINERARY

Wednesday, September 29

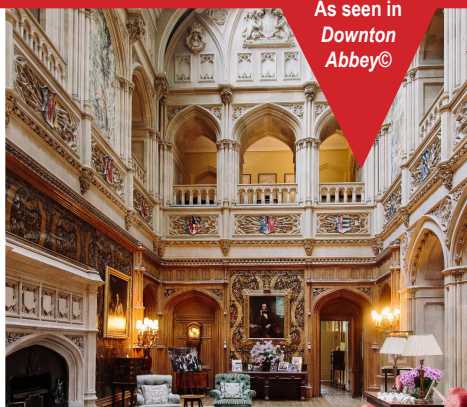
- SUMPTUOUS BREAKFAST AT THE ROSEATE HOTEL
- PRIVATE MORNING VISIT TO HIGHCLERE CASTLE, THE HOME OF *DOWNTON ABBEY*®. WE WILL ENJOY AN ARRIVAL RECEPTION AND PRIVATE TOUR—A MOST EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE!
- VISIT TO CHAVENAGE HOUSE — THE *POLDARK* HOUSE
- GROUP DINNER AT THE ROSEATE HOTEL, READING
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE ROSEATE HOTEL, READING

Today we're off to Highclere Castle, the iconic home of *Downton Abbey*®, where you will enjoy a tour exploring the rooms and gardens that you know so well from this popular series. After your tour, you'll have time for lunch or tea onsite as well as a stop to the gift shop where you can pick up the perfect souvenir of your visit.

In the afternoon we'll head to Chavenage House, known as the *Poldark* house, famous for its wonderful Elizabethan interiors long before the series premiered. This evening, we will enjoy another group dinner together at The Roseate Hotel, looking back on what was a very special day.



Highclere Castle



As seen in
*Downton
Abbey*®



Chavenage House, as seen in *Poldark*



Beautiful interiors at Chavenage House in the Cotswolds

DAY
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ITINERARY

Thursday, September 30

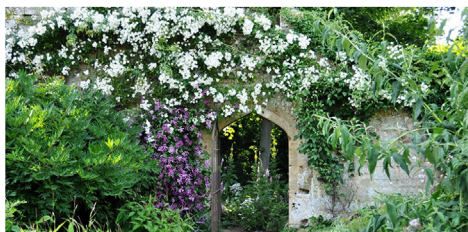
- BREAKFAST AT THE ROSEATE HOTEL
- JOURNEY TO OXFORD FOR A SPECIAL *INSPECTOR MORSE, LEWIS AND ENDEAVOUR* TOUR OF HISTORIC OXFORD
- VISIT TO THE BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE OF BIDDESTONE, AS SEEN IN THE SERIES *AGATHA RAISIN*
- EVENING AT LEISURE IN THE HEART OF READING
- OVERNIGHT STAY AT THE ROSEATE HOTEL, READING

Today, we will start the day in Oxford for a very special *Inspector Morse, Lewis and Endeavour* tour of historic Oxford, given by an expert on these wonderful programs and the iconic settings where they are filmed. In the afternoon, you will see the charming village of Biddestone in Oxfordshire — used as the backdrop of the series *Agatha Raisin*, based on the books by renowned author M.C. Beaton. Tonight, you will have an evening at your leisure to explore and dine at one of the great restaurants in Reading, just steps from our hotel.

Discover Oxford during a special *Inspector Morse, Lewis and Endeavour* Tour



Biddestone, the picturesque backdrop for *Agatha Raisin*



Explore beautiful English gardens

DAY
5

ITINERARY

Friday, October 1

- DELICIOUS MORNING BREAKFAST IN READING
- GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF TURVILLE IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
THE VICAR OF DIBLEY VILLAGE
- VISIT TO BLETCHLEY PARK
HOME OF THE WWII CODEBREAKERS — AS SEEN IN *THE BLETCHLEY CIRCLE*
- UNFORGETTABLE GROUP DINNER AT LUTON HOO
- LUXURIOUS OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT LUTON HOO
A TOP-RATED COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL, SPA AND RESTAURANT

Today, we will head to the county of Buckinghamshire to see the village used for the filming of the classic series, *The Vicar of Dibley*. Our guided tour will show you the sites used for filming, with a few stories along the way. This afternoon, we will enjoy a tour of Bletchley Park, the secret home of the World War II codebreakers. During this fascinating visit, you will discover how thousands of people secretly worked to eventually break the code and interrupt enemy plans.

Following Bletchley Park, we will head to the glorious country house hotel, Luton Hoo — our home for the evening. Luton Hoo was where HRH The Princess Elizabeth (future Queen Elizabeth II) and Prince Philip spent part of their honeymoon in 1947, and was frequently visited by Queen Victoria. The elegant surroundings of this magnificent hotel will long stay in your memory!

Turville, *The Vicar of Dibley* village



Bletchley Park, home of the WWII codebreakers



Luton Hoo, our luxurious hotel



DAY
6

ITINERARY

Saturday, October 2

- BREAKFAST IN THE GORGEOUS DINING ROOM AT LUTON HOO
- JOURNEY INTO CENTRAL LONDON
- VISIT TO SELFRIDGES — AS SEEN IN *MR. SELFRIDGE*
- VISIT TO THE WALLACE COLLECTION — ONE OF LONDON'S FINEST MUSEUMS
- FAREWELL GROUP DINNER IN LONDON
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT AMBA HOTEL, CHARING CROSS

Breakfast will be served in the gorgeous dining room at Luton Hoo, after which you'll perhaps take a stroll around the beautiful gardens, before we are off to London.

In London, we will enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Selfridges & Co. as seen in the series *Mr. Selfridge*. You'll have time after our tour for a little shopping or perhaps a snack in the renowned food halls.

In the afternoon, we will journey to The Wallace Collection. This museum comprises an extensive collection of fine and decorative arts from the 15th through 19th centuries, with important holdings of French 18th-century paintings, furniture, arms and armor, porcelain, and Old Master paintings.

Tonight, we will share a farewell dinner in Central London as we look back over a wonderful journey.

Selfridges & Co.



The Wallace Collection, London



An evening in London to end the journey together



DAY
7

ITINERARY

Sunday, October 3

- BREAKFAST AT AMBA HOTEL, CHARING CROSS, LONDON
- AM DEPARTURES FROM LONDON

OR, PERHAPS YOU'LL WANT TO STAY A FEW EXTRA DAYS IN LONDON?

Our hotel is a short walk from Buckingham Palace, the official London residence of Her Majesty the Queen



Amba Hotel, Charing Cross



Featuring



ANDREW LANNERD
TOUR DIRECTOR
TRANSCENDENT TRAVEL

QUOTES

**FROM
TRANSCENDENT'S PAST
TOUR PARTICIPANTS:**

You really hit the mark on hotels, restaurants, travel arrangements, and everything else!

Thank you for providing us with an experience we will never forget.

We travel to England quite often, but this week was by far our best visit.

We had such a wonderful time and you were an amazing host.

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This is a land-only package. Airfare to and from the United Kingdom is **NOT** included.

INCLUSIONS:

- 13 superior meals
- 6 nights of deluxe accommodations divided between London, Reading, and Luton
- 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 (this may be purchased via Transcendent 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.

DOUBLE
OCCUPANCY:

\$3,975
USD

SINGLE
OCCUPANCY:

\$4,975
USD

Should you wish to add extra nights in London prior to or at the conclusion of the tour, please specify when making your booking. If available, we will be happy to make those arrangements with our hotels, alleviating the need to switch hotels.

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 hotel involved, including a hotel 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 \$4,975 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.

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 WNED | WBFO or Transcendent in any way deemed appropriate, including 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 WNED | WBFO or Transcendent.

Tour pricing is based on an exchange rate of \$1.30 USD to the UK pound. Should the exchange rate rise above \$1.60 USD 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 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 30 days prior to the tour departure date. This relaxed policy allows for ease of mind when planning your tour experience with us. There will be no refunds within 30 days of the tour start date.

RIGHT TO RESCHEDULE

Should world conditions affect the staging of the tour (e.g., natural disasters, war, terrorism), Transcendent 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 30 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.

TOUR GUIDE

Should the original tour director be unable to lead the tour on behalf of Transcendent, 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 \$400 will apply.

ITINERARY VARIATION

Transcendent 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 is not liable for 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. 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 a \$200 USD fee per traveler, we are pleased to offer our customers insurance as we travel together. Travel insurance is highly recommended, and may be purchased directly from Transcendent.

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 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.

QUESTIONS?

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