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The Wonders of

**WALES &
ENGLAND
TOUR**

AUGUST 15 - 21, 2022



Welcome

BACK BY
**POPULAR
DEMAND!**



Discover with us, North Wales—set between the Snowdonia mountain range and the Irish Sea. This spectacular region is the perfect backdrop for many ancient castles and country houses. During our time together in Wales, you'll soon discover just why this part of the world is so special.

With a Welsh language lesson, behind-the-scenes access with castle experts, and village shopping, you'll soon feel like a local.

Our time in Wales will include visits to iconic castles, gorgeous country houses and ancient walled towns. No visit to the area would be complete without simultaneously enjoying fine dining and luxury hotels.

Our home for two nights will be the magnificent Bodysgallen Hall Hotel & Spa, where you will indulge yourself in the luxuries of this top-rated country house hotel owned and operated by the National Trust.

Apart from our time in Wales, we will enjoy many great stops in England including Althorp, the ancestral home of Diana, Princess of Wales as well as Stratford-upon-Avon and Bletchley Park, the home of the WWII codebreakers.

Throughout the tour you can expect special touches that set our tours apart from the rest.

Also, I am pleased to be joined on this tour by Dr. Mark Baker who is an expert on the Welsh country house. He will offer us insights into the places we will visit, and you'll enjoy getting to know his charming persona.

So come with us and discover the Wonders of Wales and England.

My Best,

ANDREW LANNER, TOUR DIRECTOR



SPECIAL GUEST, DR. MARK BAKER

For this tour we are pleased to be joined by Dr. Mark Baker who is a renowned Welsh architectural historian, and author of several books on Welsh country houses, the estates and their families. Mark is currently the head of the ongoing restoration project at Gwrych Castle and he will offer us behind-the-scenes access to this ongoing and fascinating project.

Itinerary

DAY ONE | MONDAY, AUGUST 15

- **ARRIVALS TO THE PETERSHAM HOTEL, RICHMOND**
ON THE EDGE OF THE BEAUTIFUL RICHMOND PARK
- **EXPLORATION OF RICHMOND PARK**
- **LATE AFTERNOON WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC RICHMOND**
- **WELCOME TO ENGLAND RECEPTION AND DINNER**

Today, as you arrive to London Heathrow, rest assured you have a short journey to Richmond-upon-Thames and the luxury of the Petersham Hotel. Upon your arrival you may want to rest or take the opportunity to explore Richmond Park, one of London's great royal parks, or even explore the glories of The Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, which is nearby.

The early evening will include a walking tour of historic and beautiful Richmond and then our Welcome to England reception and dinner, where we will toast a great week ahead of exploration in England and Wales.



RICHMOND RIVERFRONT



RICHMOND PARK



THE PETERSHAM HOTEL

Itinerary

DAY TWO | TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

- FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST AT THE PETERSHAM HOTEL IN RICHMOND
- VISIT AND TOUR OF ALTHORP ESTATE AND GARDENS
THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES
- DELICIOUS GROUP LUNCH AT ALTHORP
- EARLY EVENING EXPERT-LED WALKING TOUR OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON
INCLUDING A STOP AT SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE
- OVERNIGHT IN STRATFORD-UPON-AVON AT THE STRATFORD HOTEL

Today, after a lovely breakfast in Richmond, we will journey in a luxury coach to Althorp, the magnificent country home that has been home of the Spencer family for nineteen generations.

When at Althorp, we will enjoy a tour of the house including many state and private rooms used by the Spencer family as well as a lunch onsite. After lunch, guests will have the opportunity to tour the beautiful gardens including the lake, which is the final resting place of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Late afternoon, we'll be off to Stratford-upon-Avon where guests will enjoy an expert-led walking tour of the historical city centre including Shakespeare's Birthplace. The evening will be at your leisure to explore more areas of this magnificent jewel of a town. After your exploration, you'll be relaxing in The Stratford Hotel—just a short walk from the city centre.

ALTHORP, THE ANCESTRAL HOME & FINAL RESTING PLACE OF DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES



STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, THE BIRTHPLACE OF SHAKESPEARE



ALTHORP, INTERIOR



Itinerary

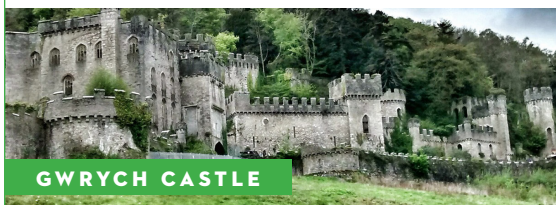
DAY THREE | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

- BREAKFAST AT OUR HOTEL IN STRATFORD-UPON-AVON
- COACH JOURNEY TO WALES
- VISIT TO GLORIOUS CONWY, WALES INCLUDING ITS CASTLE AND HISTORIC TOWN CENTRE
- AN INTERACTIVE WELSH LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE
- GARDEN TOUR OF BODYSGALLEN HALL WITH THE HEAD GARDENER
- UNFORGETTABLE GROUP DINNER AT BODYSGALLEN HALL
- LECTURE BY DR. MARK BAKER ON WELSH COUNTRY HOUSES AND HIS WORK AT GWRYCH CASTLE
- OVERNIGHT STAY AT THE TOP-RATED BODYSGALLEN HALL

Today we leave England behind to explore some of the Wonders of North Wales—a beautiful land set between the Snowdonia Mountain range and the Irish Sea. A land with a distinct identity and its own national language; a land filled with majestic castles and gorgeous gardens.

Our first stop in Wales will be Conwy—a walled city and home to Conwy Castle, a stronghold of King Edward I. You'll love your time here for the quaint shops and cafes as well as the great history to be found here.

Today, we will also enjoy an interactive Welsh language experience so you can take with you a little of the local language/dialect as we continue our time in Wales. This afternoon, we will arrive to our home for the next two nights, the magnificent Bodysgallen Hall Hotel & Spa where you will luxuriate in the elegant surroundings of this top-rated country house hotel. This evening, we will toast another great day together over a fine 3-course meal paired with wine.



GWRYCH CASTLE



CONWY CASTLE

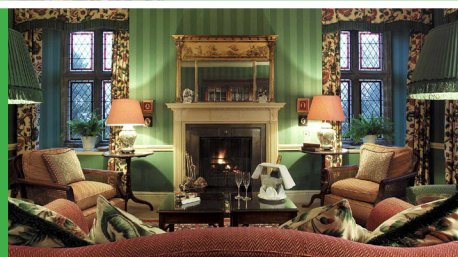


Stay in a luxurious Welsh castle!

DAY THREE & FOUR ACCOMMODATIONS



DURING OUR TIME IN WALES, GUESTS WILL ENJOY THE UNFORGETTABLE ELEGANCE AND HOSPITALITY OF **BODYSGALLEN HALL HOTEL & SPA**, OUR HOME FOR TWO NIGHTS.



Itinerary

DAY FOUR | THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

- **BREAKFAST IN THE BEAUTIFUL DINING ROOM AT BODYSGALLEN HALL**
- **TOUR OF MAGNIFICENT CAERNARFON CASTLE**
A CASTLE OF EDWARD I, AND THE SITE OF THE 1969 INVESTITURE OF HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES
- **TOUR OF GWRYCH CASTLE WITH DR. MARK BAKER**
DR. MARK BAKER MANAGES THE TRUST AND THE RESTORATION OF GWRYCH CASTLE
- **LUNCH AT GWRYCH CASTLE**
- **AFTERNOON AT BODYSGALLEN HALL FOR SPA USE AND RELAXATION**
- **GROUP DINNER AT BODYSGALLEN HALL**
- **EXCLUSIVE EVENING TOUR AND RECEPTION AT PLAS TEG**
INCLUDING MEET AND GREET WITH THE OWNER OF THIS GLORIOUS COUNTRY HOUSE
- **OVERNIGHT AT BODYSGALLEN HALL**

After a relaxing breakfast at Bodysgallen Hall, we'll be off for a day of exploration of some of the most beautiful castles in North Wales. We will journey to the town of Caernarfon—home of one of the strongholds of King Edward I, Caernarfon Castle. The castle is known in the present reign for its use as the backdrop for the investiture of Charles, Prince of Wales in 1969.

We will then head to Gwrych Castle where we will enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the ongoing restoration project with the person managing that work, Dr. Mark Baker. While at Gwrych, we'll enjoy a group lunch in the picturesque surroundings of the castle.

This afternoon, you'll have a little time to enjoy the spa at Bodysgallen or perhaps just a little rest and relaxation in the garden or the gorgeous library. Tonight after a wonderful meal, we will head to Plas Teg, one of the great Welsh country houses, where we will enjoy an unforgettable look around this gorgeous house with a glass of champagne.



Itinerary

DAY FIVE | FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

- **BREAKFAST AT BODYSGALLEN HALL**
- **VISIT TO PLAS MAWR**
A MAGNIFICENT TOWN HOUSE, NEARLY UNCHANGED SINCE THE ELIZABETHAN PERIOD
- **AFTERNOON FACTORY TOUR OF BURLEIGH POTTERY AT MIDDLEPORT**
PRODUCING GORGEOUS HANDMADE POTTERY SINCE 1851 IN A GORGEOUS SETTING
- **AFTERNOON CREAM TEA AT MIDDLEPORT**
- **GROUP DINNER AT MACDONALD ANSTY HALL**
OVERNIGHT AT MACDONALD ANSTY HALL (NEAR COVENTRY)

Today we will visit Plas Mawr, one of the finest Elizabethan town homes in the United Kingdom, where you will step into how a rich family in North Wales lived in the sixteenth century. Marvel at the fine plasterwork of this gem of Wales.

This afternoon we are headed back to England and straight to enjoy a tour of the Middleport Pottery, home of Burleigh Pottery where you will see for yourself the great process of making some of England's best handmade products. Also, after seeing how the fine pottery is made, you'll have a chance to dine off of it with a delicious cream tea with your fellow tour members.

Tonight, we will dine and sleep at our next beautiful hotel, Macdonald Ansty Hall near Coventry.

ANSTY HALL



PLAS MAWR



BURLEIGH POTTERY

DAY SIX | SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Itinerary

- FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST AT MACDONALD ANSTY HALL
- VISIT TO BLETCHLEY PARK
HOME OF THE WWII SECRET CODEBREAKERS
- VISIT TO HISTORIC ST. ALBANS
TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF HISTORY IN ONE BEAUTIFUL TOWN
- CANDLELIT FAREWELL DINNER IN LONDON
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE CLERMONT,
CHARING CROSS

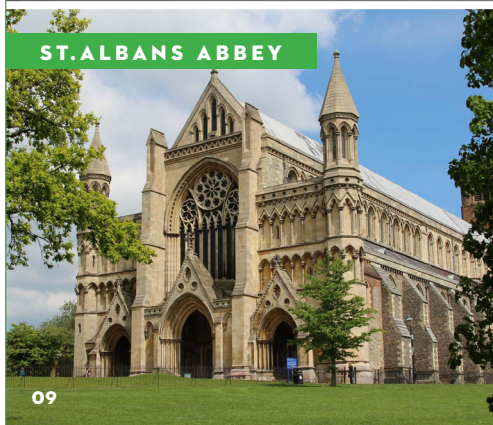
Today will include an unforgettable visit to Bletchley Park, the home of the secret codebreakers of World War II. You will have plenty of time to hear for yourself the courageous tales of the very people that worked in secret every day to successfully defeat Hitler.

After your time at Bletchley, we will head to historic St. Albans where you can wander the lovely Saturday markets or perhaps pop into the glorious Abbey church, the oldest site of continuous Christian worship in Britain.

After your afternoon in St. Albans, we will head into Central London for a memorable dinner in London as we toast an unforgettable week exploring some of the Wonders of Wales and England.



BLETCHLEY PARK



ST. ALBANS ABBEY



ST. ALBANS MARKET

DAY SEVEN | SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Itinerary

- BREAKFAST AT THE CLERMONT, CHARING CROSS
- AM DEPARTURES FROM CENTRAL LONDON



Terms & Conditions



INCLUSIONS:

- 13 superior meals
- 6 nights of deluxe accommodations divided between Richmond, Stratford-upon-Avon, Conwy, Coventry and London
- 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 page 12)

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 interested 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 available to offer a limited number of single occupancy rates. Those are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at \$5,450.

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.

\$4,450 PER PERSON
(BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

\$5,450 SINGLE OCCUPANCY RATE
(LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

*SPACE IS LIMITED. DUE TO THE EXCLUSIVITY OF THE ACTIVITIES INVOLVED, THE TOUR IS LIMITED TO 30 GUESTS

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 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 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 website: "transcendent-travel.com" or call us at 1-866-654-7508.

No order/reservation will be processed without the first payment. 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 30 days prior to the tour departure date. This relaxed policy allows for ease of mind when planning your tour experience with us.

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 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.

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 are being 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 \$400 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 is 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 a \$200 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.

Insurance via Transcendent covers the following:

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

The purchase of medical 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.

QUESTIONS?

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