

Educational Travel Experience Designed Especially for Frances Parnell



Lords, Ladies and Literature



April 24 - May 5, 2017

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON
- DAY 2 ARRIVE LONDON - PLYMOUTH (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 TINTAGEL - ST. IVES
- DAY 4 PLYMOUTH - GLASTONBURY - BATH (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 5 BATH
- DAY 6 BATH - COTSWOLDS - STRATFORD (1 NIGHT)
- DAY 7 STRATFORD - BLENHEIM - NEWBURY AREA (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 8 HIGHCLERE CASTLE
- DAY 9 WINCHESTER - CHAWTON
- DAY 10 NEWBURY AREA - BYFLEET - HAMPTON COURT - LONDON (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 11 LONDON
- DAY 12 DEPARTURE FROM LONDON


ITINERARY

England - England is a fascinating country with a long and rich history that continues to intrigue visitors to this day. In its earliest days the country was a consistent target for invasion and occupied by the Celts, Romans, Angles, Saxons, and Normans, all of whom left distinctive marks on the national identity. Over the centuries, its people have made a significant impact throughout the world in trade, colonization, religion, literature, art, and industry. In addition, England is a country of incredible beauty and diverse scenery. No amount of time here ever seems enough to fully experience all that the country has to offer.

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|  Educational Tour/Visit |  Cultural Experience |  Festival/Performance/Workshop | Tour Services |
|  Recreational Activity |  LEAP Enrichment |  Match/Training Session |      |








DAY 1 Monday, 24 April 2017









-  Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Wilmington to London-Heathrow, England

DAY 2 Tuesday, 25 April 2017

Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.

-  Today we will travel from London to Plymouth.
-  We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next ten days.
-  For the next two nights, our base will be in the Plymouth area. Breakfast will be included at the hotel.
-  Plymouth sits on the boundary of Devon and Cornwall between the mouths of the rivers Plym and Tamar. In 1620 the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for the New World from here, establishing Plymouth Colony; the second English colony in what is now the United States of America.
-  Tonight, we will enjoy dinner as a group.

DAY 3 Wednesday, 26 April 2017

-  Cornwall is a county on England's rugged southwestern tip. It forms a peninsula encompassing wild moorland and hundreds of sandy beaches, culminating at the famous promontory Land's End. The south coast, dubbed the Cornish Riviera, is home to picturesque harbour villages like Fowey and Falmouth. The north coast is lined with towering cliffs and seaside resorts like Newquay, known for surfing. Recently Cornwall has featured as the location for the hit British TV show Doc Martin.
-  Explore Tintagel Castle, the legendary birthplace of King Arthur. The remains of the castle date from the 12th century, but recent excavations have revealed that a Dark Age fortress once stood on the site.
-  Take a Driving Tour of Penwith, the most westerly headland in England. It has a bleak beauty of its own deriving from its granite foundation, the wind, the blue of the ocean and its small granite churches and Celtic wayside crosses. We will admire the panoramic views from the cliffs and visit the sheltered coves of Lamorna and Porthcurno.
-  As we drive around mount's bay, see St. Michael's Mount; a Cornish counterpart of Mont Saint-Michel in Normandy, France
-  The Cornish town of St. Ives is an attractive fishing village with winding alleys and hillside terraces which has been a favorite with artists since the late 19th century.
-  Take a Walking Tour to get acquainted with this scenic English coastal town.
-  Gwithian Beach is a gorgeous and popular beach in St. Ives. It offers stunning views of the nearby Godrevy light house and is a wonderful place to spend the day enjoying the sand, sun, and sea.
-  Tonight we will enjoy an authentic seaside meal of Fish 'n' chips - the pinnacle of British culinary delights.

DAY 4 Thursday, 27 April 2017


Today we will travel from Plymouth to Bath. We will stop in Glastonbury en route.



Glastonbury is a town shrouded in Arthurian myth and rich in mystical association. The town was once one of the most important destinations for pilgrims in England. The most notable and popular landmarks, Glastonbury Tor and the Abbey, are all associated with the stories of King Arthur, the Holy Grail and Joseph of Arimathea.



Explore the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, reputed burial place of King Arthur and site of the first Christian church in England. A cutting from the famous Glastonbury Thorn, said to have miraculously sprung from the staff of St. Joseph of Arimathea, grows within the abbey grounds and continues to astonish visitors by flowering each Christmas.



We will continue to Bath, our base for the next two nights. Breakfast will be included at the hotel.



Bath is a unique and beautiful city. The Romans turned it into England's first spa resort and brilliant architects created the Neo-Classical facades that fill the city and recall its Georgian and Victorian golden age. Jane Austen lived here and the peaceful beauty of the city inspired several of her works.



Dinner this evening will be in a local restaurant.

DAY 5 Friday, 28 April 2017


Take a Walking Tour through historic Bath, where we will see: the spectacular façade of Bath Abbey, Pulteney Bridge, featuring wonderful views of the city and the River Avon, the Circus and the Royal Crescent, one of Britain's finest streets.



Visit Bath Abbey, founded in the AD 7th century and noted for its unique façade. In AD 973, the first king of England, Edgar, was crowned in the Abbey, securing its importance in the nation's history.



Explore the extremely well-preserved Roman Baths, first associated with the Celtic King Bladud, and later established by the Romans in the 1st century. Step into the Pump Room, a set of elegant chambers built above the old Roman baths. The core of the Pump Room is the Grand Chamber, which looks down onto the old Roman Baths and we may have the opportunity to sample some of the spa's natural spring water.



Dinner this evening will be in a local restaurant.


DAY 6 Saturday, 29 April 2017


Today we will travel from Bath to Stratford. We will take in the beautiful Cotswolds on the way



Stow-on-the-Wold is a charming market town located atop a hill near Gloucestershire. Since the medieval era, the town has been a major center for all kinds of festivals. There is a still a yearly horse festival in the village that dates back to the Middle Ages!



Bourton-on-the-Water is a scenic village located on the wide, flat lands near Cotswolds. It is known for its scenic beauty and is considered the "Venice of the Cotswolds." With a history pre-dating even the Romans, the area has always been important in England's history due to its desired location near major waterways.



Chipping Campden is an elegant village that has always been a major mercantile center since the Middle Ages. From limestone facades to its infamous High Street, you can enjoy a stroll surrounded by charming inns, restaurants, and taverns.



Our base tonight will be Stratford Upon Avon, where breakfast will be provided at the hotel.



Situated on the banks of the Avon River, Stratford-upon-Avon is one of England's most beloved towns. Its history dates back to the Roman period, but its current appearance is as a charming Georgian and Tudor Revival market town that eagerly embraces the era of its most important former resident, William Shakespeare.









After a brief orientation tour with your guide, enjoy some free time to explore Stratford; find Shakespeare's grave at Holy Trinity Church or perhaps spend some time boating on the Avon.





Tonight we will enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.









DAY 7 Sunday, 30 April 2017

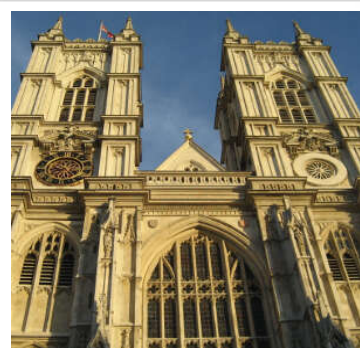
-  Discover where the young William Shakespeare courted his future bride Anne Hathaway at her picturesque family home. Anne Hathaway's Cottage provides a rare insight into the life of a family in Shakespearean times, and many of the original furnishings are preserved inside the house.
-  Today we will travel from Stratford to the Newbury area. We will visit Blenheim Palace on the way.
-  Discover Blenheim Palace, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. This incredible estate, was built in gratitude to the 1st Duke of Marlborough, who repeatedly defeated the French, most notably at the Battle of Blenheim in 1704. The 2100 acres of parkland surrounding the home were landscaped by "Capability" Brown and the interior displays beautifully balanced baroque architecture.
-  Spend time in the ancient market town of Bampton-in-the-Bush where outdoor scenes were filmed for the British television period drama Downton Abbey, most notably St. Mary's Church and the library, which serves as the entrance to the cottage hospital.
-  Our base for the next three nights will be Newbury (area), where breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotel.
-  Tonight a group dinner will be provided.

DAY 8 Monday, 01 May 2017






-  Visit Highclere Castle seat of the Earl of Carnarvon and the main setting for the British television period drama Downton Abbey. Records reveal a medieval palace built during the twelfth and thirteenth century which was later succeeded by a much admired red brick Tudor house. Major rebuilding works were carried out in the late 18th and early 19th centuries by the Carnarvon family and the old red brick and freestone house was converted to a classical Georgian mansion within a pastoral setting.
-  Tonight a group dinner will be provided.

DAY 9 Tuesday, 02 May 2017






-  Winchester was once the capital of ancient Wessex, as well as the administrative center for the Anglo-Saxon kings until the Norman Conquest. The city is connected with Arthurian legend and is the resting place of one of Britain's most beloved authors, Jane Austen.
-  Visit Winchester Cathedral, a historic medieval cathedral possessing the longest nave in Britain. This incredible structure is the resting place of many important British figures, most notably the author Jane Austen.
-  Visit the remains of Winchester Castle where a round oak table, King Arthur's Round Table, is attached to the wall.
-  Visit Jane Austen's Home at Chawton. It was here that she penned some of her most beloved works, including Pride and Prejudice, Emma, Sense and Sensibility, Northanger Abbey and Persuasion. The home is preserved as it would have been in Austen's day, and memorabilia, first editions and even the writer's donkey cart help recreate her life.
-  Tonight a group dinner will be provided.




DAY 10 Wednesday, 03 May 2017

-  Today we will travel from Newbury to London. En route we will stop at Byfleet and Hampton Court
-  Stop for 'Afternoon Tea' at Byfleet Manor; an exclusive private residence, steeped in history and featuring in Downton Abbey as the Dowager Countess' house.
-  Explore the grandiose Hampton Court Palace, a stately residence initially built for Cardinal Wolsey and then given to Henry VIII after Wolsey fell from favor. Our tour will include the Queen's Apartments, the Tudor Chapel Royal and the Great Hall. We will also stroll through the Fountain Gardens, Pond Gardens and Baroque Maze.
For the next two evenings we will enjoy the convenience of our centrally-located London hotel, where daily breakfast will be included.
-  London is the largest city in Europe: quite a feat, considering its location on a relatively small island. London's location is perfect for an administrative, communications and trade center, as the Romans realized when they founded their city in AD 43. London is filled with countless historic and cultural treasures that meld seamlessly in this exciting, contemporary city.
-  Enjoy dinner this evening in Covent Garden, home to some of the city's liveliest restaurants, pubs and cafés.

DAY 11 Thursday, 04 May 2017

-  Spend time exploring Portobello Road Street Market to look for some bargains and experience a real 'taste' of London life.
-  Visit Kensington Palace, a beautiful and historic building that has been home to many illustrious figures of British history, including Princess Diana. We will explore some of the State Apartments, as well as a beautiful Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection.
-  During our time in London we will explore the areas of Westminster and Whitehall, including Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, Horse Guards Parade, Parliament Square, Downing Street, St. James's Park and Buckingham Palace.
-  This evening, those who wish may attend a choral evensong at Westminster Abbey which combines a traditional mass with a choir.
-  This evening we will dine in a local restaurant near to Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square, two of London's most vibrant and lively areas.

DAY 12 Friday, 05 May 2017

-  Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.

TOTAL PER PERSON TOUR COST BASED ON NUMBER OF FULL-PAYING PARTICIPANTS

Frances Parnell (Subject to final airfare confirmation)	Full Paying Participants	Price In USD	With Early Discount*
*Early Enrollment Discount available if registered by May 24, 2016.	20	5,649	5,349
How To Enroll			
Complete the Registration Form and return to your program leader by May 24th.			
Tour Prices Guaranteed at Time of Enrollment!			
Our Price Guarantee: Once you have accepted this proposal and the dates have been confirmed, the prices shown for the relevant group size level(s) will not change, regardless of any subsequent rate fluctuations (for example, on visits to attractions, airline fuel/taxes or currency movements on overseas programs).			

What is Included:

- Round trip airfare with a major carrier on scheduled flights and guaranteed dates
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges (which will not change after time of enrollment for any participant)
- Accommodation in three and four star hotels in twin or triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- A filling breakfast everyday to get the day started well throughout your touring program
- A hearty three course dinner daily reflecting local cuisine on every evening
- A full-time WorldStrides International Discovery programs Tour Director, to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- All excursions, cultural activities and (several pre-booked) admissions as per your itinerary
- Transportation by private coach for airport transfers and touring, except in the capital city, where public transport is used (and the cost included) for group sightseeing
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation and repatriation

This Does Not Include:

- Lunches or beverages with meals
- Visas (if required)
- Tips and gratuities for the guide and driver (or cruise staff if applicable)
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage
- Travel insurance - We offer and always recommend our Trip Mate travel insurance policy to all participants. This comprehensive policy includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$199

