



Blackwell



Brantwood

Special extras included in your itinerary

- ❖ Guided walking tour of Stratford-upon-Avon
- ❖ Guided tour of Brantwood House
- ❖ Coniston Water Cruise
- ❖ Lake Windermere Cruise
- ❖ Exclusive talk and lunch at the Wordsworth Museum
- ❖ Guided tour of Blackwell
- ❖ Guided tour of Holker Hall
- ❖ Themed evening talk by a guest speaker



William Wordsworth



Sizergh Castle

The Lake District & William Wordsworth's Homes

July 5 to 13, 2020

from \$4,990 per person

The deep lakes and jagged fells of the Lake District have proved an inspiring backdrop for some of Britain's greatest poets, writers and artists. Classified as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, we explore this spectacular part of England with its magnificent scenery, while discovering how it influenced the life and work of the famous romantic poet, William Wordsworth.

Nine Day Itinerary

July 5: Arrival (depart U.S. on 7/4)

On arrival at Heathrow airport, a private transfer will take you to our overnight hotel, the Macdonald Windsor Hotel. Tonight, join the group for a welcome drink followed by dinner.

Meals: Dinner

July 6: Baddesley Clinton and Stratford-upon-Avon

Set timelessly in its own secluded parkland, Baddesley Clinton is a moated, medieval manor house dating back to the 13th century. Its extensive formal gardens are steeped in history, from its use as a place of hiding and refuge for Catholic priests to the story of the Victorian Quartet; four writers and artists who used Baddesley as a retreat from the modern world.

We then visit the beautiful, riverside town of Stratford-upon-Avon, forever associated with William Shakespeare. We take a guided walking tour to see some of the town's highlights before time at leisure. Fans of Shakespeare can visit the house in which he was born or discover the local theaters including the Swan Theatre, home of the Royal Shakespeare Company. Later we check in to our overnight hotel, the New Hall Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 7: Rufford Old Hall and Sizergh Castle

Beginning our journey north, we make our way to Rufford Old Hall. This magnificent Tudor Great Hall, with later additions, was home to the Hesketh family for 500 years and reveals the family's lives, loves and fortunes. Surrounded by formal Victorian and Edwardian gardens, the hall has a fantastic collection of arms, armor and tapestries.



After, we visit Sizergh Castle, associated with the Strickland family since the 13th century. The castle's imposing grey stone walls rise up out of a beautiful garden with a pond, lake and a wonderful limestone rock garden while inside, we find portraits and fine furniture in this much-loved family home.

We then continue to the Newby Bridge Hotel, our base for the next five nights. This evening after dinner, we enjoy a fascinating talk by a guest speaker.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 8: Brantwood House, Coniston Water Cruise, Ambleside, Lake Windermere Cruise and Bowness-on-Windermere

Brantwood House is the former home of John Ruskin and we visit the house just over 200 years after his birth. Filled with many fine paintings, beautiful furniture and Ruskin's personal treasures, gain a fascinating insight into the world of the famous writer, artist and social reformer on our guided tour.

We then enjoy a scenic cruise on Coniston Water with its backdrop of spectacular scenery towards Brantwood, before continuing on by coach to Ambleside, a pretty town situated at the head of Lake Windermere, the largest natural lake in England. From here we take a picturesque cruise to Bowness-on-Windermere, a charming enclave on the eastern shores of the lake, where we have free time to enjoy the craft and gift shops, lakeside cafés and tea rooms. Tonight we enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 9: Dove Cottage and the Wordsworth Museum

Today we head to Dove Cottage, home to Wordsworth from 1799 to 1808 and his first family home. The famous poet fell in love with the cottage and Grasmere while on a walking tour of the Lake District in 1799. Little changed since Wordsworth's tenure, the story of the house

and family is vividly told here, with many of Wordsworth's furniture and possessions on display.

Our day continues at the Wordsworth Museum, home to original letters, journals, manuscripts and artworks. We enjoy an exclusive talk from a member of the senior curatorial team here, where we have the opportunity to see items from the collection which are not ordinarily viewed by the public, including first edition books. After lunch together we will also have the chance to see a printing press in action as well as enjoy some of Wordsworth's poetry.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

July 10: Rydal Mount, Abbot Hall Art Gallery & Museum and Kendal

This morning begins at Rydal Mount, Wordsworth's family home for the greater part of his life from 1813 until his death in 1850. Lying between Ambleside and Grasmere, the house commands glorious views of Lake Windermere and retains a lived-in, family atmosphere plus portraits, personal possessions and first editions of the poet's work.

We then head to Windermere to take the train to Kendal where we visit Abbot Hall Art Gallery & Museum, originally designed as an opulent house by architect John Carr in 1759. Kendal's finest historic house is now an award-winning art gallery, showcasing a variety of works by a wealth of artists including George Romney, Daniel Gardner and John Ruskin. Afterwards we have free time to enjoy the market town of Kendal at leisure. Dinner will be in a local restaurant tonight.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 11: Blackwell and Holker Hall

Our day begins with a guided tour of Blackwell, one of Britain's finest Arts and Crafts houses. Designed by MH Baillie Scott, Blackwell retains many of its original decorative features, including spectacular plasterwork and stained glass while the rooms contain furniture and objects by many of the leading Arts and Crafts designers.

Finally, we visit Holker Hall, home of Lord and Lady Cavendish. Dating back to the 16th century, with alterations and additions in the 18th and 19th centuries, it is a delightful family home with fine displays of antique furniture and art. We enjoy a guided tour here.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 12: Shugborough Estate

On our journey south, we stop at the Shugborough Estate, a rare survival of a complete estate that was returned to the care of the National Trust in 2017. We enjoy a genuine glimpse into the past; with an operational Victorian servants' quarter, dairy and Georgian Park Farm complete with watermill, this imposing 17th-century house is also a sensory treat, while the parkland is scattered with mysterious monuments.



What's Included

- ❖ Return airport transfers from London Heathrow*
- ❖ 1 night at the Macdonald Windsor Hotel
- ❖ 1 night at the New Hall Hotel
- ❖ 5 nights at the Lakeside Hotel
- ❖ 1 night at the Hartwell House Hotel
- ❖ Welcome drink
- ❖ Full English breakfast each day
- ❖ 3-course *table d'hôte* dinner on 5 nights at the hotels (with after dinner tea and coffee)
- ❖ 2 dinners in local restaurants
- ❖ Services of a tour director throughout your stay
- ❖ Travel to and from all excursions
- ❖ All excursion costs
- ❖ Porterage

*supplement applies for transfers from all other airports

Your Hotels

Night One – Macdonald Windsor Hotel, Windsor

Night Two – New Hall Hotel, Sutton Coldfield

Nights Three to Seven – Lakeside Hotel, Newby Bridge

Night Eight – Hartwell House Hotel, near Aylesbury

For more information on these hotels please visit our website.

We have a small number of single places with no supplement available on this tour. These places sell quickly.

Later we check in to the Hartwell House Hotel, one of the National Trust's Historic House Hotels, before a farewell dinner together this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

July 13: Departure

A private transfer will take you back to Heathrow airport for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast



Dove Cottage

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I make a booking?

Call National Trust Tours at **888-484-8785** to register by phone (preferred method) **Monday - Friday from 9am to 5pm (EST)** or register online at www.nationaltrusttours.com

When are payments due?

When you confirm your booking with us, a non-refundable deposit of \$750 per person is required to secure your place. The final balance payment must be paid to us no later than 90 days prior to the tour departure date. Of course, full payment can be made at the time of booking if you prefer and for bookings made less than 8 weeks before the tour departs this will be a requirement.

How can I pay?

We accept debit and credit cards (except American Express), for deposits and full payment.

What paperwork will I receive?

When your booking is confirmed, we will email you a booking confirmation document along with a copy of our full Terms and Conditions. 90 days prior to the tour, we will prepare and send you our Travel Pack with your finalized information, reading list and tour itinerary details.

Do I need travel insurance?

Yes, this is essential; we can only accept a booking on the basis that you have taken out a full and comprehensive travel insurance policy to cover the full duration of your trip. We will ask you to confirm this to us. If you choose not to take out travel insurance, this is done so against our advice and at your own risk; we will ask you to sign a declaration form indemnifying us from any responsibility or cost in the event of medical emergency or repatriation.

Do I need a passport and visa?

It is your responsibility to ensure you have a full passport and we recommend that it is valid for 6 months after the return date of your trip. Tourist visas are not required for US citizens visiting the UK for under 90 days solely for the purpose of tourism. If you are not a US citizen or you are combining your visit with business, it is your responsibility to check the requirements for visiting the UK, you can do this by visiting the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) website to determine whether you need a visa to enter the United Kingdom.

Are there single traveler room supplements?

We have a small number of rooms on each tour that are sold with no single supplement; once these are sold out we charge a supplement for any additional single rooms which varies for each tour. You can contact us to enquire about single supplement prices. Please book early as single rooms sell fast.

Are room upgrades available?

All of the hotels on these tours have been hand-picked for their high quality of accommodation and service. However, in some instances room upgrades are available and we would be happy to assist you to arrange these should you be interested.

Can you arrange extra hotel nights?

Yes, if you decide to arrive a few days before the start of the tour or leave a few days after the end of the tour, we are happy to arrange extra nights' accommodation. However, this service is only available at hotels that feature in the tour on which you are travelling and a \$35 administration fee is charged for this service.

Are meals included?

All breakfasts are included on all tours. Certain lunches and dinners are also included and you should study the tour itinerary in this brochure to determine what meals are included on your chosen tour. Meals not mentioned are not included and all beverages are at your own expense throughout the tour.

What do I do about any dietary requirements?

Please inform us at the time of booking, we will pass your information on to the hotel who will do their best to accommodate your requirements.

How many passengers will be in the Albion Journeys tour group?

Typically, between 10 and 30.

What is the role of the Tour Director?

Our friendly Tour Director will meet you for a welcome dinner at the beginning of each tour. Their role is to facilitate the smooth organization of all operational aspects of the tour. If you have any queries or experience any issues during the tour, they are there to assist you.

Will the excursions change?

Please note that we plan our tours far in advance and the order and availability of excursions may be subject to change. In the event of a property not being available to visit, we will substitute with a similar visit, and you will be informed of the full details.

How much walking will there be on these tours?

As much or as little as you like. Any included guided tours will operate at a fairly relaxed pace, as with many historic houses and gardens, you may experience some uneven flooring and steps along the way. Of course, you will always have the option to explore any venue by yourself at your own pace. Any specific tour in this brochure with more than an average

amount of walking will be clearly noted in the itinerary. If you have any specific concerns, please contact us.

What are the arrangements for luggage?

The standard luggage allowance is one item of hand luggage and one suitcase per person restricted to a maximum weight of 20kgs (44 pounds). We do provide portage at each of the hotels used on our tours, however, as with all things of a personal nature, it is your responsibility to ensure your suitcase is loaded onto the vehicles we use throughout the tour.

What clothing should I bring?

Comfortable leisurewear is recommended for the daytime. In the evening many participants prefer to wear smarter dress for dining. Whilst gentlemen may choose to wear a jacket in the restaurant in the evening, at most hotels this is not obligatory, we will of course inform you if any hotel does have a dress code. It is advisable to bring layered clothing and a light waterproof jacket. We recommend sturdy footwear when visiting gardens as the ground may be soft underfoot. Many historic properties request ladies do not wear high heels which may damage flooring.

Can you arrange my flights to the UK?

Albion Journeys do not arrange your air travel for our tours; this is your responsibility and gives you the flexibility to decide on your own routing.

What should I budget for tipping?

While it is not compulsory, it is customary to tip the coach driver and Tour Director as well as offering a small gratuity to the transfer drivers to acknowledge the services they have provided. As a guideline we suggest a rate of £5 per day for your driver, £10 per day for your Tour Director and a couple of pounds for your transfer driver. Gratuities for hotel staff and the tour guides you may meet at properties on your day trips are covered by Albion Journeys.

For more information, please telephone the Tours Program at the National Trust at **(888) 484-8785** or **(202) 588-6300**

- web: www.nationaltrusttours.com
- email: info@nationaltrusttours.com

All tours offered subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply. Errors and omissions excepted.

Terms & Conditions

It is important that you read the following booking conditions. These Booking Conditions form the basis of your contract with us. Please read these sections carefully as they apply to all bookings you make with us unless otherwise specified. All holidays are operated by Albion.

1. HOLIDAY PAYMENT: When you make a booking you must pay a deposit for every person named on the booking. Deposits per person and the balance due date (the period before the departure date on which your full balance normally becomes due) are:

Deposit	Balance due date
\$750	90 days before departure

If you cannot make a payment by card at the time of booking, please speak to one of our Reservations staff to discuss other options. You can make payments against your balance anytime between making the booking and the balance due date. If the balance is not paid on time we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you and apply cancellation charges as set out in clause 3 below. For bookings made after the balance due date, the full amount is due at the time of booking.

2. OUR AGREEMENT: A contract is formed when we issue to you the booking confirmation document and terms and conditions. It is important you read through these and any other documents you receive and advise us of any inaccuracy within 14 days of the document date. By accepting the booking is correct you agree to our terms and conditions.

We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracy in any document within 14 days of our sending it out. This contract and all matters arising out of it will be governed by English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

3. HOLIDAY CANCELLATION BY YOU: If you want to cancel your booking after we have confirmed it with you either verbally, over the telephone or by email, you can do so over the phone or in writing. The following cancellation charges will apply:

365 to 182 days prior to departure	\$500
181 to 91 days prior to departure	\$750
90 days or less before departure	100% of the program cost is non-refundable

If any member of your party is prevented from travelling, that person may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you) providing we are notified no less than two weeks before departure.

Full terms and conditions will be provided with your booking confirmation. They are also available on request or via our website: www.albionjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions.

