



Banqueting House

The Tudors & Stuarts in London

May 4 to 11, 2020

from \$4,990 per person

London's skyline today is characterized by modern high-rise towers, but look hard and you can still see traces of its early history. The Tudor and Stuart monarchs collectively ruled Britain for over 200 years and this time was highly influential on the city's architecture. We discover Sir Christopher Wren's rebuilding of the city's churches after the Great Fire of London along with visiting magnificent St Paul's Cathedral. We also travel to the capital's outskirts to find impressive Tudor houses waiting to be rediscovered.

Eight Day Itinerary

May 4: Arrival (depart U.S. on 5/3)

On arrival at Heathrow airport, a private transfer will take you to The Royal Horseguards Hotel, our hotel for the duration of our stay. Tonight, join the group for a welcome drink followed by dinner.

Meals: Dinner

May 5: Tower of London, the Monument to the Great Fire of London, St Dunstan in the East Garden and St Paul's Cathedral

We begin our day at the Tower of London. Founded in 1066, in its time it has housed a famous selection of prisoners including multiple wives and associates of Henry VIII. We will find out more about the history here on our audio guided tour.

Our next stop is the Monument to the Great Fire of London, designed by Britain's famed architect Sir Christopher Wren and completed in 1677.

Afterwards, we venture to St Dunstan in the East Garden. This unique city garden was built amongst the ruins of a medieval church. The church was severely bombed during World War II, but it wasn't until 1967 that the City of London decided to turn the remains into a public garden.

We head next to St Paul's Cathedral, with its world-famous dome that remains an iconic feature of the London skyline. The present cathedral was the masterpiece of Sir Christopher Wren, built between 1675 and 1710 in the Baroque style. We have time to discover the spectacular interiors and the crypt on our guided tour.

Back at the hotel this evening, we enjoy dinner together before a fascinating talk by a guest speaker.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



May 6: Ham House & Gardens and Syon Park

We take a scenic drive to Ham House & Gardens, one of Europe's greatest 17th-century houses nestling on the banks of the River Thames. This atmospheric mansion with fine interiors and historic gardens has remained virtually unchanged for 400 years and we find out more on our guided house tour.

Next we visit Syon Park, the spectacular London home of the Duke of Northumberland. Built in the 16th century, it has been in the family of the present owners for more than 400 years. The Tudor mansion was remodelled by Robert Adam for the first Duke in the 1760s and we learn more about the property on our guided tour.

Meals: Breakfast

May 7: Sir Christopher Wren's Churches, Eastbury Manor House and Sutton House

After the Great Fire of London, Sir Christopher Wren rebuilt 51 churches and this morning we take a guided walking tour to see several of the finest places of worship including Temple Church and St Stephen Walbrook.

We then travel to the Tudor gentry house, Eastbury Manor House, for a guided tour. Completed in around 1573, little has changed since. Admire the evocative exposed timbers in the attic, an original spiral oak staircase as well as the cobbled courtyard.

Our final stop today is Sutton House. Nearly 500 years old, this property was once a Tudor country house for a courtier of King Henry VIII. We have time to explore the house at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

May 8: Chelsea Physic Garden, Southwark Cathedral, Globe Theatre and the George Inn

We start the day with a guided tour of the Chelsea Physic Garden. Founded in 1673 as the Apothecaries' Garden, with the purpose of training apprentices in the identification and use of medicinal plants, the garden was only opened to the public in the 1980s.

Afterwards, we visit Southwark Cathedral, once known as the parish of St Saviour's and the oldest Gothic church in London. William Shakespeare is perhaps the most famous resident of the parish and his brother Edmund was buried at St Saviour's. His ledger stone is situated in the Cathedral Choir.

We continue to Shakespeare's Globe where we visit the fascinating exhibition and enjoy a backstage tour to learn more about this iconic theater and its most famous playwright. From colorful stories of the original 1599 Globe to the faithful reconstruction process of the 1990s, there is plenty to discover. To round off our day we visit the George Inn, the last remaining galleried pub in the capital, before travelling on to enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

May 9: Westminster Abbey, Covent Garden and Banqueting House

Our day begins with a guided tour of the magnificent Westminster Abbey. Founded by Benedictine monks in 960AD, the Abbey has been the coronation church since 1066. A remarkable addition to the Abbey was the glorious Lady Chapel built by King Henry VII, first of the Tudor monarchs.

After, we venture to Covent Garden for free time. The West Piazza of Covent Garden Market is known for its street performers that entertain every afternoon. All performers have passed an audition to entertain here and good acts can draw huge crowds. There are also restaurants, cafés and shopping opportunities here.

We end the day with a visit to Banqueting House, a survivor of the lost royal Palace of Whitehall. The crowning glory here is the magnificent nine ceiling paintings by Peter Paul Rubens, installed in 1636.

Meals: Breakfast

May 10: Fenton House and the Charterhouse

The day starts to the north of the city in the leafy suburb of Hampstead, at Fenton House, a handsome 17th-century merchant's house set in a beautiful walled garden. The house is filled with highly decorative collections of porcelain, early musical instruments and 17th-century needlework. The balcony of the house offers panoramic views of the city on fine days.

We continue on to the Charterhouse, a former Carthusian monastery which, in 2017, opened its doors to the public for the first time since its foundation in 1348. Since the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the 16th century, the site has served as a private mansion, a boys' school and an almshouse, which it remains to this day. We enjoy a guided tour of this historic site with one of the 'Brothers' (a resident of the almshouse).

Afterwards we have free time to enjoy London at our leisure before a farewell dinner together back at the hotel this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

May 11: Departure

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

Meals: Breakfast

What's Included

- ❖ Return airport transfers from London Heathrow*
- ❖ 7 nights at The Royal Horseguards Hotel
- ❖ Welcome drink
- ❖ Full English breakfast each day
- ❖ 3-course *table d'hôte* dinner on 3 nights at the hotel (with after dinner tea and coffee)
- ❖ 1 dinner in a local restaurant
- ❖ 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 Hotel

Nights One to Seven – The Royal Horseguards Hotel**, London

For more information on this hotel please visit our website.

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

**Please note: Hotel check in is available from 4pm only. If you would like to check in earlier, please call for details.



Fenton House

Special extras included in your itinerary

- ❖ Audio guided tour of the Tower of London
- ❖ Guided tour of St Paul's Cathedral
- ❖ Guided tour of Ham House
- ❖ Guided tour of Syon Park
- ❖ Guided walking tour of Sir Christopher Wren's Churches
- ❖ Guided tour of Eastbury Manor House
- ❖ Guided tour of Chelsea Physic Garden
- ❖ Backstage tour of the Globe Theatre
- ❖ Guided tour of Westminster Abbey
- ❖ Guided tour of the Charterhouse
- ❖ Themed evening talk by a guest speaker



Ham House



Westminster Abbey



Monument to the Great Fire of London

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.

