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VILLAGE LIFE®

Cotswolds



Featured Guest Speaker
MARK CUMMINGS

October 10 – 18, 2027

Journey through the charming Cotswolds, the Heart of England and home to some of the country's most scenic landscapes, filled with picturesque villages, rolling green hills and winding country lanes. From your home base in the first-class *Queens Hotel* in Cheltenham, embark on daily excursions, exploring grand properties and lovely countryside. Tour prestigious Oxford University, stately Sudeley Castle and beautiful Hidcote Garden. At a local farm, learn about sustainability, meet the local animals and enjoy a farmhouse lunch. Discover majestic Blenheim Palace and Chavenage House on private guided tours. Explore tiny villages, stroll through country gardens and tread in Shakespeare's footsteps in Stratford-upon-Avon. Meet locals who will share their culture, cuisine and love of the area. Treat yourself to this unforgettable 7-night escape to England's castles and countryside!

Exclusive Highlights

- Specially arranged visit to Chavenage House and grounds, hosted by a member of the family.
- Private, before-hours tour of UNESCO World Heritage Site, Blenheim Palace, including its Palace State Rooms & Churchill exhibition.
- Visit to the Shakespeare Library and Archive Collections, listed on the UNESCO Memory of the World register, and Anne Hathaway's Cottage.



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Dear National Trust Traveler:

Join us on this enriching ramble through the Heart of England, a 7-night program brimming with history, culture and gorgeous pastoral views. Follow in the footsteps of Shakespeare in Stratford-upon-Avon as you explore the fascinating Shakespeare Library and Archive Collections, and call at Anne Hathaway's cottage. Tread the campus at Oxford University, bastion of higher learning since 1096.

Revel in nature as you stroll the grounds of Chavenage House and the lush Arts and Crafts-inspired garden at Hidcote. Visit Whittington Lodge Farm for a private talk on sustainability and farm life, where you'll also meet the cattle herd and enjoy a delicious farmhouse lunch.

Get acquainted with the locals at a village forum about Cotswold life. And savor a traditional pub dinner with a local folk duo who will talk about the history of folk music in the area and perform for us.

Discover town and country, castles and sheepcotes, grand estates and tiny villages on this unparalleled program. Book today while space and Special Savings are still available.

Sincerely,

Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours



Christ Church College, Oxford

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Day 1 | October 10

Depart your home city.

Day 2 | October 11 **R**

London, England |
Cheltenham

Arrive in London, England, and transfer to Cheltenham in the Cotswolds. Check in to the first-class *Queens Hotel*, unpack and settle in. Join us for a Welcome Reception, followed by a leisurely evening to enjoy dinner on your own at a local pub or restaurant.

Day 3 | October 12 **B-L**

Whittington Lodge Farm |
Cotswolds Villages

Visit this award-winning conservation farm, where the owners will chat about sustainability and farm life over tea and cake. Venture into the pastures to explore the orchards and observe local wildlife, including the farm's cattle herd. Finally, enjoy a fresh farmhouse lunch. This afternoon, visit the market square of Stow-on-the-Wold, a historic wool town. Don't miss St. Edwards church and its famous North

Door — flanked by two ancient yew trees, this unique portal supposedly inspired J.R.R. Tolkien's Doors of Durin in "The Lord of the Rings." Next stop: Moreton-in-Marsh, a charming market town with a beautiful High Street, lined with elegant 17th- and 18th-century buildings.

Day 4 | October 13 **B-L**

Blenheim Palace | Oxford

This morning's excursion begins with a private tour of historic and fascinating Blenheim Palace. Built

between 1705 and 1724, Blenheim Palace was a gift from Parliament to John Churchill, First Duke of Marlborough, to thank him for his war service. Sir Winston was born here, and the estate remains in the Churchill family. Blenheim Palace was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987. Tour the Palace State Rooms and the Churchill Exhibition. Enjoy a buffet lunch in a private room in the palace, followed by a lecture by our Featured Guest Speaker. Next, visit the

Farm visit, Cotswolds





Blenheim Palace

illustrious campus of Oxford University. Traverse the Tudor-era Tom Quad to arrive at Tom Tower, which was designed by Sir Christopher Wren and built in 1681 to house a bell (aptly named Great Tom). Step into the dark-paneled, portrait-lined dining hall with its vaulted ceilings, which may remind you of the Great Hall of Hogwarts. Finally, learn about “Christ Church time” — which is five minutes later than Greenwich Mean Time.

Day 5 | October 14 **B**

Chavenage House

This morning, chat with local residents about their history,

culture and daily lives during a captivating village forum. After lunch, visit Chavenage House — over 400 years old and built in an Elizabethan architectural style. It has been visited by many British notables over the years, and will be familiar to viewers of the PBS series “Poldark” and “Wolf Hall.” The Lowsley-Williams family have owned and lived at Chavenage since 1891. A family member will give you a fascinating private tour of the house and grounds, and host you for afternoon tea and an informal discussion of life and work at Chavenage.

Day 6 | October 15 **B**

Stratford-upon-Avon

Explore the life of Shakespeare during a tour of the medieval riverside market town of Stratford-upon-Avon. Visit the Bard’s birthplace and marvel at the treasures held in the Shakespeare Library and Archive Collections, listed on the UNESCO Memory of the World register.

Enjoy lunch and leisure time in Stratford. Stroll the riverfront, discover Magic Alley, browse the shops or take a boat ride on the Avon River. Then visit the childhood home of Shakespeare’s wife, Anne Hathaway. It was built in 1463



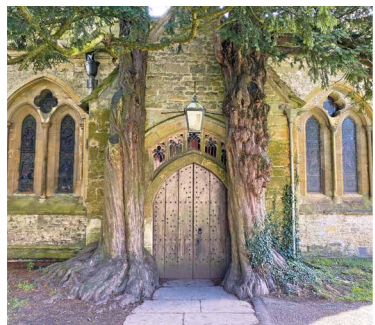
Chavenage House



Coffee shop, Cheltenham



Afternoon tea



St. Edward's, Stow-on-the-Wold

and lived in by 13 generations of her family. Anne was born in the cottage in 1556; William would have visited her there while courting her. Note the lovely manicured gardens around the cottage.

Day 7 | October 16

B

Cheltenham | Hidcote Garden

Start the day with a guided walking tour of lovely Cheltenham. After lunch, depart for Hidcote, a world-famous Arts and Crafts-inspired garden covering over 10 acres near the village of Chipping Camden. The garden combines smaller,

more formal rooms and larger-scale landscapes. Enjoy a guided tour through this lovely greenspace.

Day 8 | October 17

B-D

Sudeley Castle

Built in 1443 and regally situated on 1,200 acres, Sudeley Castle is an eye-popping estate. And it has an impressive pedigree; the castle's royal connections have played an important role in British history throughout time.. During a guided tour, marvel at the rooms and their artifacts and treasures, and stroll the grounds, which hold ten separate gardens.

Tonight, head to the Falcon Pub in the village of Painswick (known as the "Queen of the Cotswolds") to enjoy a traditional pub farewell dinner in a beautiful Georgian townhouse. A local folk duo will join us to talk about the history of folk music in the Cotswolds and to perform.

Day 9 | October 18

B

Cotswolds | London | Return to Home City

Following breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to Heathrow International Airport for your return flight home.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.



Featured Guest Speaker Mark Cummings

Mark is a multiple award-winning radio presenter, journalist and writer and has been broadcasting for over 40 years. For nearly half of that time, he presented the BBC Radio Gloucestershire Breakfast Show. He's presented several "West Country" travel series for BBC Points West and writes a monthly column for Cotswold Life, which he

first started twenty years ago. Having traveled extensively as a backpacker, and now as an empty nester, he writes travel pieces that inspire readers to follow in his footsteps. His book "Glorious Gloucestershire" which he calls "a love letter to the county I adore," was published in 2024. He looks forward to sharing his insights during this program.



INCLUDED FEATURES



- 7-night stay at the first-class *Queens Hotel Cheltenham*.
- Small group travel, with a maximum of 36 travelers.
- Included meals | 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program.
- Expert lecturers and local guides enrich your experience with their knowledge and insight.
- Chat with local residents about their history, culture and lifestyle in a village forum.
- Private talk about sustainability and farm life at Whittington Lodge Farm, followed by a farmhouse lunch.
- Private before-hours tour of Blenheim Palace.
- Specially arranged private visit to Chavenage House and grounds, hosted by a member of the family.
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Cuisine, Cotswolds

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Queens Hotel Cheltenham
 From an 18th-century spa to a modern boutique hotel, the *Queens Hotel Cheltenham* boasts a long history, a grand exterior and a prime position on one of Cheltenham's most beautiful Regency streets. The hotel is a stunning example of neo-classical architecture. Throughout its illustrious history, the hotel welcomed such eminent figures as General Sir Charles Napier, Sir Edward Elgar and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Recently, the hotel has been restored to its former neo-classical glory, and the building's original comforts have been enhanced with the latest technology.

2027 DEPARTURE DATE | October 10 to 18 | Tour Begins: October 11

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