



Bowood House



Brighton Pavilion

Glories of Georgian Britain & the Regency Lifestyle

NEW August 17 to 30, 2027 ♦ From \$8,800* per person

In Britain, the 18th and early 19th centuries were a time of great social change, elegant architecture and imperial ambitions, with the peak of the Industrial Revolution creating huge wealth. With it came some of the grandest houses of them all, including Petworth, Osterley Park and Stourhead to name but a few. Embodying Georgian ideals and rooted in symmetry, it is no wonder that many of the refined estates we visit featured in the smash-hit series, *Bridgerton*. And so, *dearest gentle reader*, step into the life of high society — a world of glittering soirees, exclusive balls and exciting debutantes, as we weave through a number of beautiful English counties. At a time when George III was unfit to rule due to madness, we chart the influence of the Prince Regent, follow in the footsteps of ‘the ton’ and promenade in fashionable seaside and spa towns.

What's Included

- ♦ Arrival/departure airport transfers from London Heathrow*
- ♦ 2 nights at the Castle Hotel, Windsor
- ♦ 2 nights at the The Spread Eagle Hotel & Spa, West Sussex
- ♦ 3 nights at the Bishopstrow Hotel & Spa, Wiltshire
- ♦ 2 nights at the Bailbrook House Hotel, Bath
- ♦ 2 nights at the Queens Hotel, Cheltenham
- ♦ 1 night at the Macdonald Windsor Hotel, Windsor
- ♦ Welcome drink & canapés at your first hotel
- ♦ Full English/Continental breakfast each day
- ♦ 3-course dinner, usually served *table d'hôte* style, on 10 nights at the hotels (with after-dinner tea & coffee)
- ♦ Any additional meals as listed in the itinerary
- ♦ Entrances to all excursions as listed in the itinerary
- ♦ Porterage where available
- ♦ Services of a tour manager

*Supplement applies for transfers from all other airports and all other locations, including central London.

Itinerary

August 17: Depart your home city and arrive the next day in London

August 18: Arrival

Upon arrival at Heathrow Airport, a private transfer will take you to our hotel, the Castle Hotel, Windsor. In the evening, join the group for a welcome drink and canapés, followed by dinner.

August 19: Basildon Park & Chiswick House and Gardens

With appearances on screen in *Downton Abbey* and *Bridgerton*, it's no wonder that a visit to Georgian Basildon Park feels like stepping straight into a period drama. On our visit here, we discover how it was saved from ruin.

Our next included visit is Chiswick House and Gardens. During our guided house tour, we discover this masterpiece of the Palladian style before strolling the grounds, the birthplace of the English Landscape Movement.

August 20: Osterley Park and House & Hatchlands Park

We delve into 18th-century aristocratic life at Osterley, a magnificent estate with restored formal gardens. The house features stunning interiors that showcase Robert Adam's neoclassical designs — it's no surprise that this Georgian gem has appeared in *Bridgerton*.

Today also includes an introductory welcome talk followed by a self-guided audio headset tour of Hatchlands Park, a classic red-brick country house featuring a parterre garden designed by Gertrude Jekyll. The house is crammed with Robert Adam's fine ceiling decorations and boasts Europe's largest collection of keyboard instruments.

August 21: Brighton Pavilion & Brighton

On a private guided tour, we discover Brighton Pavilion, built for George IV as a seaside palace and a combination of Regency and Indo-Saracenic styles.

Afterward, enjoy some free time to visit Brighton's iconic pier and stroll the seafront promenade as wealthy Georgians once did.

August 22: Petworth House & Salisbury Cathedral

Immortalized in Turner's paintings, 17th-century Petworth House is nestled in a deer park landscaped by Capability Brown and is home to the National Trust's finest collection of art and sculptures. Fans of *Bridgerton* may also recognize various filming locations here too.

We continue to Salisbury Cathedral, boasting the tallest spire in Britain and the best-preserved version of the 1215 Magna Carta.

August 23: Stourhead

We're treated to a gardener-led tour of our hotel estate before heading to Stourhead. Our time here includes a guided house tour, discovering its Chippendale furniture and fine Regency library, a walled garden tour and afternoon tea at the Temple of Apollo, which featured in *Pride & Prejudice* (2005).

August 24: Bowood House & Gardens

We take a guided tour of Bowood House, the family home of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne with Capability Brown surroundings. The 'Georgian Ladies of the House' exhibition provides a glimpse into life above and below stairs for 18th-century women here.

August 25: The Roman Baths & Bath Walking Tour

An audio-guided visit brings the history of the Roman Baths to life, where steaming thermal waters still flow through the well-preserved ancient bathing complex.

We continue with a guided walking tour of Regency Bath, with highlights including Bath Abbey, the Pump Room and Pulteney Bridge.

August 26: Bath & No. 1 Royal Crescent, Bath

Enjoy some free time to explore Bath. Later, we visit an iconic address — No 1 Royal Crescent. We're treated to an after-hours guided tour by a curator of this Georgian townhouse museum, used for the exterior of Lady Featherington's home in *Bridgerton*. We hear how high society descended on Bath for 'the season', while enjoying wine and canapés.

Hatchlands Park



August 27: Sezincote House & Garden, Broadway & the Cotswolds

Soak up the rolling landscapes of the Cotswolds on the way to exotic Sezincote, featuring a weathered-copper onion dome, elegant minarets, an exquisite orangery and more. It was a visit by the Prince Regent here that led him to redesign plans for Brighton Pavilion, and we learn more during our guided tour.

Afterward, enjoy some time in Broadway. Often referred to as the 'Jewel of the Cotswolds', this picturesque village is known for its charming streets lined with honey-colored stone buildings, boutique shops and art galleries.

August 28: Painswick Rococo Gardens & Regency Cheltenham

Painswick Rococo Garden awaits, with its playful architecture, winding paths and colorful flowerbeds. We enjoy a guided tour, focusing on its history and restoration.

The afternoon is left free to explore Cheltenham, a celebrated spa town with Regency treasures.

August 29: Windsor

Our tour reaches a gentle close with free time in Windsor. You may wish to visit Windsor Castle (not included), the final resting place of Elizabeth II.

This evening, we enjoy a farewell dinner together at our hotel back in Windsor.

August 30: Departure

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



Please note: the order of excursions is subject to change and guided tours are subject to restrictions.

*Single supplement applies: \$1,800.



Royal Crescent

Key Highlights

- ♦ Discover lovely properties new to the Albion programme, including Petworth House, Bowood House, Stourhead and Basildon Park
- ♦ Enjoy a day at the seaside in Brighton with a visit to George VI's Brighton Pavilion
- ♦ Visit two classic 'spa towns' that were so fashionable in Regency England — Bath and Cheltenham
- ♦ Immerse yourself in the elegance of the era, as portrayed in smash hits such as *Bridgerton*
- ♦ Stay in several characterful hotels — smaller, independent, historic and boutique-style

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.

Please note: featured prices are inclusive of the National Trust membership discount. If you are not a National Trust Member, please visit savingplaces.org/membership-benefits to sign up. Thank you for your support.

When are payments due?

When you confirm your booking with us, a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to secure your place. The final balance payment must be paid to us no later than 120 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 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 and the reading list. Approximately 28 days prior to the tour, we will prepare and send you our Travel Pack with your finalized information 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 declination form indemnifying us from any responsibility or cost in the event of medical emergency or repatriation. National Trust Tours makes travel insurance available to its customers through USI Travel Insurance Services. Information will be sent to you upon request or with your confirmation letter from National Trust Tours.

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 or Republic of Ireland, however for travel to the UK a new Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) will now be required.

Electronic Travel Authorisations (ETA) are being introduced for visitors to the UK who currently do not require a visa for short stays, they are digitally linked to a traveller's passport and ensure more robust security checks are carried out before people begin their journey to the UK, helping prevent abuse of immigration systems.

An ETA costs £10 and permits multiple journeys to the UK for stays of up to 6 months at a time and is valid for 2 years or until the holders passport expires — whichever is sooner.

An ETA does not permit entry to the UK — it authorises an individual to travel to the UK.

British & Irish citizens do not need an ETA.

Apply for an ETA

Applications can done via a smartphone app — UK ETA app or on line at Apply for an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) — GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

This is a simple process, and decisions are usually communicated within 3 days.

It remains your responsibility to ensure you have the correct travel documentation for your trip.

Are there single traveler room supplements?

Yes, all our featured hotels charge single supplements and prices are shown on the tour pages. Please book early as single rooms sell fast.

Are room upgrades available?

All of the hotels on these tours have been handpicked 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 our featured hotels and a \$35 administration fee is charged.

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, property or restaurant 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 Tour Directors?

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. Note also that tours described as being led by property owners, curators and head gardeners are always subject to availability of the individuals concerned.

How much walking will there be on these tours?

Any included guided tours will operate at a fairly relaxed pace, but with many historic houses you may experience some uneven flooring along the way, and some rooms and levels may be inaccessible other than by stairs. You will, however, usually have the option to explore any venue by yourself at your own pace. Due to the distances covered, garden tours and guided city walking tours will often require slightly higher standards of mobility. It is essential that you inform us of any concerns at the time of booking, so that we can assess the suitability of your chosen tour in line with your specific requirements.

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). Unless stated otherwise we do provide porterage 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. While 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 (about \$6.50 as of this printing) per day for your coach and transfer drivers and £10 (about \$13 as of this printing) per day for your Tour Director. Gratuities for hotel staff and the tour guides you may meet at properties are at your discretion.

All tours offered subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply. Errors and omissions except. All dates are subject to change.



Holkham Hall



Hever Castle



Bodnant Garden



Tower of London

Terms & Conditions Extract

It is important that you read the following booking conditions extract and the full booking conditions shown on our website at albionjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions. These online booking conditions form the basis of your contract with us. Please read them and the extract below carefully as they apply to all bookings you make with us unless otherwise specified.

1. VACATION 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
\$1,000 (USD)	120 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 canceled 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. VACATION 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:

121 days or more prior to departure	\$1,000 (USD)
120 days or less before departure	100% of the program cost is non-refundable

If any member of your party is prevented from traveling, 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: albionjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions.

Bookings are accepted on the basis that you have read and understood them.