



Three Choirs



Windsor Castle

The Cotswolds, The King's Garden & the Three Choirs Festival

NEW July 21 to 31, 2027 ♦ From \$8,300* per person

Experience England at its most elegant on this captivating tour through the Cotswolds and the historic counties of Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. From royal residences and magnificent gardens to historic castles and world-class music performances, every day reveals another chapter of England's rich heritage.

Discover picturesque market towns, explore some of the country's finest country houses and gardens, including The King's horticultural gem at Highgrove, and enjoy a relaxed programme of visits that offer unique insights into England's history and traditions. Along the way, soak up the beauty of the Cotswolds, with its stone-built villages, rolling countryside and timeless charm. Enhanced by private tours, special-access experiences and two memorable concerts at the world-renowned Three Choirs Festival, this carefully curated tour offers an unforgettable blend of history, culture, music and scenic beauty.

What's Included

- ♦ Arrival/departure airport transfers from Heathrow Airport*
- ♦ 3 nights at the Macdonald Windsor Hotel, Windsor
- ♦ 3 nights at the Stanbrook Abbey Hotel, Worcester
- ♦ 3 nights at the Ellenborough Park Hotel, Cheltenham
- ♦ Welcome drink & canapés at your first hotel
- ♦ Full English/Continental breakfast each day
- ♦ 3-course dinner, usually served *table d'hôte* style, on 8 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
- ♦ Portage where available
- ♦ Services of a tour manager

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

Itinerary

July 21: Depart your home city and arrive the next day in London

July 22: Arrival

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

July 23: Blenheim Palace

One of England's grandest country houses, Blenheim Palace is a masterpiece of Baroque architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Home to the Marlborough family and birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, the palace boasts magnificent State Rooms, priceless collections and parkland designed by Capability Brown. A guided tour and included lunch complete our visit.

July 24: Croft Castle, Ludlow & Evening Concert

Croft Castle has been home to the Croft family for almost 1,000 years. A guided tour reveals stories of medieval knights, Civil War intrigue and generations of family life, while the surrounding parkland and ancient trees add to its timeless appeal. Later, enjoy free time in the historic market town of Ludlow, where you can browse the market stalls, explore independent shops and cafés or perhaps visit the ruins of Ludlow Castle (admission not included).

The Three Choirs Festival is an unmissable annual event where the cathedral choirs of Hereford, Worcester and Gloucester come together to present a special program of concerts and recitals. Hosted in the magnificent surroundings of Worcester Cathedral, our first evening performance promises soaring vocals accompanied by a live orchestra.

July 25: Hellens Manor, Eastnor Castle & Evening Concert

A guided visit to Hellens Manor introduces one of England's oldest historic homes. This remarkable Tudor and Jacobean manor is filled with fine art, fascinating family stories and treasures linked to figures including Anne Boleyn. Following our tour, we enjoy tea or coffee and homemade cake.

Eastnor Castle rises dramatically from its estate at the foot of the Malvern Hills. Still home to the Hervey-Bathurst family, the castle features richly furnished State Rooms, paintings, armor and family treasures, complemented by beautiful grounds and sweeping countryside views. Later, we return for dinner and a second memorable Three Choirs Festival concert.

July 26: Hidcote Manor, Broadway & Scenic Cotswolds Drive

Hidcote Manor Garden, created by American horticulturalist Major Lawrence Johnston, is one of England's most celebrated Arts and Crafts gardens. Our visit includes exclusive early entry, a guided tour and two glasses of prosecco or elderflower. Later, enjoy free time in the picturesque village of Broadway before a scenic drive through the rolling hills, charming villages and beautiful landscapes of the Cotswolds.

July 27: Chavenage, Cirencester & Painswick Rococo Garden

Built in 1576 and still owned by the same family, Chavenage House is one of England's finest Elizabethan manor houses. Historic rooms filled with period furnishings and family treasures offer a fascinating glimpse into centuries of English country house life. We also enjoy free time in Cirencester, often known as the 'Capital of the Cotswolds,' before a guided visit to the whimsical Painswick Rococo Garden, with its winding pathways, follies and vibrant seasonal displays.

July 28: Snowhill Manor & Sudeley Castle

Snowhill Manor offers a glimpse into the extraordinary world of collector Charles Wade. Every room is filled with fascinating objects from around the globe, while the hillside gardens provide beautiful views across the countryside.

Later, we visit Sudeley Castle, one of England's most historic private castles. Closely associated with Henry VIII and Katherine Parr, who is buried within the grounds, the castle combines lavish interiors, fascinating collections and award-winning gardens. Our behind-the-scenes tour includes access to private family rooms not normally open to the public, followed by a traditional afternoon tea.

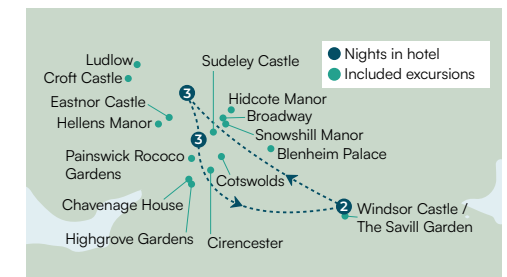
July 29: Highgrove Gardens & Windsor Castle

A highlight of the tour is a private guided visit to Highgrove Gardens, the personal gardens of His Majesty The King. Developed over more than 30 years, these extraordinary gardens reflect the King's passion for sustainability, traditional craftsmanship and working in harmony with nature.

Later, free time in Windsor provides an opportunity to explore this historic royal town before an exclusive out-of-hours tour of Windsor Castle. The world's oldest and largest occupied castle, Windsor, has served as a royal residence for almost 1,000 years and remains one of the most iconic symbols of the British monarchy.

July 30: The Savill Garden & Windsor

Set within Windsor Great Park, The Savill Garden is one of Britain's finest ornamental gardens. A guided tour reveals its beautiful landscapes, rare plant collections and horticultural highlights, followed by an included lunch. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy Windsor at your own pace. Perhaps revisit Windsor Castle, stroll across the river to historic Eton or continue exploring before tonight's farewell dinner.



July 31: Departure

A private transfer will take you back 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. At the time of going to print, the 2027 concert program for the Three Choirs Festival had not yet been finalized, but further information will be made available via our website once confirmed.

*Single supplement applies: \$1,750.

Key Highlights

- ♦ Enjoy two performances at the world-renowned Three Choirs Festival
- ♦ Explore the idyllic villages, landscapes and historic treasures of the Cotswolds
- ♦ Exclusive experiences including a private visit to Highgrove Gardens and special access at historic estates
- ♦ Guided tour of Blenheim Palace and an out-of-hours visit to Windsor Castle
- ♦ Visit some of England's finest gardens, including Hidcote Manor, Painswick Rococo Garden and The Savill Garden

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.