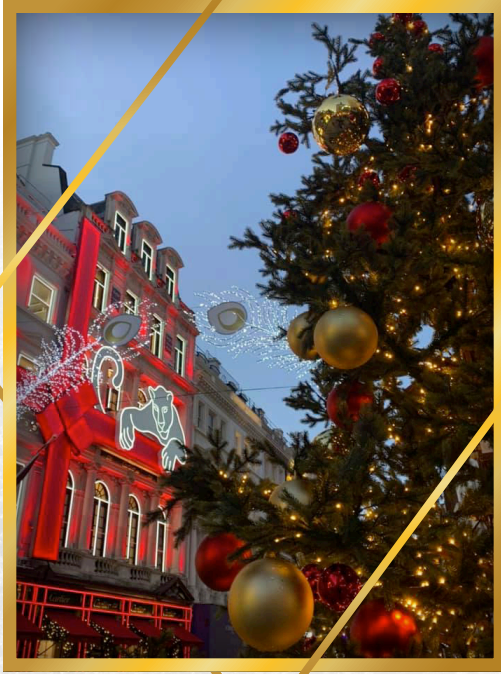


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presents

AN
English Christmas
TRADITIONS AND BEAUTY
FROM LONDON TO THE COTSWOLDS



DEC 3 - 8, 2024



A WELCOME FROM TOUR DIRECTOR ANDREW LANNERD



England at the holidays is tranquil, elegant, and beautiful. There is a certain magic that takes over London and The Cotswolds at this time of the year. During this tour, we'll go behind-the-scenes of many wonderful traditions. From minced pies and mulled wine, to fires in the Cotswolds and open-air Christmas markets. We'll enjoy a very special holiday performance amongst the beauty and elegance of a decorated London, as well as the charming shops and architecture in small villages.


I've spent many years discovering the best places to see during this festive time, and that's why I am so proud to introduce this special tour. This is a curated travel experience that you'll never forget.

Yes, it is the most wonderful time of the year, and I look forward to sharing with you:
An English Christmas!

See you in December,
Andrew Lannerd, Tour Director

TUESDAY

Day 1



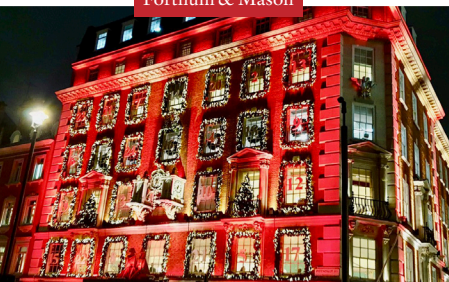
- Arrivals to Central London
- Afternoon walking tour of the St. James's & Mayfair neighborhoods
Including Jermyn Street, a Yuletide market, decorated shopping arcades, as well as Bond Street and The Ritz
- A special visit to Fortnum & Mason
London's most iconic department store, decked out for the holidays
- A special tasting experience at the late Queen's chocolatier
- A candlelit *Welcome to London* dinner in a festive location
- Overnight accommodations at the luxurious and well-situated The Cavendish London, St. James's

After being welcomed and settling into your luxurious accommodations, guests will enjoy an expert-led walking tour of the elegant St. James's & Mayfair neighborhoods. You'll marvel at the elegant décor of Fortnum & Mason, grocer to the nobility since 1707, and enjoy the lights of Bond Street, Jermyn Street, and of London's most charming Christmas markets.

We'll also have a special tasting experience at the chocolatier of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and later, a *Welcome to London* reception and candlelit dinner to remember in an atmospheric location – the perfect way to start this special *English Christmas* tour.



Fortnum & Mason



Magical London at Christmastime

WEDNESDAY

Day 2



- A delicious breakfast at The Cavendish London, St. James's
- A Victorian Christmas Tour of London
Step back in time for an expert-led tour of London's best holiday scenes & historic sights
- A fabulous holiday luncheon in Mayfair
At a renowned restaurant, famous for its holiday decorations
- Evening at your leisure for theatre or shopping
- Overnight accommodations at The Cavendish London, St. James's

After a delicious breakfast, we'll take a very special Victorian-themed Christmas tour of London, which will bring guests to many of the most iconic spots in London – all renowned for holiday decorations. We'll also hear about how Charles Dickens and Queen Victoria and Prince Albert shaped many of the ways we celebrate today.

After all that exploring, we'll enjoy a fabulous luncheon at one of Mayfair's most festive establishments. The evening can be at your leisure for theatre, or perhaps a little more Christmas shopping.



THURSDAY

Day 3



- A full English or Continental Breakfast in London
- Coach journey to The Cotswolds
- Exploration of the best Cotswolds villages
- Lunch and time for shopping
- A traditional holiday afternoon tea in Castle Combe
- Time to explore the beautiful village of Broadway
- Three-course dinner in Broadway
- Overnight accommodations in Broadway

Today's the day you've been waiting for: a chance to see villages in The Cotswolds decked out for Christmas! We have carefully chosen the BEST villages for this tour, all of which combine Christmas charm and beautiful architecture, as well as high-quality sights and shopping. But, shhhh... We're keeping them a secret as many are off the beaten path, and we want to keep them a secret for you. Consider it an early Christmas surprise.

You'll absolutely love soaking up the charm of these picturesque villages. Later in the day, we'll have a full afternoon tea in a Castle Combe manor house. After tea, we'll head for Broadway village and check into our charming hotel. An unforgettable dinner awaits you in Broadway, prepared by one of the best culinary teams in The Cotswolds.



Our afternoon tea venue

The charm of The Cotswolds in the Winter

FRIDAY

Day 4



- Breakfast in charming Broadway
- Coach journey to Bath
- Lunch
- A traditional holiday baking class with notable French baker, Richard Bertinet
- A visit to the iconic Bath Christmas Markets
- Overnight accommodations at the fabulous Francis Hotel, Bath

Today after breakfast we will head to Bath to take part in a very special holiday baking class with notable French baker, Richard Bertinet. During this interactive experience, you'll see first-hand how to create traditional Christmas goodies – followed by an unforgettable sampling experience.

Later in the day, we will explore the renowned delights of the Bath Christmas Market, featuring hundreds of artisan craftsman, foods, and items for sale. While strolling, you'll hear live music and carolling – all adding to the festive atmosphere of Bath at this time of year. We'll be staying in the top-rated Francis Hotel, located on beautiful Queen's Square in Bath.



SATURDAY

Day 5



- Gourmet breakfast at Francis Hotel, Bath
- Very special tour of Badminton House
One of England's finest country houses, not open to the public
- Coach journey to London
- *Christmas Doors of London Tour*
- Candlelit Christmas Concert in a gorgeous setting
- Farewell to London dinner
- Overnight accommodations at The Cavendish London, St. James's

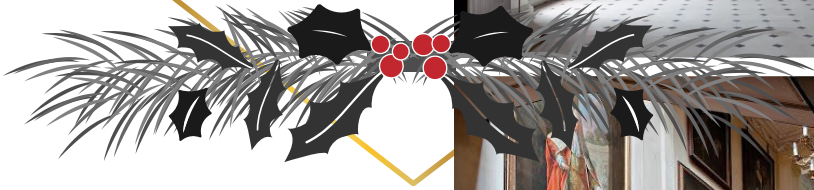
Although not open to the public, we'll get to take a very special tour of Badminton House – one of England's great treasure houses. This magnificent estate is the private home of the Duke & Duchess of Beaufort. Not only will you marvel at the art and architecture, but you'll also see the house decorated for the holidays. Truly, one of England's great treasure houses opening just for us. An unforgettable experience awaits!

Later, we'll head back into London for a unique *Christmas Doors of London Tour*, and see some of the finest decorated doors in the city. In the evening, we will enjoy a LIVE candlelit Christmas performance in one of London's great churches, followed by another special dinner to remember.





BADMINTON *House*



One of England's greatest treasure houses, Badminton House has been the home of the Dukes of Beaufort for centuries.

We will embark on an exclusive, curator-led tour of this estate, which is normally closed.

SUNDAY

Day 6



- Breakfast at The Cavendish London, St. James's
- Departures or optional morning Matins service at The Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace
A special opportunity to attend a choral service inside St. James's Palace



**DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:**

\$3,695 USD
per person

SINGLE OCCUPANCY:

\$4,695 USD
per person

- ★ Returning travelers with Transcendent Travel receive a 5% discount on the tour cost.
- ★ This is a land-only package. Airfare to and from the United Kingdom is NOT included.

INCLUSIONS:

- 10 superior meals
- 5 nights of deluxe accommodations divided between London, Broadway, and Bath
- Superior motor coach transportation between tour destinations
- Guides, tours and admission fees at tour venues

SPECIAL EXTRAS INCLUDED IN YOUR ITINERARY:

- Curator/expert led tours at various times
- Wine included with all group dinners
- Snacks at various points throughout the tour
- Welcome goodie bag with various gifts/niceties

EXCLUSIONS:

- Airfare to/from the United Kingdom
- Meals over and above the 10 included in the tour package
- Personal expenses
- Mixed drinks
- Tour medical insurance (this may be purchased via Transcendent Travel for a fee - see below)

PASSPORTS:

Every tour member must have a valid passport that will be in effect for at least six months after the date of the conclusion of the tour.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Space is extremely limited on this tour, and because of the exclusivity of the included events, we are unable to add participants once the maximum has been reached.

Should you wish to add additional hotel nights prior to or at the conclusion of the tour, please advise Transcendent Travel of this when making your tour reservation.

All pricing is based on double occupancy. Upon request, we will make every effort to match a single customer with another party interested in sharing a room.

Due to the exclusive nature of the hotels involved, including hotels with a limited number of rooms, we are only available to offer a limited number of single occupancy rates. Those are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at \$4,695 USD per person.

Please Note: Single rooms in the United Kingdom are often much smaller than double rooms. Paying a single supplement does not guarantee you a full-size double room.

We will do our best to accommodate mobility requests and needs. Because of the age of many of the buildings on the itinerary, there will not be an elevator at every stop nor in every hotel.

Each day will involve a good deal of walking, and ability to maneuver steps. Please make us aware of any special needs when booking. Please also inform us of any special dietary requests (vegetarian, allergies, etc.) when booking.

As a tour participant, you agree that your image may be used by Transcendent Travel in any way deemed appropriate, but not limited to, publication in newspapers, magazines, and other print media, use in broadcast media, television or video projects, publication via the Internet, and use in marketing materials used by Transcendent.

Tour pricing is based on an exchange rate of \$1.50 to the UK pound. Should the exchange rate rise above \$1.60 to the pound within 120 days prior to the start of the tour, Transcendent reserves the right to bill each tour participant an additional \$500 USD in order to cover the additional expense.

PAYMENTS

Transcendent Travel is pleased to offer several payment options. The options will be governed in part by the date you book your tour and the date the tour commences. Please refer to our web site: transcendent-travel.com or call us at 1.866.654.7508.

No order/reservation will be processed without the first payment. Should any payment be in arrears more than one payment period and no payment arrangement entered into Transcendent reserves the right to cancel a passenger's participation in the tour and to retain all payments to-date.

FORM OF PAYMENT

All forms of payment are available at no extra charge. Check or money order: all such payments should be made out and mailed to:

Transcendent Travel Services, LLC | P.O. Box 5181 | New York, NY 10185-5181, USA

Credit/debit card payments may be made by calling 1.866.654.7508 or online at transcendent-travel.com.

WORRY FREE TRAVEL

We want you to feel comfortable when booking a tour with Transcendent Travel, so we have a flexible **Cancel for Any Reason** policy up until 90 days prior to the tour departure date. Deposits and tour payments will not be refunded for any cancellations received by Transcendent less than ninety (90) days prior to the start of the tour.

RIGHT TO RESCHEDULE

Should world conditions affect the staging of the tour (e.g., natural disasters, including but not limited to, pandemics; war; terrorism), Transcendent Travel reserves the right to schedule the tour to a later date. In the event a tour participant is not willing to reschedule, and it is within 90 days of the tour start date, all deposits and/or tour payments will be returned to such tour participant who has signed up, less any non-refundable expenses actually incurred by Transcendent.

COVID-19

The health and safety of our customers is always our top priority. Each tour will have Covid-19 guidelines in place based on local requirements. As local ordinances may be updated regularly, we will share our policies closer to the tour start date. We reserve the right to update these on an ongoing basis per the available data and recommendations of local authorities. Before each tour, tour participants will be informed of the latest COVID-19 protocols in place and local destination laws. If borders are closed or we have any doubts about the health and safety of a destination and cannot operate a tour, we will give you first notice on a later set of dates. Any refunds will be determined in accordance with our Worry-Free Travel and Right-To-Reschedule Policies noted above.

TOUR GUIDE

Should the original tour director be unable to lead the tour on behalf of Transcendent Travel, Transcendent reserves the right to engage another competent tour director to lead and execute the tour.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Transcendent recognizes that circumstances occur where it may be necessary to cancel participation in the tour. Substitutions are encouraged so that cancellation fees can be avoided. For substitutions made within 30 days of a tour date, an additional substitution fee of \$500 USD will apply.

ITINERARY VARIATION

Transcendent Travel reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to vary itineraries and/or destinations and to substitute hotels if circumstances warrant. Venues, attractions, and destinations may be adjusted or modified at the sole discretion of the tour planners and Transcendent. Should a participant miss meeting the start of the tour or any event during the tour duration all financial responsibility to catch up with the tour will fall on the participant.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

Those items listed in the exclusions, as well as laundry, valet service, food not included, after-hours tea, coffee, alcoholic beverages or other expenses of a personal nature or any other items not specified on the itinerary are not included in the tour price.

RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of Transcendent Travel Services, LLC is strictly limited. Transcendent is not liable for (i) delays, losses, changes in routing, hotels, transportation services, and/or sightseeing or accidents incurred by said persons or operators to passengers and baggage from whatsoever cause and/or (ii) delays, losses or damages incurred or suffered including but not limited to monetary losses and physical and mental injuries as a result of any tour participant contracting COVID -19 while on the tour and/or any interruption or cancellation of the tour including without limitation losses arising from arrangements for early arrivals, late stays and/or personally arranged tours.

Transcendent also reserves the right to change the routing, hotels, and/or sightseeing and any service offered, should local conditions in our opinion warrant; the extra cost, if any, must be paid by the passengers. The right is reserved to refuse any person on this tour.

The transportation companies concerned are not responsible for any act or omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyances. This passage contract in use by the carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the carrier(s) and the purchasers of the tour and/or passengers. All additional expenses caused by war, natural disasters, landslides, strikes, weather delays, illness or accidents are the responsibility of the passengers.

INSURANCE

For an additional \$200 USD fee per traveler, we are pleased to offer our customers medical insurance as we travel together. Travel Medical Insurance is highly recommended and may be purchased directly from Transcendent Travel.

Insurance via Transcendent covers the following:

- Medical Coverage up to \$50,000 USD
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) \$25,000 USD for Primary & Spouse;
\$5,000 USD for Dependent Children
- Emergency Medical Evacuation/Repatriation \$500,000 USD
- Emergency Medical Reunion \$50,000 USD
- Return of Mortal Remains Up to \$50,000 USD

The purchase of medical insurance is optional, but highly recommended. We will be pleased to answer any questions you have about this coverage and will provide you with a copy of the policy.

*This policy does not cover participant cancellation.

Should you choose NOT to purchase the insurance, any fees or costs incurred by the individual traveler that otherwise would have been covered by insurance are the responsibility of the individual traveler. In addition, Transcendent Travel is not liable for any charges not covered by the insurance policy/vendor. Should you elect to purchase travel insurance, the terms of the policy will dictate whether, and to what extent, coverage for any financial loss may exist under the circumstances. All insurance inclusion and exclusion information will be provided to the traveler in advance of travel.

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