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A Television-Focused Tour
Port Isaac, Midsomer, Bath, and The Cotswolds

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WELCOME!

On behalf of WNET | WBFO, we would like to invite you to join us on a tour of England created for WNET | WBFO's generous supporters. *Iconic British Classics: A Television-Focused Tour of Port Isaac, Midsomer, Bath, and The Cotswolds* is a tailor-made and exciting opportunity for fans of public television, including a behind-the-scenes look at the locations of many of your favorite British programs on WNET | WBFO (including *Downtown Abbey*®, *Poldark*, *Midsomer Murders* and *Doc Martin*).

Our partner, Transcendent Travel, has created a unique tour filled with first-class accommodations and dining. We will accompany you as we explore the iconic locations you've seen on TV, such as *Downtown Abbey*®'s Highclere Castle, *Doc Martin*'s Port Isaac and *Midsomer Murders*' Dorchester-on-Thames. From touring Windsor Castle, to taking high tea, to uncovering the charm of Cornwall and Bath, this exclusive trip includes time for you to enjoy dining and shopping on your own as well as fun group meals and outings. Together, we will create memories that will last a lifetime.

We look forward to spending this special time with you and enriching your relationship with WNET | WBFO. We hope you will join us as we travel across the pond for this memorable experience!

Warm wishes,

TOM CALDERONE
PRESIDENT & CEO

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DAY 1
MONDAY

ITINERARY

- MORNING INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS INTO LONDON
- GUESTS MAKE THEIR WAY TO WINDSOR
WINDSOR IS A SHORT DISTANCE FROM LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT
- CHECK-IN TO THE CASTLE HOTEL, WINDSOR
LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM WINDSOR CASTLE
- AFTERNOON TOUR OF WINDSOR CASTLE & ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL
THE WORLD'S LONGEST INHABITED CASTLE AND OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL IS THE BURIAL PLACE OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II.
- EARLY EVENING WELCOME TO WINDSOR GROUP DINNER
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE CASTLE HOTEL

This morning, guests will arrive into London and make their way to the lovely royal town of Windsor, just a short journey from London's Heathrow Airport. Upon arrival to the hotel, your guides will meet you and get you settled into your luxurious room - just steps away from the glories of Windsor Castle. After getting settled, you'll enjoy a full tour of the magnificent State Apartments, the grounds of Windsor Castle and the beautiful St. George's Chapel. Early in the evening, we will enjoy a Welcome to Windsor dinner, where we will toast the week ahead exploring the best of Britain.



DAY 2
TUESDAY

ITINERARY

- FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST AT OUR HOTEL IN THE HEART OF WINDSOR
- VISIT TO HIGHCLERE CASTLE, THE HOME OF *DOWNTON ABBEY*®
- AFTERNOON IN BATH, ONE OF THE LOVELIEST CITIES IN ENGLAND
- EXPERT-LED WALKING TOUR OF HISTORICAL BATH
- EVENING AT YOUR LEISURE TO EXPLORE BATH
- OVERNIGHT AT THE TOP-RATED HOTEL INDIGO, BATH

After a luxurious breakfast in Windsor, we will head to Highclere Castle (aka *Downton Abbey*®) for a tour of the house and gardens. This is your opportunity to see the beautiful rooms you know so well from the classic series. In the afternoon, we'll head to beautiful Bath where you will enjoy a tour of Bath or an optional service in the splendor of Bath Abbey. Then have the evening free to explore this glorious city. You'll end the day in the luxury of the Hotel Indigo, Bath - just steps away from the beautiful city centre.

HIGHLIGHTS:
Highclere
Castle
As seen in
Downton Abbey®



ITINERARY

- FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL INDIGO, BATH
- MORNING AT YOUR LEISURE TO EXPLORE BEAUTIFUL BATH
- LUNCH AT YOUR LEISURE IN BATH
- AFTERNOON TEA AT CRICKET ST. THOMAS
FAMOUSLY KNOWN AS THE HOME IN THE SERIES TO THE MANOR BORN
- JOURNEY TO DEVON AND OUR 5-STAR HOTEL, BORINGDON HALL
- HISTORY TOUR AT BORINGDON HALL
- A GOURMET DINNER AT BORINGDON HALL
- OVERNIGHT AT LUXURIOUS BORINGDON HALL

This morning, after a leisurely full breakfast at our hotel, guests will have the entire morning to explore the magnificence of Bath including the Roman Baths, sites relating to Jane Austen, or take some time for shopping and lunch. In the afternoon, we'll make a stop at Cricket St. Thomas, the setting of the highly-acclaimed series, *To The Manor Born*. After a delicious afternoon tea at Cricket St. Thomas, we will head to Devon and to our 5-star home of the next two nights, Boringdon Hall - one of England's top-rated hotel and spas. During our stay at Boringdon you will luxuriate in the surroundings of this Elizabethan manor, including tonight's memorable meal prepared by Boringdon Hall's exceptional culinary team.

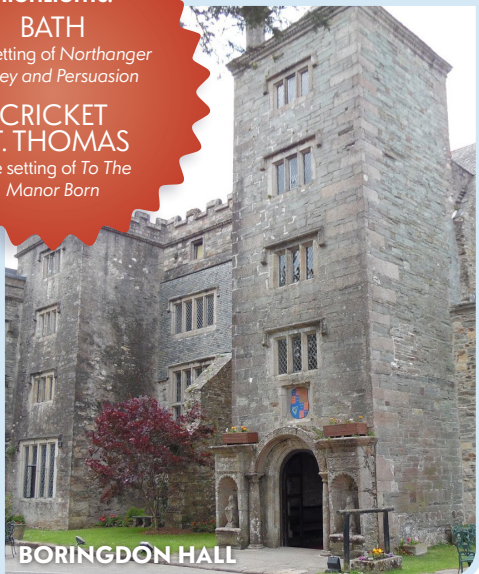
HIGHLIGHTS:

BATH

The setting of Northanger Abbey and Persuasion

CRICKET ST. THOMAS

The setting of To The Manor Born



DAY 4
THURSDAY

ITINERARY

- FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST AT BORINGDON HALL
- DAY TOUR TO PORT ISAAC
THE SEASIDE VILLAGE WHERE DOC MARTIN IS FILMED
- EXPERT-LED WALKING TOUR OF PORT ISAAC
GOING BEHIND-THE-SCENES OF MANY SITES SEEN IN DOC MARTIN
- AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKES IN THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE
FREQUENTLY USED IN THE FILMING OF DOC MARTIN
- INTERACTIVE FALCONRY EXPERIENCE AT BORINGDON HALL
- EVENING AND OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT BORINGDON HALL

Today, we will explore the gorgeous counties of Devon & Cornwall, renowned for their natural appeal and famous seaside vistas. The majority of our day will be spent in the iconic fishing village of Port Isaac, the background of *Doc Martin*. You will have a few hours to explore this lovely village, as well as enjoy a memorable afternoon tea. We will finish the day back at Boringdon Hall where we will enjoy an interactive falconry experience and another memorable group dinner.



HIGHLIGHTS:
CORNWALL

The backdrop
of *Poldark*

Port Isaac
The setting for
Doc Martin



ITINERARY

- FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST AT BORINGDON HALL
- TOUR OF THE GREENWAY ESTATE
THE HOLIDAY HOME AND GARDENS OF AGATHA CHRISTIE
- LUNCH AT YOUR LEISURE AT THE GREENWAY ESTATE
- AFTERNOON VISIT TO THE SEASIDE TOWN OF TORQUAY
THE BIRTHPLACE OF AGATHA CHRISTIE
- TRAVEL TO CHELTENHAM
- ELEGANT GROUP EVENING DINNER
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE QUEENS HOTEL,
CHELTENHAM

Today, we will explore the Greenway Estate, the beloved home and gardens of the world famous novelist Agatha Christie. Her estate is renowned for both its personal, lived-in feel and the simplicity. You'll quickly discover why she enjoyed using this as her holiday home and the place where she loved to write novels that we've come to love. This afternoon, we will stop at the quintessential seaside town of Torquay to hear about Agatha's life there. Torquay is famous for seaside fun as well as delicious ice cream. Tonight, we will dine in style in the beauty of our hotel, The Queens Hotel, Cheltenham.



ITINERARY

- FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST AT THE QUEENS HOTEL, CHELTENHAM
- VISIT TO BURFORD, A BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE IN THE COTSWOLDS
- VISIT DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES IN BEAUTIFUL OXFORDSHIRE
THE VILLAGE IS OFTEN CALLED THE "STAR" OF MIDSOMER MURDERS
- WALKING TOUR OF *MIDSOMER MURDER* SITES IN THE VILLAGE
- DELICIOUS GROUP LUNCH AT THE WHITE HART HOTEL, AND PINT AT THE FAMOUS SIX BELLS PUB
- TRAVEL TO WINDSOR
- FAREWELL GROUP DINNER
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE CASTLE HOTEL, WINDSOR

If you are a fan of *Midsomer Murders*, today is the perfect day for you. After leaving Cheltenham, we will head through the Cotswolds to the South Oxfordshire village of Dorchester-on-Thames, where so many episodes of *Midsomer Murders* have been filmed. In Dorchester-on-Thames, we will enjoy a walking tour of all of the *Midsomer Murders* sites. Then we're off to Windsor where we will toast our week together in fine-style with a farewell dinner.

DORCHESTER ABBEY



BURFORD

In the heart of the Cotswolds



DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES

The "Star" of *Midsomer Murders*



DAY 7
SUNDAY

ITINERARY

- A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST IN WINDSOR
- MORNING DEPARTURES FROM WINDSOR

Today, we say goodbye after an unforgettable week together. Our hotel in Windsor is close to Heathrow—or perhaps you'll continue on to enjoy a few days in London?

WINDSOR CASTLE





This is a land-only package. Airfare to and from the United Kingdom is NOT included.

INCLUSIONS:

- 14 superior meals
- 6 nights of deluxe accommodations divided between Windsor, Bath, Plymouth, and Cheltenham
- 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 14 included in the tour package
- Personal expenses
- Beer, cocktails, and mixed drinks
- Tour medical insurance (this may be purchased via Transcendent Travel for a fee - see below)

\$4,695 USD
PER PERSON
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$5,695 USD
SINGLE OCCUPANCY RATE
LIMITED AVAILABILITY

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 \$5,695 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.

At the time of booking please inform us of any special dietary requests (vegetarian, allergies, etc.).

As a tour participant, you agree that your image may be used by WNET | WBFO and 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 WNET | WBFO and Transcendent Travel.

Tour pricing is based on an exchange rate of \$1.30 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 3181 | New York, NY 10185-3181, USA

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

REFUNDS

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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

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 any changes to 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. 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 Refunds 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 and its partners, co-venturers, or promoters of the tour are 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 any illness or injury 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.

Medical 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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