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English Christmas

TRADITIONS AND BEAUTY FROM LONDON TO THE COTSWOLDS



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Join Us





The holiday season is my favorite time of year, and I am thrilled to invite you to join me for a very special holiday tour with Transcendent Travel for GPB's most passionate viewers and listeners.

Join me for An English Christmas, where we will spend six magical days exploring Christmas traditions and beauty from London to the Cotswolds.

We'll enjoy a Victorian Christmas tour of London, Bath Christmas Market, holiday concert at Chavenage House, known as "the Poldark house," and a candlelit Christmas concert in one of London's great churches.

It will be a festive experience you won't want to miss. You will have additional time for exploring, dining, and shopping on your own, but we'll be there with you every step of the way as we make once-in-a-lifetime memories together.

The England tours GPB has partnered with Transcendent Travel to bring you in the past have been very popular and fill up quickly. For more information and to make your reservation, call 1.866.654.7508.

I hope you'll join me!

Warmly,

BERT WESLEY HUFFMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO

TUESDAY

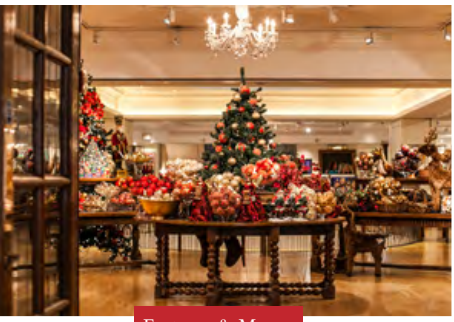
Day 1

- Arrivals to London
- A Victorian Christmas Tour of London
  Step back in time for an expert-led tour of London's best holiday scenes & historic sights
- A festive Welcome Dinner in a historic London pub
- Overnight accommodations at The Trafalgar St. James, on Trafalgar Square, within walking distance of Buckingham Palace.

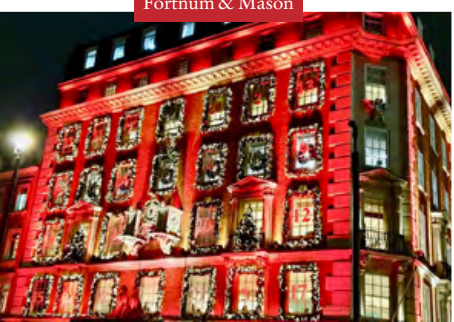
Today we will begin the tour with a very special Victorian and Charles Dickens themed Christmas tour of London, which will bring guests to many of the most iconic spots in London — all renowned for holiday traditions. We'll also hear about how Charles Dickens and Queen Victoria and Prince Albert shaped many of the ways we celebrate today.

After all that exploring, we'll enjoy a special festive dinner at one of London's most historic pubs. All the best ways to begin our time together for *An English Christmas*.

Overnight accommodations at The Trafalgar St. James, one of London's top-rated hotels.



Fortnum & Mason





Magical London at Christmastime

WEDNESDAY

Day 2

- A delicious breakfast at The Trafalgar St. James
- 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
- An included lunch in London
- Overnight accommodations at The Trafalgar St. James

Today you'll experience an expert-led walking tour of the festive 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 an evening free for theater or further exploration of London.







THURSDAY

Day 3

- Breakfast in London
- Coach journey to the Cotswolds.
- Visits to Stow-on-the-Wold and Castle Combe
- Afternoon tea in Castle Combe
- Coach journey to Bath
- A traditional holiday baking class with notable French baker, Richard Bertinet
- A visit to the iconic Bath Christmas Markets
- Overnight accommodations at the fabulous Hotel Indigo, Bath

Today after breakfast we will head to stunning Stow-on-the-Wold and later to Castle Combe - two beautiful Cotswolds villages. In Castle Combe we will enjoy a festive afternoon tea at The Manor House.

In the afternoon we're off 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.

In the evening, we will explore the renowned delights of the Bath Christmas Markets, featuring artisan stalls offering handcrafted gifts, festive foods, and other seasonal delights. While strolling, you'll hear live music and caroling — all adding to the festive atmosphere of Bath at this time of year. We'll be staying at the top-rated Hotel Indigo in Bath, just steps from the Christmas markets.



Renowned Baker, Richard Bertinet







Bath Christmas Markets

FRIDAY
Day 4

- A full English or Continental breakfast in Bath
- Exploration of more of the gorgeous Cotswolds villages
- Visit and time for shopping around the best villages in the Cotswolds
- Time to explore the beautiful village of Broadway
- Three-course dinner to remember 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 some of 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 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.







The charm of the Cotswolds in the winter

SATURDAY

Day 5

- Gourmet breakfast in Broadway
- A very special holiday concert and visit to Chavenage House
  A fine Elizabethan house, as seen in Poldark
- Coach journey to London
- *Christmas Doors of London Tour*
- Candlelit Christmas Concert in a gorgeous setting
- Farewell to London dinner
- Overnight accommodations at The Trafalgar St. James



We will begin the day beside a warm fireplace in the decorated elegance of Chavenage House, a beautiful Elizabethan manor house in the Cotswolds. Here we will enjoy local musicians and carols by the fire with mulled wine and mince pies. Later we will tour this unique house and hear about it being used in filming throughout the years.

In the afternoon, we will head 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.







CHAVENAGE *House*





An Elizabethan private home in the Cotswolds, as seen in “Poldark,” “Agatha Christie’s Poirot,” “Lark Rise to Candleford” and many others.



SUNDAY
Day 6

- Breakfast at The Trafalgar St. James
- Departures







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DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:
$4,975 USD
per person

SINGLE OCCUPANCY:
$5,975 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 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners.
- 5 nights of premium 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
- Beer, cocktails, and mixed drinks
- Tour medical insurance (this may be purchased via Transcendent Travel for a fee – see page 13)

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 able to offer a limited number of single occupancy rates. Those are available on a first-come, first-served basis at $5,975 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 Georgia Public Broadcasting or Transcendent Travel in any way deemed appropriate, including, 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 Georgia Public Broadcasting or Transcendent.

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 website: 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 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 follow applicable public health guidelines based on local requirements at the time of travel. 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 $250 USD fee per traveler, Transcendent Travel can arrange travel medical insurance for the duration of the tour. Travel medical insurance is highly recommended.

For most travelers under age 80, the coverage currently includes principal benefits such as medical coverage up to $100,000 USD, Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D), emergency medical evacuation/repatriation, emergency medical reunion, and return of mortal remains, subject to the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions of the applicable policy/certificate.

Please Note: For most travelers, this is travel medical coverage only and does not include any trip cancellation or trip interruption coverage.

Coverage varies in certain circumstances. Travelers age 80 and over are arranged on a different policy and should contact Transcendent Travel directly to review the coverage that would apply. Residents of New York and Washington are offered state-specific coverage due to state insurance rules; when arranged through Transcendent, that coverage includes medical and emergency-related benefits as set forth in the applicable policy/certificate, but does not include trip cancellation coverage. Any trip interruption benefit, if applicable, is limited and governed by the applicable policy/certificate.

Pre-existing medical conditions are generally excluded, except as specifically provided in the applicable policy/certificate. Travelers with significant medical conditions should review the policy/certificate carefully and may wish to consult their own insurance broker regarding supplemental coverage.

Should you choose not to purchase the insurance, any fees or costs that otherwise would have been covered by insurance are the responsibility of the individual traveler.

Transcendent Travel is not liable for any charges not covered by an insurance policy you purchase. If there is any difference between this summary and the applicable policy/certificate, the policy/certificate controls. Additional insurance details will be provided with the tour participant agreement, and policy documents are available upon request.

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