University of Oklahoma Alumni Association

Cambridge • Cotswolds • Oxford

Featuring
Downton Abbey • Blenheim Palace

August 9 to 17, 2019
Dear Alumni and Friends:

For many, the unspoilt nature of England, Shakespeare’s “blessed plot,” lies in the traditional ways of town and country life found in its pastoral villages, picturesque countrysides and idyllic university towns. Join fellow OU alumni and friends, along with alumni and friends from other colleges and universities, as we experience a time-honored quest for knowledge as played out in the esteemed classrooms, dining halls and quadrangles of Oxford and Cambridge and learn more about how the legacy of yesteryear transcends time to form the roots of contemporary country life as you interact with village residents. Visit the hallowed grounds of the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial, honoring fallen American soldiers, and at Bletchley Park, see where Allied cryptographers cracked the German Enigma code during World War II. Uncover the deep history of Highclere Castle, the Victorian manor house also known as “Downton Abbey.” Meet Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill, cousin to Winston Churchill, when calling at stunning Blenheim Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Savor the extraordinary experience of traveling in a small, merry group through these university towns and through the Cotswold region—town and country juxtaposed—discovering the lasting heritage and character of England’s historic academic centers, stately country manor houses and enchanting villages.

Stroll the venerated grounds of the University of Cambridge; relive history in the 14th-century Eagle Pub, where the discovery of DNA was announced; and marvel at the vast collection of the University’s library. Explore the traditions of Oxford and become more familiar with the lives of preeminent authors and icons of English history who were educated here or hailed from the surrounding region. Admire the picture-perfect scenery of English flower gardens, gentle streams and thickets of ivy, framed by the bucolic Cotswold landscape with thatched-roof cottages and medieval churches built from the wealth of the wool trade. Learn about contemporary life from the local ladies and gents during the exclusive Town & COUNTRY LIFE® Forum. Experience the best of quintessential English culture while staying in an elegant, landmark, Five-Star hotel with an award-winning menu in the heart of Oxford and a centrally located hotel in Cambridge within walking distance of the university quadrangle.

This comprehensive, one-of-a-kind, small group travel program is an exceptional value and the best way to experience the charm and beauty of English town and country life.

Don’t delay—this popular program sells out quickly.

Sincerely,

Lea Ann Quirk
Director of Alumni Programs
OU Alumni Association

Cover: Explore the esteemed traditions of the University of Oxford and the beautifully domed, neo-classic style of the Radcliffe Camera.

Stroll past the well-preserved homes and exquisite gardens of Bibury, known as “the most beautiful village in the Cotswolds.”
Experience firsthand the storied destinations and steadfast traditions that have shaped English character for centuries in Oxford and Cambridge—two beacons of academia—and in the quintessentially English Cotswold villages, where bucolic country life unfolds across the rolling vales and ancient woodlands of England’s verdant shires. Immerse yourself in the rhythms of daily life and the generations-old customs of these esteemed university towns, chat with the ladies and chaps of the villages and countryside, and enjoy custom-designed Cultural Enrichments such as a visit to UNESCO World Heritage designates Blenheim Palace, hosted by Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill; a tour of Highclere Castle of Downton Abbey fame; and a formal dinner in one of Oxford University’s distinguished dining halls. This exclusive program, one of the popular Town & Country Life® series, immerses you in an intimate, comprehensive travel experience at just the right pace and includes ideally located accommodations, specially arranged meals and all excursions—an excellent value.

Visit the quintessential countryside of the Cotswolds.

**Itinerary**

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| 2 | London, England/Cambridge  
Check into the comfortable Hilton Cambridge City Centre. |
| 3 | Cambridge  
Walking tour; visits to Emmanuel College, Wren Chapel and King’s College Chapel.  
**Cultural Enrichment:**  
Coffee break in the famous Eagle Pub. |
| 4 | Visit to the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial. |
| 5 | Cambridge/Bletchley Park/Oxford  
Check into the Five-Star Macdonald Randolph Hotel.  
**Cultural Enrichment:**  
Tour of Bletchley Park. |
| 6 | Walking tour of Oxford and its colleges.  
**Cultural Enrichment:**  
Town & Country Life® Forum. |
| 7 | Oxford/Highclere Castle/Bampton  
Visit to Highclere Castle, the authentic country house featured in Downton Abbey.  
Visit to Bampton, a pastoral village filming location for Downton Abbey. |
| 8 | Oxford/Cotswolds/Blenheim Palace®/Bladon  
Privately guided tour of Blenheim Palace.  
Visit to Sir Winston Churchill’s grave in Bladon.  
**Cultural Enrichments:**  
Excursion to the Cotswold villages of Burford and Bibury.  
Exclusive welcome by Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill in Blenheim Palace.  
Private luncheon in Blenheim Palace.  
Traditional Formal Hall Farewell Dinner in Oxford. |
| 9 | Oxford/Check out of hotel/London  
Post-Program London Option* or  
Return to the U.S.  
*Available at additional cost. |

Itinerary may vary due to university schedule.
Cambridge, England
Experience the paragon of collegiate charm at Cambridge University’s Emmanuel College, where trees shade well-manicured lawns and duck-filled ponds, and time-honored buildings form quadrangles dating from medieval times though the late 20th century. Contemplate the solemn crosses and Stars of David in the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial, the only World War II American Cemetery in England, commemorating the casualties in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Visit the Baroque-style Wren Chapel, where Tudor and Corinthian capitals are linked by a frieze of intricate garlands. Tour King’s College Chapel, begun in 1446 by Henry VI and completed over a century later, featuring fine medieval stained glass and the largest fan vault ceiling in the world.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:
Sip a tea or coffee in the famous 14th-century Eagle Pub, just as Watson and Crick might have when they announced to the world they had discovered DNA, the secret of life.

Bletchley Park
Led by Alan Turing, a Cambridge graduate and King’s College fellow, both military personnel and civilians devised automatic machinery to decrypt top-secret communications from the Axis powers, most notably those that had been encrypted with the German Enigma and Tunny cipher machines. Expert historians suggest that the Bletchley Park code breakers may have shortened the war by as much as two years.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:
Tour this influential complex, England’s best-kept World War II secret, and learn more about the top secret resident cryptographers.

Highclere Castle
Remarkable Highclere Castle, featured in the acclaimed PBS Masterpiece series Downton Abbey, is set in an Edwardian-period property among 1000 acres of sprawling parklands, expertly landscaped by “England’s greatest gardener,” Lancelot “Capability” Brown. The richly decorated state rooms have been restored with authentic elements including embossed Spanish.

Enjoy stunning views of “the Backs” of Cambridge and scenes of punting on the River Cam and under the Bridge of Sighs.
leather wall coverings, Italian embroideries, silk bed hangings and 400 years’ worth of paintings and furniture, including a mahogany desk and chair that once belonged to Napoleon.

**Cultural Enrichments:**
Tour one of the great manor houses of England, where the Carnarvon family has lived since 1679, and see the antiquities celebrating the fifth Earl of Carnarvon’s love of Egyptology. His combined efforts with archaeologist Howard Carter led to the discovery of Egyptian King Tutankhamun’s tomb in 1922.

Scenes from *Downton Abbey* were also filmed in Bampton, one of the oldest villages in England.

**Cotswold Villages**
The gently meadowed hillsides, thatched-roof cottages and country paths found in the charming Cotswolds evoke the tales of an idyllic storybook. These pastoral villages span the boundaries of Old English shires—counties established during the Norman Conquest of England.

Artist and designer William Morris called the picturesque hamlet of Bibury “the most beautiful village in England.”

Its Saxon Church of St. Mary’s and famed Arlington Row of 17th-century weavers’ houses are quintessentially Cotswolds.

The magnificent Church of St. John the Baptist is tucked away at the bottom of Burford’s main road in Oxfordshire. Inside, the monument to a gentleman of Henry VIII’s Privy Chamber is notable for the earliest known British depiction of the “New World’s” native people.

**Cultural Enrichment:**
Enjoy time on your own in these unique, quaint villages.

**Blenheim Palace**
Sir Winston Churchill remarked that he made two of the most important decisions of his life at Blenheim Palace—to be born and to marry. He continued, in that dry wit of his, to say he was “content with the decision I took on both occasions.” This 18th-century Baroque masterpiece was built by another national hero, Sir John Churchill, the first Duke of Marlborough, with funds donated by a grateful Queen Anne after his victory at the Battle of Blenheim. Today, it is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of England’s most treasured stately country houses, with 2200 acres of parkland and

Tour Bletchley Park, where cryptographers broke the Enigma code, affecting the outcome of World War II.

Savor your Farewell Dinner in Oxford’s Balliol College.

Marvel at the world’s largest fan vault ceiling within the Chapel.

Delight in the old-world charm of the honey-colored weavers’ cottages in Arlington Row, Bibury, nestled in the Cotswolds.
gardens also designed by the legendary “Capability” Brown.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:
By special arrangement, meet Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill and enjoy a privately guided tour through the splendid palace before an exclusive, private luncheon.

Oxford
Affectionately named the “city of dreaming spires” by adoring poets long ago, Oxford is home to one of England’s most venerated universities, which counts Sir Thomas More, Percy Bysshe Shelley and Margaret Thatcher among its illustrious alumni. Steeped in eight centuries of history, the tradition of a Formal Hall dinner requires proper attire and is still honored during three-course meals with waiter service. Learn more about student life at Oxford as you walk the cobblestone squares, medieval alleyways and Renaissance quadrangles of the oldest university in the English-speaking world.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:
Local residents will discuss contemporary life in the Cotswolds during your exclusive Town & Country Life® Forum.
Join your traveling companions for a specially arranged, exclusive and private Farewell Dinner in one of the college’s hallowed dining halls.

Macdonald Randolph Hotel
Located in an elegant landmark building, the Five-Star Macdonald Randolph Hotel offers award-winning cuisine in the heart of Oxford. Having played host to prime ministers and presidents, the hotel’s renowned Morse Bar is instantly recognizable as the pub favored by Colin Dexter’s fictional detective, Inspector Morse. The beautiful architecture and historic setting are the perfect venue to enjoy afternoon tea, and each room has all the modern amenities of a fine hotel.

Hilton Cambridge City Centre
Located amidst Cambridge University’s most renowned academic museums, the Hilton Cambridge City Centre hotel is the perfect, centrally located base from which to explore the cobblestone passageways, scholarly quads and dignified halls of this storied university town. Accommodations feature stylish and contemporary décor, while the personable staff provides excellent service with quintessential English hospitality.

Regal London
Post-Program Option
In stately London, living history makes each successive visit more enjoyable than the last. Visit imposing Hampton Court Palace, the royal Tudor mansion and gardens along the River Thames favored by King Henry VIII. Tour the fascinating World War II Cabinet War Rooms in the Churchill Museum and explore the British Museum’s vast, world-famous collection of art and artifacts. Accommodations for three nights are in the Five-Star Athenaeum Hotel, located just steps away from leafy Hyde Park.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Included Features

In Cambridge, England
◆ Three nights in the comfortable, centrally located Hilton Cambridge City Centre.
◆ Private Welcome Reception in the hotel.
◆ Breakfast each day.

In Oxford
◆ Four nights in the Five-Star MacDonald Randolph Hotel, located in the heart of Oxford.
◆ Breakfast each day and one dinner in the hotel.
◆ Exclusive and private Farewell Dinner in one of Oxford University’s storied college dining halls.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments and Excursions Led by Accredited Local Guides
◆ Walking tour of Cambridge’s medieval city center.
◆ Tour of the colleges and gardens of Cambridge University.
◆ Visit to the famous King’s College Chapel and Wren Chapel.
◆ Time to enjoy tea or coffee in the famous, 14th-century Eagle Pub frequented by RAF pilots returning from the two world wars.
◆ Visit to the poignant Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial, including lunch in a local pub.
◆ Excursion to historic Bletchley Park, the iconic World War II code-breaking site, including lunch in local pub.
◆ Walking tour of the legendary university town of Oxford.
◆ Specially arranged Town & Country Life® Forum of local residents who will share their stories and discuss contemporary life in Oxford, followed by dinner.
◆ Specially arranged visit to authentic Highclere Castle, also known as “Downton Abbey,” and the village of Bampton featured in PBS Masterpiece’s Downton Abbey.
◆ Exclusive opportunity to meet Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill in Blenheim Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including a guided tour of the palace interior and its magnificent gardens, with a specially arranged private luncheon.
◆ Visit to Sir Winston Churchill’s grave in Bladon.
◆ Unique perspective of the English countryside’s architecture, cultural traditions and timeless way of life during an excursion to historic Cotswold villages in Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced and accredited local guides for included excursions.
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Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill, scion of the house of Marlborough and the American Vanderbilt family, is an accomplished interior designer, author, public speaker, businesswoman and advocate for the preservation of UNESCO World Heritage-designated Blenheim Palace. An expert on the history of the palace, she spent many of her formative years at Blenheim and has participated in several of the estate’s restoration projects, has written and published 11 books on the history of interior design and architecture—including *Blenheim and the Churchill Family: A Personal Portrait* (2005)—and is a member of the British Institute of Interior Design.

Lady Spencer-Churchill personally welcomes you as a privileged guest before our privately guided tour through the Baroque grandeur of this splendid palace. During your special visit, learn more about the estate’s storied past and marvel at the priceless furnishings and artifacts. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the life of one of history’s greatest figures, Sir Winston Churchill, and a private lunch in the elegant Marlborough Room or Indian Room. Outdoors, enjoy the tranquil beauty of Blenheim’s 2200-acre park—designed by the noted English landscape architect, “Capability” Brown—featuring the world’s second largest symbolic hedge maze and one of Britain’s most exquisite formal gardens. Afterwards, continue to the nearby village of Bladon, where Sir Winston Churchill lies buried in a modest grave alongside his beloved wife.

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

Learn more of the rich history of Blenheim Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site, in the company of Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill.
Become captivated with Highclere Castle, the spectacular Victorian estate and filming location for the former PBS Masterpiece series, Downton Abbey.

**LAND TARIFF excluding taxes**

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Singles are available upon request for an additional $1100.*

*Taxes are an additional $295 per person and are subject to change.

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- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ to: Visa MasterCard

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Please make my/our reservation(s):
- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

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Regal London Post-Program Option
- Double at $1545 per person.
- Single at $2245 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- I/We want you to book my/our air from at an additional cost to be advised, from:

  (fill in departure city)

  Economy Class
  Upgraded Economy
  Business Class
  First Class

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
Experience the enchanting appeal of the Cotswolds’ stately mansions and villages across the bucolic landscapes.

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By accepting the terms of this Agreement, you will become a member of the sponsoring associations/organizations, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and assigns (collectively “Gohagan”), do not assume any liability for or liability in connection with your trip for including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, product or service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity or of any other third party.

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