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TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE®

## OXFORD ♦ ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE

Featuring **Downton Abbey** and **Blenheim Palace**  
Guest Speaker **LORD CHARLES SPENCER-CHURCHILL**

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### *Traveling Aggies*

Howdy, Ags!

For many, the unspoiled nature of England, Shakespeare's "blessed plot," lies in the ways of town and country life that has been practiced for centuries in Albion's idyllic university towns, pastoral villages and picturesque countrysides. Experience the time-honored quest for knowledge and the tradition-rich passage as played out in the hallowed classrooms, dining halls and quadrangles of Oxford University. Learn more about how the legacy of days gone by transcends time and forms the roots of contemporary country life as you *chinwag* with village residents. Meet Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, cousin to Sir Winston Churchill, as you call on their family's stunning Blenheim Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Uncover the deep history behind the Victorian castle now known as "Downton Abbey," and take the opportunity to step into the cottage where Jane Austen penned "Emma." Savor the extraordinary experience of traveling in a small, merry group to the university town of Oxford and through the Cotswold region, town and country juxtaposed, discovering the great heritage and character of England's historic academic centers, great country houses of Britain and enchanting villages.

Explore the age-old traditions of Oxford and become more familiar with the lives of great authors and icons of English history who were educated here or hailed from the surrounding region. Admire the picture-perfect scenery of thatched cottages, flower gardens and gentle streams, framed by the bucolic Cotswold landscape and dotted with haunting ruins and spectacular medieval churches built from the wealth of the wool trade. Hear about contemporary life from the local ladies and gents during the exclusive TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE FORUM®. Experience this most quintessentially English culture and region, while staying in two lovely hotels, ideally located in the heart of a medieval city and in the center of a quaint country village.

This comprehensive, one-of-a-kind, limited, small group travel program is the best way to experience the charm and beauty of English town and country life. It is an exceptional value including comfortable accommodations, most excursions, daily breakfast, specially arranged meals and travel at the perfect pace. So don't delay—space sold out quickly in 2014. We encourage you to join fellow alumni and friends and make your reservation today while Early Booking Savings and space are available.

Gig 'em!

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Cover: Stroll through Oxford, the "city of dreaming spires" and see the impressive architecture of this world-famous university town.

Highclere Castle, a spectacular Victorian family home, is the filming site for PBS MASTERPIECE's popular Downton Abbey television series.

## OXFORD ♦ ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE



Fortis est Veritas—  
 “The truth is strong”—  
 proclaims the Coat of Arms  
 of the city of Oxford.

Experience firsthand storied destinations and steadfast traditions that have shaped the English character for centuries in Oxford, the medieval town that serves as a beacon of academia, and in the quintessentially English villages of the Cotswolds, where bucolic country life unfolds amongst charming villages, lush rolling vales and sylvan woodlands. Learn about the rhythms of daily life and the generations-old customs and ceremonies of the hallowed universities in England’s towns and chat with the ladies, chaps, nobles and gentry in the grand estates of the countryside.

Enjoy an enriching and intimate small group travel experience like no other, including accommodations, specially arranged meals and excursions—an excellent value. This exclusive program is one of the popular TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® series that immerses you in a comprehensive and intimate travel experience at just the right pace.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS are specially arranged and only available on this custom-designed itinerary:

- ♦ **Enjoy an authentic experience** in historic British university towns and quaint, traditional Cotswold villages.
- ♦ **Immerse yourself** in a carefully planned, balanced itinerary of included, guided historical and cultural excursions and time on your own to partake in local daily rituals while sipping afternoon tea, watching punting boats glide along the River Thames or having a Pimm’s cup in a local pub.
- ♦ **Meet Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill**, Sir Winston Churchill’s cousin and the brother of the 11<sup>th</sup> Duke of Marlborough, who will host your specially arranged visit to Blenheim Palace, with a private lunch in the stately Marlborough Room.
- ♦ **Visit “Downton Abbey,”** the splendid, authentic Victorian Highclere Castle, to explore the estate’s magnificent period state rooms, special Egyptian exhibition and extensive gardens, and the market town of Bampton, filming sites for PBS’s popular MASTERPIECE series.
- ♦ **Experience the venerable tradition of Formal Hall dining** during the exclusive and private Farewell Dinner in one of Oxford University’s grand college dining halls.
- ♦ **Hear it from the Experts!** A local guest lecturer will discuss the glories, trials and expectations of student life at Oxford University. Experienced, accredited local guides will accompany you throughout the program and share their expertise of historical, cultural and contemporary England.
- ♦ **Engage locals** during the TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE FORUM®, where residents share their stories and discuss contemporary life in the Cotswolds.
- ♦ **Choose to visit Jane Austen’s England** and the cherished locales that influenced the writing of one of England’s most beloved authors (optional excursion).



*The long twilight glow of a perfect English summer evening sweeps over Chipping Campden, a serene, quintessential Cotswold village with a deep-rooted history in the wool trade.*

## ITINERARY

Day

- ◆ CAMBRIDGE COLLEGES AND CHAPELS ◆  
EAST ANGLIA PRE-PROGRAM OPTION
- 1 Depart the U.S.
- 2 LONDON,® UNITED KINGDOM/MINSTER LOVELL  
Check into OLD SWAN & MINSTER MILL.
- 3 COTSWOLD VILLAGES  
◆ Excursion to Stow-on-the-Wold,  
Chipping Campden, Broadway and Burford.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:  
◆ Learn about the prosperous wool trade and the  
wealth generated during the medieval era.
- 4 COTSWOLD VILLAGES  
◆ Excursion to Bibury and Cirencester.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:  
◆ Visit to Bampton, the village film location for  
*Downton Abbey*.  
◆ TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE FORUM®.
- 5 MINSTER LOVELL/“DOWNTON ABBEY”  
(HIGHCLERE CASTLE)/OXFORD  
◆ Check into the deluxe  
MACDONALD RANDOLPH HOTEL.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:  
◆ Visit to Highclere Castle, the authentic English  
country house featured in *Downton Abbey*.
- 6 OXFORD  
◆ Walking tour of Oxford’s Colleges.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:  
◆ Visits to Trinity College and the  
Ashmolean Museum.  
◆ Private lecture about student life at Oxford.
- 7 BLENHEIM PALACE®/BLADON/OXFORD  
◆ Privately guided tour of Blenheim Palace.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:  
◆ Exclusive welcome by Lord Charles  
Spencer-Churchill.  
◆ Visit to Sir Winston Churchill’s grave in Bladon.  
◆ Private luncheon in Blenheim Palace.
- 8 OXFORD  
◆ Day at leisure in Oxford.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:  
◆ Traditional Formal Hall Farewell Dinner  
in a historic college dining hall.  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT OPTION:  
◆ Tour of Jane Austen’s England.
- 9 OXFORD/LONDON/U.S.  
Return to the U.S.  
◆ WINDSOR CASTLE ◆ BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ◆  
RIVER THAMES POST-PROGRAM OPTION



### Minster Lovell, United Kingdom

One of the prettiest of the Oxfordshire villages, Minster Lovell was built on the banks of the bucolic, meandering River Windrush, essential to the wool trade that flourished in the medieval Cotswolds. Thatched-roof stone cottages line its quiet rural lane. A short distance outside the village, the 15<sup>th</sup>-century Minster Lovell Hall is steeped in legend. The surrounding lands once belonged to the Lovell family, and Francis Lovell fought in the Wars of the Roses with Richard III at the battle of Botsworth.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** During the exclusive TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE FORUM®, local residents will discuss contemporary life in the Cotswolds.

### Cotswold and Oxfordshire Villages

One of the Cotswolds best known villages, **Stow-on-the-Wold** is a delightful market town set along Fosse Way, the first great Roman road in Britain. It was designed around its market square during the height of the English wool industry, where as Daniel Defoe told it, up to 20,000 sheep a day were funneled to market along narrow-walled avenues, called tunes.

Nestled inside the scenic Vale of Evesham, medieval **Chipping Campden** was built on the “white gold” wealth of the wool merchants, who left behind the soaring 15<sup>th</sup>-century Gothic tower of the Church of St. James and wool-tycoon manors, including the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Grevel House.



Romantic gardens and classic stone houses are part of many English traditions that live on in the Cotswold and Oxfordshire villages, a bastion of beauty, history and culture.



*Your Farewell Dinner will be held in one of Oxford's oldest and most beautiful dining halls.*

Here villagers carry on along High Street, which retains its old English character.

Simply beautiful, **Broadway** was first settled by the Romans and is often referred to as the "Jewel of the Cotswolds." The home of William Morris, leader of the English Arts and Crafts Movement whose devotees settled throughout the Cotswolds, Broadway was once a major stage coach stop brimming with inns and public houses and today beckons travelers with its splendor and tranquility.

Scenes from the acclaimed international PBS MASTERPIECE television series *Downton Abbey* are filmed in **Bampton**, one of the oldest towns in England. First established during the Iron Age, with later markings as the site of an extensive unwallied Roman settlement, the historic town is included in William the Conqueror's Domesday Book of 11<sup>th</sup>-century shires and landholders.

The magnificent Church of St. John the Baptist is tucked away at the bottom of **Burford's** main road. Inside, a monument to Henry VIII's surgeon-barber is said to contain the first depictions of native Americans in Britain.

## Highclere Castle— "Downton Abbey"

The authentic Highclere Castle, featured as Crawley Manor in the PBS *Downton Abbey* series, is set in an Edwardian-period property among 1000 acres of spectacular parklands. It was built as a Victorian country house upon the foundation of a medieval palace owned for some 800 years by the Bishops of Winchester. The richly decorated state rooms and bedrooms have been restored with authentic elements including embossed Spanish leather wall coverings, 15<sup>th</sup>-century Italian embroideries, 18<sup>th</sup>-century silk bed hangings and 400 years' worth of European and English paintings and furniture, including a mahogany desk and chair that once belonged to Napoleon.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: Discover the authentic history of one of the great manor houses of England, where the Carnarvon family has

lived since 1679. Explore the exquisite staterooms and bedrooms and walk the lush grounds. The Egyptian antiquities on exhibit celebrate the fifth Earl of Carnarvon's love of Egyptology. The combined efforts of benefactor Lord Carnarvon and archaeologist Howard Carter led to the discovery and excavation of Egyptian King Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922.

## Blenheim Palace

Sir Winston Churchill remarked that he'd 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." Built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century 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, this stunning Baroque masterpiece today is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Britain's most treasured stately homes. The estate's 2200-acre parkland and gardens were designed by the legendary English landscape architect "Capability" Brown.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: By special arrangement, meet Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, who will give our group a private and personal introduction to his family home before an exclusive luncheon in the Marlborough Room.

## Oxford

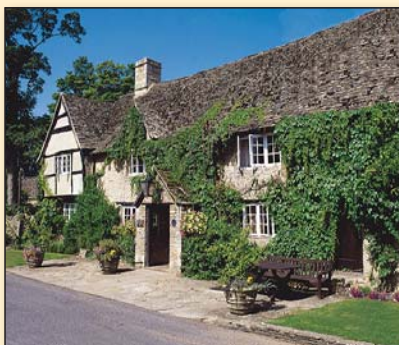
Affectionately named the "city of dreaming spires" by adoring poets, Oxford is home to Britain's most venerated university which counts Sir Thomas More, Percy Bysshe Shelley and Margaret Thatcher among its illustrious alumni. Steeped in eight centuries of history and erudition, Oxford continues to nurture great scholars while blending its revered traditions with cutting-edge research and instruction provided by many of the world's brightest minds. Here, the exclusive customs of a Formal Hall dinner require proper attire, or college gowns, and are still honored with a three-course meal and waiter service. Magnificent cobblestone squares, medieval alleyways and Renaissance quadrangles fill the grounds of the oldest university in the English-speaking world.



*PBS's MASTERPIECE series Downton Abbey portrays Church Gate House as the home of Lady Crawley.*

## OLD SWAN & MINSTER MILL

Tucked away in a lovely corner of the Cotswolds and ideally located at the heart of Minster Lovell, the intimate OLD SWAN & MINSTER MILL is both quintessentially English and captures the charm of bygone years and the romance of the countryside with all the modern conveniences of a fine hotel. Enjoy the pristine gardens and calmly flowing river on the property. Featuring a gastro-pub inspired dining room, bar and Wi-Fi, this quaint country inn is an ideal “home” from which to explore the English countryside.



## MACDONALD RANDOLPH HOTEL

Located in the center of Oxford in a landmark building, the Five-Star MACDONALD RANDOLPH HOTEL has elegance and charm and offers award-winning food in the heart of this world-famous university city. 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 hotel’s beautiful architecture and historic setting provide the perfect venue to enjoy afternoon tea. Each room has all the modern amenities of a fine hotel and the hotel has an elevator.



**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Visit Trinity College and the Ashmolean Museum.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Exclusive lecture about student life at Oxford.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Join your traveling companions for a specially arranged, exclusive and private Farewell Dinner in one of the college’s hallowed dining halls.

## Jane Austen’s England

Beloved author Jane Austen deftly chronicled the transition from the

18<sup>th</sup> century’s emphasis on reason and improvement to the 19<sup>th</sup> century’s emphasis on sensibility and romantic excitement.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT OPTION:** On this full-day optional excursion, visit the Jane Austen Museum in Chawton, the house where the author spent the last eight years of her life, and the cathedral in Winchester, where she is buried. Each site offers glimpses of the iconic writer’s life and the era she captured in her writings.

## Cambridge Colleges and Chapels • East Anglia

Pre-Program Option



Experience the iconic and prestigious British university town while walking in the pristine quad and along the sculpture-lined corridors of Cambridge. Visit the famed King’s College Chapel and tour Bletchley Park, the secret World War II intelligence site where the British deciphered the German code. Accommodations for three nights are in the comfortable, centrally located CAMBRIDGE CITY HOTEL.

## Windsor Castle • Buckinghamshire • River Thames

Post-Program Option



“Sweet Thames, run softly, till I end my song,” exalted the Elizabethan poet Edmund Spenser in praise of this fabled riverway, etched as it is in heart and history of England. Explore life in the villages surrounding the Thames and cruise the river itself for a spectacular view of the locales that dot its storied banks. Visit romantic Windsor Castle, the family home of British royalty for nearly 1000 years, and look for the Queen’s Royal Standard flying from the Round Tower to see if she is in residence. Visit the traditional college town of Eton, site of England’s most famous public school and the historic and picturesque regatta town of Henley-on-Thames. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe, riverside MACDONALD COMPLEAT ANGLER HOTEL in the charming Buckinghamshire town of Marlow.

*The Optional Excursion and Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

## Included Features

Meet Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, noted speaker and host at his ancestral home, Blenheim Palace.

### In Minster Lovell, United Kingdom

- ◆ Three nights in the charming OLD SWAN & MINSTER MILL.
- ◆ Private Welcome Reception.
- ◆ Breakfast each day and one dinner in the hotel.

### In Oxford

- ◆ Four nights in the historic Five-Star MACDONALD RANDOLPH HOTEL.
- ◆ Breakfast each day in the hotel.

### Exclusive Excursions Led by Accredited Local Expert Guides

- ◆ Walking tour of the legendary university town of Oxford.
- ◆ Tour of the typical and charming Cotswold villages of **Stow-on-the-Wold, Chipping Campden, Broadway, Burford, Bibury and Cirencester.**
- ◆ Exclusive guided tour of **Sir Winston Churchill's birthplace, Blenheim Palace**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and its magnificent "Capability" Brown-designed gardens.
- ◆ Visit to Sir Winston Churchill's grave in **Bladon.**

### Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

- ◆ Exclusive meeting in Blenheim Palace with **Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill**, who offers a unique perspective on his ancestral home and the life of Sir Winston Churchill.
- ◆ Specially arranged **private luncheon** in **Blenheim Palace's Marlborough Room.**
- ◆ Exclusive and private Farewell Dinner in one of **Oxford University's** storied colleges.
- ◆ Specially arranged **TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE FORUM®** with local residents who will share their stories and discuss contemporary life in the Cotswolds.
- ◆ Unique look at the **English countryside's** architecture, cultural traditions and timeless way of life during visits to historic **Cotswold and Oxfordshire villages.**
- ◆ Specially arranged visit to authentic Highclere Castle, also known as "**Downton Abbey,**" and the village of **Bampton** featured in PBS **MASTERPIECE'S Downton Abbey.**
- ◆ Expert lecture on Oxford's colleges and student life with time to explore the Ashmolean Museum.



### Enhanced Travel Services

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, led by accredited, local expert guides.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
- ◆ Jane Austen's England optional excursion at additional cost.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels.
- ◆ The services of an experienced Gohagan & Company Program Director throughout the program.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

*Meet*  
**Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill**  
during a Private Tour



Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, cousin of Sir Winston Churchill and brother of the 11<sup>th</sup> Duke of Marlborough, is your host for this exclusive tour of his ancestral home, Blenheim Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Lord Charles personally greets you as a privileged guest before our privately guided tour through the Baroque grandeur of this splendid palace, his childhood home. 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. Admire the double-vaulted ceilings and chandeliers in the elegant Marlborough Room during a private lunch. 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.*

*In the company of Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, see the splendor and learn more about the rich history of Blenheim Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site.*







*Punting along the serene River Cam is a long-standing tradition where students, ladies and gents enjoy a relaxing afternoon gliding through the heart of the beautiful and historic university town of Cambridge.*

## LAND TARIFF

*Per person, based on double occupancy*

<i>Early Booking Price through March 6, 2015</i>	<i>Regular Price after March 6, 2015</i>
<b>\$3,795</b>	<b>\$4,095</b>

◆ Singles are available upon request for an additional \$1,100.

◆ Taxes are an additional \$295 and are subject to change.

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## OXFORD • ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE RESERVATION FORM

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Program reservations require a deposit of \$600 per person and \$200 per person Cambridge Colleges and Chapels ♦ East Anglia Pre-Program Option and/or \$200 per person Windsor Castle ♦ Buckinghamshire ♦ River Thames Post-Program Option. *By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.*

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as deposit.  
Make checks payable to 2015 Town & Country Life Oxford.  
 I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:  
 Visa  MasterCard

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*Signature as it appears on credit card*

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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).

**Please make my/our reservation(s):**  
Cambridge Colleges and Chapels ♦ East Anglia Pre-Program Option

- Double at \$1,225 per person.  
 Single at \$1,725 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).

**Windsor Castle ♦ Buckinghamshire ♦ River Thames Post-Program Option**

- Double at \$965 per person.  
 Single at \$1,350 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 \_\_\_\_\_

*(fill in departure city)*

to London, England, with return from London, England, at additional cost to be advised.

Class:  Economy  Business  First

<sup>‡</sup>Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.



Explore the enchanting patchwork of the Cotswolds dotted with traditional farms, country houses and picturesque villages.

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