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The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm and beauty of Southern England, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Above: Cotswolds cottages

- ▶ Experience **the Cotswolds**, where rolling pastures are peppered with butter-hued villages and idyllic farm life.
- ▶ Inhale the pleasing bouquets of **traditional English gardens**.
- ▶ Wander revered rooms of nobility and grandeur at **Leeds Castle**.
- ▶ Follow in the footsteps of notable graduates at **Oxford**, the oldest university of the English-speaking world.
- ▶ Absorb the effervescent energy and famous sights of **dynamic London**.
- ▶ Witness **pageantry at Windsor Castle**, the home to British kings and queens for a millennium.



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Howdy, Ags!

Discover England's rural charms and rich cultural tapestry during our sensational nine-night journey featuring England's castles, cottages and countryside. Molded by centuries of invaders, drifters and colonists, this region is etched with aristocratic relics, fabled villages and grassy leas dotted by honey-colored cottages.

Learn about the storied heritage of Canterbury, the namesake of Chaucer's anthology. Stroll through proper English gardens and experience Oxford's scholarly atmosphere. Step into lofty castles, marvel at the White Cliffs of Dover and savor London, a metropolis that has grown from a simple Roman encampment to one of the world's most influential and exciting capitals. From regal villages and blossoming oases to baroque palaces and dynamic cities, this program is sure to be a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

Our professional team is committed to providing an experience that features exciting excursions, stimulating lectures and ample leisure time. Space is limited to ensure maximum traveling comfort, so we encourage you to make your reservation today!

Gig 'em!

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Oxford





Southern England's cache of medieval churches, pastures, ancient castles and artfully designed gardens will satiate your yearning for a country vacation. A three-night stay in Canterbury launches your journey into England's layers of legends, aristocracy and history. Discover Leeds Castle and experience nature's ingenuity along the White Cliffs of Dover. Learn about the life of Sir Winston Churchill in Chartwell, and delight in the picture-perfect Cotswolds, a charming area where time stands still and ivy climbs rustic stone façades. Experience outings to Oxford and Windsor Castle before concluding your journey wrapped in London's scintillating cocoon of excitement.

DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for London, England.✈

DAY TWO

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LONDON, U.K. | CANTEBURY

Upon arrival, transfer✈ and check in to the ABode Canterbury.

This evening, join fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY THREE

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CANTEBURY

Educational Focus: *Canterbury Tales*.

Excursion: *Canterbury*. Venture into the delightful city of Canterbury. Not only does it



flaunt a rich history and a storied heritage but Canterbury has also been the home to the spiritual head of the Church of England for nearly 500 years. Visit the Canterbury Cathedral. See its remarkable stained-glass windows and admire the cathedral's Romanesque and Gothic features, which date back to A.D. 587.

Local Flavor: Gather at a local restaurant for lunch.

Independent Exploration: Enjoy free time to make your own discoveries in Canterbury. Perhaps step inside St. Augustine's Abbey and St. Martin's Church, the oldest church in England.

DAY FOUR

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MAIDSTONE | DOVER

Excursion: *Leeds Castle*. Visit Leeds Castle near Maidstone Village. Originally built by Robert de Crevecoeur as a Norman stronghold in 1119, the palace has since been owned by a handful of monarchs and six queens of England. Enjoy a guided tour of the castle and see highlights such as the old keep and the quirky dog collar



Dover Castle



White Cliffs of Dover

museum. Delight in free time to explore the Culpeper Gardens and its yew-tree maze.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch with your fellow travelers.

Excursion: *Dover Castle and the White Cliffs of Dover.* Head for the coast and visit Dover Castle to experience a World War II hospital atmosphere at the Underground Hospital. Learn how the castle's defenses were controlled from the nearby network of underground tunnels, which were also used as part of naval headquarters during World War II. See the White Cliffs of Dover. Towering over the English Channel, these sweeping cliffs reach up to 300 feet high and stretch for 10 miles along the coast to Dover. The White Cliffs of Dover have met the challenge of many invasion attempts, including Julius Caesar's foray in 55 B.C.

DAY FIVE

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WESTERHAM | WOKING | BROADWAY

Educational Focus: *English Gardens and "Capability" Brown.*

Excursion: *Chartwell and the Gardens of England.* En route to Broadway, visit Chartwell, home of Sir Winston Churchill and his wife, in Westerham. The Victorian country home, originally dating from the Tudor era, is a picture of life from when Churchill, his wife, Clementine, and their children lived there, with many of their belongings, photographs and books still in the home. Stroll through his art studio and enjoy free time to appreciate the gardens and Clementine's Golden Rose walk.

In Woking, visit the RHS Garden Wisley and enjoy exploring 240 acres of gardens on your own. Embrace a relaxing moment as you wander through the garden's ornamental grasses, tropical plants and orchards.

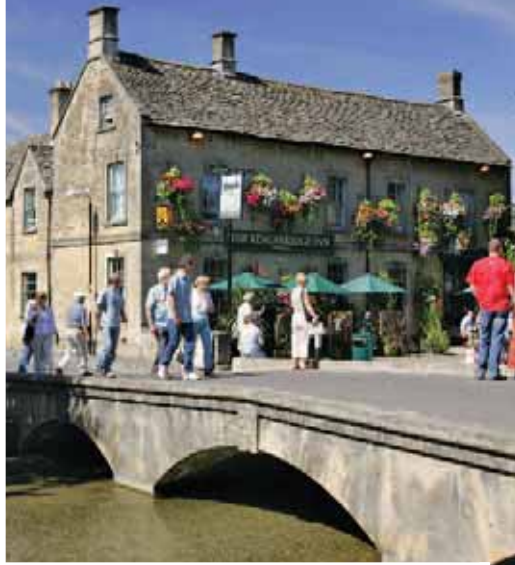
Drive north toward the charming Cotswolds, a region designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. After arriving in Broadway, check in to The Lygon Arms.

DAY SIX

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COTSWOLDS

Excursion: *Classic Cotswolds.* Enjoy a leisurely drive through the country's patchwork of pastures, sleepy hamlets and magical, butter-hued stone architecture. Begin the day's excursion with a visit to Hidcote Manor Gardens, designed by horticulturist Lawrence Johnston in the early 1900s. Take a guided tour of the property's unique outdoor garden rooms, which are divided by tall hedges, walls and topiary work. See picturesque



Hidcote Manor Gardens



Chipping Campden, famous for its unusual High Street. Visit Bourton-on-the-Water, known as the Venice of the Cotswolds and renowned for its stone bridges spanning the River Windrush. Explore Stow-on-the-Wold, a village designed with a network of narrow lanes that allowed for easy shepherding during the wool-trade era, and see Moreton-in-Marsh, a town that dates back to the Saxon era.

DAY SEVEN

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OXFORDSHIRE

Excursion: *Blenheim Palace and Oxford.*

Visit the birthplace of Winston Churchill at the UNESCO World Heritage site of Blenheim Palace. Uncover over three hundred years of history as you explore the palace’s state rooms and formal gardens. Continue to Oxford and see the oldest university in the English-speaking world. There are over 39 colleges at Oxford, and though each is part of Oxford University, each is also an independent entity.

Enjoy a walking tour of the university town and visit one of the colleges for a closer look.

DAY EIGHT

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BROADWAY

Educational Focus: *England Past and Present.*

Independent Exploration: Enjoy a free day in Broadway. Perhaps embark on a walking loop with friends to Broadway Tower or visit the Gordon Russell and Ashmolean museums.

ELECTIVE | *Stratford-upon-Avon.*

Spend a day immersed in the life of William Shakespeare, beginning with a visit to the childhood home of Shakespeare’s true love. Anne Hathaway’s fairy-tale cottage still displays many of the Hathaway family’s personal possessions and furniture. Then discover the house where William Shakespeare grew



up before becoming the world's greatest dramatist. Enjoy free time to venture out on your own. Peek into a local pub, enjoy an afternoon tea or find treasures at the village's many specialty boutiques.

Gather for dinner at the hotel this evening.

DAY NINE

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WINDSOR | LONDON

After breakfast, depart Broadway for London.

Excursion: Windsor Castle. En route to London, travel via Windsor to see the changing of the guard at Windsor Castle. Watch the pageantry unfold as the old guard hands over the privilege of guarding the Sovereign to the new guard. After the ceremony, take a tour of the castle grounds. Wander through the elegant State Apartments and visit St. George's Chapel, the site of many royal weddings and funerals. Travel to London and check in to the Radisson Blu Edwardian, Vanderbilt.

DAY TEN

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LONDON

Independent Exploration: Enjoy a full day of leisure in London. Explore the National Gallery, shop at Borough Market or appreciate London's many architectural splendors. Tonight, celebrate your adventure with a Farewell Reception and Dinner at the hotel.



London

DAY ELEVEN

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IN TRANSIT

Following breakfast, transfer✦ to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✦ *Provided for AHI FlexAir participants*

BLVD denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

 *Elective experiences available at an additional cost.*



Right: Beefeater, London



**ABODE CANTERBURY
CANTERBURY**

The boutique ABode Canterbury features 72 impeccably appointed rooms and a Champagne Bar, County Restaurant and Old Brewery Tavern. Situated on Canterbury's High Street, the hotel is just minutes away from many cafés, shops and historic sites, including the Canterbury Cathedral. After a day of exploring, guests can enjoy a traditional Afternoon Tea or unwind with a luxurious glass of Prosecco. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



**THE LYGON ARMS
BROADWAY**

Perched along Broadway's High Street, The Lygon Arms reflects the charm of a cozy Cotswold inn. Featuring 78 rooms, stone fireplaces, high-barrelled ceilings, mullioned windows and modern comforts, The Lygon Arms welcomes you with warmth and character. Delight in hand-crafted chandeliers while dining in the intimate ambience of The Great Hall, or enjoy classic English cuisine at the Barrington restaurant. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



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LONDON**

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July 21-30, 2017

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1. **Canterbury Cathedral**
2. **Blenheim Palace**



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| INCLUDED FEATURES |

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- Three nights in Canterbury, England, at the ABoDe Canterbury, a first-class hotel.
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- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, featuring nine breakfasts, two lunches and four dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
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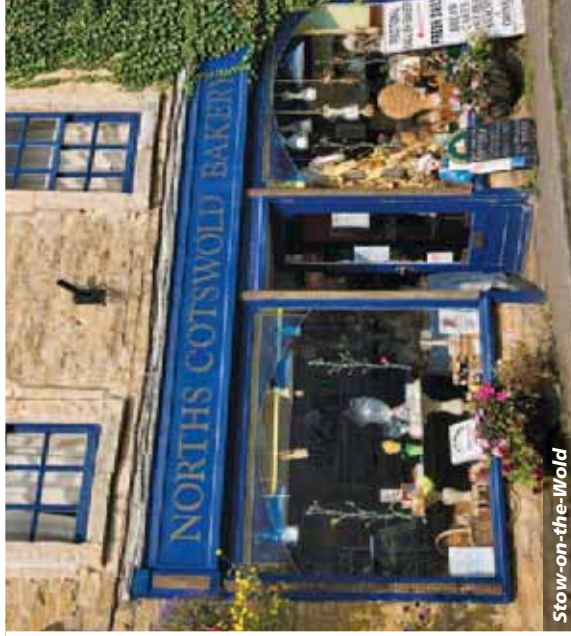
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