



#### Dear Graduates, Parents and Friends of Brown:

Come travel an idyllic portion of the green, neat and timeless medieval pilgrimage route through Shakespeare's "blessed plot," England, to see a variety of landscapes, history and tradition that have influenced world culture as profoundly as any nation in history. Experience the extraordinary opportunity to travel from the university town of Cambridge to the timeless city of Canterbury, discovering the great heritage and character of England's enchanting villages, grand countryside palaces, spectacular wool churches and historic university towns. Take in the picture-perfect scenery of thatched cottages, flower gardens and streams, framed by the gentle Cotswold landscape, with a range of nostalgic museums and late-Gothic architecture built from the wealth of the wool trade. Get to know the lives of some of the greatest authors and historical icons of English history as well as locals living in the towns today, and immerse yourself in this most quintessentially English region, its culture and the way of life of its people.

Explore Highclere Castle, featured in the acclaimed international television series, *Downton Abbey*, airing on PBS's MASTERPIECE. Visit as well the village filming site for *Downton Abbey*, the ancient market town of Bampton. See the fabled quads of Oxford. Walk through the hallowed halls of Churchill's birthplace, Blenheim Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with specially arranged host Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill. Meet and speak with local residents during the exclusive Town & Country Forum®. From the ancient to the modern, this custom-designed and unique program offers an in-depth look at England's most fascinating region. The two fine hotels are each ideally located, in the heart of a medieval city and in the center of a quaint Cotswold village.

This comprehensive travel program has limited capacity and is an exceptional value. We will share this departure with alumni and friends from Indiana University and Vanderbilt University, and space will sell out quickly. We encourage you to make your reservation today, while Early Booking Savings and space are available.

Sincerely,

Beth Goldman Galer '88

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Director of the Alumni Travel Program

#### **Faculty Lecturer**

On this program, as on all Brown Travelers programs, a Brown faculty member will present lectures and lead discussions that will enhance your educational experience.

As this brochure goes to press, the faculty representative who will accompany the program has not yet been confirmed. But we wanted to mail this brochure in time for you to make plans to participate. All Brown lecturers share a love for both teaching and travel. Their presence ensures that Brown-sponsored journeys are not only pleasant travel experiences but also intellectually rewarding.



Highclere Castle, a spectacular Victorian family home, is the filming site for PBS MASTERPIECE'S Downton Abbey.



# Oxford • English Countryside

Experience firsthand the true character and traditions of Oxford, the medieval city that serves as a beacon of academia, and the quintessentially English villages of the Cotswolds, a region known for centuries as "the heart of England" where the past blends seamlessly with the present. Enjoy an enriching travel experience like no other, including accommodations, specially arranged meals and excursions—an excellent value. Explore the history, art and culture; interact with local people; and experience proclaims the Coat of Arms the rhythm of daily life in charming Cotswold villages,

hallowed college halls and impressive medieval cathedrals. This exclusive program is part of the popular VILLAGE 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:

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- Hear it from the Experts! Experienced local guides will accompany you throughout the program and discuss historical, cultural and contemporary England. A local guest lecturer will discuss student life at Oxford.
- Meet Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, Sir Winston Churchill's cousin and the brother of the current Duke of Marlborough, who will host your visit to Blenheim Palace.
- Experience a private Farewell Dinner in an Oxford University College dining hall.
- ◆ Engage locals during the Town & Country Forum® where residents share their stories and discuss the Cotswolds region.
- Visit Highclere Castle and the ancient market town of Bampton, filming sites for Downton Abbey airing on PBS's Masterpiece.
- Explore avenues, cathedrals and pubs frequented by Thomas Hardy, J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis.
- Learn more about Jane Austen's England on an optional excursion.
- Enjoy time on your own—observe daily life while having a Pimm's cup at a local pub, taking in punting on the River Thames or strolling the pristine and stately quads and gardens of Oxford.



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**

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CAMBRIDGE PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

- 1 Depart from the U.S.
- 2 LONDON, ENGLAND/MINSTER LOVELL Check into the OLD SWAN & MINSTER MILL.
- 3 Cotswold Villages
  - Excursion to Stow-on-the-Wold, Broadway, Burford and Chipping Campden.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

- ◆ Exclusive Town & Country Forum®.
- 4 "Downton Abbey" (Highclere Castle)
  - Visit to Highclere Castle and Bampton, filming locations for Downton Abbey.
- 5 Minster Lovell/Blenheim Palace/ Bladon/Oxford
  - Exclusive welcome and guided tour of Blenheim Palace.
  - Visit to Winston Churchill's grave in Bladon.
  - ◆ Check into the deluxe Macdonald Randolph Hotel.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** 

- ◆ Meet Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill.
- Private luncheon in Blenheim Palace.
- 6 Oxford
  - Walking tour of Oxford.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** 

- Visits to the Ashmolean Museum, Exeter College chapel and Trinity College.
- Private lecture describing student life at Oxford.
- 7 Oxford

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT OPTION:

- Tour of Jane Austen's England.
- 8 OXFORE
  - Walking tour of historic Jericho.
- 9 Oxford/London/U.S.

CANTERBURY POST-PROGRAM OPTION



#### Minster Lovell

One of the prettiest of the Oxfordshire villages, Minster Lovell lies on the sleepy River Windrush with thatched cottages arranged along the quiet lanes. Set in the heart of Oxfordshire the tiny village gives a sense of timeless calm and is distinguished by the 15th-century church of St. Kenelm and the romantic ruined manor house dating from 1435. Since the 12th century, the lands of the manor house belonged to the Lovell family, who fought in the Wars of the Roses and with Richard III at the battle of Bosworth, after which Francis Lovell was declared guilty of treason and his lands reverted to the Crown.

## **Cotswold Villages**

Stow-on-the-Wold is a delightful market town along the ancient Roman Fosse Way, the first great Roman road in Britain. This picturesque Cotswold town was designed around its market square during the height of the English wool industry with narrow-walled avenues, called tunes, to funnel up to 20,000 sheep to the market.



Romantic gardens and classic stone houses are just two English traditions that live on in the Cotswolds, a bastion of beauty, history and culture.



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

Chipping Campden is a prosperous medieval village with a picturesque 15<sup>th</sup>-century Gothic parish church, 17<sup>th</sup>-century almshouses and market hall, and wool-tycoon manors.

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, its main road is lined with honey-colored limestone townhouses dating back to the 16th century.

The acclaimed international television series *Downton Abbey*, seen on PBS's MASTERPIECE, is 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 unwalled Roman settlement, the picturesque town is also mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086.

In **Burford**, the great Church of St. John the Baptist is a medley of architectural styles providing a flourish to the village's main passage down to the River Windrush.

# "Downton Abbey" (Highclere Castle)

This spectacular Victorian castle is well known for its role as the manor in the acclaimed international television series *Downton Abbey*, airing on PBS's MASTERPIECE. Set amidst 1,000 acres of spectacular parkland, the television series only captures a fraction of this impressive, Edwardian-period property. Discover the true history behind this newly iconized structure, where the Carnarvon family has lived since 1679, when they built upon the foundation of a medieval palace owned by the Bishops of Winchester for some 800 years.

#### **Blenheim Palace**

This monumental baroque fantasy is one of the country's greatest stately homes, designed between 1705 and 1722 with funds given to Sir John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, by a grateful Queen Anne, after his victory at the battle of Blenheim. Its 2,200-acre parkland and gardens were designed by the legendary English landscape architect "Capability" Brown. Blenheim is also the renowned birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Now a UNESCO World Heritage site and the current Duke of Marlborough's home—it is the largest private residence in England, with an extraordinary labyrinth of opulent hallways and chambers. Meet your host, Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, who will give you a personal introduction to his family home.

#### Oxford

Affectionately named the "city of dreaming spires" by adoring poets, Britain's oldest university counts Percy Bysshe Shelley, Margaret Thatcher and Sir Thomas More among its illustrious alumni. Steeped in eight centuries of history and erudition, Oxford still nurtures great scholars while blending its ancient traditions with cutting-edge research and instruction provided by many of the world's brightest minds. Here, Formal Hall, a dining hall tradition requiring formal attire or college gowns, is still celebrated with a three-course meal and waiter service. Magnificent cobblestoned squares, medieval alleyways and Renaissance quadrangles fill the grounds of the oldest university in the English-speaking world.



The soaring Great Hall in Christ Church College is one of the oldest and most beautiful dining halls at Oxford.

## OLD SWAN & MINSTER MILL

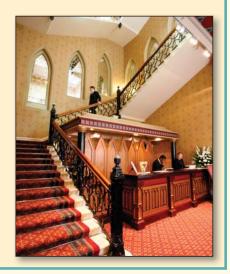
Tucked away in a historic corner of the Cotswolds and ideally located at the heart of the Old Minster village and with a history going back almost 600 years, the intimate OLD SWAN & MINSTER MILL are both quintessentially English and capture the charm of bygone years and the romance of the countryside with all the modern conveniences



of fine hotels. 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, this Five-Star hotel is a landmark building with 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 watering hole of Colin Dexter's fictional detective, Inspector Morse. The hotel's beautiful architecture and historic setting provide the perfect venue to enjoy afternoon tea. The hotel has an elevator and each room has all the modern amenities of a fine hotel.



# Jane Austen's England—Option

Austen belonged to the transition from the 18<sup>th</sup> century's emphasis on sense, reason and improvement to the 19<sup>th</sup> century's emphasis on sensibility and romantic excitement. On this full-day optional excursion, see the church in Steventon where the author's

father ministered when she was born; the Jane Austen Museum in Chawton, where she 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 times she captured in her writings.

# Cambridge Pre-Program Option



Experience a second prestigious university town while walking in the pristine quad and along the sculpture-lined corridors of Cambridge and visiting the famed King's College Chapel. Tour Bletchley Park, the secret World War II intelligence site where the British deciphered the German code, which was

especially crucial to the war effort. Accommodations for three nights are in a comfortable, centrally located hotel.

# **Canterbury Post-Program Option**

Made famous in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, Canterbury's history and heritage are immortalized in the medieval pilgrimage site of the magnificent Canterbury Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site, founded in 597 A.D. Visit Sir Winston Churchill's home at Chartwell and Down House, the home of Charles Darwin. See the stunning

White Cliffs of Dover and explore the secret underground tunnels of the Dover Castle. Accommodations for three nights are in an inviting, centrally located hotel.

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

# Included Features

# In Minster Lovell, England, **United Kingdom**

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

#### In Oxford

- Four nights in the inviting, Five-Star MACDONALD RANDOLPH HOTEL.
- Breakfast each day in the hotel, one lunch and one dinner.

# Excursions Led by Local Experts Accredited by the British Guild of 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 and Bampton, the village featured in Downton Abbey.
- Specially arranged visit to "Downton Abbey" (Highclere Castle).
- Exclusive guided tour of Sir Winston Churchill's birthplace, Blenheim Palace, and its magnificent gardens.
- Visit to Sir Winston Churchill's grave in Bladon.
- Walking tour of Jericho, a historic Oxford suburb and home to the Oxford University Press.

## Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

- Exclusive meeting in Blenheim Palace with Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, who offers a unique perspective on his childhood home and the life of Sir Winston Churchill.
- Specially arranged private luncheon in Blenheim Palace's Marlborough Room.
- Private Farewell Dinner in one of Oxford University's colleges.
- ◆ Specially arranged Town & Country 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 villages.
- Expert lecture on Oxford's colleges and student life with time to explore the Ashmolean Museum.

# Enhanced Travel Services Transfers and luggage handling a

- 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, with experienced local guides accredited by the British Guild of Guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
- Optional excursion to visit Jane Austen's England, 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 current 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 privileged guests before your guided tour of the Baroque grandeur of this splendid palace, his childhood home. During your special visit, learn about the estate's storied past. Marvel at its priceless furnishings and artifacts, and take a behind-the-scenes look at the life of one of history's greatest figures, Sir Winston Churchill. Outside, admire the tranquil beauty of Blenheim's 2,200-acre park—created by the noted landscape architect "Capability" Brown—featuring the world's second largest symbolic hedge maze and one of Britain's most exquisite formal gardens. Admire the double-vaulted ceilings and chandeliers in the elegant Marlborough Room during a private lunch. 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 Terms and Conditions.

See the splendor and learn more about the rich history of Blenheim Palace in the company of Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill.





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

#### Early Booking Price Regular Price LAND TARIFF through after March 26, 2014 March 26, 2014 Per person, based on double occupancy \$3495 \$3795

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Explore the enchanting patchwork of the Cotswold countryside dotted with manor houses, traditional farms and picturesque villages.

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