



A Tour of England featuring London, Oxford, the Cotswolds, the Lake District, The Beatles' Liverpool and signature sites from your favorite MASTERPIECE series—including *Downton Abbey*.

\$4499.00 per person based on double occupancy

Contact Norma Joseph for booking and information, (309) 677-4747

Exclusive Tour Features:

- Round trip motor coach transportation from Peoria to O'Hare Airport
- Air transportation on American Airlines from Chicago to London and return from Manchester
- 8 nights of First Class Hotel accommodations:
 - ◆ 2 nights – London
 - ◆ 3 nights – Oxford
 - ◆ 2 nights – Windermere, Lake District
 - ◆ 1 night – Liverpool
- Continental breakfast in London, Full English breakfast daily outside of London
- 5 dinners, 2 at the hotel and 3 at local pubs
- English Tea in the Cotswolds
- A Thames River Cruise in London
- Visit to Windsor Castle and Stonehenge
- Visit to Blenheim Palace & Gardens
- Visit to Shakespeare's birth place
- Visit to Hidcote Manor Gardens
- Visit to Lyme Park
- A cruise on Windermere Lake
- Visit of Dove Cottage and Wordsworth Museum
- Guided Beatles themed tour
- Local Guides in London
- Full time Tour Director from Sep 8-14
- Portage of one suitcase per person at all hotels
- Airline fuel surcharges

Not included: US and foreign departure taxes in the amount of \$195.00 per person subject to change, gratuity to guides and drivers, optional insurance package

Day by Day Itinerary

September 5 - Travel

Depart Peoria via charter coach to Chicago O'Hare for American Airlines non-stop flight to London. Complimentary gated parking available at WTVP.

September 6 - London

Arrive at London's Heathrow Airport in the morning and meet your professional guide who will escort you to your hotel for two nights. London is one of the world's most popular cities. People have flocked there for business and pleasure alike for more than two thousand years. Today, London has the greatest concentration of major attractions and is renowned throughout the world for its shops, museums, parks and cosmopolitan life. The afternoon is at leisure. In the evening, a **Welcome Dinner is included at a local restaurant.**

September 7 - London

A guide and coach are provided for a half-day **London Highlights Tour.** You'll see all the major sights of London's Old City and vibrant West End. Suitable for those visiting for the first time or those just wishing to re-acquaint themselves with the Capital's charms, this tour is London in a nutshell! You'll drive past such famous sights as Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, then along the river to the Tower of London. No interior visits are included, but photo stops will be made.

You'll also briefly visit **Eaton Place in Belgravia where filming of the iconic series *Upstairs Downstairs* took place.** The house used for the exterior shots of 165 Eaton Place was a real house and is still standing in London—but its actual address is 65 Eaton Place. A "1" was painted before each filming in a vague attempt to give the real occupants some sort of anonymity. The house survives practically unchanged, although the interior is now separate flats instead of a single dwelling. Afterwards, enjoy a cruise on the River Thames.

September 8 – London/Windsor/Stonehenge/Oxford

Leave London behind and head west to Windsor, before continuing to Stonehenge and then up to Oxford and the Cotswolds. Your first stop today is **Windsor Castle**, the largest inhabited castle in the world. It is one of the official residences of Her Majesty The Queen and remains very much a working royal palace. The magnificent State Rooms are furnished with some of the finest works of art from the Royal Collection. Queen Mary's Doll House is a masterpiece in miniature, and St. George's Chapel in the castle precincts is one of the most beautiful ecclesiastical buildings in England and is the burial site of 10 monarchs.

Stop to marvel at the great and ancient stone circle of **Stonehenge**, one of the wonders of the world. What visitors see today are the substantial remnants of the last in a sequence of such monuments erected circa 3000BC and 1600BC. Afterwards, you'll proceed to the hotel in Oxford, your home for three nights, where **dinner is included at the hotel this evening.**

September 9 – Downton Abbey's Highclere Castle/Bampton/Woodstock/Oxford

Enjoy a full day exploring Oxford, Bampton and Highclere area.

Highclere Castle—better known to WTVP viewers as Downton Abbey—is the home of the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon. Highclere is one of England's most beautiful Victorian castles and is set amidst 1,000 acres of spectacular parkland. The Carnarvon family has lived at Highclere since 1679, and the current castle stands on the site of an earlier house, which in turn was built on the foundations of the medieval palace owned by the Bishops of Winchester for some 800 years.

Bampton in Oxfordshire is the charming village used for the exterior shots of the fictitious village of Downton. Bampton sits close to the edge of the Cotswolds and is one of the oldest and prettiest villages in the area.



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About 8 miles before you get to Oxford is the small and picturesque village of **Woodstock**. Here you will visit Britain's largest stately home, **Blenheim Palace**, the ancestral home of the Dukes of Marlborough and the birthplace of Winston Churchill. Designed by Sir John Vanbrugh and built between 1705-1722, the house has in its many staterooms a stunning collection of paintings, furniture, bronzes and tapestries. Outside, the original gardens were designed by Queen Anne's gardener, Henry Wise, with later additions by Capability Brown.

Oxford—home to the world-famous University of Oxford for more than 700 years—is known as the city of dreaming spires. To MYSTERY! fans, it is an unexpected hot bed of murder inscrutably policed by Morse, DI Lewis and DS Hathaway. Enjoy a two-hour walking tour with a local guide, including Christ Church College, originally founded by Cardinal Wolsey during the reign of Henry VIII. It is Oxford's largest and most magnificent college and incorporates England's smallest Cathedral, which is also the college chapel. Former members include many British Prime Ministers and Lewis Carroll who wrote *Alice in Wonderland* here. More recently, the college has been used in the filming of the Harry Potter movies. Afterwards, return to your hotel for overnight.

September 10 – Oxford (Cotswolds/Stratford-upon-Avon)

For many, the Cotswolds are the epitome of England - a patchwork quilt of rolling hills, green fields and colorful villages with delightful names such as Upper Slaughter, Bourton-on-the-Water and Stow-on-the-Wold.

Stratford-upon-Avon sits on the banks of the River Avon in the heart of the English midlands. A market town dating back to medieval times, Stratford is today most famous as the birthplace of the Elizabethan playwright, William Shakespeare. Visits to two Shakespearean properties have been arranged.

Shakespeare's Birthplace is a half timbered house, where Shakespeare was born in 1564. The house offers a fascinating insight into life as it was when Shakespeare was a child. Just outside Stratford lies **Anne Hathaway's Cottage**, the childhood home of Shakespeare's wife. This picturesque thatched home has a charming cottage garden and a tree and sculpture garden with a maze.

Hidcote Manor Garden is one of Britain's most famous gardens and is an essential visit for all serious gardeners. Full of splendid architectural effects from bold planting, Hidcote was laid out over a period of forty years by Major Lawrence Johnstone. Although it covers 10 acres, it resembles a series of cottage gardens. **Enjoy afternoon tea** before returning to your hotel in Oxford. **Enjoy an included dinner at a local pub** this evening.

September 11 – Oxford/Lake District

Today you head up to the Lake District. En route, you stop at the Staffordshire Potteries and visit Wedgwood, as well as Lyme Park in Cheshire. A popular haunt for Britain's best loved artists and poets, the Lake District really is the jewel in the English crown. Lofty peaks, idyllic villages, tranquil lakes and award-winning gardens confirm why the Lake District is often referred to as the "most beautiful corner of England."

The Wedgwood Visitor Centre offers a revealing insight into a pottery renowned throughout the world. See the artisans at work, ask your questions, and discover your inner potter under the close instruction of one of their master craftspeople with daily "Have a Go" activities. Your completed masterpiece will be fired in the kiln then sent to your home.

Afterwards, you'll stop at **Lyme Park in Cheshire**. Jane Austen fans will recognize Lyme Park as Pemberly, Mr. Darcy's home in the Colin Firth/Jennifer Ehle production of *Pride & Prejudice* as seen on MASTERPIECE. This Tudor house transformed into an Italianate palace is one of TV's most iconic backdrops—think Colin Firth walking dripping wet across its gardens! Continue to your hotel in Windermere for the first of two nights and an **included dinner**.

September 12 – Windemere Lake District

Enjoy a full day exploring the Lakes.

Enjoy a cruise on the largest Lake in England. This spectacular voyage gives travellers magnificent views of mountain scenery, secluded bays and the many wooded islands.

Visit **Dove Cottage**, the former home of the remarkable poet William Wordsworth. Wordsworth lived here from December 1799 to May 1808, the years of his supreme work as a poet. Today it houses a museum celebrating his life and works.

September 13 – Windermere/Manchester/Liverpool (Beatles Experience)

Today you head south to Merseyside and Liverpool. First stop, Manchester. Famous for its proud industrial heritage, high profile music scene, world-class football, prestigious theatres, historic architecture and influential artistic community, Manchester has entered the new millennium with vitality and confidence. Enjoy a short tour of the city.

Then continue to Liverpool, the historic city at the mouth of the River Mersey. Its historic port once saw great cruise liners sail for the New World, but today Liverpool is a city of culture, music and sport. **Enjoy a guided tour of Liverpool** and spend two hours immersed in the Liverpool of the 1960s, a time when the city was bouncing to the beat of the incomparable **Beatles**. This tour will introduce you to the lives of the Fab Four, their homes, schools, and birthplaces, Penny Lane, Strawberry Field and many other landmarks associated with their music.

Then, visit **The Beatles Story at Albert Dock**. Charting the story of the world's most famous group from its humble beginnings to worldwide superstardom, The Beatles Story is the definitive Beatles museum with superb memorabilia and interactive displays.

Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant is included. Overnight at your hotel in Liverpool.

September 14 – Liverpool/Manchester/Chicago*

Bid farewell to England as you are transferred to Manchester Airport to board your non-stop flight to Chicago arriving the same afternoon. A motorcoach will return you to the WTVP parking lot. Or.... **Extend your holiday! Over for details.**

Don't go home just yet! Continue your adventure with a Walking Tour of Hadrian's Wall. Details on back.



Walking Tour of Hadrian's Wall

Extend your "Masterful Holiday" or join us just for this!



Join WTVP Travels for a unique travel adventure: a **Walking Tour of Hadrian's Wall**. Whether you're extending your "Masterful Holiday" (see rest of brochure) or joining us directly from Peoria, this is an active travel experience you don't want to miss. Hadrian's Wall stretches across the rugged beauty of the northern lands between what is now England and Scotland. It was built at the very edge of the Roman Empire in AD 122 to protect the Romans from "the Barbarians." Follow in the footsteps of the Legionnaires as you depart from Carlisle and walk a 55 mile (88km) trail along the Wall. The tour visits the fascinating Roman forts of Chesters, Housesteads, Vindolanda and Birdoswald, as well as numerous other sites of interest and intrigue, such as Brunton Turret, built by the Twentieth Legion of Men. The tour ends at Heddon-on-the-Wall, where the longest section of complete wall lies at its full width to congratulate you for completing this stirring section of the Wall Path. On your journey, you can expect to encounter spectacular scenery and experience the wealth of history that lies upon the trail. Again, this is a **walking tour**.

Exclusive Walking Tour Features

- Round trip motor coach transportation, Peoria to O'Hare*
- Round trip air transportation from Chicago to Manchester on American Airlines non-stop flight*
- Transfer from Manchester to Carlisle
- 6 nights of accommodation in en-suite rooms with private bathrooms (where available) in selected hotels, inns and guesthouses along the trail
- Breakfast daily
- Door to door luggage transfer
- Visits to 4 Roman forts, Oswald's Church, Lanercost Priory, & Thirlwall and Carlisle Castles
- Maps and a guidebook
- Emergency assistance

*Not included: Air taxes of \$195.00 per person**

** Walking Tour-Only travelers*

Daily Itinerary

- Sept 13*** – Depart Peoria via charter coach to Chicago O'Hare for overnight American Airlines non-stop flight to Manchester.
- Sept 14** – Arrive in Manchester and meet WTVP Travelers extending their "Masterful Holiday" trip.* Transfer to Carlisle for the night.
- Sept 15** – Walk Carlisle to Walton. (12 miles)
- Sept 16** – Walk Walton to Gilsland. (8 miles)
- Sept 17** – Walk Gilsland to Once Brewed. (8 miles)
- Sept 18** – Walk Once Brewed to Chollerford. (12 miles)
- Sept 19** – Walk Chollerford to Heddon-on-the-Wall. (15 miles)
- Sept 20** – Early morning departure from Heddon-on-the-Wall to Manchester Airport where you board your direct flight to Chicago. A charter coach will be waiting to return you to Peoria.



Travel Option A

Masterful Holiday Only

\$4,499 each (double occupancy)

Travel Option B

Masterful Holiday & Hadrian's Wall

\$5,898 each (double occupancy)

Travel Option C

Hadrian's Wall Only

\$2,379 each (double occupancy)

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TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations are accepted by **check only**.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 11/1/2012. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency in air tariff, in hotel, or transportation rates, notification will be mailed to tour members in writing no later than 30 days prior to departure.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: You will have the opportunity to purchase an insurance policy to cover you should you have to cancel for a medical reason. In the event you elect not to purchase the trip cancellation insurance, penalties will be implemented according to the terms below.

CANCELLATION: WRITTEN NOTIFICATION is required for all cancellations. A \$50.00 per person administration fee will apply if notification is received prior to 120 days before departure date. A \$500.00 per person fee will be apply for cancellations received 90-119 days before departure. Cancellations made within 89 days of departure will be subject to the following to cover the considerable penalties of the different suppliers: 50% of the land rate and, if greater, any other expenses incurred on behalf of the passenger. For air portion, the regulation of the carrier will apply.

AIRLINE MILEAGE PROGRAM: Eskin Tours' programs are based on negotiated group air fares with various airlines. Some of the airlines may not offer mileage credit when traveling on a group fare.

INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE TRAVEL: One piece of checked luggage is allowed on the tour. Its combined total measurement (length+width+height) cannot exceed 62 inches and 50 lbs. You are also allowed one carry-on per person which must be able to fit under the seat in front of you with a total measurement of 45 inches. All special requests that we receive for particular seating arrangement (must be noted on your reservation form as you sign up for the tour) are forwarded to the airline involved. However, we regret in this time of mass travel and computerized seating reservations; we cannot guarantee or be responsible in the event that your request is not honored by the airline. Should you wish to deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, there will be a service charge of \$100.00 per person, plus the additional cost of the change in air fare.

RESPONSIBILITY: Eskin Tours of 425 Huehl Rd., #16A, Northbrook, IL 60062, WTVP, and/or any travel agency and/or suppliers of services pursuant to or in connection with this itinerary shall not be responsible or become liable for any delay incurred by any person in connection with any means of transportation; nor for any loss, damage or injury to person or property by reason of any event beyond the control of any agency or supplier, or occurring without the fault or negligence of such agency or supplier. The right is reserved to substitute the airline; the type of aircraft; and to alter the dates of the tour; the tour routing; or to cancel the trip if a minimum number of bookings is not reached for either the land or air portion of this itinerary. The right is also reserved to substitute hotels for other hotels in similar category. Further, the right is reserved to decline, to accept, or to retain, at any time, any person as a participant on any tour. No refund will be made for voluntary absence from a portion of the tour, unless arrangements are made at the time of booking. The carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by a carrier concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carrier and the purchaser of this tour. By utilizing the travel services of the suppliers, you agree that neither Eskin Tours, WTVP nor any representative of Eskin Tours or WTVP shall be liable, or that you will look to such suppliers, for any accident, injury, property damage, or personal loss to you or to those traveling with you in connection with any accommodations, transportation, or other travel services, or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences or conditions beyond Eskin Tours and WTVP control, including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism, political unrest, war, defects in vehicles, breakdown of equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itineraries or schedules, or a disease outbreak.

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WTVP TRAVELS RESERVATION FORM

England 2013

\$500.00 per person deposit is required for reservation.

Make checks payable to WTVP and mail to: WTVP 47, P.O. Box 1347, Peoria, IL 61654-1347

Circle choice: **Trip A** "Masterful Holiday" (\$4,499 ea) **Trip B** "Masterful Holiday & Hadrian's Wall" (\$5,898 ea) **Trip C** "Hadrian's Wall" (\$2,379 ea)

Traveler #1 Name _____ Date of birth _____
As it appears on passport

Tel _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State & Zip _____

Name for nametag (if different from passport) _____

I have read and agree to the Tour Conditions Signature _____

I desire a single room (**additional cost of \$900 A, \$1,120 B, \$220 C**) I will share a room with _____
Name of traveler registering separately

Traveler #2 Name _____ Date of birth _____
As it appears on passport

Tel _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Name for nametag (if different from passport) _____

I have read and agree to the Tour Conditions Signature _____

ALL PASSENGERS MUST HAVE A PASSPORT VALID UNTIL OCT. 15, 2013!!!