Oxford • English Countryside

Featuring Downton Abbey and

Guest Speaker Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill

July 12 to 20, 2014
Dear Alumni & Friends:

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 of traveling 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. Discover 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 the fabled quads of Oxford, Highclere Castle, featured in the acclaimed international television series, Downton Abbey, airing on PBS’s MASTERPIECE as well as the village filming site for Downton Abbey, the ancient market town of Bampton. 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 both the town and the country life in England’s most fascinating region while staying in two fine hotels each ideally located, in the heart of a medieval city and the center of a quaint Cotswold village.

This comprehensive one-of-a-kind, small group travel program has limited capacity and is an exceptional value including accommodations, most excursions, daily breakfast, specially arranged meals and travel at the perfect pace. So don’t delay—space will sell out quickly. We encourage you to join fellow alumni, friends and like-minded travelers and make your reservation today while Early Booking Savings and space are available.

Cordially,

Marguerite Ingalls Jones, A&S ’74, Bus ’88
Travel Program Director
Office of Alumni Relations
The Johns Hopkins University

Study Leader

Ernest Liotti is on the faculty of the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University. He teaches a variety of courses on opera including opera literature, operas of various composers and great singers and pianists of the past. In addition to teaching at the Conservatory, Mr. Liotti is also a longstanding faculty member of the Road Scholar at Peabody program where he addresses more than 40 different subjects from classical music to film history and Art Deco. Mr. Liotti is an important collector of American industrial design from the 1930s, primarily the pieces designed by Gilbert Rohde. His collection was mentioned in the New York Times in 2009 and featured in The Magazine Antiques in 2010. A graduate of the Peabody Conservatory, Mr. Liotti has lectured across the U.S. and Europe for such organizations as Friends of Tanglewood and for alumni of Brandeis and Johns Hopkins University.

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 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 quintessential 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 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:

♦ **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**

**Day**

**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, Chipping Campden, Broadway and Burford.
   **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 OXFORD SPIRES FOUR PILLARS 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 **OXFORD**
   - Thames River walk.
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 market town was designed around the 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.*
Chipping Campden is a prosperous medieval village with a picturesque 15th-century Gothic parish church, 17th-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. 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. It is also is the legendary birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Blenheim’s 2,100-acre parkland and gardens were designed by the legendary English landscape architect, “Capability” Brown. 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.*
Jane Austen’s England
Austen belonged to the transition from the 18th century’s emphasis on sense, reason and improvement, to the 19th 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 is immortalized in the medieval pilgrimage site of the magnificent Canterbury Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site, founded in 597 AD. 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, four-star OXFORD SPIRES FOUR PILLARS 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.
◆ Thames River walk and visit to St. Mary’s church.

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 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 exquisite 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.

### LAND TARIFF

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Per person, based on double occupancy</th>
<th>Early Booking Price through January 3, 2014</th>
<th>Regular Price after January 3, 2014</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>• Singles are available upon request for an additional $1000.</td>
<td>$3695</td>
<td>$3995</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Taxes are an additional $295 and are subject to change.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### OXFORD • ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE RESERVATION FORM

Send to:  
2014 Town & Country Life Oxford  
The Johns Hopkins University  
c/o Thomas P. Gohagan & Company  
Eleven South LaSalle Street, Second Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603-1240  
(800) 922-3088 or (312) 609-1140

For Johns Hopkins related questions, please call 800-548-3481 or 410-516-0363.

Please make my/our reservation(s):
- Double at $995 per person.
- Single at $1360 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).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
- Cambridge Pre-Program Option  
  - Double occupancy (two twin beds).  
  - Single at $1360 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).

Canterbury Post-Program Option  
- Double at $1075 per person.
- Single at $1340 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

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

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

One member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of $50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit www.alumni.jhu.edu/support.

Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.
Explore the enchanting patchwork of the Cotswold countryside dotted with manor houses, traditional farms and picturesque villages.

CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS AND ARBITRATION CLAUSE.

IMPORTANT; READ CAREFULLY.

RESPONSIBILITY: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring associations/organizations, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and assigns (collectively “Gohagan”), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment 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.

In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, pests, insects, or animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property. All such persons and entities are independent contractors.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by January 3, 2014. In the event the an “discounted” reservation market is void, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare rate. Cancellation penalties may apply.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including PostProgram(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply; reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($50 Pre/PostProgram(s) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $600 ($200 Pre/PostProgram(s) per person; from 45 through 94 days prior to departure, 60% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 44 days or less or prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. Any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE: Because our cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company and others for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation. 

RATES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. On land and/or cruise programs, even after full payment, Gohagan reserves the right to increase the trip price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notice to the tour participant of such increases.

REGISTRATION: CST#: 2031868-40, WST#: 601 767 666, OST#: TA 0905.

ARBITRATION AGREEMENT: Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions, the brochure, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Chicago, Illinois, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existing.

The arbitrator and/or any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

Photo Credits: AGE Fotostock, Alamy; all images are rights managed

CST#: 2031868-40, WST#: 601 767 666, OST#: TA 0905.