

# ENGLISH LITERARY TRAIL

15 DAYS | Departing 06 July 2021

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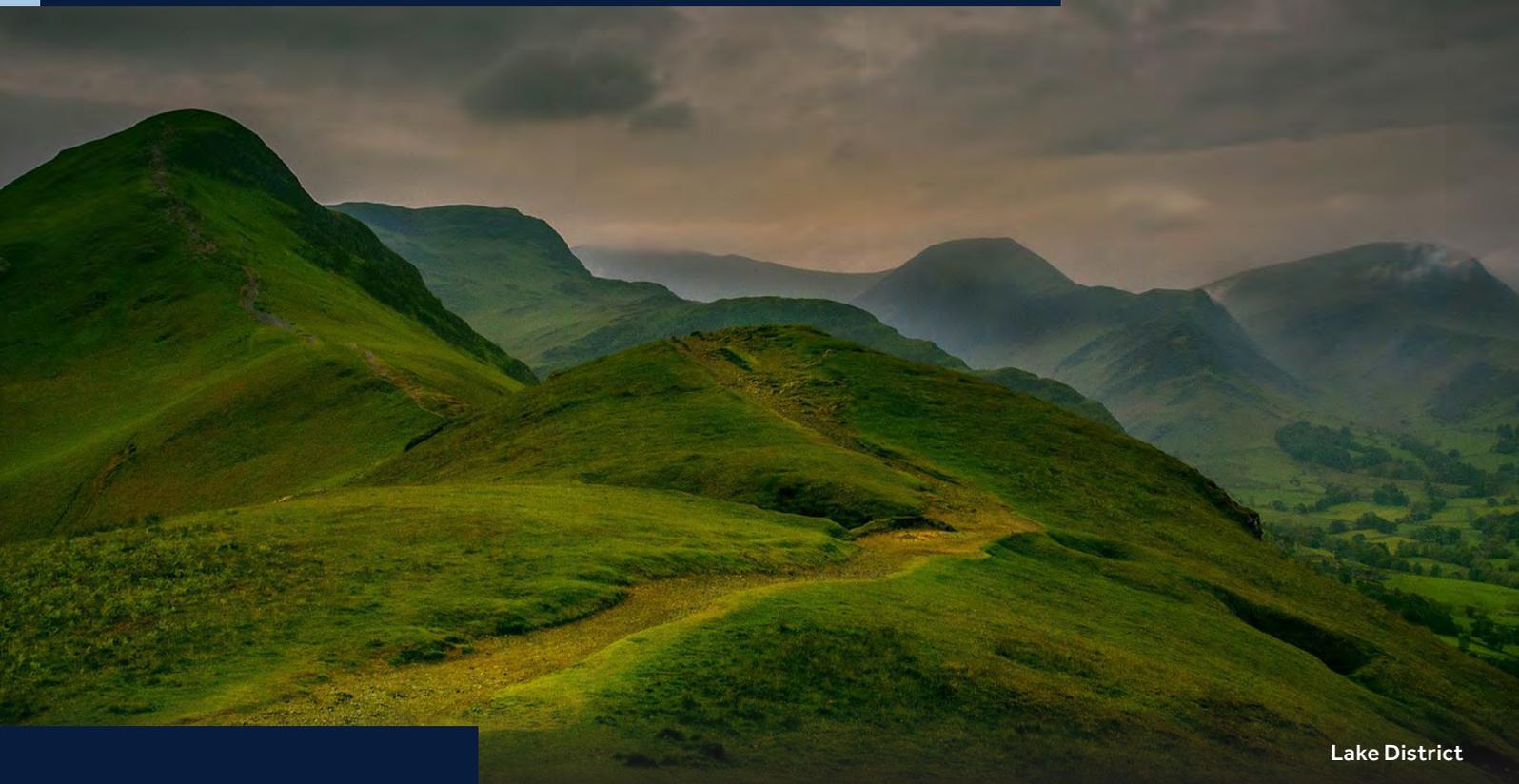
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Highclere Castle



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Lake District

## ☆ TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in a play in London's famous West End theatre district, and attend a performance of the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon.
- Walk part of the 'Agatha Christie Mile' in her hometown of Torquay.
- Visit the homes of famous authors including Thomas Hardy, Beatrix Potter, Jane Austen, Charles Dickens and William Shakespeare.
- Visit the academic home of many great British authors with visits to both Cambridge and Oxford Universities.
- Visit Highclere Castle, featured in Downton Abbey.
- Take a peak at royal life with a visit to Windsor Castle and St. George's Chapel.

### DAY 1: TUESDAY, 06 JULY 2021

#### Welcome to London

On arrival, you are transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your Travel Director for a welcome drink, followed by dinner and wine.

**Hotel: Amba Grosvenor – 2 nights**

**Meals: Dinner with wine**

### DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 07 JULY 2021

#### Discover London's Literary History

Join your Local Expert to see famous landmarks and discover some of London's literary history. On your visit to Westminster Abbey, visit Poets Corner and see the tombs of literary luminaries such as Chaucer, Dickens, Tennyson and see the memorials to Milton, Keats, and Shelley amongst others. We continue to the Bloomsbury area and hear tales of the Bloomsbury Group whilst walking through its picturesque streets and squares. During your visit to The Dickens Museum, discover the family life of Dickens, see the writer's desk and handwritten drafts from the novels he wrote whilst living there. This evening visit London's West End, home of theatreland and enjoy a performance of Agatha Christie's "The Mouse Trap".

**Meals: Breakfast**

### DAY 3: THURSDAY, 08 JULY 2021

#### Austen's Hampshire and Salisbury

Depart London and journey into the county of Hampshire. Hampshire was not only the birthplace of Jane Austen, but its people and the society in which she moved provided inspiration for many of her novels, classics such as Pride and Prejudice, Emma, Mansfield Park and Sense and Sensibility. Here you visit Chawton House and discover the 'Great House' referred to in Austen's letters. You

also visit nearby Winchester, where she was finally laid to rest in Winchester Cathedral, in 1817 - at the age of just 41. Then onto your accommodation in the cathedral city of Salisbury, otherwise known as Melchester in Thomas Hardy's "Jude the Obscure".

**Hotel: Mercure White Hart, Salisbury – 1 Night**

**Meals: Breakfast**

### DAY 4: Friday, 09 July 2021

#### Hardy's Dorset

Travel to Dorset to visit Thomas Hardy's Cottage. Thomas Hardy was born here in 1840, the cottage was built of cob and thatch by his great-grandfather and has been little altered since the family left. It was from here that he wrote several of his early short stories, poetry and novels including 'Under the Greenwood Tree' and 'Far from the Madding Crowd'. Tour the cottage and then take a short stroll in Thorncombe Woods next door. This is an ancient woodland and nature reserve that opens out onto heathland and the beginning of Hardy's Egdon Heath. The historic market town of Dorchester nearby was used as the fictional base for his novel "The Mayor of Casterbridge". Enjoy some free time before we continue to Torquay where we stay at the hotel where Agatha Christie spent her honeymoon.

**Hotel: The Grand Hotel, Torquay – 2 Nights**

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine**

### DAY 5: Saturday, 10 July 2021

#### Follow in Christie's Footsteps

The Queen of Crime was born in Torquay in 1890, and the town has several landmarks which are associated with her. With your Local Expert, walk part of the The Agatha Christie Mile, which

takes in 10 landmarks - all dotted around the Torquay harbour and seafront. Look out for clues which spell out the name of a character linked with Dame Agatha's books. Travel by ferry to Greenway, the beloved holiday home of Agatha Christie and walk from the pier to the house where she would spend summers and Christmas with family and friends. During your visit we stop and see the Boathouse, scene of the crime in "Dead Man's Folly". Upon your return to Torquay we enjoy a delicious Devonshire Tea.

**Meals: Breakfast, Tea**

**DAY 6: SUNDAY, 11 JULY 2021**

**Dartmoor and Georgian Bath**

Travel via Dartmoor National Park to Bath. Its stunning honey coloured Georgian architecture is straight out of a Jane Austen novel. With your Local Expert we visit the Roman Baths and the Jane Austen Centre. Austen lived in Bath between 1801 and 1806 and it provided the backdrop for two of her novels - Northanger Abbey, and Persuasion.

**Hotel: Francis Hotel MGallery, Bath - 1 Night**

**Meals: Breakfast**

**DAY 7: MONDAY, 12 JULY 2021**

**Cotswolds and Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon**

Journey through the picturesque Cotswolds, stopping in Bibury, one of the most picturesque villages to admire the cottages of Arlington Row. Later we arrive into Stratford-upon-Avon, synonymous with William Shakespeare. A walking tour with your Local Expert includes a visit to Shakespeare's birthplace and finishes with a visit to the beautiful riverside church of Holy Trinity, where he is buried. This evening after dinner attend a performance at the Royal Shakespeare Company.

**Overnight: Double Tree by Hilton, Stratford-upon-Avon - 1 Night**

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine**

**DAY 8: Tuesday, 13 July 2021**

**Medieval Chester and the Lake District**

A leisurely drive brings you to the medieval city of Chester, enjoy views of the city walls and red sandstone cathedral, before continuing your journey to the enchanting Lake District, whose stunning scenery has inspired many writers and poets.

**Hotel: Lowood Bay Hotel, Windermere - 2 Nights**  
**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine**

**DAY 9: WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY 2021**

**English writers and the Lake District**

William Wordsworth proclaimed the Lake District "The loveliest spot that man hath ever found". We visit Dove Cottage where Wordsworth and his family once lived, and during your tour, imagine how their life would have been. Later enjoy the tales of Beatrix Potter with a visit to her home of Hill Top. Potter used the surrounding countryside and house as inspiration for many of her books. Full of her favourite things, every room contains a reference to a picture in a "tale", which you can spot during your visit.

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine**

**DAY 10: THURSDAY, 15 JULY 2021**

**The Brontes and York Minister**

Travel into Bronte Country, visiting Haworth village. Your Local Expert introduces you to the world of the Brontes, including a tour of the Parsonage, where the sisters wrote in the dining room. Wuthering Heights, Jane Eyre and Agnes Grey were all written here. Your day ends in historic York, where you will join your Local Expert for a walking tour and visit the York Minster, and see the Five Sisters window, described by Charles Dickens in Nicholas Nickleby.

**Hotel: Grand Hotel and Spa, York - 1 Night**

**Meals: Breakfast**

**DAY 11: Friday, 16 July 2021**

**Cambridge's Storied Past**

The university city of Cambridge has many famous literary connections. From EM Forster to modern day novelists such as Zadie Smith. Joining your Local Expert, you visit Trinity College whose alumni include the poets Lord Byron and Lord Tennyson. During your free time maybe immerse yourself in one of the city's bookshops, or even pop into The Eagle and try a pint of its DNA beer?

**Hotel: Clayton Hotel, Cambridge - 1 Night**

**Meals: Breakfast**

**DAY 12: Saturday, 17 July 2021**

**Oxford University**

Oxford, home of the world's oldest university in the English-speaking world, and where many literary greats studied and worked. With your

Local Expert we visit colleges connected with the writers CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien who taught at Magdalen and Trinity. Enjoy some free time to explore the city also featured in the Inspector Morse series by Colin Dexter before we head into the Chiltens where you will be staying.

**Overnight: Danesfield House Hotel, Marlow - 2 Nights**

**Meals: Breakfast**

**DAY 13: Sunday, 18 July 2021**

**Highclere Castle**

History comes to life with a visit to Highclere Castle today, home of the Earl and Lady Carnarvon. It houses an incredible Egyptian Antiquities collection started by the 5th Earl of Carnarvon, the main financial backer of Howard Carter's 1922 discovery of Tutankhamen's Tomb. But, nowadays it is more recognized as being featured in the television series created by the novelist Julian Fellows, Downton Abbey. Enjoy the grounds before returning to Marlow with a stop in Henley-upon-Thames, well known for its Royal Regatta. This evening, join your Travel Director for a Celebration Dinner with wine.

**Meals: Breakfast, Celebration Dinner with wine**

**DAY 14: Monday, 19 July 2021**

**Royal Windsor and London**

A leisurely start brings you to riverside royal Windsor, where you visit the historic castle's state apartments and St George's Chapel, scene of recent royal weddings, and also the burial place of King Henry VIII. Later we arrive back into London with time to maybe visit Foyles or Hatchards and pick up some books by which to remember your trip.

**Hotel: Amba Grosvenor Hotel, London - 1 Night**

**Meals: Breakfast**

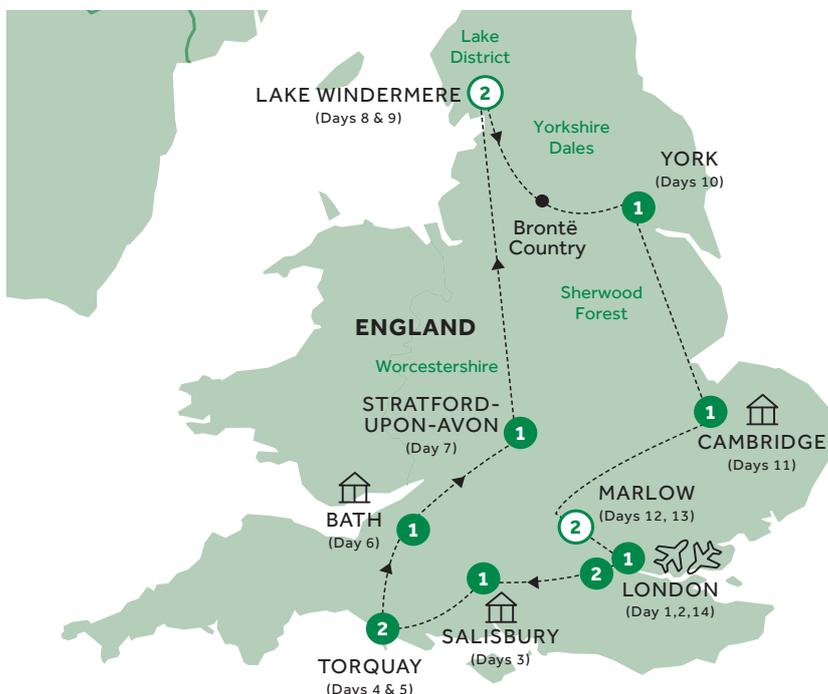
**DAY 15: Tuesday, 20 July 2021**

**Depart London**

Your trail through England ends this morning after breakfast. Transfers to the airport are available.

**Meals: Breakfast**

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Royal Shakespeare Company Theatre



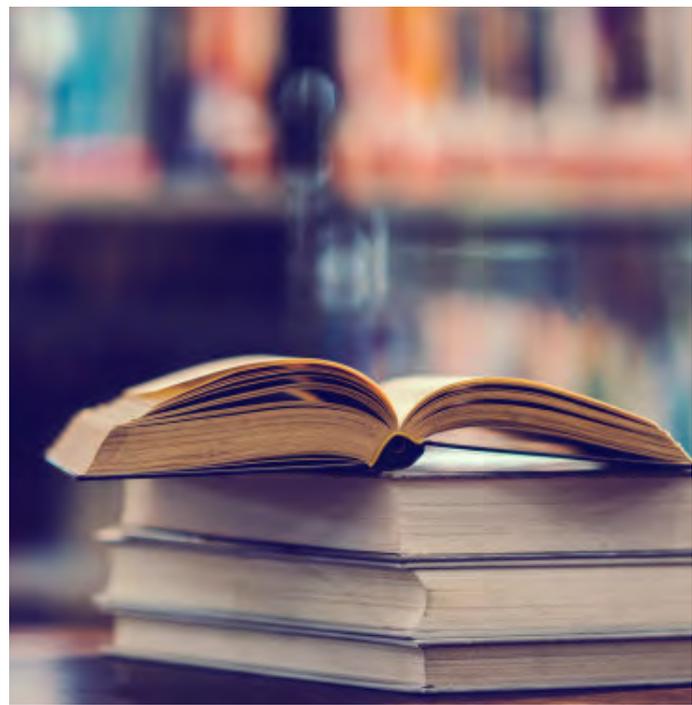
Cotswolds

**TRIP PRICE**  
**\$5,515**  
 per person twin share

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**\$1,950 per person**  
**single supplement**

**Prepaid Gratuities option:  
 For your Travel Director, Well-being Director and Driver \$249.**



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**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** Airfares, airport taxes and charges imposed by third parties, passports and applicable visa fees, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, tips and gratuities to the Travel Director, coach drivers and local city guides, excess baggage, optional experiences and travel insurance. Please note that travel insurance is highly recommended. Please see your Travel Agent for further details.

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No of days prior to commencement	Cancellation fee as % of total trip price
More than 70 days	loss of deposit
Between 69 & 30 days	38.5%
Between 29 & 08 days	55%
07 days or less	100%

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**AMENDMENTS:** A fee of **USD\$50** may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed.

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