From Canterbury on England’s eastern coast to the Cotswolds in the west, explore southern England’s captivating countryside. Stroll through history during visits to Canterbury, Leeds Castle and Windsor Castle and explore an underground medical facility at Dover Castle. Experience serenity along the White Cliffs of Dover which stand at a strategic defensive point for the island of Britain. Delve into the wartime history of this area, as well as the life of Winston Churchill, the World War II prime minister. Head west to experience the picture-perfect Cotswolds where thatched roof cottages and honey-hued churches possess a timeless charm. Shakespeare, one of the world’s greatest writers, hailed from this pastoral area, and in nearby Oxford, the town’s impressive architecture serves as a fine backdrop for the world-class university. Wrap up your journey in London’s effervescent atmosphere.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
• Your exclusive Small-Group experience is limited to 28 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
• Experience the history and heritage of Canterbury and the Cotswolds, and many places in between.
• Visit the following UNESCO World Heritage sites: Canterbury Cathedral and Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire.
• Visit Chartwell, home of Sir Winston Churchill, and roam the hallowed corridors and gardens of Leeds Castle.
• Tour the town that inspired the famous Canterbury Tales anthology.
• Marvel at epic vistas along the White Cliffs of Dover.
• Admire Europe’s fine architecture at the renowned Oxford University.
• Stroll through the bountiful Royal Horticulture Society Garden Wisley, Hidcote Manor Gardens and Blenheim Palace.

INCLUDED FEATURES
Accommodations
• Three nights in Canterbury England, at the ABode Canterbury, a first-class hotel.
• Four nights in Broadway at The Lygon Arms, a first-class hotel.
• Two nights in London at Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt, a first-class hotel.

Transportation
• All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

Activities and Events
• Informative educational programs presented by local experts will enhance your insight into the region.
• All excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
• Personal VOX listening device to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
• Attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner and gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Extensive Meal Program
• Enjoy nine breakfasts, two lunches and four dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
• Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
• Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS
• Consultation services of a dedicated Passenger Service Representative prior to departure.
• Services of an experienced Travel Director throughout your stay.
• Tipping of excursion guides & drivers.
• Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
• Complimentary travel wallet.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

DAY 2 ~ CANTERBURY
Upon arrival, transfer+ to Canterbury and check in to the ABode Canterbury.
Tonight, gather with fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY 3 ~ CANTERBURY
Educational Focus: Canterbury Tales.
Excursion: Canterbury. Explore Canterbury, home of the spiritual head of the Church of England for nearly 500 years. Journey to the Middle Ages during visits to the Cathedral Precincts and the Canterbury Cathedral which features a blend of Gothic and Romanesque architecture.
Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.
Independent Exploration: The afternoon is at leisure in Canterbury. Perhaps visit St. Augustine’s Abbey or St. Martin’s Church.

DAY 4 ~ DOVER/CANTERBURY
Excursion: Leeds Castle & White Cliffs of Dover. Travel to Leeds Castle, a stunning edifice built on the site of a 12th-century Norman garrison. Tour the castle and explore its pretty gardens. After lunch, discover Dover Castle and the White Cliffs of Dover. At Dover Castle, experience a World War II medical facility buried inside the cliffs, and marvel at soul-stirring vistas along the White Cliffs of Dover.
Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

DAY 5 ~ CANTERBURY/THE COTSWOLDS
Educational Focus: English Gardens & “Capability” Brown. Excursion: Gardens of England. Visit Chartwell, the home of Winston Churchill. Tour his studio, see many of his personal effects and explore the gardens. Continue to the RHS Garden Wisley. Walk its sprawling acres and delight in the ornamental grasses and orchards. Then travel to the charming Cotswolds, a region designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Upon arrival in Broadway, check in to The Lygon Arms Hotel.

DAY 6 ~ THE COTSWOLDS
Excursion: Classic Cotswolds. Spend a day immersed in the charming villages peppering the Cotswolds region. Take a guided tour of the garden rooms at Hidcote Manor Garden. Visit Bourton-on-the-Water, Stow-on-the-Wold and Hidcote Bartrim, and see the picturesque villages of Chipping Campden and Moreton-in-Marsh.

DAY 7 ~ OXFORD
Excursion: Blenheim Palace and Oxford. Visit Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Winston Churchill, and explore its luxurious state rooms and gardens. Continue to Oxford where the namesake university boasts some of Europe’s finest architecture. Visit one of the colleges for a closer look.

DAY 8 ~ BROADWAY
Educational Focus: England Past and Present.
Independent Exploration: Enjoy a free day to discover the quaint streets, boutiques and landmarks in Broadway. Visit the Ashmolean or Gordon Russell Design museums or enjoy pretty vistas from the top of Broadway tower.

DAY 9 ~ WINDSOR/LONDON
Excursion: Windsor Castle. Head to London via Windsor to see the changing of the guard at Windsor Castle. Explore the castle grounds and see fine art from the Royal Collection at the State Apartments. Visit St. George’s Chapel, the site of many royal funerals and weddings.
After arriving in London, check in to the Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt.

DAY 10 ~ LONDON
Independent Exploration: Your final day in England is free to explore London’s exciting atmosphere on your own. Perhaps visit the Portobello Road market or climb 334 stairs up the Elizabeth Tower to visit Big Ben. Tonight, gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY 11 ~ IN TRANSIT
Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.*

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

ACCOMMODATIONS
ABOde CANTERBURY
Canterbury
This stylish, first-class hotel is located on High Street near Canterbury Castle. Enjoy European cuisine at the County Restaurant, or gather for cocktails at the Champagne Bar or Old Brewery Tavern. The hotel has a fitness center and Wi-Fi is complimentary.

THE LYGO N ARMS
Broadway
Located in the heart of the bucolic Cotswolds, The Lygon Arms has opened its doors to travelers since the 16th century. Built with the typical honey-colored stone of the area, this cozy retreat features a spa, fitness center and indoor pool. Enjoy delicious cuisine in two restaurants. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

RADISSON BLU EDWARDIAN VANDERBILT, LONDON
London
Located in the Royal Borough of South Kensington, the Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt, features cozy, secure rooms with satellite television and Sicilian marble bathrooms. Enjoy proximity to the Knightsbridge, Harrods, the Natural History Museum and many fine-dining choices. The hotel has a fitness center and Wi-Fi is complimentary.

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE
Available at an additional cost
Stratford-upon-Avon. On Day 8, enjoy an outing to discover Shakespeare’s birthplace and visit Anne Hathaway’s tranquil cottage setting. Enjoy free time to make your own discoveries.

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