

2019 6-day Guided Walking Tour Itinerary

Windsor, Stratford, Cotswolds, Blenheim Palace, Oxford



Duration	6 days / 5 nights
Start	London (London Paddington Railway station)
Finish	Oxford
Price From	\$US 2419

Our 6-day, 5-night tour will immerse you in England's iconic history and heritage, championing England in all its glory.

From the honey coloured Cotswold villages and busy little market towns you will be transported back into England as it was before mechanisation, where sheep and dry-stone walling were the biggest industries. Our walking routes lead through the heart of the countryside so that you can relax and enjoy the stunning vistas of chocolate box England. We will walk through the majestic hunting grounds of Windsor Great Park and visit Windsor Castle - home to the Queen, wander through the Capability Brown grounds of Churchill's Blenheim Palace - a World Heritage Site, go on a walking tour of the famous university town of Oxford and stroll through Shakespeare's Stratford.

With stunning views around every corner, excellent accommodation, wonderful pubs and beautiful cuisine, England will give you an experience you won't forget.

Accommodation



Prestige - 4* hotel



Country - 3* hotel

Itinerary

Day 1 We collect you at 8.30 from London at Paddington Station, Platform 1, under the clock and take you by bus Windsor, which is about 1 hours' drive. We visit Windsor Castle, home to the Queen, and Windsor Great Park, where you will walk right into the back door of the castle via the Long Walk. Taking the bus to your hotel in Moreton-in-Marsh in the Cotswolds means a nice, gentle start to your holiday.

OPTIONS:

 4 miles
 Flat

 6 miles
 Flat

Day 2 We visit Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare, and home to the Royal Shakespeare Company and its theatre. If you would like to see a production at the RSC we can organise this for you (bookings need to be made in advance however). On the way to Stratford we visit the beautiful American inspired gardens at Hidcote, and walk down a disused railway line right into the heart of Stratford itself. The tour then returns to the market town of Moreton-in-Marsh for the evening.

OPTIONS:

 4 miles
 Gently Rolling

 6 miles
 Gently Rolling

 8 miles
 Rolling

Day 3 The tour then winds its way through the picturesque Cotswold countryside, taking in some of the most well-known towns and villages including Chipping Campden, Bourton-on-the-Water, The Slaughters, Snowhill and the majestic Broadway Tower. For lunch we stop at the gardens at Snowhill Manor and then back to the Manor in Moreton in Marsh.

OPTIONS:

 4 miles

 Gently Rolling

 7 miles

 Gently Rolling

Day 4 We visit the country home of Winston Churchill, Blenheim Palace, a World Heritage Site. We walk through the back gate of its 2000 acre estate and stroll through the stunning grounds. On arrival at the Palace we provide guests with a sumptuous picnic over-looking the Capability Brown inspired landscape and give you ample time to explore the historical house and beautiful gardens. We then travel to Burford, the Gateway to the Cotswolds.

OPTIONS:

 4 miles

 Flat

 8 miles

 Flat

Day 5 We head through the Cotswolds to the beautiful Cotswold town of Bampton, home to the hit show Downton Abbey (it is the village where all the outside filming is shot) then on to the home of William Morris, founder of the Arts and Crafts movement. We take all guests to Oxford by bus in the afternoon for a good look round the historical university town, returning to Burford in the evening.

OPTIONS:

 4 miles

 Flat

 7 miles

 Flat

Day 6 We travel from Burford towards the stunning White Horse Hill, the Ridgeway and walk up the hill to one of the most iconic English views with the landscape rolled out like a patchwork quilt. A side visit to the Neolithic long-barrow at Wayland Smithy and then onto lunch at the White Horse in Woolstone, before transit to Oxford, Bath or a mainline railway station and the end of the tour.

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 4 miles

 Rolling

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Level of Activity

This tour is rated 2/5 for difficulty meaning it's appropriate for guests going for a good walk and able to handle an incline or two. The terrain we cover is varied. We'll enjoy some gently rolling hills and a few steeper walks which will be a bit more demanding. Your holiday, however, will be tailored by your guide to suit your individual preferences. Rewarding views are guaranteed. Daily distances range from 4-10 miles and options for shorter or longer walks are available on all days.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 5 nights accommodation
- All breakfasts & 4 dinners (in the brasserie / bar)
- Entry into all iconic points of interest; Blenheim Palace, Shakespeare's Birthplace, a walking tour of Oxford, Windsor Castle, Hidcote
- Transport throughout
- Professional local guide
- Walking Poles

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Cancellation insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Dinner drinks
- Dinner in the a-la-carte restaurants (the difference between the bar / brasserie option)
- Gratuity for your local guide

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