

Wimbledon & Cotswolds



Tennis, Tea & Jane Austen

July 1-10, 2026


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Welcome to Alta Via

We're excited to share a remarkable year of curated, sensory travel with you. Alta Via offers unique experiences for those who love exploring beautiful places, connecting with diverse cultures, and savoring local flavors—from mountain farms to Mediterranean seas to the slopes of the Matterhorn.

With years of experience, we invite you to join our global community of like-minded travelers. Allons-y!

About Us

Over the past 40 years, we've lived, worked, and traveled throughout Europe—calling cities like Rome, Paris, Munich, Basel, and The Hague home. Along the way, we've discovered unforgettable places and people we're excited to share with you.

The photos you see are from our own journeys—returning often to these favorite spots and uncovering hidden gems throughout the years.

This summer, join us in the UK! We'll spend a day at Wimbledon, explore our favorite corners of London, and soak up the charm and history of the Cotswolds, including iconic sites from literature and film. We can't wait to share it all with you!



Tour Overview

Get the Royal Treatment in this classic tour with the best that the UK has to offer. We'll experience some of the most beautiful and historic neighborhoods in London, enjoy great food, watch world-class tennis, shop, see historic churches, and walk in honey-stoned villages in the Cotswolds.

In London, we'll have tea times at our hotel, Kensington Palace & Fortnum & Mason and breakfast at the home of the World's Best Pastry Chef. We'll explore boutiques and visit one of the oldest shops in the world in Mayfair. Learn English history with us in three of the oldest churches who each played a role in shaping our world.

On Saturday, we'll spend an entire day watching the world's best tennis players at the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet club at Wimbledon—a high-society event not to be missed.

Then we'll visit the towering Salisbury Cathedral and the Magna Carta on our way to Bath and the Cotswolds. We'll immerse ourselves in the most beautiful villages in the Cotswolds and at an estate that was a prime filming location of the 2005 movie *Pride and Prejudice*. We'll "take tea" in a country manor and an ancient inn and dine in cottages with farm fresh food. A slice of England never to be forgotten!



At A Glance:

Dates: July 1–10, 2026

Total Days/Nights: 10/9

Countries: 1

Hotel Locations: 2

Meals: 3 daily, except where noted

Activity Level: Moderate



Where We'll Go



Where We'll Stay

Enjoy the best that London has to offer and soak up the beauty of Bath and the Cotswolds in these exquisite hotels. We chose lodging for this trip to easily walk and immediately be part of these amazing historical cities, close to great food, shopping, museums, historical churches, parks and rivers for walking, biking, & running paths, and other fun points of interest.

The Gore - London

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Located a few steps from the Queensgate entrance to Hyde Park and north of Imperial College, this perfect gem was built as a luxury residence in the Victorian age. Each room is furnished uniquely and you are likely to find antiques, oil paintings and gilt edge mirrors in your room. It's an easy walk to Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Palace, museums, theatres, and Harrods.

- Includes full English Breakfast every morning
- Bar 190 - Bar of the Rolling Stones 1968
- Traditional Afternoon Tea
- 100 yards from Hyde Park
- Chef Forster - National Chef of the Year
- Easy access to Hyde Park & Kensington Gardens



The Gainsborough - Bath

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Right in the center of ancient, historic Bath, near the Roman Baths and the Avon River. We can walk out the door to pedestrian shopping streets with top attractions within a 10-minute walk. This beautiful hotel is also home to its own thermal baths and spa so we can relax each morning and afternoon.

- Situated in the center of Bath
- Luxurious on-site spa amenities
- Historic building dating back to 1642
- Relax at the chic, modern & fun Gainsborough Bar
- Dine on a globally inspired menu at the Brasserie
- Signature Gainsborough tea blend



Day 1

Located in Kensington, near Queensgate, Royal Albert Hall, Hyde Park and Harrods, we're within walking distance of some of the best neighborhoods of London. Upon arrival, you'll have the chance to refresh after your journey then join us on a walk around Kensington to familiarize this amazing area.

Then we'll enjoy an opening reception tea time in a beautiful library before we take our first walk in a gated garden in [Hyde Park](#).

Arrival in London

Settle into your room at [The Gore](#), enjoy this leafy neighborhood near Hyde Park and meet new friends on our tour.

Tea Time

Join us for tea time in the Gore Library for our Welcome Reception, in a beautiful room with specialty teas and infusions, sumptuous cakes and other treats.

Explore your Surroundings

Our hotel is in Kensington, named for the royal residence, and is just north of the Imperial College and around the corner from Royal Albert Hall.

The [Prince Albert Memorial](#) is also nearby. Built on the site of the former Gore House—a Georgian-era mansion with famous residents such as Countess Blessington, William Makepeace Thackeray, and William Wilberforce—this monument is a personal tribute by Queen Victoria for her husband's contributions to the arts, science, industry, and education.

Welcome Dinner

We will enjoy a fun welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant, served by former National Chef of the Year [Chef Frederick Forster](#).



Day 2

Enjoy an early morning walk, run, or bike ride in Hyde Park, see the Italianate Gardens, Peter Pan statue, or Serpentine Lake. Then we're off to tour [Kensington Palace](#) and take tea in their beautiful [Orangery](#).

In the afternoon, we'll walk off those butter scones as we stroll through the oldest part of London, learning the visual history of the city. You'll surely recognize some of these landmarks from recent cinema.

Breakfast & Morning

Relax or join us on a morning visit to the most beautiful parts of Hyde Park—the gardens, Serpentine Basin, Italianate Gardens and other photo-worthy spots.

Visual History Walking Tour

The most immersive way to learn history is by standing in the places where history was made. Today, we'll learn stories of the English from Roman times, through the Knights Templar, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, and the WWII Blitz of 1940.

Christopher Wren's [St. Paul's Cathedral](#) and two other nearby ancient churches, [St. Bartholomew the Great](#) and the [Temple Church](#), each contributed a vital piece to English and Western history—we'll learn their stories and explore these amazing edifices.

Dinner

We'll spend our evening and dinner at the most celebrated Indian restaurant in London—[Dishooms](#).

Check out their [menu](#)!



Day 3

You can join us for another early morning walk or run in Hyde Park. Across from the park, we'll officially begin our day with breakfast at [Cédric Grolet's patisserie](#). Grolet has been named [Best Pastry Chef in the world](#) by numerous publications in the last 10 years. He is the executive Pastry Chef at Le Meurice—a 5-star luxury hotel in Paris.

Following breakfast, we'll pack in a big day with the Victoria & Albert Museum and the colorful food stalls at the Borough Market. We'll finish with a tour of the Globe theatre. Then you have the evening free to catch a show on the West End or a concert.

Breakfast - Petit Dejeuner

In Cédric Grolet's world-class patisserie, enjoy a curated selection of petite viennoiserie, an exquisite Waffle Flower, or slice of French toast, followed by fresh fruit perfection. And of course, just-baked croissants and pain au chocolat.

Walking Tour of Mayfair

Join our walking tour as we savor the best of this iconic London neighborhood, home to Churchill, Disraeli, even Queen Elizabeth II. We'll share our favorite shops in Shepherd Market, Mount Street and Bond Street, then stopping in Grosvenor Square.

Borough Market

Camembert from Normandy, wine from Lebanon, fish from Portugal, bagels from Jerusalem, street food from Singapore—these are but a few of the 100+ traders from around the world. It would take you days to discover them all. We'll take a tour to help you make sense of what's there so you can return again and again.

Globe Theatre

Near the Borough Market is a replica of Shakespeare's venerable [Globe Theatre](#). Relive his most famous lines & learn new stories of the Bard.

Free Time

Enjoy a West End show, a concert or another way to relax and soak up a mid-summer's eve in London.



Day 4

Wimbledon

World-class Tennis anyone??

We've cracked the code to get you into some of the best courtside seats in the top Tennis & social event of the year. What some people pay over GBP 10,000 a ticket to see, we will enjoy as part of our tour.

We will spend the day watching the top-ranked men and women of Tennis and enjoy one of the most fascinating social events of the world. When not watching Tennis and the crowd, stroll through Wimbledon Village, enjoy the green space of Wimbledon Common, shop for souvenirs and enjoy watching people.

This will be something you talk about for years to come...*"Remember that time we went to Wimbledon?!"*



Day 5

On our Way

After breakfast and morning free time, we'll depart London for Bath, stopping in Salisbury to see the beautiful [Salisbury Cathedral](#), dedicated in 1258. *"Gaze up at Britain's tallest spire, explore Britain's largest Cathedral Close and Cloisters, see the world's oldest mechanical clock and the best-preserved original 1215 Magna Carta—all in one beautiful place."* The [Magna Carta](#) is the world's oldest document guaranteeing freedom to the people, including the principle that the king was not above the law, and served as an inspiration for all later such documents, including the [Declaration of Independence](#).



Stop at Stonehenge

This famous circle of Neolithic stones was placed in the Salisbury Plain 5,000 years ago to track the movements of the sun. It is the only surviving lintelled stone circle in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1986.



Arrival in Bath

Bath was the site of a significant Roman settlement and thermal baths. Located in a beautiful valley on the Avon River, the city is one of the most picturesque in England and also UNESCO World Heritage site.

Our Hotel—the Gainsborough Bath Spa Hotel, located in the center of the city—is a 5-star hotel with its own thermal pools and spa.



Dinner

We'll enjoy a wonderful welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant. Those who wish to do a short walking tour of Bath and the river may join us for an evening walk.

Day 6

River Walk or Run (or Spa!)

Join us on an early morning walk or run along the scenic Avon River and see another view of this historic city and environs.

Or enjoy yourself in the luxurious spa baths of our hotel!

Roman Baths

The Roman Baths were built between 60 and 70 BCE in the early years of the Roman presence in Britain. This turned into a small settlement that became a favorite destination for royals and others in the last few centuries. There are thousands of well preserved features and artifacts from 2,000 years ago.

Bath Abbey

Built on the site of an earlier 7th century convent, the current church was completed in 1611 and embellished in the 1820's. It is a magnificent example of fan vaulting and a tall nave, with beautiful stained glass and 2 organs.



Walking Tour of Bath

We'll take you on a Foodie and History tour of our favorite shops, bakeries, and restaurants in this beautiful city, and share stories from Jane Austen and other famous British authors. Bath is full of pedestrian streets, old shops, colorful markets and old bookstores – something for everyone!



Free Time

You'll have the evening free to explore the city and find your own favorite place to dine.

Day 7

Stourhead National Trust Gardens

These are some of the most scenic gardens in England with a number of temples inspired by scenes of the [Grand Tour of Europe](#), and a large collection of trees and shrubs from around the world. These gardens were featured in a central scene in [Pride & Prejudice](#) from 2005.



Castle Combe

Often called 'the prettiest village in England', [Castle Combe](#) is within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It features many Cotswold stone cottages—no new houses have been built in the historic center of the village since the early 1600's. It has been the site of many films including *War Horse* (2011) and *Star Dust* (2006).



Tea Time at [The Manor](#)

In the center of a large lawn in Castle Combe sits a 17th century manor, home to a luxury hotel and a fantastic setting for our afternoon tea.



Dinner at [The Pig](#)

This is a farm-to-table restaurant where chefs and kitchen gardeners work together, to grow the healthiest, most tasty and sustainable local food, using traditional methods, practiced for centuries.



Day 8

Chipping Camden & Broadway

Today we'll explore two of our favorite Cotswolds villages: Chipping Camden and Broadway

Chipping Camden

The town takes its name from the wool market which has been there since the Middle Ages. The town is a center for the arts and features many independent shops & boutiques. Prepare to be utterly charmed by this delightful village!



Tea at the **Lygon Arms**

This inn is one of the most beautiful in the Cotswolds and its history goes back at least 400 years. Cromwell & Charles II, adversaries in the Civil War, both stayed here.



Broadway

Broadway is known as the "Jewel of the Cotswolds" and is a center of British arts & antiques. Many famous writers and artists have made their homes here including JM Barrie (*Peter Pan*) Sir Edward Elgar (*Enigma, Pomp & Circumstance*) and the English painter John Singer Sargent.



Evening - Free Time

Enjoy an evening in Bath at one of the many pubs or restaurants near our hotel. We'll share our best recommendations.

Day 9

Blenheim Palace

This is considered Britain's greatest palace—the "Versailles of the UK" and another UNESCO World Heritage site. Originally known as Blenheim Castle, it is one of England's largest houses, constructed between 1705 and 1722.

Built in the English Baroque style, it became the home of the Dukes of Marlborough. Sir Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace in 1874, and the palace was a *"significant place in his life, serving as his ancestral home, a place for family visits, and the location of his proposal to Clementine Hozier."*

Oxford - The Perch

There has been a pub on this site for 700 years. This thatched roof cottage with excellent English pub fare and a beautiful garden will be our lunch stop.

Oxford - Walking Tour

The afternoon includes a walking tour of Oxford, visiting the [University of Oxford](#), founded in 1096 (the first and oldest English-speaking university in the world), Bodleian Library, Christchurch, historical pubs, etc. We will see movie sites from *Harry Potter* and [many other](#) films.

Farewell Dinner

We will enjoy one last dinner together in the restaurant of the Gainsborough in Bath.



Day 10

Morning Walk

Walk with us along the Avon River and see the city from a different perspective. We may choose to go by boat or e-bike depending on the preferences of the group



Tea Time - Pump Room

The Pump Room was a key setting in the Jane Austen novels *Northanger Abbey* and *Persuasion*. It was the High Society place where "every creature in Bath was to be seen in the room at different periods of the fashionable hours."

We will exchange parting gifts and say good-bye to our friends.

Transport to London

We will provide transportation back to London Heathrow or central London



Questions

What the total experience looks like:

We want to reach out to you to get to know you and learn more about how you like to travel, and exchange more information on what we will experience. We believe it will be more enjoyable for both of us if we know one another before we travel together. We want to know more about your plans and how we can best support you.

What we cover and pricing

We cover all your lodging, food, entertainment and transportation with us except for a few free times noted in our agenda. Our tour begins with transportation from a nearby major airport to our first hotel and ends with your return to a travel hub. Please note these in our itinerary.

Once you determine this trip is for you, we will send you a link to our pay portal to pay a 50% deposit. The other 50% will be due 60 days before the start of the trip. All will be refundable until 45 days before travel.

- Double occupancy (2 people in 1 room): £7,100 per person
- Single occupancy (1 person in 1 room): £7,500 per person

Since we work with small family-run hotels, restaurants & other venues & some of these are subject to changes including weather impact, we reserve the right to vary the specifics of the itinerary. We may switch days, add/change activities, or substitute locations. You will receive updates every 2 weeks with more information about the things we will see (interesting backstory, things to bring, etc.) up to the time of our departure.

Each tour is limited to 12 participants.

This includes:

- 9 nights at 4 & 5-star boutique hotels
- Daily Buffet breakfast
- All of the meals, activities, and transportation outlined in our daily itinerary – 3 nights on your own
- Access to our monthly Alta Via Newsletter with travel information & tips
- A photo memory book of your trip from Mix Book
- Memos and artifacts from our trip that we will share with you along the way

Fee does not include:

- Transportation from and to your home at the beginning and end of our itinerary
- Travel insurance

Questions

Cancellation policy

- 100% refundable prior to 60 days before trip
- 50% refundable at 60 days
- 0% refundable at 45 days before departure. This is due to hotel refund policy.

Level of Activity

We do our best to provide you with a variety of activities. Many days involve a lot of walking, stairs, uneven pathways, stone steps, cobblestone streets, etc, as is typical of Europe. For this reason, most of our trips are rated as MODERATE in activity level.

Additionally, other trips may involve hiking, biking, e-biking, and skiing. When including increased activities, the trip activity level will note that in the initial trip rating score.

While the level is never overly strenuous, it will be important to keep up with the group. If you have mobility limitations, then this might not be the tour for you.

Personal Questionnaire

To make this a great experience for you, we want to understand your needs and preferences. Once you register, you'll be asked to fill out a short questionnaire regarding your travel needs, limitations, food sensitivities, and other items you'd like us to know.

This information will remain confidential within our staff and will not be shared with other trip participants.

Itinerary Changes

Some events and activities may change depending on availability, etc. We reserve the right to update the itinerary when necessary and will provide a similar offering.