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**10 Days • 13 Meals:** 8 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Walking Tour of London, Stonehenge, Tin Mining History in Cornwall, Coastal Walk in Cornwall, Bovey Castle Hotel Stay, Dartmoor National Park, Country Pub Dinner, The Cotswolds

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Park Plaza Victoria London, London
Days 4, 5	Carlyon Bay Hotel, Cornwall
Days 6, 7	Bovey Castle , Bovey
Days 8, 9	The Queens Hotel Cheltenham , Cheltenham

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

#### Day 1: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 Overnight Flight

England and its charming countryside await you. Discover the genteel nature and wild landscapes of southern English towns and the vibrant energy of the capital city, London.

#### Day 2: Thursday, September 10, 2026 London, England

Welcome to London, England's dynamic capital, where the medieval intertwines with the modern. In this city steeped in history, everything you've read and seen in films comes to life as you take in the sights and everyday facets of London life. With no scheduled activities through the afternoon, take your time to immerse yourself in the London atmosphere and perhaps visit one of the many free museums and art galleries. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

#### Day 3: Friday, September 11, 2026 London

Set out on a three-hour walking tour to admire the exteriors of London's iconic landmarks, including Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Downing Street, and the royal residence of Buckingham Palace. History is all around as you walk along cobblestone streets and discover both old and new London with your local guide. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy free time and explore the city independently. (B)

#### Day 4: Saturday, September 12, 2026 London - Stonehenge - Cornwall

Say goodbye to London and travel to the iconic site of Stonehenge. On this self-guided visit, follow in the footsteps of the prehistoric natives who lived here over 4,000 years ago. Continue your journey into the countryside with a stop at a family-owned farm shop on a working organic farm in the heart of a small community. Later, arrive in Cornwall on England's remote southern peninsula. Settle in for your stay at a luxury resort on the Cornish coast and join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Sunday, September 13, 2026 Cornwall

Joined by a local guide, discover the rugged beauty of Cornwall, the breathtaking backdrop that steals the spotlight in the BBC's *Poldark*. Uncover why so many poets, writers, and artists have found inspiration in this setting, with its miles of sandy beaches and outstanding natural beauty. Learn how the tin mining industry, dating back to the Bronze Age, has defined the landscape and local economy. Take time for lunch, then breathe in the ocean air on a coastal walk with your local guide. (B)

#### Day 6: Monday, September 14, 2026 Cornwall - Devon

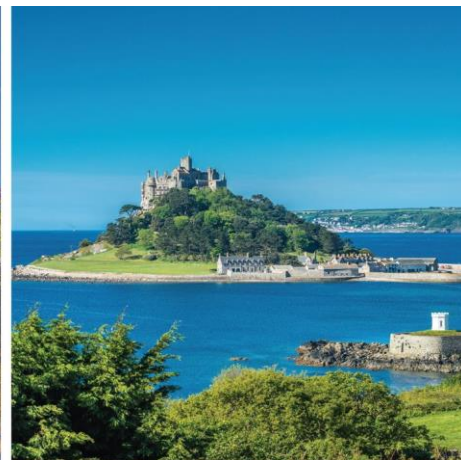
After breakfast, **it's your choice!** Join a local expert for a woodland and coastal walk of Charlestown, famous for *Poldark* and featured in films like *The Eagle Has Landed* and Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland* -OR- enjoy a self-guided visit to The Lost Gardens of Heligan, with its stunningly restored Victorian garden, exotic jungle, and array of wildlife. This afternoon, travel to your home for the next two nights, Bovey Castle, a country retreat in Devon. Delve into the English's love of stately homes during your stay at this neo-Elizabethan manor house, your glimpse into the lifestyle of English aristocracy. Tonight, a local storyteller regales you with myths, legends, and folklore before dinner at this classic English estate. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 Devon

This morning, journey into the heart of Dartmoor National Park. As you travel by motor coach, learn about the mystery and legends surrounding this beautiful and wild area, and visit some of the towns and villages within it. After free time for lunch, return to Bovey Castle. Tonight, it's dinner out at a traditional English country pub! (B, D)

#### Day 8: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 Devon - Cotswolds

Today, venture into the Cotswolds region, taking in the rolling hills and honey-colored stone homes that make this one of



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England's most beautiful areas. Arrive in Castle Combe, a quaint and picturesque Cotswolds village waiting to be explored. The afternoon is yours to soak in the rich history and stroll the pretty streets at your own pace. Later, arrive at your Cotswolds hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

**Day 9: Thursday, September 17, 2026 Cotswolds** This morning, visit Chavenage House, a country estate dating back to the 16th century, constructed of Cotswold stone and tiles. A guided tour delves into the deep history of this manor house,

which is also recognizable as a filming location featured in *Poldark*. Next, spend some free time in a neighboring town and find a nice spot for lunch on your own. This afternoon, discover more of the Cotswolds' charm in beautiful Burford before enjoying a farewell dinner at a local inn with a toast to your English adventure. (B, D)

**Day 10: Friday, September 18, 2026 Cotswolds - Tour Ends** Your journey from London through the English countryside ends today. (B)

### Experience It! Bovey Castle

Live like British nobility during your two-night stay at Bovey Castle. Built in the 1800s, this neo-Elizabethan manor house is a prime example of the country estates once owned by lords and ladies. During World War I, the property became a convalescent home for officers, and during World War II, a military hospital. Since then, this grand estate became Bovey Castle, winning a multitude of awards and recognized as one of the most outstanding hotels in England.

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## Important Tour Information:

**Book Now rates valid until Mar 10, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.**

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Most of the sightseeing on this tour is outdoors so please be prepared for walking in all weather.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Much of the terrain in Cornwall, Devon, and the Cotswold's is hilly and uneven.

Elements of the guided tours in Cornwall and Devon may involve walking uphill and over sandy and grassy areas.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Hotels in the UK usually have smaller rooms by comparison and older properties may not have elevators or air conditioning.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Coaches, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this tour. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Our air travelers will arrive into and depart from London, England airports.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.



## Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

An ETA is required for travel to the UK. Applications are accepted online or through the UK ETA app, at the approximate cost of £16, subject to change based on governing authority. For more information please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>.

**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of March 03, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 11, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until March 10, 2026.**

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