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# JANE AUSTEN LITERARY TOUR

**September 8-14, 2020**

from  
**\$2495** per person

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What better way to see England than to spend time with like-minded people who share your interest and passion? Spend a week in Jane Austen's world . . . includes a visit to Chawton Great House and Chawton Cottage. Explore the unique filming locations of *Pride and Prejudice*, *Emma*, and other adaptations of Jane's great works. If you're a Jane Austen fan, the names of the settings in her stories are as readily recognizable as those of her characters. It's easier to follow in the footsteps of Lizzie and Darcy or Elinor and Marianne than you might think.

Travel in a small group, exploring the byways of the English countryside.

- Visit Jane Austen's 17th century home at Chawton
- Regency Costumed Promenade through the streets of Bath
- Visit Syon House, Stourhead Gardens and Montacute House
- See what inspired Jane Austen in Bath at the Assembly Rooms and magnificent Royal Crescent in Bath

## **SPECIAL FEATURE**

- Attend the Jane Austen Festival in Bath on September 12



## **YOUR COACH TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Round trip airfare USA/London, may be added at extra cost.
- Arrival and departure group airport transfers.
- Deluxe private motorcoach transportation or minicoach.
- Services of a driver/guide (1 person).
- A literary guide for 8 persons or more.
- 3 and 4 star Hotel accommodation with private bath. for 5 nights
- Full breakfast daily
- Admission charges and entrance fees to: Chawton, Assembly Rooms, Stourhead, and other sites.
- Scenic drives countryside villages
- Tips to bellmen for one bag per person at all hotels.
- All taxes and service charges.



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# ITINERARY

**DAY 1: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | DEPART USA:** You board your overseas flight. DESTINATION: LONDON. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

**DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | ARRIVE LONDON HEATHROW/PORTSMOUTH:** Arrive by 10AM for a transfer. The Regency world of Jane Austen's novels and later life reflects a tension between the ideals of the enlightenment and the newly emerging romanticism and dramatic challenges to social mores. Visit Jane's important biographical site and filming locations. Syon House – Emma (1996 film)

## **SYON HOUSE - EMMA - JANE AUSTEN SETTING:**

Situated in west London on the River Thames, Syon House has been used for many celebrated films, including Austen's Emma. In this film, the Long Gallery of Syon House is where Frank Churchill (played by Ewan McGregor) reveals his love for Emma (Gwyneth Paltrow). The majestic interiors and associations to the film make this place a must-visit for Austen lovers.

Today see Chawton. At Chawton, she was at her most prolific, producing and publishing four novels, Pride & Prejudice (revised), Mansfield Park, Emma and Persuasion, the unfinished Sanditon and revising Northanger Abbey. The pretty 17th century building is now a museum for items connected with the author and her family. There are some very personal possessions on show, including jewelry, letters and her will. Continue to Portsmouth (which is connected with her sailor-brothers and the novel Persuasion and Mansfield Park). Dinner this evening to get acquainted with your fellow travelers. (D)

**DAY 3: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | WINCHESTER/SOMERSET:** See Steventon Church. The 12th century Steventon Church where Jane worshipped, stands almost unchanged from those days. Here there are memorial tablets to James Austen, Jane's eldest brother, who took over the parish from her father, his two wives and some of his relations. Their graves are in the churchyard. Visit Winchester, Jane Austen's final resting place, and travel to Somerset. Any true Austen fan will know that one of the best adaptations of these classic novels is the 1995 film Sense and Sensibility, which won Best Adapted Screenplay at the Oscars. Emma Thompson plays Elinor Dashwood, while Kate Winslet dons the period costume as Marianne Dashwood, who is the central focus of the scenes filmed at Montacute House in Somerset. In the 1995 film it was used as the location for Cleveland, the country estate of the Palmers, and was, of course, the place where Marianne Dashwood became dreadfully ill with a putrid fever after catching a cold, wandering around the grounds past the marvelous yew hedge in the grounds. You'll remember the iconic scene where Marianne goes off for a walk in the rain after having her heart broken by Willoughby, in the grounds of this impressive house. (B)

**DAY 4: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | LACOCK/BATH:** Visit the village of Lacock dating from the 13th century. Lacock played the village of Meryton in the BBC's Pride and Prejudice. It was here that the Bennet girls, in particular Lydia and Kitty 'whose minds were more vacant than their sisters', shopped for bonnets, sought the latest tittle-tattle from their Aunt Philips, and hoped to attract the attentions of the officers - in particular a certain Mr Wickham.

Bath. Discover the architectural marvels of the spa city of Bath. The beautiful and recognisable Royal Crescent in Bath was used as a backdrop for Austen's last novel Persuasion. The Georgian architecture adds reality to the scenes between Anne Elliot and co. Visit the Bath Assembly Rooms, used as a setting in the novel, when Catherine Morland is escorted by the Allens to a ball where nobody asks her to dance, as well as being used as filming locations for 1986's Northanger Abbey and 1995's Persuasion. The Rooms themselves are open to visitors all year round, including the Fashion Museum and bookshop located in the building's basement. (B)

**DAY 5: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | BATH:** Spend a day in Bath with a guided walk. Take tea on the second floor of the lovely Georgian townhouse, where you can escape the hustle and bustle of Bath's busy streets. Choice of 15 varieties of loose leaf tea, Belgian hot chocolate and fresh coffee as well as a selection of luscious cakes, sandwiches, toasties, soup and rolls. When you join our September departure during the Jane Austen Festival, you'll see more people dressing in Regency costume celebrating the life and works of Jane Austen. The most spectacular day each year is the first Saturday, when the festival officially 'opens' with the Regency Costumed Promenade through the streets of Bath. Promenaders from all over the world dress in 18th Century attire led by our Town Crier and accompanied by soldiers and sailors adding extra color to the proceedings it enables visitors to almost literally step back in time and experience the warmth and charm present in every room. (B,T)

**DAY 6: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | STOURHEAD/LONDON AREA:** Stourhead is must-see for the fans of Keira Knightly and Matthew Macfadyen. Mind you, it is the garden that is important: The Temple of Apollo, set above the lake, was used as the location for Mr Darcy's first proposal to Lizzie (Pride & Prejudice, 2005). He is rejected, and Lizzie makes her exit across the Palladian Bridge. The famous garden was created in the 18th century to resemble a painting by Claude Lorraine. A walk winds around an artificial lake, passing romantic ruins, a grotto, temples etc. Wandering the grounds will make you feel like a heroine in a novel. (B)

**DAY 7: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | HOMEWARD FROM LONDON:** Travel to h Heathrow where you depart for home, with memories of many new-found friends. Please book a return flight no earlier than 10AM. Extra nights in London may be arranged. (B)