

HARRIGAN HOLIDAYS AC/PASR BRITISH INVASION
JUNE 20 - JULY 1, 2019

Wednesday, June 20 - Overnight flight to London England

Thursday, June 21: Welcome to England

Arrive at Heathrow Airport. Meet your driver and guide and take an **orientation tour of London** before a visit to the **Sherlock Homes Museum**. The world famous consulting detective Sherlock Holmes lived at 221b Baker Street between 1881-1904, according to the stories written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Mr Holmes shared his rooms with his loyal friend and colleague Dr Watson and the house is protected by the government due to its "special architectural and historical interest." The 1st floor study overlooking Baker Street is faithfully maintained for posterity and just as it was kept by Mrs Hudson in Victorian Times!

Next visit **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre**. The expert guides will take you on a fascinating tour of the iconic Globe Theatre, bringing the space to life with colourful stories of the 1599 Globe, of the reconstruction process in the 1990s, and of how the 'wooden O' works today as an imaginative and experimental theatrical space. Based under the Globe Theatre, our engaging and informative Exhibition explores the life of Shakespeare, the London where he lived, and the theatre for which he wrote.

Check into Holiday Inn Brentford Lock where dinner will be served this evening. This will be your home while in London. **(D)**

Friday, June 22: London

This morning after breakfast enjoy a **Charles Dickens Walking Tour**. This walk will introduce you to numerous aspects of Charles Dickens life in London, and Richard Jones will not only regale you with interesting facts and fascinating insights into Dickens life and times, but he will also entertain you with flawless quotes from Dickens works, all of them presented with an inimitable and dramatic flourish. Beginning with the troubled years of his childhood, these Dickens London tours will follow him through the early years of his writing career as he rose to a world-famous author. On your tour you will seek out places that have changed little, if at all, since the days when Dickens knew them and featured them in his sketches, short stories and novels. You will get the opportunity to See London through Dickens' eyes as you visit places that inspired him most.



Visit **Selfridge Department Store** and enjoy **Afternoon Tea at Dolly's** or similar. The café is named after the Dolly Sisters, a pair of glamorous identical twins who entranced 1920s audiences – and particularly Harry Gordon Selfridge – with enchanting performances.

Visit the Tower of London

The Tower of London is a castle located on the northern bank of the River Thames to the south east of the City of London and next to Tower Bridge. The Tower of London is an internationally famous monument and one of England's most iconic structures. It is a 900-year-old castle and fortress in central London that is notable for housing the crown jewels and for holding many famous and infamous prisoners. Throughout its history, the tower has served many purposes: it housed the royal mint (until the early 19th century), a menagerie (which left in 1835), a records office, and barracks for troops. Until the 17th century, it was also used as a royal residence.

Return to your hotel. Dinner is under your own arrangements this evening. **(B, T)**

Saturday, June 23: Chatham

Today enjoy a day trip to Chatham where you will visit **Chatham Historic Dockyard for Call the Midwife Tour**. Met by a costumed Midwife, visit areas that have been used as locations for many of the scenes of the popular TV series. You will get the exclusive chance to have afternoon tea in Commissioner's House which was also used as a 1950's style restaurant in an episode from series two. Led by your very own 'midwife' this guided tour visits areas of the dockyard that have been used as locations for the popular television drama series 'Call the Midwife'. You will have time for to explore this historic dockyard that has just celebrated it's 400th anniversary. In addition to *Call the Midwife*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *Les Misérables*, *The Man from UNCLE*, *Vanity Fair*, *Mr. Selfridge* and numerous other tv/movies were filmed at Chatham Docks.

Return to your hotel. Dinner is under your own arrangements this evening. **(B)**

Sunday, June 24: London to Oxford

Today depart London and journey to Oxford.



Enjoy a **Midsomer Murders Tour of Oxfordshire**. The *Midsomer Murders* Tour will transport you into the charming yet sinister world familiar to DCI John and Tom Barnaby and uncover the real locations that have given the show its distinct character since it was first broadcast in 1997. Starting in London we will head to the towns and villages of Midsomer situated across several English counties including Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire that have played a role in more than 250 suspicious deaths over the years. The Midsomer Murders Tour will visit fairytale houses, ancient churches, cosy pubs, charming village greens, quaint stores and grand houses that feature prominently in the magical but rather deadly county of Midsomer. Get behind the scenes information about the show, reveal fascinating details about the historical places we visit that have appeared in numerous episodes. You will also visit the town of Wallingford, used as Causton, DCI Tom Barnaby's hometown. In addition to Midsomer Murders, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *The Vicar of Dibley* were also filmed in a Midsomer Village.

Enjoy free time in Oxford on your own.

Check into Oxford Witney Hotel where dinner is included this evening. **(B,D)**

Monday, June 25: Oxford to Bath

This morning after breakfast join the **Inspector Morse, Endeavour and Lewis Tour of Oxford**. On the Inspector Morse Tour of Oxford you will be able to take a closer investigation into the world of author Colin Dexter's famous detective creation Inspector Morse. With Oxford being the setting for both the books and the TV series you will visit many locations familiar to Morse, Lewis and Hathaway. On this 2 hour guided walk around the old city of Oxford you will hear fascinating historical information about the colleges and other places familiar to Morse and also get the inside track on the enigmatic detective. Visit the actual locations from the series, hear fascinating historical information about the old city of Oxford and go behind the scenes of Inspector Morse. Oxford was also a filming site for *Harry Potter*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Brideshead Revisited*, *The History Boys*, *An Education*, C. S. Lewis gave sermons at the university church during WW2.

Journey to Bath where the afternoon at leisure. Check into Apex City Hotel. Dinner is included this evening.

Tuesday, June 26: Bath

After breakfast embark on **Jane Austen walking tour**

Jane Austen was one of Bath's most famous residents and two of her novels are mostly set in Bath, *Northanger Abbey* and *Persuasion*. This audio tour takes you around the highlights of the city and includes

extracts from Jane Austen's novels and letters, which describe Bath as it would have been in its Georgian heyday.

Afterwards visit the **Jane Austen Centre**

The Jane Austen Centre offers a snapshot of life during Regency times and explores how living in this magnificent city affected Jane Austen's life and writing. Here you will find 'Live' Guides, costume, film, superb gift shop and an authentic period atmosphere. Enjoy Afternoon Tea at Regency Tea Room.

Visit the **Number One Royal Crescent**

The Number One Royal Crescent is a Georgian town house that creates a wonderfully vivid picture of life in Georgian Bath. Built between 1767 – 1774 to the designs of the architect John Wood the Younger, the Royal Crescent is justly considered one of the finest achievements of 18th century urban architecture and represents the highest point of Palladian architecture in Bath. No.1 was the first house to be built in the Crescent and originally provided luxury accommodation for the aristocratic visitors who came to take the waters and enjoy the social season.

Filmed in Bath - *Poldark*, *Downton Abbey*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Harry Potter*, *Vanity Fair*, *Les Misérables*, *Inspector Morse* and lesser known projects.

Dinner is under your own arrangements this evening (B,T)

Wednesday, June 27: Bath to Exeter

This morning before leaving Bath, visit the **Roman Baths and Pump Room**

Bath was founded upon natural hot springs with the steaming water playing a key role throughout its history. The Roman Baths were constructed around 70 AD as a grand bathing and socialising complex and are one of the finest historic sites in Northern Europe. Visit The Great Bath, the magnificent epicentre to the complex and walk on the ancient cobbled pathways as the Romans did 2,000 years ago. The Great Bath that lies below street level can also be viewed from the Terrace, which is adorned with statues and shadowed by the great Abbey. Other chambers to explore include the remains of the ancient heated rooms and changing rooms as well as tepid and plunge pools.

En-route to Exeter visit **Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company**

Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company is only cheesemakers left in Cheddar – the home of Cheddar cheese. You can watch the cheesemakers during the various stages as they transform their rich, local milk into award winning authentic Cheddar Cheese every day of the week throughout the year. The viewing gallery allows you to watch our cheesemakers practice their skills, a DVD is also playing throughout the day to enable you to view the process from start to finish in about 25 minutes.

Upon arrival in Exeter, spend the afternoon at leisure. (B,D)

Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at Mercure Exeter Rougemont Hotel.

Thursday, June 28: Port Isaac/Cornwall

Today go day tripping to Cornwall where your first stop today will take you on a **walking tour of the village of Port Isaac**. Enjoy a guided tour around the hidden paths of the village of Port Isaac (Portwenn), taking in Doc Martin locations, historical buildings, fishing, past and present. Your tour guide, John, has lived and worked in Port Isaac for half a century and his family have been fishing here for as long as reliable records. John is one of two brothers still fishing along with their sons and has been involved with the filming on *Doc Martin*, *Saving Grace* and *Poldark*.



Visit Tintagel Castle

The site of Tintagel Castle has been inhabited at least since the late Roman period, and a community flourished here in the 5th to 7th centuries. In the 12th century Tintagel gained literary fame when Geoffrey of Monmouth named it as the place where King Arthur was conceived. These Arthurian associations may have inspired Richard, Earl of Cornwall, to build a castle at Tintagel in the 1230s, and the enduring legend still ensures Tintagel's international renown.

End your day in Cornwall at **Tintagel Brewery** and learn how they are environmentally friendly with brewing at Condolden Farm using their own pure spring water and power from wind turbine.

Return to Exeter Dinner is under own arrangements **(B)**

Friday, June 29: Exeter to Winchester

Today depart Exeter for Winchester.

Visit Winchester Cathedral

A walk round Winchester Cathedral takes you through centuries of English church architecture, from the massive vaults of its early Norman crypt to the ornate glories of its Renaissance chantry chapels. It's also home to some great works of art, including paintings, sculptures and carvings. Winchester Cathedral is where Queen Mary I and Philip II of Spain were married in 1554. You might recognize Winchester Cathedral from *The Davinci Code, Elizabeth: The Golden Age, and Wolf Hall*.

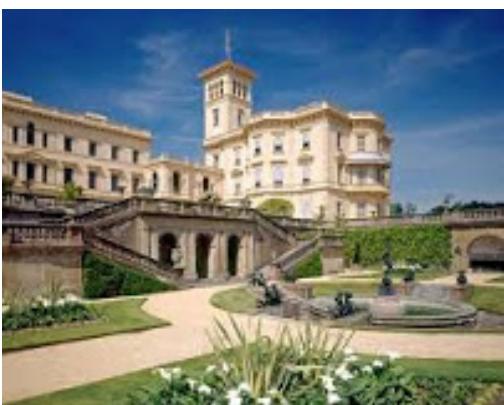
Also visit The Great Hall - Winchester Castle

This 13th-century hall which was once part of the magnificent Winchester Castle featuring a medieval round table linked to King Arthur. In 1222 Henry III, with his love of architecture, began the construction of one of the earliest Gothic styled medieval halls. The castle has been the site of many tv/movies including *Wolf Hall, The Hollow Crown, Victoria, The Crown*.

Check into Novotel Southampton hotel. Enjoy dinner under own arrangements tonight. **(B)**

Saturday, June 31: Isle of Wight

This morning take the ferry to the Isle of Wight where you will spend the day.



Visit the Osborne House

"It is impossible to imagine a prettier spot" said Queen Victoria of Osborne House, her palatial holiday home on the Isle of Wight. Visit Victoria and Albert's private apartments, their bathing beach and children's play-cottage for an intimate glimpse of royal family life. Then stroll through the garden terraces where the stunning views across the Solent reminded Prince Albert of the Bay of Naples. Osborne House is featured in *Victoria and Abdul*.

Spend some free time in East Cowes before returning to SouthHampton. Enjoy a farewell dinner at your hotel. **(B,D)**

Sunday July 1: Farewell Before saying goodbye to England you will visit Windsor Castle en-route to the airport. **Windsor Castle** is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. Founded by William the Conqueror in the 11th century, it's been the home of 39 monarchs. Windsor Castle has been featured in the Crown and most recently was the site of Harry and Meghan's wedding. What a fitting way to end this magical trip of England. Transfer to London Heathrow Airport for departure flight home

Price is* \$3970 at per person sharing. Single Supplement \$699

Included:

- Airfare, bus to/from Airport
- 10 nights at good 3/4 star hotels, all rooms with private bath or shower
- 5 hotel dinners
- Afternoon Tea at Dolly's Restaurant in Selfridges Department Store
- Afternoon Tea at Jane Austen Centre

• VISITS & ADMISSIONS:

Sherlock Holmes Museum
Jane Austen Centre
Cheddar Cheese Company
Winchester Cathedral
Windsor Castle

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre
Number One Royal Crescent
Tintagel Castle
Winchester Castle

Tower of London
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- Midsomer Murders Tour
- Inspector Morse Tour in Oxford
- Jane Austen Walking Tour
- Port Isaac Walking Tour
- Ferry to Isle of Wight
- Tips for local guides
- Service charges and taxes at existing rates
- Motor coach with driver
- Services of a full time tour guide

Not included:

Optional Travel Insurance \$242/\$319 w/single supplement
Lunch Daily Five Dinners
Personal Expenses Gratuity for Driver & Guide

* The price subject to change due to severe currency fluctuation, change in taxes and fees, fuel surcharge, etc. As always Harrigan Holidays will strive to give you the best tour value for your money.

Please note that there are a number of walking tours on this itinerary.