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JANE AUSTEN and the GEORGIAN TREASURES of SOUTH ENGLAND

With Professor Taylor Walle • June 4–13, 2022
English novelist Jane Austen (1775-1817) is famous the world over for her deftly drawn critiques of Georgian society. Following the maxim that to know a person one must walk a mile in her shoes, we'll follow Jane's footsteps on an exclusive tour of the houses and settings of Austen's life in the south of England.

Following a night in historic Windsor, we'll travel to Austen's home in Chawton, a quaint village of rose-covered cottages, where she wrote the majority of her published works. Chawton House, once owned by Austen's brother, is now a virtual museum of her novels, as well as the works of other women's writing. We'll also visit nearby Berkeley Castle, where Lady Elizabeth Craven, a Georgian writer who specialized in travel writing, led a different sort of life. Included in our itinerary are architectural showplaces such as Wilton House, Montacute House, and Bowood, each of them featured as locations for film adaptations of Austen's work.

To understand Georgian society more widely, we'll explore the towns of Wells, Lacock and Salisbury, as well as the country's only surviving rococo garden. Bath offers the best evocation of Regency society. Our private visits to No. 1 Royal Crescent, the Assembly Rooms where Austen attended balls, and the Fashion Museum with its period gowns, all evoke the vivid settings of Austen's fiction. Finally, we'll pay our respects to the beloved novelist at Winchester Cathedral, where she is buried.

Our splendid accommodations for this tour include two nights in the Windsor area, one in the heart of town and one on the banks of the River Thames, and seven nights at Bailbrook House Hotel, dating back to the 1790s and surrounded by acres of private grounds. Located minutes from Bath, Bailbrook will give us easy access to all of the beautiful landscapes, stunning architecture and lavish interiors so artfully described in Austen's writing.
Traveling With You

Taylor Walle is an assistant professor of English at Washington and Lee University. She teaches eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century British literature, including classes on Jane Austen, Mary Shelley, the Gothic novel, the transatlantic slave trade, and the “mad, bad, and dangerous” women of the eighteenth century. She has published articles on Jane Austen, James Boswell, and eighteenth-century female grammarians, and she is currently at work on a book project entitled Vulgar Recitations: Speech and the Bid for Authority in Eighteenth-Century British Literature. She holds a PhD in English from UCLA and an MSt in Women’s Studies from Oxford.

For questions or more information call the W&L Traveller office at (540) 458-8723 or visit lifelong.wlu.edu
Itinerary

Saturday–Sunday, June 4–5
HOME / LONDON, ENGLAND
Upon arrival at Heathrow airport, transfer to our hotel overlooking Windsor Castle. In the evening join the group for a welcome reception at the hotel. Dinner is enjoyed independently to take advantage of the ideal location in Windsor.
MACDONALD WINDSOR HOTEL (R)

Monday, June 6
CHAWTON HOUSE LIBRARY / JANE AUSTEN HOUSE / HINTON AMPNER
Following our first lecture by Taylor Walle, travel to Chawton House, an Elizabethan manor house that once belonged to Jane Austen's brother, Edward Austen Knight. It now accommodates a unique library of titles focusing on women's writing in English from 1600 to 1830. Continue to Jane Austen's House Museum, where she spent the last eight years of her life. This is where she did the majority of her mature writing. Lunch is at a local pub before visiting Hinton Ampner, an elegant country house with particularly impressive gardens. Check into the Bailbrook House Hotel, our beautiful home for the next seven nights.
BAILBROOK HOUSE HOTEL (B,L,D)

Tuesday, June 7
PAINSWICK ROCOCO GARDEN / BERKELEY CASTLE
Begin the day with a morning lecture before traveling to Painswick Rococo Garden. Initially designed in the 1740s as a venue for hosting intimate garden parties, it is now the only complete Rococo garden in England. Following our privately guided tour, enjoy lunch in the Gardens. Continue to Berkeley Castle for an exploration of this 11th-century estate that is still home to the Berkeley family. The state apartments showcase beautiful collections of furniture and rare paintings. The evening is left free to explore at leisure.
BAILBROOK HOUSE HOTEL (B,L)

Wednesday, June 8
SALISBURY / MOMPesson HOUSE / WILTON HOUSE
Spend this morning in Salisbury beginning with a visit to the famed Salisbury Cathedral, boasting the tallest spire in Britain. Discover over 750 years of history including the best-preserved original 1215 Magna Carta document. Continue to Mompesson House, a perfect example of a Queen Anne style town house located in the heart of Salisbury's Cathedral Close. The house was featured in the award-winning film Sense and Sensibility based on Jane Austen's novel. Enjoy lunch and a guided tour at Wilton House, an excellent example of Palladian architecture. This impressive property has been a family home for over 450 years. Set in 21 acres of landscaped parkland, the house has also been a filming location, including for the 2005 film adaptation of Pride and Prejudice. The evening is again at leisure.
BAILBROOK HOUSE HOTEL (B,L)

Thursday, June 9
BATH
Famously home to Jane Austen from 1801 to 1806, Bath has remained faithful to its Roman and Regency roots. Begin the day at No. 1 Royal Crescent, a town house that recreates a wonderful picture of life for both the wealthy and their servants in the Georgian era. Then embark on a Jane Austen-themed walking tour through town to view her former homes and the highlights of the city.
that features so much in her writing. Mid-day is free for an independent lunch before gathering at the Assembly Rooms for an afternoon tour. Once the hub of the Georgian social calendar, the Assembly Rooms were an important setting for Jane Austen's novels *Persuasion* and *Northanger Abbey*. Visit the Fashion Museum, founded in 1963, housing a world-class collection of contemporary and historic dress from the 18th century through modern day. Return to the hotel for dinner followed by an evening at leisure.

**BAILBROOK HOUSE HOTEL (B,D)**

**Friday, June 10**

**BOWOOD HOUSE / LACOCK ABBEY**

Venture this morning to Bowood House, the family home of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne. Marvel at this estate's unique collection of historical artifacts and family heirlooms built up over 250 years, from Queen Victoria's wedding chair to Napoleon's death mask. Outside are 100 acres of beautiful parkland, designed by 'Capability' Brown. Bowood was also used as a filming location for the 2007 TV film *Northanger Abbey*. Continue to the village of Lacock, dubbed one of the most beautiful examples of unspoiled medieval villages in England. Delight in walking the charming streets and enjoying lunch independently before touring the 13th century Lacock Abbey, today the family home of William Henry Fox Talbot.

**BAILBROOK HOUSE HOTEL (B,D)**

**Sunday, June 11**

**MONTACUTE HOUSE / WELLS**

Following our final lecture, depart for a visit to the beautiful Montacute House. This splendid mansion of golden stone with oak-paneled rooms and the longest gallery in England is filled with treasures, including Tudor and Elizabethan portraits on loan from the National Portrait Gallery. Several scenes of the 1995 film version of *Sense and Sensibility* were filmed here. Sample local specialties over lunch at the Fountain Inn, a traditional British pub. Spend the afternoon exploring Wells, boasting many springs rising near its magnificent 12th-century cathedral and unique moated Bishop's Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**BAILBROOK HOUSE HOTEL (B,L)**

**Monday, June 12**

**WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL / THE VYNE**

Depart this morning for the medieval city and former royal capital of Winchester. The awe-inspiring cathedral is just one of the historic highlights; its hidden treasures include the tomb of Jane Austen and the Winchester Bible, one of the finest 12th-century bibles to have survived. Enjoy free time and lunch in Winchester before continuing by motorcoach to The Vyne, a splendid Tudor red-brick mansion set in 13 acres of attractive gardens. During a guided tour, learn how this estate was built for King Henry VIII's Lord Chamberlain before becoming the Chute family home for over 300 years. Return to Windsor for a festive farewell dinner overlooking the River Thames to celebrate our shared adventure.

**RUNNEYMEADE HOTEL (B,D)**

**Tuesday, June 13**

**WINDSOR / HOME**

Following breakfast, transfer to London for flights home. (B)
PROGRAM RATES
Per person, sharing.................................................. $5,995
Single supplement................................................. $1,200

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE
All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 4 dinners • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Expert Blue Badge guides at sites throughout the itinerary • Airport transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • All gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers for all group activities • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine and beer with all group dinners • Comprehensive packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE
U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

GROUP SIZE
This program can accommodate 29 participants and is exclusive to The Washington & Lee Traveller.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS
As U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates, Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT
This is a moderately active program. Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health, be able to walk unassisted for extended periods (up to three hours) over uneven surfaces such as cobblestones and up and down narrow stairs, sometimes without handrails. In June, the average high temperature in Southern England is in the mid to high 60s F, with evenings somewhat cooler, occasionally lowering into the high 40s. Some warmer, sunny days can be expected along with some cooler, cloudy, and rainy days.

TRAVEL INSURANCE
Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.
TERMS & CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed “Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause” is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Upon payment of a $1,000 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by The W&L Traveler office. Deposits are fully refundable if written notice of cancellation is received by the final payment deadline (120 days prior to departure). For bookings on or before August 31, 2021: All payments are 100% refundable if written notice of cancellation is received prior to March 1, 2022. Cancellations after stated refund dates. All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate.

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Upon payment of their deposit, tour participants indicate acceptance of the above Terms and Conditions.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS
Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

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O I prefer to have single accommodations (limited availability) or O I plan to share accommodations with:

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I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of February 4, 2022, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): O One bed  O Two beds

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