

# Shades of the English Countryside

featuring London, Cornwall & The Cotswolds

# 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



10 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 5 Dinners

#### Collette experiences

- Enjoy the fast-paced energy of London with a local guide.
- Take a scenic walk along Cornwall's iconic coastline.
- Explore dramatic Dartmoor, steeped in English folklore and legends.
- Discover the quaint and quintessentially English villages of the Cotswolds.

#### Must-see inclusions

- Marvel at the mystery of Stonehenge, and step back in time in a Neolithic Village.
- Discover scenic Cornwall and its rich tin mining history.
- Spend two nights at Bovey Castle, a neo-Elizabethan manor house.

## Culinary inclusions

- At Bovey Castle, hear a storyteller share local folklore and enjoy classic English dining.
- Eat like a local in a typical English country pub.

#### Day 1: 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: London, England - Tour Begins

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. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for dinner at a local restaurant. Today dinner will be included.

#### Dav 3: London

Set out on a walking tour of London's iconic sights, 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. Today breakfast will be included.

#### Day 4: 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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.* 

#### Day 5: Cornwal

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. And 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. *Today breakfast will be included*.

#### Day 6: Cornwall - Devor

After breakfast, join a woodland walk down to the harborside of Charlestown. While famous for *Poldark*, this picturesque place has appeared in many films, including *The Eagle Has Landed* and Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland*. Next, it's on to Padstow, a charming fishing village, known locally for its famous chefs. After a brief orientation walk, free time is yours to enjoy lunch and explore on your own. 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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included*.

## Day 7: 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! *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.* 

### Day 8: Devon - Cotswolds

Today, venture into the Cotswolds region, taking in the rolling hills and honey-colored stone homes that make this one of 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. *Today breakfast will be included.* 

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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.* 

#### Day 10: Cotswolds - Tour Ends

Your journey from London through the English countryside ends today. Today breakfast will be included.

#### 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 the First World War, 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.

Your itinerary at a glance	
Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	DoubleTree by Hilton London - West End, London
Days 4, 5	The Carlyon Bay Hotel, Cornwall
Days 6, 7	Bovey Castle, Devon
Days 8, 9	The Queens Hotel, Cheltenham or Malmaison Hotel, Cheltenham
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

# Please Note:

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

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.

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.

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

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

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 passengers 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.

#### IDENTIFICATION

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 <a href="https://www.travel.state.gov">www.travel.state.gov</a> 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.

Effective for travel to the UK beginning on January 8, 2025, an ETA will be required for entry. Applications will be accepted online beginning on November 27, 2024, at the approximate cost of £10, subject to change based on governing authority. For more information please visit: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta#who-does-not-need-aneta

For dinner at Carlyon Bay Hotel in Cornwall, gentlemen are required to wear long trousers and a shirt with a collar, such as a polo-type shirt or above.

# Important reservation information:

\*Airfare: For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 90-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets,

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