

VICTORIA & THE CROWN



AUGUST 10TH - 20TH 2019

2019 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria. Until very recently, Victoria was the longest-reigning monarch in British History. Born in 1819, she acceded to the throne in 1837, at the tender age of eighteen, and ruled for 63 years. Such was her impact on world history that almost a whole century is named the Victorian Age in her memory.

The recent television series charting the reign of Queen Victoria and latterly *The Crown* have become some of the most popular in recent times and as our own wonderful Queen approaches her 67th year as British monarch, we look back at Queen Victoria's reign with a view to the modern history of today.

Our tour will be led by Alexandra Messervy and follows in the great Queen's footsteps from her birth at Kensington Palace, through her coronation



in Westminster Abbey, to her final years in Windsor Castle. We'll spend two days on the Isle of Wight, where she and Albert built Osborne House - their "little paradise" – and also visit other country homes and estates with connections to her life and times (several of which were used in recent films about Victoria).

Alexandra Messervy was formerly a member of the Royal Household of Her Majesty The Queen and was part of the team which organized state events and private family occasions such as the Royal Wedding. She latterly served as

Private Secretary to a member of the Royal Family. Alexandra has a wealth of Royal knowledge, soundly backed up with exemplary attention to detail and protocol tips, and our guests will learn much from her of the 'behind the scenes' that we all love to know about!



THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

HOTELS: 8 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, incluing

all hotel taxes and service charges

COACHING: All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary

MEALS: Breakfast daily, 4 dinners

GUIDES: The English Manner tutors and experts throughout

EVENTS: All private tours, special guests, events and meals as

described in the day by day itinerary

BAGGAGE: Porterage of one large suitcase per person

ENTRANCES: Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.



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WINDSOR

Saturday, August 10TH - Departure from your South African gateway city.

Overnight: Plane

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH - Your arrival at London Heathrow Airport this morning will be met for your transfer to the Sloane Club, our base for the next 4 nights. After free time for lunch, you will be welcomed by Alexandra Messervy, former member of the Royal Household of Her Majesty The Queen, and make an early afternoon visit to the State Apartments of Kensington Palace. We'll tour the special exhibition to Victoria (she was born in the Palace) and the Princess of Wales Memorial Garden. On the way back to the hotel we'll briefly stop to admire the Royal Albert Hall and the

Albert Memorial. The evening is free. **OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

Monday, August 12TH - This morning Alexandra will introduce your guide for the tour and we'll visit the state apartments at Buckingham Palace, stroll in the gardens and view the collection in the Queen's gallery. After a break for lunch, we'll visit Syon House. This was the home of Lady Charlotte Percy, Duchess of Northumberland, who was governess to Princess Victoria as a child. We'll return to the Sloane Club with time to freshen up and change before we head to the Goring Hotel for drinks and dinner. The Goring is the only hotel to hold a Royal Warrant from Her Majesty and was an old favourite of Queen Elizabeth, The Queen's Mother. Here, the family of Catherine Middleton chose to stay and congregate before her marriage to Prince William in April 2011. The Goring is set in a tranquil private backwater behind the Palace, and if the weather is fine, we'll enjoy drinks in the garden before dinner in the main dining room, designed by The Queen's nephew, Lord Snowdon. (B, D) OVERNIGHT: LONDON



TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH - An early start this morning for a private tour of The Cabinet War Rooms and a talk on the memories of Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister in the War years and the early part of The Queen's reign. There is little doubt that The Queen relied considerably on Sir Winston's wise counsel, and he was fundamental in the early years of her accession. A short walk brings us to Westminster Abbey, where Her Majesty was crowned. We will have a guided tour with our own historical experts by special permission of the Abbey, with an emphasis on the Monarchy. The Queen, The Princess Royal and Prince William all married here, and many monarchs are buried within the walls. We will specifically look at the monarchs in the Abbey and the traditions of the coronation. Later this afternoon, after free time for lunch, we'll depart for a tour of the Guards' Museum and the Household Cavalry Afternoon Salute, accompanied by Lord Fermoy, cousin to TRH Princes William and Harry and a former Page to Her Majesty The Queen. We will then join Lord Fermoy for drinks at the Army & Navy Club. The rest of the evening is free. (B) OVERNIGHT: LONDON

Wednesday, August 14TH - This morning we visit Hughenden Manor, the former home of Prime Minister Lord Disraeli. It's a short drive from here to Chenies. We'll stop for lunch at a country pub and then visit Chenies Manor, a beautiful Grade I listed Tudor building (used as the residence of Sir Winston Churchill, Chartwell, in the filming of the TV series). (B) OVERNIGHT: LONDON

Thursday, August 15TH - Leaving London today, we will visit Wilton House, just outside Salisbury, which was used as Buckingham Palace in the TV series. We'll stop for lunch in Salisbury and then drive down through the New Forest to Lymington, where we'll board the ferry over to the Isle of Wight. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. (B, D) OVERNIGHT: ISLE OF WIGHT



FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH - This morning we visit Osborne House, a favourite residence of Queen Victoria. Originally built as a "holiday home," it was designed in the Italianate style by Thomas Cubitt, and, it is said, with help from Prince Albert. Victoria spent her last years here and died at Osborne House in 1901. This afternoon we visit the church of St. Mildred's Whittingham, where Princess Beatrice was married. The evening is free. (B) OVERNIGHT: ISLE OF WIGHT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH - Our day begins with a private guided tour of Carisbrooke Castle, home of the Governor of the Island and a significant stronghold for over a thousand years. Charles I was kept prisoner here until shortly before his execution. This afternoon, we'll have a private tour of Farringford House, home of Alfred, Lord Tennyson, perhaps our most famous

Victorian poet and a favourite of the Queen. We'll then take a short ride on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway and have an early supper at the White Hart Inn in Ryde before we return to our hotel. (B, D) OVERNIGHT: ISLE OF WIGHT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH - This morning we take the ferry back to Lymington and drive to our hotel in Royal Windsor. After checking in and free time for lunch, we'll take a tour of Windsor Castle. This evening we gather for a farewell dinner at our hotel. (B, D) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR

Monday, August 19TH - A free day in Windsor today before transfers back to Heathrow Airport for your return overnight flight to South Africa. (B) OVERNIGHT: PLANE

Tuesday, August 20TH - Morning arrival in South Africa. Overnight: Home

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L- lunch, D - dinner



THE ENGLISH MANNER

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Please type or print.
- 2. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
- 3. Complete both sides of this form.
- 4. Return this completed form to Discover Europe with your completed credit card details for the deposit of \$500 per person if this has not already been paid.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name.
- 2. Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
- 3. Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
- 4. Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
- 5. Health Information. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

TRIP DETAILS

Please fill in the name of the trip you wish to register for, the departure date and your departure airport (city).

REGISTRATION FORM

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

- 1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour package, Discover Europe will be very happy to book these for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
- 2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes.

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- 1. If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
- 2. A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
- 2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
- 3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
- 4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., The English Manner, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
- 5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
- 6. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Name: ___

- 1. A deposit of \$500 per person will be charged to your provided credit card once the completed form has been received by Discover Europe.
- 2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Email: _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

departure.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right

Primary Telephone: (_____)

Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided at least 90 days prior to

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: □Yes □No

to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

- 1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
- 2. Group size. Discover Europe tours are generally based on a group size between 5 and 15 participants, custom-designed or sponsored tours sizes can vary (see your trip organizer for details). Should we end up with fewer than the minimum number, you will be given the option of cancelling with full refund, paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
- 3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

REFUND POLICY

- 1. Your refund is non-refundable.
- 2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 - 90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
 - 60 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person
 - Fewer than 30 days prior to departure: no refund
- 3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
- 4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
- 5. Trip cancellation insurance is *not* included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip.
- 6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
- 7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
- 8. Your place on this tour is not transferrable.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

- 1. All inclusions are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form
- 2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.

