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Yorkshire, Cambridge & London

Castle Howard

CHR Travel

**11 Days September 15-25,
2017 From \$4922***

Yorkshire: • York • Castle Howard • North Yorkshire Moors Railway Vintage Train • Whitby • Harrogate & Betty's Tea Room, **Derbyshire:** • Chatsworth House & Gardens, **Cambridgeshire:** • Cambridge • Grantchester • Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial, **Hampshire:** • Jane Austen's Chawton, • London

THIS WILL TOUR combines culture, history and visits to settings featured in your favorite WILL-TV programs. We take our unique, easy-paced itinerary approach, back to England where we first started touring in 1986. We include stays and visits to

sites in and around Yorkshire, Cambridge and London. A ride through the moors on a vintage steam train, tea in a classic English spa town, and other special treats are featured. Space is limited! WILL tours fill up early, don't delay in reserving your seat early!

North Yorkshire Moors Railway



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The white rose of Yorkshire reminds us of the 15th Century War of the Roses



Yorkshire



Our tour host, Danda Beard, is WILL's Development Director and says "All Aboard" on the vintage train and this fund-raiser tour to support public broadcasting. Your travel supports your favorite public television and radio programs! A tax-deductible donation to WILL, valued at \$200/person or more, is included and non-refundable.

Itinerary

Day 1 Friday: Central Illinois-Chicago-Flight

We welcome you aboard our private motor coach to Chicago where we board an overnight flight non-stop to Manchester, England.

Day 2 Saturday: Flight Arrival-Manchester-York

Morning arrival in Manchester, a quick passage through customs is expected at this small airport. Our tour manager, Victor Seedman, greets us after collecting our luggage and we drive to York. Time to stretch our legs

of this remarkable stately home. It has been a favorite site for British filmmakers, and has been featured in the MASTERPIECE series **Death Comes to Pemberley**. Castle Howard was also featured in two Masterpiece Theater series **The Buccaneers** and **Brideshead Revisited**. We enjoy a break and are served our choice of tea or coffee before having a private guided tour of the Gardens. The gardens and estate cover 1,000 acres. They are a haven of peace and tranquility with extensive woodlands, temples, lakes and

with a leisurely walking tour of York. We see the 14th century Shambles where the buildings lean with age. We visit York Minster Cathedral that was built from 1230 to 1472 and features breathtaking stained glass. The evening is at your leisure in York.

Day 3 Sunday: York-Castle Howard

Depart York and travel to nearby Castle Howard where we will have a private guided tour



The Shambles in York





fountains. Return to York for some free time before our three-course Welcome Dinner. (B, D)

Day 4 Monday: York-Yorkshire Moors Railway-Whitby

This morning we drive east to Pickering station where we board the North Yorkshire Moors vintage train that takes us on a scenic excursion through the moors ending at the coast at Whitby (*above*). After enjoying a walking tour of Whitby, perhaps you will have worked up an appetite for their famous Fish & Chips. We will have free time to explore more of Whitby on our own before returning to York by coach. (B)

Day 5 Tuesday: York-Harrogate

Today we head west to the spa town of Harrogate where we include a traditional English afternoon tea at Betty's Tea Room, a favorite of the Yorkshire veterinarian known as James Herriott, author of **All Creatures Great and Small**. Victor will share the true story of mystery writer Agatha Christie's 11-day disappearance. The Jazz Age writer was found here, at Harrogate's Old Swan Hotel. (B, T)

Day 6 Wednesday: York-Chatsworth-Cambridge

We head south to the Peak District's Derbyshire and stately Chatsworth House (2005 **Pride and Prejudice**, 2014 **Death at**

Banks of the River Cam at Grantchester



York Minster

Pemberley) where we will have a guided tour (see top of next page for Chatsworth House photo). A buffet lunch is included followed by a visit to the Gardens. We continue south to Cambridge, home of the university considered among the top five in the world. Now its ancient beginnings coexist with its new nickname, Silicon Fen—describing software developed and bio-science discoveries made here. A light dinner is included tonight. (B, L, D)

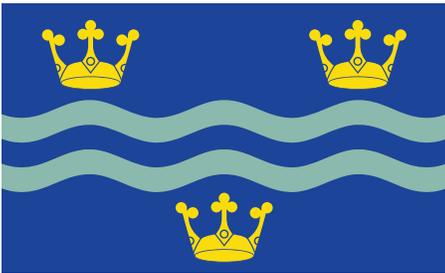
Day 7 Thursday: Cambridge & Grantchester

This morning we meet a local guide for a morning walking tour of Cambridge and visit the Kings College Chapel. This afternoon enjoy an

Physical Requirements: travel in Britain requires more walking, steps and inclines that could be difficult or impossible for those with physical limitations. You need to decide whether you can accept that this may make you miss parts of the tour or stay at the hotel and be on your own. Each of our hotels has elevators.



*Chatsworth House, above;
Jane Austen's House below*



*Cambridgeshire's wavy lines represent
the River Cam & the crowns East Anglia*

excursion to nearby **Grantchester** site of the PBS series of the same name. In Madingley we will see the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial, the only WWII military cemetery in the British Isles. The most famous memorialized here are Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. and Glenn Miller (both lost at sea). (B)

Day 8 Friday: Cambridge-Chawton-London

Depart Cambridge and transfer by coach to Jane Austen's Chawton House Library in Hampshire just west of London. This stately home was owned by Jane's brother Edward. On arrival we are welcomed and treated to tea & biscuits. We have a guided tour of Chawton House Library and a short talk by the Chawton librarian. A light lunch is included followed by a guided tour of the gardens at Chawton. Entry to the Jane Austen House & Museum is next on



Punting in Cambridge



 **CHR Travel** has been awarded the prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise. We have worked with the same people for 31 years, going back to when we visited Yorkshire on *WILL's* very first tour.



our agenda. This more modest home is where Jane did much of her writing. We are taken to our London hotel and have the evening free. (B, LL)

Day 9 Saturday: London

An expert local guide leads us on a panoramic morning sightseeing trip. The afternoon is at your leisure to explore London on your own. (B)

Day 10 Sunday: London

Free day in London; Victor and Danda will provide ideas of what to see and do today. We close out our tour with a Farewell Dinner tonight. (B, FD)

Day 11 Monday: London-Chicago-Central Illinois

We are transferred from our hotel to Heathrow Airport. After Victor wishes us farewell, our non-stop flight departs for a same-day arrival in the USA. We are taken back to central Illinois with memories of the lovely English countryside. (B)

Cambridge



Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial



Our tour manager, Victor Seedman has led the last six *WILL* tours in Europe. He started leading tours in the 1980's and has continued to do so while being the Head of Travel, Tourism & Hospitality for the London campus of the University of Gloucestershire.

Free time suggestions: Danda and Victor will provide some options for things to do/places to see in London on Day 10 and optional additional activities for one or two evenings during our travel (such as a "Pub Crawl" in



York). We will also be watching for the release of musical and theatre schedules. Some may require an additional fee and/or pre-reserving; we will provide reservation assistance.

This trip is designed as a fundraiser. The more people travel, more funding is provided for *WILL*. You will receive a tax receipt for a charitable donation (non-refundable) to *WILL* of at least \$200/person. *WILL* thanks you for your support!

What's Included: • Round trip motor coach transportation from Central Illinois to Chicago • Round trip flights • Round trip transportation from airport to hotel • Tour manager, transportation, sightseeing and admissions per itinerary • 15 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 English Tea & 3 Dinners • \$205 current total taxes & fees, subject to change • Hotel accommodations • Led by Danda Beard
Accommodations: (9) total number of nights York (4) The Principal York Cambridge (2) The Gonville Hotel London (3) Park Plaza Westminster Bridge London

What's Not Included: • \$50 discount if balance due paid by check or cash • Airline baggage fees if any • Tips to tour manager, driver and local guides • Travel insurance • Optional tours and meals not noted in itinerary

*All prices are per person, based on occupancy, double: \$4922, single: \$6120, triple: \$4922. • Document required for US Citizens is passport valid through September 25, 2017 (we recommend valid through March 25, 2018); no visa or shots at this time. Other citizens should consult their consulate. • Insurance coverage is Deluxe Group Plan from Travel Guard (at a cost of 6.5%; for coverage details see website www.tourgroupplanners.com/insurance.html to cover cancellation charges; other terms at www.tourgroupplanners.com/terms.html incorporated by reference. • Price and details are subject to change. Group size of fewer than 21 requires a small group surcharge of \$90. Group size limited to 27 people for an uncrowded experience. Acct#170915r
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Big Ben

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WILL Britain departing September 15, 2017

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Our hotels

Nights in parenthesis shows length of stay. See numbered photos:

- 1. York (4)** The Principal York (newly refurbished; was the Royal York Hotel)
- 2. Cambridge (2)** The Gonville Hotel
- 3. London (3)** Park Plaza Westminster Bridge London



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