



LIGHT TO READ BY

A British Literature Tour for Kirkridge 29 September – 9 October 2011



Thurs 29th September

Depart from Newark NJ

Fri 30th September

Birmingham to Bath via Stratford

The group will be met at Birmingham Airport by a professional Tour Director and will travel by private motor coach to Stratford on Avon. What better place to start our tour? Admissions to Shakespeare's Birthplace and Anne Hathaway's Cottage are included. Continue the journey to Bath.

Overnight Mercure Francis Hotel, Bath with dinner together



Sat 1st October

Bath

Breakfast in the hotel. Meet local specialist guide for a Jane Austen themed tour of Bath including admissions to the Jane Austen Centre and No 1 Royal Crescent plus a 2-course lunch at the Theatre Royal, followed by a lecture on the life and times of Jane Austen.

Overnight Mercure Francis Hotel — dinner under own arrangements



Sun 2nd October

Wells and Lacock

Breakfast in the hotel. Travel to Wells to attend 0945 service at the Cathedral followed by free time to explore. Continue to the village of Lacock, film set of *Pride and Prejudice* and some of the Harry Potter movies. Admissions to Lacock Abbey and Fox Talbot Museum included.

Overnight Mercure Francis Hotel — dinner under own arrangements



Mon 3rd October

Bath to Plymouth via Exmoor

Breakfast in the hotel. Travel to Exmoor for a short walk in "Lorna Doone" country followed by photo stop at the Tarka the Otter canal bridge near Gt. Torrington. Continue to Bodmin Moor for included 2-course lunch at the Jamaica Inn, made famous by Daphne du Maurier followed by a short visit to Fowey to see the house where she lived for many years (exterior only as it is a private house).

Overnight at the Duke of Cornwall, Plymouth with dinner in the hotel



Tues 4th October Cornwall

Breakfast in the hotel. Depending on the weather (!) we can include a Land's End walk and/or visits to Perranporth (Poldark series), St Ives (Rosamund Pilcher) and Falmouth.

Overnight at the Duke of Cornwall — dinner under own arrangements



Wed 5th October Devon

Breakfast in the hotel. Travel northeast along the Devon coast to walk the section of the SW coast path from Ringmore to Bigbury-on-Sea to see Burgh Island, a favorite haunt of Agatha Christie and the setting of two of her novels. Continue to Torquay with time to explore the town.

Overnight at Mercure Southgate Hotel, Exeter with dinner in the hotel.



Thurs 6th October River Dart

Breakfast in the hotel. Travel to Paignton to board the steam train to Kingswear — Agatha Christie often undertook this journey (featured in two Poirot stories) — followed by a short ferry crossing to Dartmouth. Free time to explore Dartmouth before boarding a boat to Greenway, Agatha Christie's holiday home. Return ferry to Dartmouth to board coach for journey back to Exeter. (Day subject to train & ferry timetables)

Overnight at Mercure Southgate Hotel — dinner under own arrangements



Fri 7th October Dartmoor

Breakfast in the hotel. Travel to Dartmoor, the setting for Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *Hound of the Baskervilles* to visit the High Moorland Visitor's centre and walk on the moor. Return to Exeter in the afternoon with free time to explore the town.

Overnight at Mercure Southgate Hotel — dinner under own arrangements



Sat 8th October Devon to Hampshire via Dorset

Breakfast in the hotel. Travel to Dorchester for admission to Thomas Hardy's cottage and on to Salisbury for a guided tour of the Cathedral. Continue to Winchester for a Jane Austen themed guided tour of the Cathedral which contains her tomb.

Overnight at the Mercure Wessex Hotel, Winchester, with dinner at the hotel



Sun 9th October Departure

Early breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to Heathrow Airport for flight home to Newark, NJ. (We could get on the 6.30pm departure, which would allow us to time to take in a Sunday service, have Sunday lunch, and still be at Heathrow for 3pm).

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TOUR PRICE

(per person, sharing twin/double accommodation)

Based on 40 people traveling	\$ 2,820.00
Based on 30 people traveling	\$ 2,990.00
Based on minimum 20	\$ 3,265.00

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- *Round trip airfare (estimated, without taxes) from Newark to Birmingham with return from Heathrow
- 3 nights Bath, 2 nights Plymouth, 3 nights Exeter, 1 night Winchester
- 8 English breakfasts; 4 dinners on hotel arrival nights + 2 lunches
- Porterage of 1 bag per person in and out of hotels
- Professional tour director throughout
- Private motor coach as required for the itinerary
- Included entrances to Shakespeare's Birthplace, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, The Jane Austen Center, #1 Royal Crescent, Abbey and Fox Talbot Museum in Lacock, Steam Railway and ferry journey, sightseeing cruise on the River Dart, Greenaway, Hardy's Cottage, Salisbury Cathedral guided tour, Winchester Cathedral. Also included Theatre Royal lunch and Jamaica Inn lunch
- Donation to Kirkridge Retreat & Study Centre (\$100 per person)
- Single Supplement \$ 350

All prices based on current exchange rates and subject to currency fluctuation.

Trip Protection Insurance is strongly recommended.

\$200 Non refundable commitment deposit due by March 5th, 2011

Checks made out to Going Places of Pleasantville and mailed to PO Box 234, Pleasantville NY 10570

Balance due by July 29, 2011

*Airfare is based on current published rates and cannot be guaranteed until under deposit. Air tax (currently \$400) can fluctuate until ticketing.