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SUMMARY

Having captivated the attention of millions across the globe with its tales of early 20th century British aristocracy, Downton Abbey has become an iconic television series and fascination for many people the world over.

Our 8-day itinerary has been designed to take in all the best bits of its iconic filming locations, whilst showcasing some of the most beautiful, stately and interesting properties across the UK. Brimming with quintessential Englishness, our Downton Abbey itinerary includes a visit to Highclere Castle, a stop at the obligatory 'Downton Village' of Bampton and a trip to the regal Blenheim Palace and the quaintly historic Harewood House.

Starting and finishing this itinerary in the unmissable city of London, this programme is perfect for those wishing to immerse themselves in a truly gentrified English experience!

Downton Abbey Style of Living

8 Days / 7 Nights



Start and end this spectacular tour from the unbeatable city of **London**



Explore the **quintessential** beauty of the glorious English countryside



Immerse yourself in a truly unique '**Downton Abbey**' experience



Spend time in York and discover the delights of **North Yorkshire Moors National Park**



DAY 1

LONDON



After meeting your driver at London Heathrow Airport you'll be whisked away to your 5-star London hotel in **Mayfair** by private transfer.

Your first day is at your leisure; as you will have a **Visitor Oystercard** giving you access to the London Underground & bus network, why not make the most of this perfect opportunity to fully explore all that London has to offer!



Enjoy some of London's famous free **museums** and **galleries** – our favourite places include the **Wallace Collection**, **The National Gallery** & **The British Museum**, where you may witness spectacular collections in architecturally inspiring surroundings

LONDON "DOWNTON STYLE"

DAY 2

This morning after breakfast meet your local guide who will take you on a half day private tour of **London** – there will be plenty of time for questions, photos and sightseeing!

Enjoy a **Westminster Walking Tour** and see some of the London film locations that appeared in **Downton Abbey** over the years, such as **Spencer House** and **Buckingham Palace**.



In the afternoon, treat yourself to a sumptuous **Traditional Afternoon Tea** at The Ritz, a quintessential British experience you will remember for a long time.



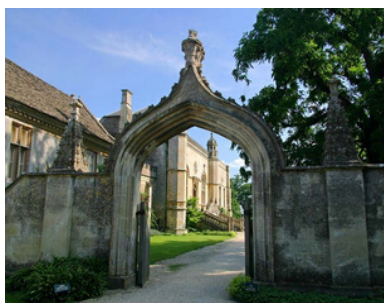
DAY 3

Highclere Castle & Lacock Village



This morning you will meet your local driver guide with private vehicle and depart London for the English countryside.

Arrive at **Highclere Castle** (the Real Downton Abbey) where you will enjoy access to the castle and grounds. Home to the **Carnarvon family** since 1679, Highclere Castle has been the iconic filming location doubling as Downton Abbey for all six series in addition to the film.



This afternoon, visit the National Trust village of **Lacock** – a favourite filming location for decades, not least for Downton Abbey! Home to the 13th-century Lacock Abbey, the village's rich history and traditions are embedded in every stone, making it a perfect stop on a Downton-themed journey into British rural history

DAY 4

Bampton Village & Blenheim Palace



After breakfast at the hotel, travel to the picturesque village of **Bampton**, in Oxfordshire. It was here that many of the outside scenes of Downton Village and Crawley House were filmed and you will notice lots of well-known sites such as the church, the post office, Grantham Arms and The Dog & Duck pubs. You will also find **Bampton Community Archive** in the **Old Grammar School**, which posed as the hospital in Downton village



This afternoon, visit **Blenheim Palace**, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and the current home to the 12th Duke of Marlborough. The Formal Gardens surround the Palace, and they include the majestic Water Terraces, the Duke's Private Italian Garden, the tranquil Secret Garden with all of its hidden treasures, the new Churchill Memorial Garden and the beautifully delicate Rose Garden. Overnight in the **Cotswolds**

YORKSHIRE - A ROYAL VISIT

DAY 5

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and travel towards **Yorkshire**. Your first stop is **Wentworth Woodhouse** used in the film for its magnificent ballroom, creating the setting for the ball during the Royal visit.



After lunch the second stop of the day is **Harewood House**, where Lord and Lady Grantham's neighbours are preparing to throw a spectacular ball in the Downton Abbey movie. In real life, Harewood had close connections to the Royal Family during the period when the film is set. King George V's daughter, Princess Mary, became Countess of Harewood when she married the sixth Earl of Harewood in 1922.



Your destination for this evening is a five-star hotel in **York**

DAY 6

THE DOWNTON LIFESTYLE



Enjoy a Yorkshire Breakfast before meeting your driver guide for a full day journey to **Beamish**, the Living Museum of the North, which reveals the history and traditions of life in north-east England in the 19th and early 20th centuries. In the film, various parts of Beamish were used as the setting for shopping scenes with Downton family cook, Mrs. Patmore



In the afternoon you will enjoy a stunningly picturesque journey on a **steam train** from **Grosmont Station** to **Pickering Station** by **The North Yorkshire Moors Railway**. The Railway travels through the beautiful and varied scenery of the **North Yorkshire Moors National Park**, which includes the amazing geological formation of Newtondale and the nature reserve of Fen Bog. You will overnight once again in **York**

Enjoy a Yorkshire Breakfast and some time at your leisure before checking out and heading to **York Train station** to board a train to **London** (2 hours). Private transfer from London Kings Cross station to your hotel.

Upon return back to London this afternoon, check in to your hotel and freshen up before enjoying a farewell dinner at none other than **Rules Restaurant** as featured in Downton Abbey where you will enjoy traditional British fine dining. Dress to impress and enjoy the unique atmosphere - this will truly be a night to remember!

You'll have a private transfer from the hotel to your restaurant and you are then free to return to the hotel at your leisure



LONDON

The day is at your leisure to take in one last fix of London life before your private return transfer to Heathrow Airport and your flight home

INCLUSIONS



- ✓ 7 nights' accommodation in 5-star hotels in locations listed above
- ✓ Private return transfer from and to Heathrow Airport
Local driver guide from day 2 to 7
- ✓ Admission fees to Buckingham Palace, village of Lacock, Highclere Castle, Blenheim Palace, Wentworth Woodhouse, Harewood House, Beamish Museum.
- ✓ Also included: a London Oystercard, Afternoon Tea at the Ritz, a journey on The North Yorkshire Moors Railway.
- ✓ Dinner at Rules Restaurant will also be booked

Some services are seasonal and subject to availability

TO BOOK

Speak to your ASA consultant for further information or send an email to book@asalondon.co.uk

