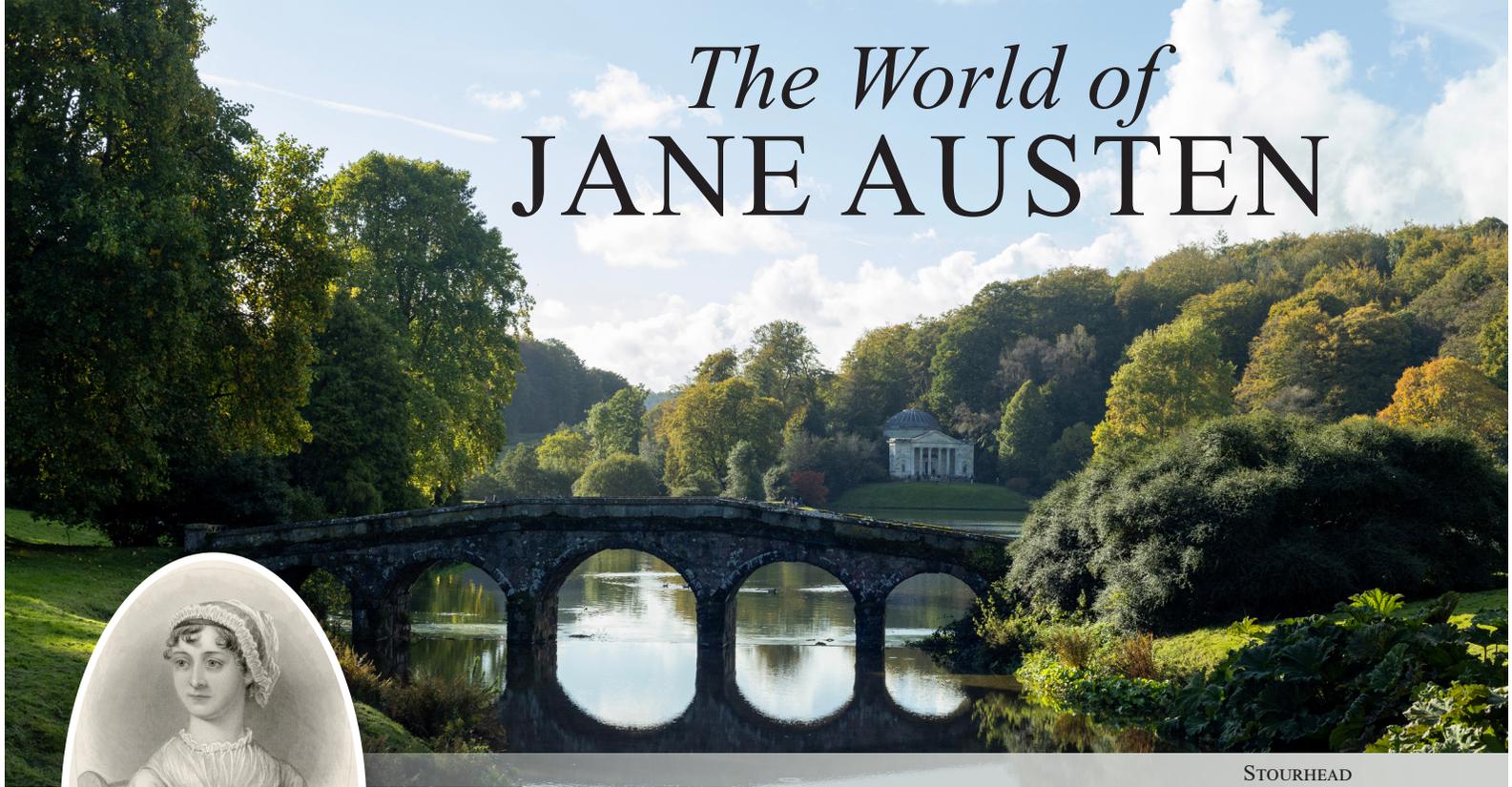


# The World of JANE AUSTEN



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JANE AUSTEN

APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> - MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2025

Enjoying a wave of popularity in recent years, thanks largely to the various film adaptations of her novels, Jane Austen's work spans the Regency period. Her view of English society is a matchless mix of irony, humor, and honesty.

Jane Austen fans will love her quiet home in Chawton. The door to the dining room, which she would not allow the servant to oil, still squeaks. The tiny Hampshire village is the epitome of the country setting Jane Austen loved for her novels, while our stay in Bath will shed light on the more cosmopolitan world of which she was such a keen observer.

Join us this spring on an adventure through the picture book countryside of southwest England, where the scenes and characters of this great novelist will rise up off the page and come to life before your eyes.



CHAWTON HOUSE

#### THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED)	<b>\$ 3990</b>
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	<b>\$ 1090</b>

*Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.*

#### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 7 nights' accommodation in a first-class hotel, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunches, 3 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout, local guides where noted on the itinerary
- BAGGAGE:** Portage 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. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*

**GASKELL EXTENSION:** The cost of the 4-day extension is **\$1980** per person, double occupancy (single supplement \$390). This includes 4 nights at a first-class hotel, a local guide throughout, and all meals and sightseeing as described in the day-by-day itinerary overleaf.

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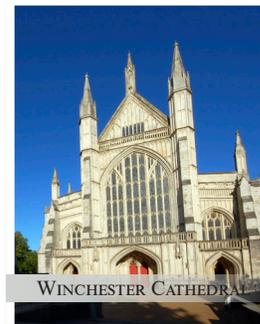


**FRIDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>** - Evening departure from your chosen US gateway to London.  
**OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>** - Your arrival at London's Heathrow Airport will be met for the short journey (1 hour) to Winchester. After time for lunch and checking in to our hotel, there will be a walking tour of the centre of this beautiful medieval city, past the house where she spent her final days and including a visit to Winchester Cathedral. The Cathedral has the longest nave of any Gothic cathedral in Europe and houses Jane Austen's tomb. This evening a dinner party welcomes you to England. **(D) OVERNIGHT: WINCHESTER**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>** - Our excursion today takes us first to nearby Steventon, where Jane's father, George Austen, was the rector. Jane was baptized here and spent her first 25 years living in the rectory. The church remains little changed from her day, but unfortunately the rectory is no longer standing. From here we continue to Chawton and have lunch in a country pub. After lunch we'll visit the Jane Austen House Museum, and (if available) have a private visit to the library at Chawton House (Jane's brother, Edward Austen Knight's residence). We return to Winchester for a free evening. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: WINCHESTER**

**MONDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>** - Our first stop this morning will be nearby Salisbury. We'll visit the cathedral and Mompesson House, located in the Cathedral Close. Mompesson House will be instantly recognizable from the recent film version of Sense and Sensibility. After free time for lunch, a short drive brings us to the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge. We continue through the beautiful Wiltshire countryside to the Georgian city of Bath. There will be time to unpack and freshen up before dinner at our hotel in the city center. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: BATH**



WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>** - A full day in Bath, Miss Austen's home from 1801-1806, and familiarly described in Persuasion and Northanger Abbey. Sightseeing will include Jane Austen's House, the Jane Austen Museum and a guided tour of the Assembly Rooms (subject to their opening schedule). The afternoon will be free to explore this beautiful city and the evening free to sample a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: BATH**

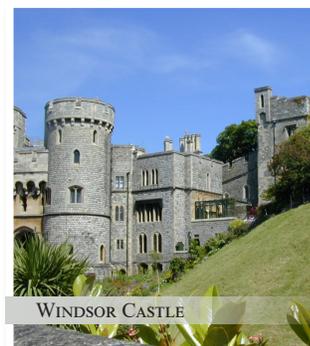


CITYSCAPE OF BATH

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we take an excursion from Bath to Stourhead and Wells. Known as the Flagship of the National Trust, the gardens of Stourhead are justly famous as one of the finest examples of 18th-century landscaping in the country. We'll tour the gardens and stop for lunch in the village pub. This afternoon we visit Wells, the smallest city in England, with its magnificent cathedral. We'll return to Bath for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: BATH**

**THURSDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>** - This morning a walking tour introduces the history of the city of Bath. Our first stop will be Bath Abbey, the last of the great English pre-Reformation churches, built in a pleasantly consistent late-perpendicular style. From the Abbey we walk across the piazza to the Roman Baths. These are some of the most extensive and best-preserved Roman remains in the country and the whole underground complex makes a fascinating visit. Our tour ends at the Pump Room where you can stay and have lunch. The afternoon and evening are free to explore the many attractions that Bath has to offer. **(B) OVERNIGHT: BATH**

**FRIDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>** - This morning a quick drive along the motorway, heading east, brings us to Royal Windsor for our final night. After checking in to our hotel, we will visit Windsor Castle and have time to explore the town before we gather this evening for a farewell dinner at the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR**



WINDSOR CASTLE

**SATURDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>** - Morning transfers to nearby Heathrow Airport for returning flights to the U.S.  
**(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

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

## Optional Extension: Elizabeth Gaskell

**SATURDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>** - Depending on the numbers of people taking this extension, we will either take the fast train from Reading direct to Manchester, or drive north, stopping in Shakespeare's town of Stratford-upon-Avon en route. We end our day in the delightful village of Alderley Edge, where we'll enjoy dinner at our hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ALDERLEY EDGE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>** - A day following in the footsteps of Elizabeth Gaskell. We begin by driving the short distance into the town of Knutsford, Elizabeth's Cranford. We'll take a walking tour of the town center, showing us her childhood home, the church where she married William Gaskell and her final resting place. We will also see the Gaskell memorial Tower built in the center of town in 1907 by Richard Harding Watt. There will be free time to find lunch, before we meet up again for a visit to Tatton Park. This stately home was the inspiration for Cumnor Towers, home of the Cumnor family in *Wives & Daughters*. We'll tour the house and gardens and then return to Alderley Edge, where the evening is free to sample a local restaurant or pub in the village. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ALDERLEY EDGE**

**MONDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>** - We'll begin our day by visiting Elizabeth Gaskell's home at 84 Plymouth Grove in the (what was then) affluent Manchester suburb of Victoria Park, where she lived from 1850 to 1865. We'll have a private tour of the house and a talk on the life and importance of "one of the greatest female novelists of all time," as she was described in the press after her death. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ALDERLEY EDGE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>** - Morning transfers to nearby Manchester Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**