



AN EXPLORATION OF ROYAL WESSEX & THE NORMAN INFLUENCE

The CULTURE CONCIERGE

Accessing the Inaccessible

Formerly the English Manner

SEPTEMBER 18TH - 28TH 2021

Wessex, was originally the Kingdom of the West Saxons. At the time of the Viking invasions of around 900 CE, there were seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms in Britain: Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Kent, Sussex and Wessex, stretching from the Scottish border, across the Somerset levels, and into south-west Cornwall.

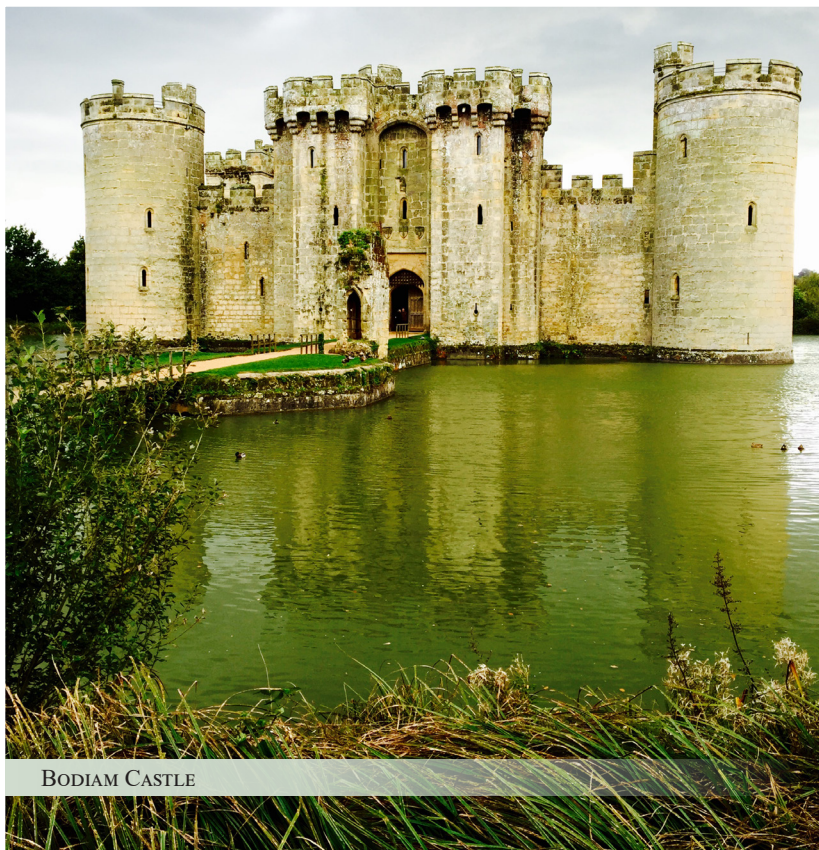
The ridges of chalk hills across the south of the country created routes for trade and travel that had been in use from neolithic times. For this programme, we will use these ancient tracks, particularly the Harrow and South Downs Ways, to explore some of our most beautiful landscape, homes and castles. From the chalk downlands of Sussex to the Jurassic coastline of Dorset, we traverse sections of these ancient pathways across Britain.

It is said that we are all related in some way to King Alfred or William the Conqueror and no doubt in our travels we will find many familial names and ancestors of note!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH - Upon arrival at London Heathrow Airport, you will be met and transported to our hotel in Sussex (a drive of approx. 1hr 40 mins). Our accommodation will be at the historic and delightful Horsted Place Hotel. Loved by all who stay there, this is a true country house hotel with a very special Royal connection, and very close to the battlefields of 1066. A chance to unpack before we make a gentle afternoon visit to the oldest medieval moated priory in existence at Michelham. More than 800 years old, this is a truly magical place, and we will also take the opportunity to visit the Castle and gardens of Herstmonceaux. Within 300 acres of woodland and parkland, this is one of the oldest brick buildings remaining in England and illustrates the influences of the early Kings very well. We will return to the hotel for dinner together. **(D) OVERNIGHT: LITTLE HORSTED**

***Please Note:** The transfer from Heathrow Airport to the hotel will depart at approx 11.30 am. Please time your flight arrival to coincide with this. Discover Europe is happy to help you make your flight arrangements.*



BODIAM CASTLE

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

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| LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): | \$5980 |
| SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: | \$1990 |

Airfares are available from most U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

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| HOTELS: | 9 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, all hotel taxes and service charges included |
| COACHING: | All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary |
| MEALS: | Breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 7 dinners, |
| GUIDES: | Alexandra Messervy throughout. Local guides at various sites as per the itinerary. |
| EXPENSES: | 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. Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH - The Battle of Hastings in 1066 allowed William the Conqueror access to British soil and once he arrived the Kingdom of Wessex officially ceased to exist. There are very rare examples of architecture and buildings dating prior to the 11th Century, but in many areas of historic interest there are Anglo-Saxon origins and foundations built on over the centuries. This morning we will visit the historic town of Battle, and guests will have time to explore the historic Abbey and location for the Battle of Hastings, in this small medieval town. We will have lunch at the Hub at Quarry Farm, before paying a visit to the stunning and atmospheric Bodiam castle. Bodiam was built in 1385 by a knight serving under King Edward III and is a beautiful example of a medieval moated fortification. We return to the hotel where dinner is under your own arrangements this evening. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: LITTLE HORSTED**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST - Our first stop this morning is a visit to the home of the Dukes of Norfolk (the Howard family) at Arundel Castle. Originally built in 1067 for the 1st Earl of Arundel, this was one of the first castles to be established under the rule of William. The modern, Victorian, castle is the seat of the Dukes of Norfolk, the most senior Roman Catholic member of the Court and a permanent Earl Marshal to the Monarch. There are over 20 sumptuous rooms with art by Canaletto, Van Dyck, Gainsborough and the gold rosary which Mary Queen of Scots carried to her execution. From here, we'll make our way to the historic city of Chichester to pay a visit to the delightful cathedral founded in 1075. You'll have some free time here to explore, before we head back to our hotel. We'll have supper at the Ram Inn in Firle along the way. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LITTLE HORSTED**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND - This morning a visit to the beautiful house and grounds of Parham House, for a private guided tour. Parham is owned and lived in by Emma Barnard and her family (Viscount Cowdray and the Pearsons – owners of the Financial Times!) and is an outstanding example of a living working estate dating back hundreds of years. Not only is the house particularly beautiful but the landscaped gardens are breathtaking, and we will be guided around the house, followed by a light lunch and a chance to wander the gardens at leisure. This afternoon, we will visit the glorious privately owned Firle Place, which has been in the same family for almost a thousand years and who are related to the Knights Templars of Warwickshire, with significant connections to William the Conqueror and the areas we visited on our previous tour in 2019. The collections and grounds are simply stunning. This evening, we'll enjoy a private tour and tasting at the award-winning Bolney Vineyard Estate followed by supper, before we return to the hotel for a final night. **(B, L, D) OVERNIGHT: LITTLE HORSTED**



ARUNDEL CASTLE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD - Leaving this morning after breakfast, we will head to the city of Winchester for a visit to Winchester Cathedral. With roots in the 7th century, the present cathedral was started in the 11th century by William the Conqueror on the site of the "Old Minster." This was the most important Royal church in Saxon England and was the burial place for some of the earliest English kings, including Alfred the Great, King Cnut and William the Conqueror's son William Rufus. From here, we cross into Thomas Hardy's Wessex which, although fictional, was based on the Saxon geographic region. Our accommodation just beyond the New Forest and across the southern part of Dorset, will be at the award-winning and family-owned Priory Hotel in Wareham, where the inlets of water from Poole Harbour and estuary come to the edge of the gardens, and this is a very picturesque spot. Wareham was an important settlement dating from 600AD, this has been the site of Saxon and Norman forts, and was a vital port, now sandwiched between Poole and Weymouth. The earliest remaining architecture dates to the 15th Century, but the atmosphere surrounding the settlement conveys the historic importance of this geographic location and its proximity to Corfe Castle. We will dine together in the hotel restaurant this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: WAREHAM**



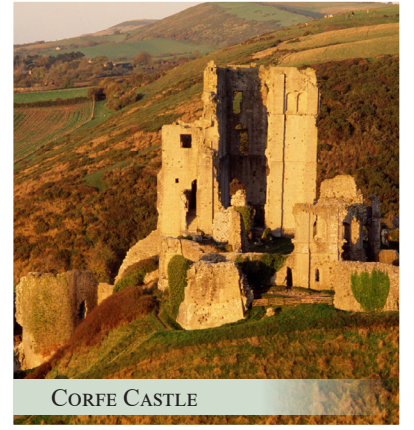
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH - This morning a glimpse perhaps of the famous ancient Cerne Giant carved out of the chalk hillside of the downs. From here, we will spend a little time in the ancient town of Dorchester and explore. Famous not only for the 1834 Tolpuddle Martyrs' rebellion against agricultural wages, Dorchester was the fictional location for The Mayor of Casterbridge. From here we will visit Abbotsbury Swannery, the only swan sanctuary in England and on the site of the 11th Century monastery on the edge of Chesil Beach and the Jurassic coast. Lunch at The Parlour, Burton Bradstock. This afternoon, a visit to the iconic and much photographed Lulworth Castle where we will be able to take a tour and have tea perhaps afterwards for those who wish. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: WAREHAM**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH - No visit to this part of England and the Jurassic coast is complete without a visit to the amazing cliffs of Durdle Door. Here we can take in the view perhaps with a cup of coffee at the beach café, before we have lunch at the Weld Arms. A good estate Inn, we will then head to the Castle built by William the Conqueror at Corfe. This has been an important stronghold for hundreds of years and was a noted Royal Palace. Private guided tour, and an opportunity to take one of the tearoom's famous afternoon cream teas! Afterwards, we'll 'drive by' King Harry's Rocks and Swanage, and the beautiful beach of Studland Bay before we head home for dinner. **(B, L, D) OVERNIGHT: WAREHAM**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH - Thomas Hardy used a fictionalized 'Wessex' as the setting for many of his novels, and much of his work is featured here. We will visit Thomas Hardy's cottage, his birthplace, and his later home at Max Gate, both of which are looked after now by the National Trust. This afternoon, we will visit Sherborne Castle which was built in 1594 by Sir Walter Raleigh. The ancient Abbey and town buildings are a great delight - Sherborne Abbey was a Saxon Cathedral before becoming a Benedictine Abbey and is right in the heart of this famous town with winding streets and alleys to explore. We will have a guided tour and talk here before we attend Evensong at 6.30 p.m. We will dine together in the hotel for our final night here. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: WAREHAM**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH - Departing Dorset, we will make our way up to the area of North Wessex and Berkshire via the stone circle of Avebury, erected some 3,000 years before the Saxons arrived on our shores. Our final night accommodation is at the riverside private club of Phyllis Court, on the banks of the Royal River Thames at Henley. Tonight we will have a very special private tour and farewell dinner at Stonor, an important Roman Catholic stronghold and home of a former Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty The Queen, Lord Camoys. The family have lived here for over 850 years and there are many items of rare furniture and works of art here. A 14th-century chapel sits with buildings dating to the 12th century and there are some lovely gardens giving outstanding views of the Park and valley below. Alexandra worked with Lord Camoys for some years and we are sure to spend a delightful evening here before we say goodbye. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: HENLEY**



CORFE CASTLE

TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER - Morning transfers to London Heathrow Airport for your return flights back to the U.S. **(B)**

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

REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on this form.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$1000 per person, if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

NAME(S). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Please also include your "Known As" or preferred name, if applicable.

PASSPORT DETAILS. This information is required by airlines and having it helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

ADDRESS. If you have a temporary address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.

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 and return dates and your departure airport or city.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour, or if you wish to deviate from the group flights, Discover Europe will be happy to make your flight arrangements 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. It is essential that we receive your complete flight information at least 90 days prior to your trip departure.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please use this section to let us know your preference.

We will always book non-smoking rooms when available. 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.

PAYMENT PROTECTION PLAN

Please indicate here if you would be interested in applying for our Payment Protection Plan. Please see website or brochure for instructions and terms & conditions.



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TRIP DETAILS FOR AN EXPLORATION OF ROYAL WESSEX 0918/AEW

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

PASSENGER DETAILS

Passport Name:

1. _____
 Title First Middle Last

2. _____
 Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport 1#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Passport 2#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Special Dietary Requirements or Allergies: _____

Health Information: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

E-mail: _____

Preferred Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
 circle one

Secondary Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
 circle one

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

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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., 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 laws of the countries in your itinerary, including local health and safety regulations, and following the directions of the tour guide. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your health, 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

1. A deposit of \$1000 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure. A late fee of \$100 per person may be added to balances still outstanding 60 days prior to departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Primary Telephone: (_____) _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION (Please check one)

Departure Airport or City: _____

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

If self-arranged, please provide us with the full details by mail or email at **least** 90 days prior to departure.

EXTENSION INFORMATION

I/we plan on extending before or after the tour: Yes No

If yes, I would like to extend to: _____

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. 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.
3. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 12-16 participants. Should we end up with less than 12 people, we will determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
4. Late registrations (received within 60 days of departure) may also incur extra fees and charges as discounted rates for hotels and airfares may no longer be available so close to departure. Participants will be made aware of any such charges before their registration is accepted.

REFUND POLICY

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$1000 cancellation penalty per person*.
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: \$2000 per person*
 - 60 days - trip departure: no refund (unless traveler has insurance)*
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the payment 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. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
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 transferable.

* Unless enrolled in our payment protection plan

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.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS (Please check one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a double twin-bedded room

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.

Yes No

I would like to enroll in the Payment Protection Plan.

Yes No

SIGNATURES

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

