

# CHRISTMAS IN LONDON

featuring **HIGHCLERE CASTLE-BATH-HAMPTON COURT PALACE**



*Join Karyn and Blue Badge Guide Tony Abbot for a tour rich in history, tradition, Christmas Markets and an exclusive PRIVATE tour of Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey)*

## December 4 - 10, 2021

6 Days - 3 nights London/2 nights Bath

### \$3,139 per person

single supplement add \$479

**Included:** Land package as described, direct flights from Boston, Cape transfers.

**\$350 per person deposit -balance due September 14, 2021**

**optional trip insurance \$239 due with deposit - Note: Highclere Castle Ticket is NOT refundable (\$350)**



- PRIVATE guided tour of Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey)
- Christmas Markets-Bath, Cotswold's and London
- Walking Tour of Bath
- Tour of Cotswolds and Bampton
- Hampton Court Palace
- Traditional English Tea & Pub Dinner
- Escorted London Sightseeing
- Harrod's Food Court
- Hop On Hop Off Bus London
- English Breakfast Daily

*This tour has been custom designed by Karyn Wendell through CIE Tours. Order of visits may be adjusted for weather. Pub Dinner Day 2 and Lunch Day 4 have been arranged by Adventures with Karyn.*

**For more exclusive details and to book this tour contact:**

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**Saturday, December 4 - DEPART THE UNITED STATES** Depart the Cape with included airport transfers and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your adventure.

**Sunday, December 5 - LONDON ARRIVAL AND BATH** Upon arrival at Heathrow Airport and completing customs and immigration formalities we will meet our CIE Driver and Guide. Next, we will travel through the festive western villages of Marlborough and Lacock before arriving in the UNESCO city of Bath-famous for its natural hot springs for almost 2,000 years! After a guided walking tour-enjoy afternoon tea at the Pump Room which dates back to 1795 and is one of the most famous buildings in England. You will have time to visit the Bath Christmas Market after checking into our centrally located hotel. Tonight you can dine at one of the many restaurants or pubs scattered through the city. **(Afternoon Tea) OVERNIGHT: FRANCIS HOTEL, BATH**

**Monday, December 6 - HIGHCLERE CASTLE AND THE COTSWOLDS** Today, enjoy a PRIVATE tour of Highclere Castle, which is set amidst 1,000 acres of spectacular parkland. The castle and surrounding gardens have played host to the hugely successful PBS drama series Downton Abbey, which was filmed on the grounds. After our visit we will travel through the beautiful and hilly countryside of the Cotswold's-the houses are mainly built of local honey-colored stone. The quaint villages we will travel through have remained almost unchanged for over 200 years. Next, we will visit the small town of Bampton in Oxfordshire-the fictitious town of Downton. The Village was used for filming outdoor scenes, most notably St. Mary's Church and the library, which serves as the entrance to the Cottage Hospital. Tonight enjoy dinner at a local pub. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: FRANCIS HOTEL, BATH**

**Tuesday, December 7 - HAMPTON COURT PALACE** Today we travel East towards London. After a morning stop in the Village of Salisbury, we will visit Hampton Court Palace which is set in manicured gardens and parkland close to the River Thames. Tour the Palace and see the collections of pictures, furniture and tapestries. Special attractions include: the Tudor Kitchens, Great Gatehouse and a maze that that was laid out in the time of William III. Enjoy lunch here before departing for London and checking into our hotel - located near several museums and the Knightsbridge shopping area. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: RADISSON BLU VANDERBULT, LONDON**

**Wednesday, December 8 - LONDON - HOP ON HOP OFF** Today you have the choice of spending the entire day at your leisure exploring London or joining Tony on an escorted option. Use your Hop On Hop Off bus voucher to get better acquainted with the city. There are a number of different bus routes to choose from as well as a walking tour and a cruise on the River Thames. You will also have an Oyster card (Tube) at your disposal. Tonight, try fine local British cuisines at one of the many venues located within London or perhaps see a show at one of the theaters in the West End. **(B) OVERNIGHT: RADISSON BLU VANDERBILT HOTEL, LONDON**

**Thursday, December 9 - LONDON AT LEISURE** Enjoy another free day to sightsee and shop in London. Your Hop on Off Bus voucher is still available to use. You may like to visit the British Museum, which was created to showcase human culture and history or the Churchill War Rooms, which were in use during World War II. Perhaps you would like to take a ride on the London Eye, which offers a 360 degree view of the city and surrounding areas. Regardless of your interest, there is something for everyone in the City of London. In the afternoon, visit the London Christmas Market. This evening, you are free to dine at one of the many restaurants or pubs scattered throughout the city. **(B) OVERNIGHT: RADISSON BLU VANDERBILT HOTEL, LONDON**

**Friday, December 10 - RETURN TO BOSTON** Enjoy a leisurely morning before transferring to London Airport and checking in for your direct flight to Boston. Enjoy duty-free shopping before boarding your flight **(B)**

**Visits:** All visits are outlined on the above itinerary and included in the cost unless otherwise stated.

**Tour notes:** London at Leisure will include AM escorted options on Day 5 and 6 and an afternoon option on Day 5 with Escort-these options include: Museum Visits, Thames River Cruise to Greenwich, Visit to Windsor (additional \$ to visit Windsor Castle) and London Christmas Markets. Day 6 afternoon is free time.

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