

Extend Your Cruise with 3 Nights in Oxford & Highclere Castle

Overview

Spend three days amid the rolling hills of England's countryside. Enjoy an exclusive visit to Highclere Castle, recognized by fans worldwide as the "real Downton Abbey." And explore the historic University of Oxford and Blenheim Palace, a UNESCO Site and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED:

- 3 hotel nights in Oxford (as shown or similar)
- 4 meals: 3 breakfasts (B) & 1 lunch (L)
- 3 guided tours: Privileged Access to Highclere Castle; Oxford Walking Tour; Blenheim Palace
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- Eurostar transportation between London and Paris
- All transfers

Itinerary

Day 1 - London, England

Fly to London and take a ride to the historic town of Oxford, about an hour away. Check in to your centrally located hotel and relax this evening. Your Viking Tour Director is available to help you plan your time in Oxford so you can make the most of your visit.

Day 2 - Highclere Castle, England

This afternoon, journey through the rolling Hampshire countryside to Highclere Castle, the "real Downton Abbey." Built in the Victorian Gothic style by Sir Charles Barry, who also built the Houses of Parliament, this is the country seat of the distinguished Earls of Carnarvon. You will be welcomed with a cup of tea before touring the castle's public rooms. After lunch, drive through the enchanting Cotswolds, stopping in Bampton, the filming location of the fictional Downton Village. (B, L)

Day 3 - Blenheim Palace & Oxford, England

Enjoy a walking tour of the colleges of the oldest university in the English-speaking world—Oxford University. One of the world's most prestigious establishments, it has educated Nobel Prize winners, monarchs and world leaders, authors, and actors. Afterward, visit Blenheim Palace, the seat of the Dukes of Marlborough and birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, for a tour of its grand State Rooms. Upon your return to Oxford, you may enjoy lunch at your leisure. (B)

Day 4 - Paris, France

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and drive to St. Pancras International Station in London. Board the high-speed Eurostar train, which will take you to Paris in less than three hours to begin your itinerary. (B)

Hotels

Your Hotel

All hotels are chosen for their proximity to local sites, English-speaking staff and overall guest experience. Each includes the assistance of an on-site Viking Host or a Viking Tour Director for fully escorted programs. At the time of booking, a room will be reserved for you, with the exact hotel confirmed 6 months prior to your departure.

NOTE:

Optional Shore Excursions: a selection of additional excursions may be available to enhance your extension experience. Optional excursions will be bookable in MyVikingJourney.com when your cruise shore excursions open for sale.

Extension is not available on all departure dates; confirm availability & seasonal pricing when booking. Pricing may vary by departure or activity date. Activity order may vary. Accommodations are subject to change depending on availability; if advertised hotel is not available, a similar hotel will be confirmed. Any included flights are economy class. Luggage restrictions may apply on intra-country flights. Specific details will be provided once program is confirmed. Shore excursions are subject to change and may vary by departure.

The following meals are included for all days as listed: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner