

Cotswolds

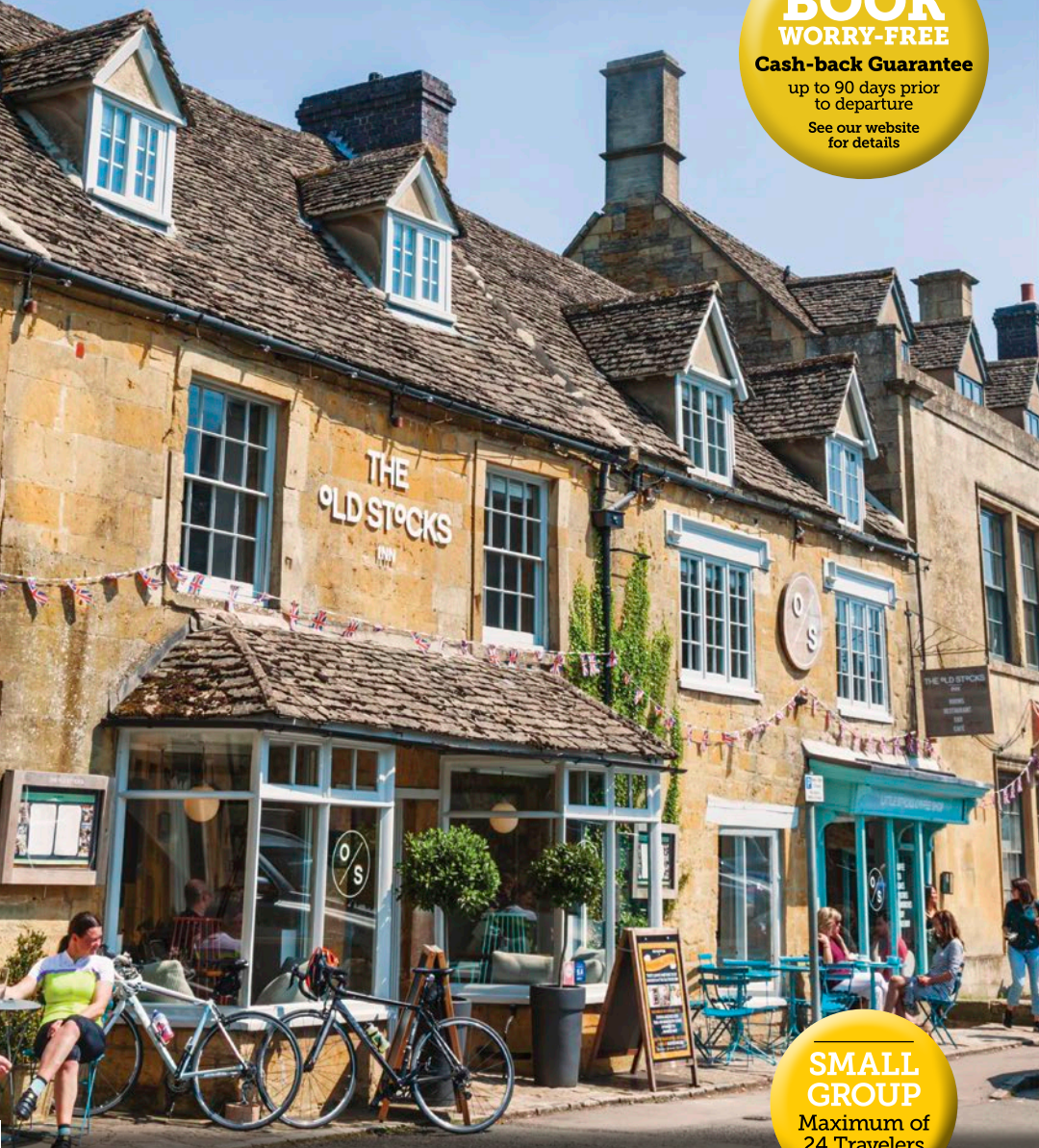
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A World of Discovery



There's magic to be found in the Cotswolds! Here, gentle morning mists unveil ancient woodlands and wildflower meadows, trickling streams and the historic birthplaces of great English icons. Get a taste of this captivating region within its fine cities bursting with Roman heritage and its delightful market towns that owe their elegance to the wool trade. Ample free time allows you to craft your own magical moments by visiting local gastro pubs, savoring tea and delicious scones, or browsing antique shops. From England's revered highlights to its natural beauty, this one-of-a-kind journey will leave you breathless!

Inspiring Moments

- Soak up the alluring romance, history and quaint charms of the **Cotswolds**, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- Travel through millennia to Roman times in **Bath**, lauded for its elegant Georgian architecture and storied bathing complex.
- Uncover the life and legacy of William Shakespeare in **Stratford-upon-Avon**.
- Tour **Blenheim Palace** where Sir Winston Churchill was born and raised.
- Visit a **Cotswolds family farm** to enjoy a slice of traditional English country life.
- Enlighten your inner scholar beneath the ivory towers of the **University of Oxford**.
- Explore England's unspoiled countryside, marveling at **handsome Cotswolds villages and sleepy hamlets**.
- Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites and a UNESCO Memory of the World**.

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Top: Blenheim Palace | Above: Cotswolds, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Cover: Stow-on-the Wold, Cotswolds | Mail panel: Phone box | City of Bath



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Travel is an enriching part of our lives, connecting us to new worlds, new friends, and each other. Today, planning a trip requires a plan. At the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, we've spent 52-plus years planning, perfecting, and executing extraordinary, exclusive trips for Michigan travelers — trips you'd expect from, and for, the Leaders and Best. These adventures will take you beyond an ordinary visit and dive into the culture, history, cuisine, and lives of the locals at your destination.

Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from us ...

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We invite you to explore the range of our collection at umalumni.com/travel.

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University of Oxford



Oxford

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for London, England. 🚗

Day 2 | London, England | Woodstock

Arrive in London and transfer 🚗 to Woodstock. Check in to the Macdonald Bear Hotel.

Spend time exploring Woodstock, host to tea shops, inviting pubs and fine museums. Later, gather to enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner with your fellow travelers.

Day 3 | Oxford | Woodstock

Discovery: Oxford. After a satisfying breakfast, head off to the city of Oxford to witness the oldest university in the English-speaking world. Four British kings, 47 Nobel Prize winners, one pope and many other notable students graduated from Oxford. A walking tour showcases the precincts of the colleges. Along the way, enjoy a closer look at one of the colleges.

Discovery: Blenheim Palace. Welcome to Blenheim Palace, the birthplace of Winston Churchill and a celebrated UNESCO World Heritage site. This majestic palace was a gift from Queen Anne to General John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough to celebrate his victory at the Battle of Blenheim in 1704. Enjoy a tour of the palace's elegant staterooms, marveling at the priceless collections and portraits. Explore the formal gardens and delight in the sprawling parklands designed by "Capability" Brown.

Day 4 | Stratford-Upon-Avon

Enrichment: English Writing Tradition.

Join an expert who shares fascinating insights into the life of English writers.

Discovery: Stratford-Upon-Avon. Witness the medieval market town that kindled William Shakespeare's love stories and venerated tales.

Begin at the family house of Anne Hathaway, Shakespeare's true love, and witness her family's heirlooms and other special reminders. Next, visit the Tudor thatched cottage where William Shakespeare grew up before becoming the world's greatest dramatist. Step into the rooms where he daydreamed and where he perhaps conjured up his stories of human emotion and conflict.

Delve further into Shakespearean history as you enjoy exclusive access to the UNESCO-listed Shakespeare Documents. These 400-year-old documents relate to Shakespeare's life events, business dealings and theatrical life. Archivists and Shakespeare experts share insights into the writer's life and noteworthy contributions.

Day 5 | Cotswolds Villages

Discovery: Cotswolds ~ A Journey Through an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Delight in breathtaking rural England as you discover endearing Cotswolds villages, each with its own unique history and character. Visit Stow-on-the-Wold, designed with narrow lanes



Anne Hathaway's house, Stratford-Upon-Avon



Roman Baths, Bath

UNESCO World Heritage

1. **City of Bath**
2. **Blenheim Palace**
3. **The Shakespeare Documents**

Enjoy chatting with the owners and learning about their lives. Then relax over a tasty lunch.

Free Time: Return to Woodstock and make your own plans during an afternoon at leisure.

Day 7 | Bath

Discovery: Bath. Trace ancient history as you walk through the well-preserved city of Bath, a beautiful UNESCO World Heritage site along the River Avon. Bath was built around the only natural hot spring in Great Britain, and the city was originally an exclusive spa getaway for European aristocrats. Explore the renowned Roman Baths, a true feat of engineering with chambers containing baths, heated rooms and plunge pools. Admire the stunning architecture of Bath Abbey, Pulteney Bridge and the 18th-century Georgian Royal Crescent, a row of 30 terraced houses with Georgian façades and Romanesque columns. During your tour, ponder what life must have been like in Britain so many centuries ago.

Free Time: Enjoy lunch and follow your own path in this sophisticated city. You may wish to indulge at the Thermae Bath Spa or browse Bath's glittering emporiums for a bespoke gift.

that allowed for easy shepherding during the wool trade era. Continue to Bourton-on-the-Water, famous for its ancient stone bridges spanning the tranquil river. Also admire the market town of Chipping Campden, known for its long High Street in the town center. You may drive through Moreton-in-Marsh and Minster Lovell, nestled along the romantic River Windrush. Enjoy this glimpse back to when locals lived a slower, gentler pace of life.

Enrichment: Contemporary England.

A local expert discusses England's current political, social and cultural developments.

Day 6 | Cotswolds

🌍 **AHI Connects: Traditional Cotswolds**

Life. Visit a sprawling rural farm located in the heart of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Tour the family property and learn about the farm's traditions and operations.



Bourton-on-the-Water



Rousham House and Gardens



Day 8 | **Woodstock**

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

•**Blenheim Park Circular.** Head to Blenheim Park and stretch your legs on a brisk walk around the beautiful gardens. Along the way, take in the lovely scenery and views of the River Glyme and refuel over refreshments at a local café or pub. *(Active)*

•**Rousham House and Gardens.** Drive to the Rousham House and Gardens for a tour of the Gothic manor house and perfectly appointed grounds. Designed by British architect William Kent, the property is the purest example of an Augustan landscape garden. Enjoy the property's sights, such as the lovely pigeon house, espalier apple trees and lush woodlands.

Free Time: After today's adventure, spend an afternoon at leisure in Woodstock. Take one final stroll through this beloved town or gather with friends at a local pub.

Raise a toast to your fellow travelers as you cap off your final evening at tonight's Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | **In Transit**

Transfer ➡ to London airport for the return flight ✈ to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

✈Flights and ➡transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note About Activity Levels

We have rated the activity levels of our excursions to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website for more specific details.

Excursions on this program require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches

Included Features

Accommodations {with baggage handling}
– **7 nights** in Woodstock, England, at the first-class Macdonald Bear Hotel.

Extensive Meal Program
– 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners; including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
– Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at a maximum of 24 travelers.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
 - Stroll through the renowned university city of Oxford.
 - Visit Blenheim Palace, the birthplace of Winston Churchill.
 - Encounter Stratford-Upon-Avon, where the great wordsmith Shakespeare lived.
 - Delight in the warm, honey-colored villages of the Cotswolds.
 - Meet with a local family in the heart of the Cotswolds.
 - Explore the English city of Bath.

– **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey**
A choice of excursions in select locales.

Woodstock | Blenheim Park Circular *(Active)* | Rousham House and Gardens
– Free time to pursue your individual interests.

– **AHI Sustainability Promise:**
We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
 - Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
 - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
 - Tipping of guides and drivers.
 - Complimentary travel mementos.





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Before you go:

Travel Consultants | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.

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Travel Information | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. Our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

Travel Director | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.

Expert Guides | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.

Lecturers | Coming from all walks of life, our engaging local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

Macdonald Bear Hotel | Woodstock



The notable Macdonald Bear Hotel is nestled in the heart of beautiful Woodstock near Blenheim Palace. This charming property, set in a 13th-century inn, has an ivy-cloaked façade and welcomes guests with warm, rich interiors and a relaxing courtyard. Enjoy delicious British dishes prepared at the restaurant or sit by an open fire, savoring a fine wine or ale. Browse the modern art and jewelry on display from local craftspeople or walk to nearby cafes, antique shops and pubs. At the day's end, settle into your traditional bedroom featuring satellite television, antique furniture and pleasing décor.



Left: Macdonald Bear Hotel | Above: Town Hall, Woodstock

Cotswolds Escape

Trip #:13-27610W

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Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

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- ☐ I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$895 (limited availability).
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☐ Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to London, England, to depart from: _____

Departure City

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- ☐ First Class
- ☐ Business Class
- ☐ Premium Economy

☐ No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by July 1, 2023 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by Bank Transfer, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. If paying by check, please call for details before submitting.

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Program Dates

Air Program dates: September 14-22, 2023

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\$4,045

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Shakespeare statue, Stratford-Upon-Avon



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Market stall, Chipping Campden



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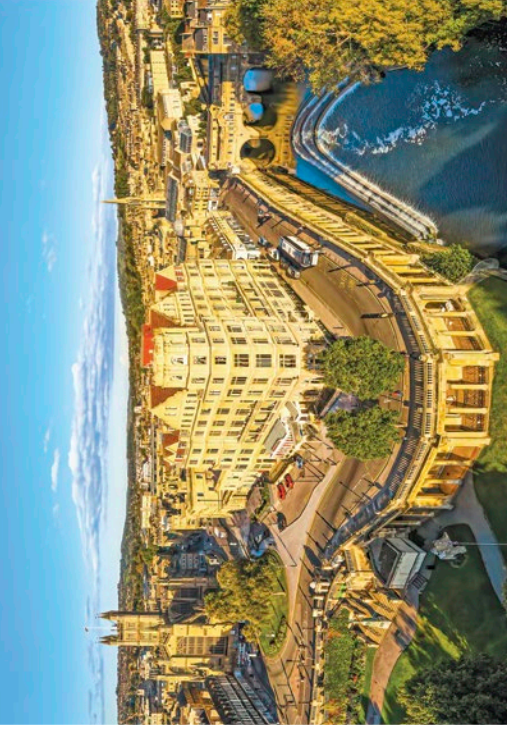


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