

DIANE'S ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME FABRIC & FASHION TOUR

BIRMINGHAM QUILT SHOW
LIVERPOOL - THE COTSWOLDS
OXFORD - BATH - LONDON

JULY 29 - AUGUST 9, 2025



Dear Friends,

I spent 15 years as a National Educator for Sulky of America. My high energy presentations and classes, whimsically creative samples and infectious enthusiasm created fun every step of the way! I am thrilled to invite you to join me on an unforgettable tour of England that promises to be a perfect blend of creative inspiration, charm, a musical blast to our pasts, textile designers, history and a shopping trip in fashionable and fabric-rich London!

Our tour begins with Europe's largest quilt show in Birmingham where we'll savor the amazing talent of some of the world's finest quilters and visit the vendors where you'll be tempted to an incredible assortment of unique fabrics, notions, threads and more.

We'll stroll through the stunning Trentham Gardens and then kick up our heels as we dive into the musical heart of Liverpool. Experience the Beatle's legacy firsthand with a Magical Mystery Bus Tour. Dance the night away or just sing along to the beloved classics at The Cavern where we'll eat dinner.

Delight in the enchanting charm of The Cotswolds where we'll visit the Woollen Weavers.

And what's a trip to England without a little history thrown in as we visit the Roman Baths, Stonehenge, and Windsor Castle?!!!

We'll be treated to a behind the scenes studio tour at Britain's oldest embroidery house and a quintessential English Tea.

And then off to London to visit the legendary Tower of London, the Fashion & Textile Museum, and shopping of course!

Join me solo or two-by-two for a tour of laughter, learning, and fun!

Diane Gloystein,
Tour Host

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Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 888-549-1186. Space is limited.

Birmingham - Boats & Canals



July 29, 2025 - Tuesday

Traveling to England

Our trip of a lifetime begins as we take an overnight flight to London. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your dream vacation.

July 30, 2025 - Wednesday

Stratford-upon-Avon - Birmingham

Welcome to England! Upon arrival, we will meet our private tour guide, who will accompany us throughout the trip. We will board our private motor coach and take a short 90-minute drive to Stratford-upon-Avon. A rich brunch is served before our walking tour takes us through this charming English market town's streets, steeped in history and literary significance. Along the way, we will pass picturesque Tudor architecture and enjoy views of the River Avon. We will step through the magnificent Tudor doors into the very house where celebrated playwright, poet, and dramatist William Shakespeare was born and be transported into another world! In the late afternoon, we will reach our incredibly charming accommodation. Dinner is served and, ...good night! B | D

July 31, 2025 - Thursday

Birmingham

After a delightful breakfast, we head out to discover the Festival of Quilts. We have dedicated the entire day to experiencing the biggest quilting show in Europe, featuring workshops, talks, one of the world's largest quilt competitions, a huge range of quilt materials and brands to shop from, and so much more! Our private motor coach is available to shuttle you to and from the Festival. Dinner at our hotel. B | D

August 1, 2025 - Friday

Trentham Gardens - Chester - Liverpool

After a rich breakfast, we will depart Birmingham, and our first stop today is Trentham Gardens, a breathtaking estate in Staffordshire that blends historic charm

Sudeley Castle



with contemporary landscape design. Italian gardens, floral displays, and wooded areas are perfect for our serene walk. Next is Chester, a fabulous city covering almost 2,000 years of one of England's best-kept secrets. We will ramble along some of the city's most iconic streets, rub shoulders with its must-see landmarks, and explore its intriguing past. The magnificent Chester Cathedral, the iconic Town Hall, and Eastgate Clock - the second most photographed clock in England (after Big Ben!) are just some of the sights we will take in. Our day ends in the City of Beatles, Liverpool. Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at the birthplace of The Beatles, the Cavern Club. Get ready to sing along while enjoying dinner. B | D

August 2, 2025 - Saturday

Liverpool

After a hearty breakfast, we will enjoy the Beatles Magical Mystery Tour, which will take us on a journey through the history of The Beatles. Highlights of this tour are the Childhood homes of The Beatles, Penny Lane and Strawberry Field, and Abbey Road Studios. Next, we will embark on a Liverpool city center walking tour to learn about the city's rich maritime history and cultural legacy. The remainder of the day is yours to shop, people-watch, and relax. B

August 3, 2025 - Sunday

The Cotswolds

After a rich breakfast, we will leave Liverpool and head towards fairy tale Cotswolds. Our first stop today is at Little Moreton Hall, a striking Tudor manor house renowned for its iconic timber-framed architecture. Its quirky, crooked appearance and intricate black-and-white patterns seem to defy gravity as it rises above a charming moat. We will explore the richly decorated rooms and learn about the fascinating history of the Moreton family, who lived there for centuries. Surrounded by picturesque gardens, the Hall offers a glimpse into England's Tudor

Cotswolds Woollen Weavers



past and an unforgettable step back in time. Up next is Sudeley Castle. Playing a seminal role in England's extraordinary royal history and one-time home of Henry VIII's widow, Catherine Parr, Sudeley Castle enjoys its reputation as one of the most breathtaking and instantly recognisable fortresses in England. We will take a stroll through the Castle's fabulous private apartments and discover its remarkable antiques and artworks. The real allure of Sudeley is surely its ten quintessentially English gardens, home to dazzling avenues of sculpted yews, an exquisite knot garden, and the intoxicating Queen's Garden, brimming with roses and once walked by no less than four English queens. And, of course, don't miss the infamous Sudeley pheasantry, home to one of the largest public collections of rare and endangered species of pheasants from around the world. We will stop for a leisurely lunch in the picturesque Burton-on-the-Water. Cameras out, everyone! The evening is yours to relax at our peaceful hotel, where dinner is served. B | D

August 4, 2025 - Monday

Woollen Weavers - Oxford - Bampton

We will enjoy breakfast, and then visit Cotswold Woollen Weavers, a charming blend of history, craft, and tradition nestled in the heart of the Cotswolds. Celebrating over 300 years of woollen weaving heritage, the museum offers a fascinating glimpse into the region's rich textile history, showcasing the craftsmanship that made the Cotswolds famous for its wool. The shop is a treasure trove of beautifully woven goods, from traditional woollen blankets and scarves to contemporary designs, all made with locally sourced materials. Close by is Oxford, and we will immerse ourselves in its rich history during our walking tour. Oxford Castle and Prison is one of our stops, a historical site which can be traced back to the 11th century when a motte-and-bailey castle was constructed on the site. Over the centuries, the castle underwent various

Oxford



renovations and expansions, becoming an important stronghold and royal residence. Free time for lunch. Ready for some Downton Abbey fun? Bampton, a village in Oxfordshire, served as one of the filming locations for the popular television series. Bampton was chosen for its well-preserved historic buildings and picturesque streets. See St. Mary's Church (the exterior was used as the Downton Abbey parish church, appearing in several wedding and funeral scenes), Bampton Library (served as the exterior Downton Cottage Hospital), and Churchgate House (a beautiful Georgian house, which as used as Isobel Crawley's home). After a beautiful day, we will return to our lovely hotel for dinner and an evening at leisure. B | D

August 5, 2025 - Tuesday

Lacock - Roman Bath

Breakfast is served at a slow pace this morning before we board our motor coach and continue our wonderful journey through the English countryside. We will stop to stroll Castle Combe, also known as "The Prettiest Village in England," and you will soon understand why. By the Middle Ages, the village in the valley had become an important center for the wool industry. The spinsters and weavers lived in the cottages, and the river, still known as By Brook, provided the power to run the mills. In recent times, the village has played host to many filming activities, the most famous being "Doctor Doolittle" filmed in and around the village in 1966. Have you ever heard about Lacock Abbey? This magnificent medieval monastery stands as a testament to centuries of history and architectural grandeur. Originally founded in the early 13th century, the abbey's imposing stone walls, intricate Gothic architecture, and tranquil cloisters offer a captivating journey through time. Renowned for its well-preserved medieval interiors, including the impressive Chapter House and atmospheric cloisters, the abbey will take your breath

Always time for Tea ...High Tea!



away. Our day ends in Bath, founded by the Romans as a thermal spa and an important center of the wool industry in the Middle Ages. The entire city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built above Bath's 115° hot springs around 70 AD, and today one of the best-preserved Roman remains in the world, the breathtaking Roman Baths is surely one of the thrilling highlights of our journey. Preserved within are its four main features, the Roman Temple, the Sacred Spring, the Roman Bath House, and a fabulous museum containing a remarkable collection of artifacts from Aquae Sulis. Check into our centrally located hotel for a peaceful evening. B

August 6, 2025 - Wednesday

Stonehenge/Avebury - Windsor - London
Stone circle, manor house, museum, and modern village - it is hard to know where to begin your journey through the history of the utterly captivating Avebury, but one thing is for sure ... you won't leave here without wanting to return to this remarkable place! We will learn all about the magic of Avebury before we arrive in Windsor to explore and experience Windsor Castle, the largest occupied castle in the world; get ready for a grand day! Lunch is served in Windsor. In the late afternoon, we will check into our wonderful hotel in the heart of London. B | L

August 7, 2025 - Thursday

Royal Warrants - Shopping - Afternoon Tea
This morning, you will discover the art of bespoke hand embroidery with a behind-the-scenes experience at Britain's oldest embroidery house on the Hand & Lock Studio Tour. Next, leisurely shopping at Liberty London, the world-renowned department store located in the heart of London's West End. The store is particularly famous for its fabrics and prints, which are designed in-house and used in the store's own fashion and home collections. Our exciting day ends with an Afternoon Tea, a tradition dating back more than 200 years when, struck

Love London!



by hunger pangs somewhere between lunch and dinner, the Duchess of Bedford invited her friends over for tea and "a light refreshment" in her rooms at Woburn Abbey. Word of her teatime innovation spread, and on her return to London, "Afternoon Tea" was deliciously inescapable. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy London. B | AT

August 8, 2025 - Wednesday

London

This morning, we will visit the Tower of London. Few parts of the UK are as steeped in legend, superstition, and extraordinary historical moments as the notorious Tower of London. But despite its grisly reputation as a place of torture and death, within its walls, you'll also discover the enthralling history of a royal palace, a working armory, treasury, and zoo - and the world's largest diamond, the 106-carat Koh-i-Nur, or "Mountain of Light." Join one of the legendary Beefeaters on a tour and hear their bloody tales; stand on the spot - if you dare! Next, we are off to visit the Fashion and Textile Museum, a vibrant hub dedicated to showcasing the creativity and history of fashion, textiles, and jewelry. The exhibitions cover a wide range of topics, from historical fashion trends to contemporary textile innovations and the works of influential designers. The afternoon is at leisure before we meet up to enjoy a dinner cruise, the most beautiful way to say a fond farewell to an incredible journey. B | D

August 9, 2025 - Thursday

Traveling home

All too soon, our journey has come to an end. Transfer to Heathrow airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and to clear security before boarding and flying west across The Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B | Meals during flights

The itinerary subject to change.

**B = Breakfast, L = Lunch,
AT = Afternoon Tea, D = Dinner**



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Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$5,995

Per person in a single room: \$7,795

Limited number of single rooms available.
Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

We offer a "Pair & Share" service. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate if you would like to share a room!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on April 1, 2025, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payments (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:

Register by December 31, 2024, and receive a **\$200 DISCOUNT!**

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 travelers. Should the number fall below 20, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Group airfare:

See separate insert.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3+ 4

This tour involves an extensive amount of walking, stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. Expect to walk 4-5 miles a day. This trip is **not** recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended.

Hotel Accommodation (final accommodations 90 days prior):

Birmingham: New Hall Hotel or similar

Liverpool: Hilton Liverpool City or similar

Cotswolds: De Vere Cotswolds or similar

Bath: Hampton by Hilton or similar

London: Cumberland Hotel or similar

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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Included:

- 10 nights during the tour at local 4-star hotels
- 11 x breakfast
- 1 x lunch
- 6 x dinner
- 1 x Afternoon Tea
- All transportation as per the tour program
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- English-speaking professional tour guide in England
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Headphones/audio headsets where required
- Host, Diane Gloystein, July 29 - August 9, 2025
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as of October 19, 2024

Not Included:

- Airfare, see separate insert.
- Additional airline baggage fees (your first checked piece up to 50 lbs is free)
- Birmingham Quilt Festival Show Tickets*
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than those mentioned
- Gratuities to guides and drivers (estimate a total of \$15 per day)
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at the time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

** Note: Tickets to the Birmingham Quilt Festival will become available by March 1, 2025. Estimate \$30 per person. All registered travelers will be notified.*



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July 29, 2025	Dallas (DFW) - London, Heathrow	3:05 PM - 6:25 AM (July 30, 2025)
August 9, 2025	London, Heathrow - Chicago	2:25 PM - 5:00 PM
August 9, 2025	Chicago - Omaha*	8:15 PM - 9:58 PM

\$1,250 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur.

Important notes about seat assignments, upgrades, TSA Pre-Check- & Frequent Flyer Numbers:

- Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. We cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).
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Economy Plus can be purchased and confirmed **once the tickets are issued** = 30 days prior to departure. Estimate a supplement of \$600-\$900.
Premium Economy can be reserved **at the time of booking** your trip with us. Estimate a supplement of \$3,000-\$4,000.
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