



EXPLORE
authentic
ENGLAND



TOURS & SERVICES 2020

OUR STORY

We are a very different kind of tour operator. Our mission is to enrich the lives of everyone we encounter; our staff, our guests & our partners & transform the tour experience; to one based upon the quality of the experience, stories, connection & personal relationships & meaning.

We delight in sharing the best & breadth of our region; the essence of England that includes the well-known & iconic but also shares with our guests the hidden, undiscovered & the enchanting. We eschew rigid itineraries, scripts, impersonal delivery & the generic to focus on care, comfort, experience & authentic relationships in order to provide a deeper, more meaningful, genuinely unforgettable experience for our guests.

We also eschew time & location specific itineraries in favour of unfolding, experiential itineraries based on narrative, discovery & impact. We take our guests on an adventure, one where every element is designed to enrich, delight & engage, whilst protecting those hidden gems & local communities from the pitfalls of mass-tourism.

We believe that our approach, our company, our values & our team are transforming the local travel experience & we are excited to work with trade partners who share our vision of how travel should be & our commitment to putting people first & being a positive force for change & understanding in the world today.

We look forward to working with you,



JULES MITTRA

Founder of Around & About Bath.



WHY VISIT BATH?

Bath has been a destination for adventurous tourists and intrepid travellers since King Bladud discovered first the sacred spring in 863 BC. Every year over 6 million people visit the city to experience the culture, history and architecture of this stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site. Famed for its Roman remains including the Temple of Sulis Minerva and the baths complex as well as its magnificent Georgian architecture, Bath is a must see for anyone visiting England.

Once the playground of royals and the elite, present day Bath is a thriving city where ancient history and Georgian elegance sit comfortably alongside a decidedly twenty-first century cosmopolitan buzz.

Eat out in hundreds of restaurants and cafés serving everything from Michelin-starred gourmet dishes to simple, satisfying street food.

Unwind in chic cocktail bars and welcoming traditional pubs, then dip into a rich entertainment scene that embraces comedy, live music and theatre. And if that isn't enough, there's also a year-round programme of special events and festivals. It's also the perfect hub to explore the beauty, history and culture of the South West of England.

For more information about Bath and the surrounding area, head to: visitbath.co.uk.



VISIT BATH
A WORLD HERITAGE SPA CITY







OUR CURATED TOURS

What makes Around and About Bath so special? Our approach.

Our Curated Experiences is a relaxed yet purposeful journey of discovery and adventuring into the local region, which unfolds like a good book, film or theatre show, with twists and turns, illuminating narratives and stories but also the opportunity for solitude, reflection and free time, in the company of like-minded travellers and a highly capable, knowledgeable and engaging guide.

They are perfect for couples, small groups, families, culture buffs, photographers, foodies and intelligent, enquiring travellers.



Our 'Curated Experience' approach turns the concept of what a tour should be upside-down. Each one is:

- Led by an *extraordinary*, engaging & capable *local* guide
- A *carefully crafted* journey of discovery that shares the best & breadth of the local area personalised around the group
- Carefully planned with every detail taken care of to ensure total *immersion* and enjoyment
- *Unburied*, insightful, unforgettable & at your pace
- Combines the 'must-sees' with truly authentic, hidden, undiscovered England
- Includes all costs including entrances, fine food, refreshments, collection & return
- Travel in a luxury vehicle as one of eight or fewer



MYSTICAL MONOLITHS & TIMELESS TREASURES



ESCAPE the modern world for a voyage through time & place for an *unforgettable* encounter with England's most evocative prehistoric & medieval **WONDERS** and a journey through unforgettable scenery, stories & *untouched* gems.

EXPLORE Avebury, England's greatest stone circle & prehistoric site. Enter a 6000-year-old tomb & step back in time, into the mysteries of Neolithic Britain before encountering the **MEDIEVAL** village of Lacock to unearth it's remarkable past and recent history as a film set for Harry Potter, Pride & Prejudice & more.



STONEHENGE & SECRET SOMERSET



UNEARTH the secrets of the stones with a local expert and *experience* the 'now' as it was 'then' with our exclusive *Virtual Reality* technology. **WANDER** freely before leaving the crowds behind to discover some of the most *sublime* landscapes, places, stories and dining in England.

Travel down **NARROW** country lanes through *lush* scenery and sleepy settlements to enjoy a *mouth-watering* lunch amongst locals at an **ANCIENT** English inn.

Spend the afternoon wandering through *medieval* villages to explore an ancient church and a **RUINED** castle before stopping for tea.





HIDDEN COTSWOLDS & ENGLAND UNTOLD



EMBARK on a journey into England's forgotten past & places to discover the Cotswolds' most beguiling & *extraordinary* stories, locations & countryside.

Encounter a great time-forgotten town, resting place to England's first King, a great Saint & a once-great Abbey. Learn of England's birth within the walls of an 800-year-old hostelry with refreshments by the fire, before exploring the historic town, Abbey, hidden gardens & other **WONDROUS** sights nearby.

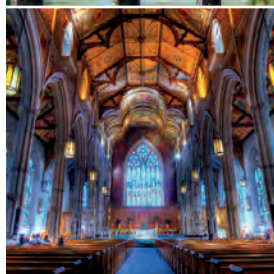
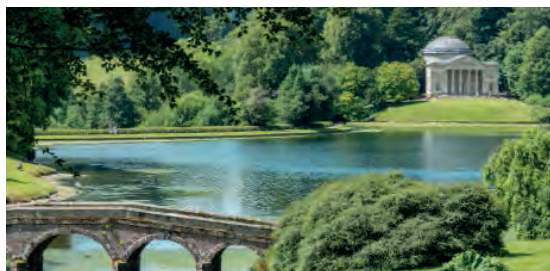


MAJESTIC GARDENS & ESSENTIAL ENGLAND



VENTURE to the *historic* city of Wells for a first-hand encounter with England's religious and medieval past. JOURNEY deep into hidden, *undiscovered*, ancient landscapes, to the world-famous gardens at *Stourhead*. Find serenity, and be **AWE-INSPIRED** with a stroll around the pleasure lake at the centre of England's most *spectacular* landscape gardens.

UNVEIL the stories of fornicating Bishops, pious pilgrims and corrupt clergy whilst *wandering* thorough its *13th century* Bishop's Palace, gardens and cathedral before stopping for an **EXQUISITE** lunch nearby.



SEASONAL TOURS



ROYALS, ANTIQUES & GOLDEN LEAVES

(Oct-Dec)

ENCOUNTER the *majesty* of England in autumn. Embark on a journey **DEEP** into the Cotswolds to *explore* the historic town of Tetbury, home to England's greatest antique stores & Prince Charles' very own shop before enjoying a fabulous lunch amongst the locals.

Then, prepare for an **ENCOUNTER** with wondrous natural *beauty*, to wander beneath the canopies of the serene sentinels that mark the Maple Avenue at the world's greatest arboretum.

ADMIRE the gently falling shapes of golds, crimsons & plum that silently glide & land to form a mottled mustard carpet under foot, all under the golden rays of a retreating sun.



CHRISTMAS, CHARM, CRAFTS & CANALS

(Nov-Dec) Half day

ENCOUNTER the *exhilaration* of **AUTHENTIC** England on a *festive* adventure. Encounter ancient streets, breath-taking views & a fabulous arts, crafts & Christmas market located within the grounds of a medieval farm alongside a *charming* canal.

Browse the artisanal stalls, procure precious gifts & admire the beautiful & serene settings before heading back to Bath, stopping at a country inn to enjoy a **WARM** fire, festive refreshments & excited conversation.



SEASONAL TOURS



CATHEDRALS, CAVES & CHEDDAR CHEESE

(Nov-Feb)

VENTURE deep into a world of beauty and wonder, both natural & man-made, on an adventure to discover Europe's *finest* limestone caves, England's **OLDEST** & most awe-inspiring gothic Cathedral, & the birthplace of Cheddar Cheese.

EMBARK on a journey back in time to discover the majestic beauty of Cheddar Gorge & Gough's Cave, one of Europe's **GREATEST** subterranean caverns & the *birthplace* of Cheddar Cheese. Meet the cheesemakers who still produce cave-aged Cheddar Cheese using the same processes & techniques as when it was first made nearly 1000 years ago.



CHRISTMAS, CRAFTS & DESIGNER DELIGHTS

(Nov-Dec)

ESCAPE the bustle of Bath as one of a handful of like-minded fellow travellers for a journey into **QUINTESSENTIAL** England for a day of retail therapy, indulgence, culture & *unique* experiences.

Spend the morning **UNEARTHING** fabulous finds at England's most characterful & inviting Designer outlets at *leisure* before travelling through breath-taking countryside to enjoy a *champagne* lunch in a converted chapel before exploring the nearby **COBBLED** streets and antique stores.





STONEHENGE UNEARTHED



Uncover the *mysteries* of Stonehenge and other remarkable ancient locations before an *intimate* encounter at the world's most famous **PREHISTORIC** monument. Connect with the story of the stones in a truly unique and *unforgettable* manner. Enjoy a comfortable, **PERSONALISED** experience and return with a deeper *understanding* of Stonehenge's beauty and significance.



QUINTESSENTIAL COTSWOLDS



Depart Bath and the confines of the city for a journey into some of the most beautiful and **ENCHANTING** villages and countryside in the enchanting Cotswolds countryside. *Experience* tales of the past and its antique treasures. *Encounter* ancient **KNIGHTS**, quaint cottages and a remote Cotswold town before stopping for tea at a **REMARKABLE** historic inn.



WALKING TOUR

BEHIND THE FAÇADE: *Bath's backstories & backstreets*



Take a step **BEHIND** Bath's pretty veneer on our walking tour. Meet artisans who create wares using centuries-old techniques. **UNCOVER** hidden gems and *coded symbols*. Step away from the gaiety of *Georgian Bath* to reveal its **DARKER** underbelly. Learn of the **FORGOTTEN** women whose *intriguing* stories have often been buried with them. Enjoy refreshments with new-found friends, and stroll parts of *Bath* few encounter.



EXPERIENTIAL EVENING DINING TOURS

HISTORIC INNS, HIDDEN STORIES & CULINARY GLORIES



As part of a small group of travellers, venture beyond the typical tourist treadmill on a journey that will include sampling local beer, enjoying *award-winning* cuisine and truly **REMARKABLE** stories as you visit three different pubs and



discover each one's intriguing past.

Leaving Bath, meander thorough country lanes and hear tales of Victorian engineers, *tough* miners and *tougher* land-ladies. Hear of a government secret so *important*, most locals are still unaware of it today. Enjoy **OUTSTANDING** countryside views, drinks amongst locals and savour a full three-course meal at an award-winning restaurant. Finish the evening with a final night-cap at a *truly* **UNIQUE** drinking hole



MEDIEVAL STREETS & GASTRONOMIC TREATS



Step back in time whilst enjoying an incredible dining experience at the *Babberton Arms*, the medieval inn featured in *Harry Potter*. Settle down amongst friends and blackened timbers for an evening of tales, tipples and tasty delights. Engage with **LIKE-MINDED** travellers and insightful locals over an *unforgettable* meal, before retreating upstairs to the reading room for one final **NIGHT-CAP**.



CUSTOM TOURS

♦ V.I.P. & CUSTOM TOURS



We know the *hidden gems*, the best places for coffee, where to eat, but – *most importantly* – we know the fascinating **STORIES** and the places away from the crowds. There is plenty to see and do along the way. We can let you or your guests into the most fascinating, *intimate* places or experience some of the more **UNIQUE** experiences Bath and the surrounding area has to offer.

Give us an idea of what they find **INTERESTING** and *exciting* and we'll use our extensive knowledge of the local area to create the **PERFECT** experience for you or your guests.



TRANSFER TOURS

When travelling between Bristol, Bath and London, our Around & About Bath Transfer Tours offer an engaging way of experiencing authentic England. More than simply transporting our guests and their luggage, our Transfer Tours turn a tedious transfer into a journey of discovery via stunning countryside uncovering incredible, remote locations and revealing interesting tales of the past. Our Transfer Tours run to or from any destination within 2 hours drive time from Bath (and can go further afield when required). Popular locations include: West London hotels, London Heathrow, Bath and Bristol. We also run Transfer Tours to or from Southampton, Oxford, Stratford-on-Avon and Cardiff.

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