

England, Scotland & Wales:

London, Bath, Snowdonia, York, Lake District, Edinburgh

May 7 - May 22, 2020

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**Registration Begins
Tuesday, July 30, 2019**

* 8:30 a.m. Walk-in registration

* 9:30 a.m. Phone registration

(On-line registration is NOT available for multiple day trips)

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute



**SAGINAW VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY**

England, Scotland, Wales . . .

When you visit England, Scotland, and Wales on this tour of the United Kingdom, you'll walk in the footsteps of centurions and soldiers, kings and queens, writers and poets—in a land permeated with legend and romance. Experience the diversity of Great Britain as you travel from city to country and back again. You'll discover London in England, tour Scotland's capital, Edinburgh, and traverse the gentle hills of the English countryside. You'll also spend two nights in Bath, to see for yourself how the elegant city got its name. Plus enjoy in-depth discoveries of England's Lake District, a region of soul-stirring natural beauty. Britain is a place one should visit and savor in depth and detail, and you'll be able to do just that on this discovery-rich vacation. ** Please note that the pacing of this trip is (6) locations in (15) days.*

Weather:

Weather across England, Scotland and Wales can be unreliable and unpredictable. You can expect milder temperatures with the highs ranging from the mid 60's during the day, and the low's at night in the mid 30's to 40's. These areas average about two inches of rain during the month of May.



Trip Providers

This educational travel experience is offered by the SVSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in conjunction with Grand Circle Travel, a global enterprise which is comprised of a family of companies which offers a variety of travel options. It is committed to changing people's lives by offering high-impact experiences to their travelers. Grand Circle Travel was the travel provider for several of our past trips including: Ireland, Australia & New Zealand, and three European river cruises.

About Our Lodging



The lodging will be at the hotels listed below, or similar. You can expect meals that will be based on the local cuisine.

- Tower Hotel (London, England, 2-nights)
- Apex City of Bath Hotel (Bath, England, 2-nights)
- Celtic Royal Hotel (Snowdonia, Wales, 2-nights)
- Park Inn York Hotel (York, England, 3-nights)
- Macdonald Swan Hotel (Lake District, England, 2 nights)
- Apex Waterloo Place (Edinburgh, Scotland, 3 nights)

This 16-Day Trip Includes:

- Fourteen nights lodging
- (23) Meals included: (14) breakfasts, (2) lunches & (7) dinners (including 1 home-hosted dinner)
- (11) Included features: (8) guided tours and (3) Exclusive Discovery Series events: Apley farm experience • Home hosted dinner • Beatrix Potter experience
- Air from Detroit to London and Edinburgh to Detroit
- Private motorcoach land travel
- Grand Circle Program Director from the region.
- Ground transportation from SVSU to Detroit airport and from the airport back to SVSU on the return trip
- Pre-trip dinner at SVSU*

** We will offer a pre-trip dinner about two weeks prior to departure where you will meet fellow OLLI travelers and receive your travel documents. We will cover trip logistics and questions you may have about your upcoming trip.*



Important Participant Information

Registrations: Please fill out the enclosed registration form and bring it to the OLLI office on the day of registration. Double and single occupancy reservations are on first-come-first served basis. A passport is required for this trip and must be valid through six months following the end date of the tour. A copy of your passport is required at time of registration. If you are looking for a roommate please call the OLLI office by July 19, and we can share names of others looking for roommates. Our office will maintain a wait-list if this trip fills to capacity.

Trip Activity Level: Please note that on this guided tour you can expect to walk up to three miles unassisted and participate in 2-4 hours of physical activities daily, including stairs and a variety of terrains including uneven walking surfaces, unpaved paths, hills, and cobblestones. Travelers should be healthy enough to participate in all included walks without assistance. Adding optional excursions may increase the total amount of walking on your tour. You should be able to get off and on motorcoaches, carriages, ferries and boats, without assistance. Our travel provider states that this trip is not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters. Travelers using walking assists must travel with a companion who can assist them. The program provider reserves the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience.

Cost & Payment Options:

\$4,395 SVSU-OLLI Member* (*double occupancy*)

\$4,455 Non-Members* (*double occupancy*) (*Includes 2019/2020 OLLI membership*)

A deposit of \$350/\$410 will hold your spot, and final payments are due by January 10, 2020. We will send you final payment details one month prior to final payment.

#1) Pay in full July 30, 2019 & Receive the "Good Buy Plan": If you pay your trip in full by check you will receive a discount.

To receive the 4% discount from Grand Circle Travel for this trip you must pay in full on July 30, 2019.

The payment **MUST be made by electronic transfer (check)**, **NOT** a credit card on July 30, to receive the 4% discount.

#2) Deposit Only: If travelers choose to pay deposit only, a deposit of \$350 by check or credit card is due on July 30.

The trip balance must be paid in full by January 10, 2020.

* If you have traveled with **Grand Circle** in the past two years you are eligible to receive a discount. If the trip was within the last year you will receive 5% off the trip cost, and a 3% discount if your last trip was within two years. This discount will be deducted by Grand Circle Travel.

Trip Insurance: We highly recommend trip insurance. You may elect to purchase Grand Circle's Travel Protection Plan. The cost is \$499 per person. If paying balance in full on July 30, you must also pay for insurance at the same time. If paying deposit only on July 30, you will need to pay the deposit of \$350 per person, plus insurance of \$499 per person. Please visit our trip providers website for details on ways to save with a Good Buy Discount Plan & Travel Protection Plan at www.gct.com/ways-to-save/travel-protection-plan. It is the traveler's responsibility to review insurance coverage to make sure it meets your needs prior to purchase.

Cancellation: We highly recommend trip insurance for this trip! All cancellations must be made in writing to the OLLI office by the traveler. You will be subject to a \$50 change of reservation fee payable to SVSU-OLLI, **AND** any other charges imposed by the airlines or trip provider depending on the date the cancellation takes place. **Grand Circle Travel's cancellation policies will prevail.** (*Please note that insurance fees are not refundable*)

I/We have been offered the opportunity to purchase travel insurance with Grand Circle Travel and I/We have elected to choose the following option.

Purchase travel insurance from Grand Circle

Purchase travel insurance from another travel insurance source. Other _____

Decline the purchase of travel insurance

Leave this area blank - for office use only

Occupancy: Single _____
Double _____

Payment: In full _____
Deposit only _____

Documents: Emergency Contact form _____
Passport _____
Insurance choice _____

Saginaw Valley State University OLLI - Trip Reservation Form

Please provide accurate information. This will eliminate any change fees or document delays.

Past Grand Circle traveler: Y ___ N ___ Full name (for your account's name): _____

Address: _____

(Including zip code)

Phone (home): _____ - _____ - _____ Phone (cell): _____ - _____ - _____

Email address: _____

Payment Information:

Please note that Non-members will pay an additional \$60 (payable to SVSU) and will receive a 2019/20 OLLI membership

I authorize full payment of \$ _____ for _____ person(s) Total _____

OR I authorize a deposit of **\$350 member/\$410 non-member** for _____ person(s) Total _____

Optional travel protection plan included with deposit (\$499 per person): Yes ___ No ___ Total _____

Electronic Transfer (payment is automatic): Name on Checking Account: _____

Routing Number: _____ Account Number: _____

Credit Card: ___ Master Card ___ Visa ___ Discover Card #: _____

Exp. Date: ___ / ___ / ___ CVV Code _____ Card Holder name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / _____

By signing the above I have read and understand all the terms and conditions and accept them on behalf of myself and my party.

Traveler 1

Title: Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____

First & Middle Name: _____

(Name as shown on passport)

Last: _____

(Name as shown on passport)

Nickname (for name badge): _____

Passport#: _____

Passport Issue Date: ___ / ___ / _____

MM DD YEAR

Passport Expiration Date: ___ / ___ / _____

MM DD YEAR

Place of Birth: _____

State

Country

Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / _____

MM DD YEAR

Nationality: _____

Country of Issue _____

Occupation: _____ if you are retired please state Retired and from what ie: Retired teacher, retired doctor, retired carpenter...etc.

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Cell Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Traveler 2

Title: Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____

First & Middle Name: _____

(Name as shown on passport)

Last: _____

(Name as shown on passport)

Nickname (for name badge): _____

Passport#: _____

Passport Issue Date: ___ / ___ / _____

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Passport Expiration Date: ___ / ___ / _____

MM DD YEAR

Place of Birth: _____

State

Country

Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / _____

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Nationality: _____

Country of Issue _____

Occupation: _____ if you are retired please state Retired and from what ie: Retired teacher, retired doctor, retired carpenter...etc.

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Cell Number: _____ - _____ - _____



Trip Itinerary

■ Day 1: Thursday, May 7

We will depart SVSU as a group by motorcoach to Detroit airport for our flight to London, England. Specific travel details will be given at a later date.

■ Day 2: Friday, May 8 (London, England)

We'll arrive in London today and begin our tour. After you get settled in, join the group for a short vicinity walk to explore the area around the hotel, and get suggestions on how to maximize your free time to explore on your own. Tonight you'll enjoy a welcome dinner and briefing with the program director at the hotel. (D)

■ Day 3: Saturday, May 9 (London)

Begin your England tour with an introduction to London's major landmarks, including Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, on a panoramic tour this morning. Then enjoy the rest of the day, including lunch and dinner, on your own to make your own discoveries. Perhaps you'll visit one of London's many museums, including the Victoria and Albert Museum or Tate, a family of four galleries. Your program director will be available for suggestions. (B)

■ Day 4: Sunday, May 10 (Oxford • Bath)

After breakfast we'll depart for Oxford. Oxford University was established in the eleventh century. Oxford is also one of the settings for the Harry Potter movies and the Inspector Morse television series. Our walking tour this morning will take us to the city center and we'll pass some of the legendary colleges that have been seats of learning for many prime ministers, great writers, and various scholars, including Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift, and John Wesley. Following lunch on your own in Oxford we'll travel to Bath, a prosperous, high-society destination in the 18th century under King George III, and see the city's striking architecture and Georgian terraces that inspired the setting for Jane Austen's novel, *Persuasion*. Dinner will be included at the hotel this evening. (B/D)

■ Day 5: Monday, May 11 (Bath • Stonehenge)

Today's discoveries begin with an included tour of the Roman baths. Bath is named for the springs that well up in this city, producing about 500,000 gallons of water each day at 120 degrees Fahrenheit. After your tour, you'll have the rest of the morning free to explore Bath independently with lunch on your own. This afternoon we'll continue on to Stonehenge, the starkly dramatic stone monument that has engaged the world's imagination for centuries. As one of the world's most recognizable images of a prehistoric culture, Stonehenge creates a powerful impression. You'll return to Bath later today, where the rest of the day is yours to spend as you please. Enjoy independent discoveries this evening, with dinner on your own. (B)

■ Day 6: Tuesday, May 12 (Bath • Snowdonia, Wales)

Today we'll transfer toward the Snowdonia region of Wales. Along the way, you'll stop for an exclusive Discovery Series visit to Apley Farm Shop, a picturesque village in the English countryside near Shropshire and savor an included lunch at the estate, prepared from locally-sourced, farm-fresh ingredients. After lunch we'll continue on our way into the ruggedly beautiful Welsh countryside. Our destination is the strikingly scenic and mountainous section of Wales called Snowdonia, which surrounds the region's highest peak, Mount Snowdon. We'll be staying in Caernarfon, a small historic town right on the coast looking across to the Island of Anglesey. Near our hotel is the medieval castle and walls built by the English after their conquest of Wales. It was here that Prince Charles was formally inaugurated as Prince of Wales in 1969. This evening, you'll be welcomed in by a local family for home-hosted dinner and some of the legendary Welsh hospitality during an exclusive Discovery Series event. (B/L/D)

■ Day 7: Wednesday, May 13 (Snowdonia)

Spend the day exploring Snowdonia on your own, or join an optional tour that includes a steam train ride on the Ffestiniog Railway from the coast of Porthmadog into the mountains at Blaenau Ffestiniog. The Ffestiniog Railway is the oldest independent narrow-gauge railway in the world. It was built in 1832 to carry slate but has been carrying passengers since 1864. This route will take you through some of Snowdonia's spectacular scenery. Your optional tour continues with a visit to the National Slate Museum, where you'll learn more about this historic Welsh industry. In addition to educational exhibits, you'll have the opportunity to hear from a slate worker about the mining trade.

Lunch: On your own—ask your Program Director for local restaurant recommendations. Or, if you have chosen to join our optional tour, you'll savor an included lunch at the National Slate Museum, in a replica of a worker's cabin, prepared with ingredients that a miner of the time might have enjoyed on their afternoon break. This afternoon you'll have free time to continue making independent discoveries. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B)

■ Day 8: Thursday, May 14 (Snowdonia • Chester, England • York)

After breakfast we'll depart Wales for York via Chester. Upon our arrival in Chester, we'll enjoy a short walking tour of this ancient English town with Roman roots and a well-preserved medieval center. Chester also holds a significant place in English cultural history as the town where, beginning in the 14th century, mystery plays (public theater depicting biblical events) were presented. Lunch will be on your own in Chester. In the afternoon we'll continue on to York, arriving by late afternoon. Take some time to relax or explore on your own before an included dinner at the hotel. (B/D)



■ Day 9: Friday, May 15 (*York & York Minster*)

After breakfast this morning, we'll walk through the medieval city to York Minster for an included tour with a local guide, who will highlight the history of the cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral north of the Alps. After your visit, we'll set off for a walking tour of the city with our Program Director, where centuries-old city walls enclose the best-preserved medieval town center in England. York's history stretches back into ancient Roman times, when it was called Eboracum and served as the military capital of northern Britain. Traces of Roman garrisons built before the fifth century are sprinkled throughout the city. Lunch today will be on your own, and the remainder of today is yours to do as you please. Your Program Director will be happy to recommend a spot for lunch and free time activities. Maybe you'll take in the Shambles—originally the meat-butchering area of York. Or pay a visit the National Railway Museum, one of the world's best museums devoted to the legacy of steam engines and railway memorabilia. Dinner this evening will also be on your own and allow you to continue making independent discoveries. (B)

■ Day 10: Saturday, May 16 (*York*)

Today is yours to explore at your own pace, or join us for a full-day optional tour to Whitby and Castle Howard. After crossing the heather-clad North York Moors National Park, you'll arrive in Whitby, a key setting for Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. It was from this town that the explorer James Cook first set out to sea, and during the 19th century, Whitby was renowned for creating jet jewelry that was a favorite of Queen Victoria's after the death of Prince Albert. Lunch will be on your own today, or if you've chosen our optional tour, you'll take time in Whitby to savor an included Yorkshire lunch of fish and chips. If you've joined our optional tour, your discoveries continue as you head for Castle Howard, one of England's finest stately homes, still lived in by the Howard family and where much of the filming for *Brideshead Revisited* was done. Although construction on this Baroque masterpiece began in 1699, it took 100 years to complete. Admire its lavish, treasure-filled rooms—including paintings by Rubens and Gainsborough—and perhaps enjoy a stroll in its famed Rose Gardens. Dinner will be on your own this evening. (B)

■ Day 11: Sunday, May 17 (*York • Lake District*)

After breakfast we'll depart for the scenic Lake District, England's largest national park and home to 16 major lakes and set amidst the most mountainous region of England. It has been the inspiration for countless writers, from Wordsworth and Keats to Beatrix Potter. Lunch will be on your own in the Lake District, and you'll have some free time before we go to the hotel later this afternoon. Join your fellow travelers for an included dinner tonight. (B/D)

■ Day 12: Monday, May 18 (*Lake District, England*)

The morning is yours at leisure to explore the picturesque town of Grasmere, and enjoy lunch on your own. This afternoon we'll head out to the village of Near Sawrey, which Beatrix Potter once called home. Here, during an exclusive Discovery Series event, you'll enjoy a look into the legacy of this famous English author, and the landscapes that inspired her works, including *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. You'll learn about herdwick sheep during a visit with a local sheep farmer who earns her livelihood from this sheep's wool, and enjoy the unique opportunity to visit the private home where Potter once lived. Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant, where you'll enjoy a meal accompanied by a wonderful lakeside view. (B/D)

■ Day 13: Tuesday, May 19 (*Edinburgh, Scotland*)

After breakfast we'll set off to Edinburgh and stop for an included lunch during your transfer to Scotland. We'll arrive in Edinburgh later this afternoon and after you get settled, you'll join your Program Director for a discovery walk to acquaint yourself with the area around your lodgings and enjoy dinner and evening on your own. (B/L)

■ Day 14: Wednesday, May 20 (*Edinburgh*)

Following breakfast you'll enjoy a panoramic tour of Scotland's capital, Edinburgh, the historic center of Scottish culture, commerce, and education. Your tour includes a visit to Edinburgh Castle, which overlooks the city from a perch atop a long-extinct volcano. A royal dwelling has been located here since the twelfth century, and the castle's St. Margaret's Chapel—the oldest surviving building in the city—dates to this time. Lunch will be on your own, and the afternoon is yours to do as you please. You may continue making independent discoveries this evening, with dinner on your own, OR, join us for an optional evening of Scottish entertainment at an annex of Prestonfield House, set in the heart of Edinburgh. (B)

■ Day 15: Thursday, May 21 (*Edinburgh*)

Enjoy a full day to make your own discoveries, or join our optional Royal Scotland tour, where you'll enjoy a half-day visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia, a luxury ship commissioned by Queen Elizabeth II in 1954. The vessel was perhaps most famously used by Prince Charles and Lady Diana for their honeymoon cruise. You'll board the ship and enjoy a snack fit for a Queen as you savor tea and handmade scones aboard. Lunch and the afternoon is yours to do as you please. Your Program Director will be happy to recommend a spot for lunch and free time activities. This evening you'll toast to your journey over an included Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers. (B/D)

■ Day 16: Friday, May 22 (*Edinburgh*)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Additional travel details will be given at a later date. (B)