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*Exploring
Jane Austen's
England*

FEATURING CLAUDIA L. JOHNSON *81
MURRAY PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH LITERATURE

June 5–14, 2025





Castle Combe

Dear Princetonian,

We invite you to celebrate the 250th birthday of beloved novelist Jane Austen in the south of England, exploring the places associated with her life and work.

Begin this Princeton-exclusive journey in historic Windsor, then travel to Austen's home in Chawton, a quaint village of rose-covered cottages, where she wrote many of her published works. Stay six nights at the five-star Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel, a short walk from the historic Roman Baths. In this UNESCO World Heritage-designated town, take a Jane Austen-themed walking tour and visit the Jane Austen Centre, featuring a delightful "Tea with Mr. Darcy."

Over the coming days, explore the stunning architecture of Wilton House and Bowood House, filming locations for Jane Austen film and TV adaptations, and stroll amid their acres of beautiful parkland. In Lyme Regis, where *Persuasion* is partially set, follow in Austen's footsteps at the famous breakwater and Lyme Bay.

End the journey in Winchester with its awe-inspiring cathedral and visit to Jane Austen's tomb. Along the way, discover some of the south of England's iconic sights, including Salisbury Cathedral, which boasts the tallest spire in Britain, and the charming streets of medieval Castle Combe, dubbed one of the most beautiful villages in England.

Traveling with you is preeminent Jane Austen scholar Claudia L. Johnson *81, who will offer a series of lectures and informal discussions bringing Jane Austen's world to life.

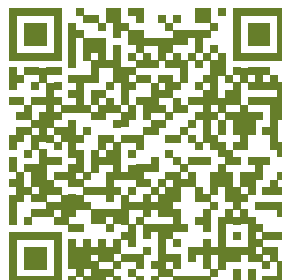
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With kind regards,

Bridget St. Clair

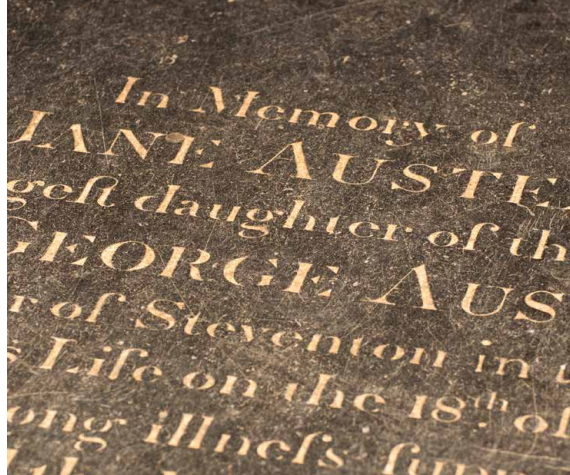
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Jane Austen House Museum

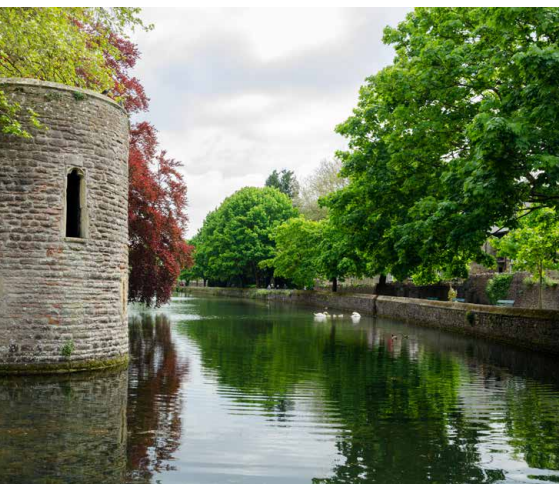


Jane Austen's Grave in Winchester Cathedral

Highlights

- ▶ In-depth visit to Chawton, **home to Jane Austen's House Museum**, where Jane Austen spent the last eight years of her life
- ▶ **Jane Austen guided walking tour** of Bath and Lyme Regis to view the highlights that feature in much of her writing
- ▶ Visit to Winchester Cathedral, **where Jane Austen is buried**, and a private tour of Salisbury Cathedral
- ▶ **Private guided tours of architectural masterpieces** such as Wilton House and Bowood House
- ▶ **Two nights at the Macdonald Windsor**, opposite the famous Windsor Castle
- ▶ **Six nights at Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel**, an elegant property conveniently located in the heart of Bath
- ▶ **Private Farewell Dinner Cruise** on the Thames River

Canal in Wells



Chawton House





Lacock Abbey

Itinerary

THURSDAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 5 – 6

HOME/WINDSOR, U.K.

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to London, U.K. Upon arrival at London Heathrow Airport, take a private transfer to the Macdonald Windsor Hotel, ideally located in the heart of Windsor. This evening gather for a welcome reception at the hotel.

Macdonald Windsor Hotel (R)

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

CHAWTON HOUSE LIBRARY/ JANE AUSTEN HOUSE

After breakfast, travel to Chawton House, an Elizabethan manor that once belonged to Jane Austen’s brother. It now accommodates a unique library of titles focusing on women’s English literature from 1600 to 1860. Next, visit Jane Austen’s House Museum, a charming cottage in Chawton where Austen spent the last eight years of her life and where she wrote, revised, and published six of her globally beloved novels. Here find an unparalleled collection of treasures that tell the story of Jane Austen and her family including paintings, jewelry, furniture, and household objects. Continue to Bath and check into the Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel, located a short walk from the center of Bath. Enjoy a relaxed dinner at the hotel this evening.

Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

BATH

Jane Austen’s home from 1801 to 1806, Bath has remained faithful to its Roman and Regency roots. After a morning lecture, embark on a guided Jane Austen-themed walking tour to view her former homes and landmarks that are featured in her

work. Explore Sydney Gardens, a favorite spot of Jane Austen, the iconic Pulteney Bridge, the Pump Room, Queen Square, The Circus, and Gravel Walk. Visit No.1 Royal Crescent, a Georgian townhouse that creates a wonderful picture of life for both the wealthy and their servants in Georgian Bath. Finally, continue to the Jane Austen Centre, featuring a permanent exhibition that explores the effect living in Bath had on Jane Austen’s life and writing. Enjoy a decadent “Tea with Mr. Darcy” in the Centre’s Regency Tea Room. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure.

Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel (B,L)

MONDAY, JUNE 9

SALISBURY/WILTON HOUSE

Travel by coach to Salisbury and take a guided tour of the city’s exquisite medieval Salisbury Cathedral, boasting the tallest spire in Britain. Here discover over 750 years of history and view the well-preserved original 1215 Magna Carta document. After lunch join a guided tour at Wilton House, an excellent example of Palladian architecture. This impressive property has been a family home for over 450 years. Set in 21 acres of landscaped parkland, the house has also served as a filming location for the 2005 film adaptation of Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice*. Tonight enjoy free time and dinner independently.

Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel (B,L)

Bowood House



TUESDAY, JUNE 10

BOWOOD HOUSE/ LACOCK ABBEY

Begin today with a guided tour of Bowood House, the family home of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne. This estate houses a unique collection of historical artifacts and family heirlooms spanning over 250 years, from Queen Victoria's wedding chair to Napoleon's death mask. Outside find 100 acres of beautiful parkland. Bowood was also used as a filming location for the 2007 TV film, *Northanger Abbey*. Mid-day walk the charming streets of Castle Combe and enjoy lunch independently. Continue to the village of Lacock for a tour of the centrally-located Lacock Abbey, boasting golden stone cloisters and a Great Hall. Once a medieval nunnery, the Abbey became the family home of William Henry Fox Talbot, the inventor of the first photographic negative. This evening, dine at a local restaurant in Bath.

Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel (B,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

WELLS AND WELLS CATHEDRAL

Following the final lecture of the educational program, depart for Wells, located at the foot of the rolling green Mendip Hills. The name "Wells" derives from the many springs rising near its magnificent 12th century cathedral, which dominates the city. Stroll the narrow cobblestone streets with rows of shops displaying Georgian fronts, then enjoy a guided tour of the Wells Cathedral followed by lunch at a traditional British pub. Return to Bath with the late afternoon and evening at leisure.

Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel (B,L)

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

LYME REGIS

Travel to Lyme Regis, where *Persuasion* is partially set, and follow in Jane Austen's footsteps at the Breakwater, The Cobb, and Lyme Bay on a guided walking tour. Visit the

Jane Austen Garden and the Lyme Regis Museum to see several items from the Austen family. Take free time to explore the village and return to Bath for an evening at leisure.

Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel (B,L)

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL AND WINDSOR

Arrive at the medieval city and former royal capital of Winchester for a guided tour. The awe-inspiring cathedral is a historic highlight as its hidden treasures include the tomb of Jane Austen and the Winchester Bible, one of the finest 12th-century bibles to have survived. After the tour, enjoy free time to shop, explore, and have lunch in town independently. Transfer back to Windsor, and check in to the MacDonal Windsor Hotel. Gather this evening for a private farewell dinner cruise on the Thames River.

Macdonald Windsor Hotel (B,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

WINDSOR/HOME

After breakfast, depart by motorcoach for a group transfer to London Heathrow International Airport for return flights home.

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Wells Cathedral



PROGRAM RATES (PER PERSON):

Per person, sharing accommodations \$6,995

Single Supplement \$1,500

Study Leader



Claudia L. Johnson *81 joined the faculty at Princeton in 1994 and was Chair of the English Department from 2004-2012. She specializes in eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century literature, with a particular emphasis on the novel.

In addition to eighteenth-century courses, she teaches courses on gothic fiction, sentimentality and melodrama, the history of prose style, film adaptations of novels into film, detective fiction, Samuel Johnson, and, of course, Jane Austen. In addition, she has strong research interests in eighteenth-century music and culture, in the idea of voice, in letterpress printing, in Yiddish story, in the American Songbook of the 1930's and 1940s, and in international modernism.

Johnson's *Jane Austen's Cults and Cultures* (Chicago, 2012) won the Christian Gauss Award in 2013. More recently she has published a deluxe edition of *Jane Austen's The Beautifull Cassandra* (Princeton, 2018) in collaboration with artist Leon Steinmetz, and 30 *Great Myths about Jane Austen* (Blackwell, 2020) in collaboration with Clara Tuite. Her other books include *The Blackwell Companion to Jane Austen*, ed. with Clara Tuite (Blackwell, 2005), *The Cambridge Companion to Mary Wollstonecraft* (Cambridge, 2002), *Equivocal Beings: Politics, Gender and Sentimentality in the 1790s* (Chicago, 1995), which won an Honorable Mention for the MLA Lowell Prize, and *Jane Austen: Women, Politics, and the Novel* (Chicago, 1988). In addition she is keenly interested in textual scholarship, and has prepared editions of Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Northanger Abbey* and (with Susan Wolfson) *Pride and Prejudice*. Her research has been supported by major fellowships such as the NEH and the Guggenheim.

At present Johnson is working on the Regency diarist Anne Lister and on women and the invention of international modernism.



Royal Crescent

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE:

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • Gratuities to waitstaff, guides, and drivers • Entrance fees • Welcome reception and farewell dinner in private room • Water, sparkling water, coffee, tea, and soft drinks at lunches • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group dinners • Filtered water on excursions • Quietvox listening devices • Professional tour manager throughout program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also

welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The pace of this tour is moderately active with considerable walking each day, often over very uneven and cobblestoned terrain, and extended periods of standing. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. All participants will be required to follow safety protocols set forth by Princeton Journeys or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply.

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

GROUP SIZE

This program is exclusive to Princeton Journeys and is limited to 28 participants.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone and internet charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure. Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

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Reserve your space online at https://account.criteriontravel.com/Booking/RefStart/PJ/250605_AUE_PJ/tour or return the completed reservation form with your \$1,000 per person deposit to: Princeton Journeys, P.O. Box 5256 Princeton, NJ 08543. Balance of payment is due Feb. 5, 2025. After Feb. 5, 2025, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

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Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by Princeton Journeys. Deposits

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ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)

Bed Preference: King/Queen Twins

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I prefer single accommodations (limited availability)
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I am a non-smoker smoker

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of March 7, 2025, I will pay the single rate.

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