Travel with The Met

English Elegance: Majestic Manors of Bath & Cornwall
with Alice W. Schwarz
Lecturer & Educator

May 12–20, 2020
Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

For English landowners in the Middle Ages, the need to protect life and property dictated that homes doubled as fortresses. However, in the relative peace and prosperity of the Tudor era, royals and nobles embraced beauty and extravagance, using vast estates to flaunt status and wealth. Later, the austere 18th-century Georgian style toned down the ornamentation, referencing the ancient Greeks and Romans.

Next May, join me to discover this striking architectural evolution during a week in the picturesque Southwest of England. On a journey from the ancient Roman spa city of Bath to the rugged, windswept coastlines of Cornwall, we will visit lavish ancestral properties that have captivated me as a historic home scholar, from Tudor/Stuart estates to a Jacobean mansion owned by the Earl of Sandwich. We will lodge in the luxurious manors where landed gentry have lived and collected extraordinary works of art for centuries, including the 17th-century Pentillie Castle, which has been reserved for our exclusive enjoyment.

In the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bath, we will observe how classical Roman architecture echoes through its seamless collection of honey-colored, limestone Georgian buildings, such as the spectacular Royal Crescent Hotel, our home for three nights. As we travel westward through Cornwall, we will be welcomed into private homes for meals, luscious teas, and receptions, admiring interiors designed by masters like Robert Adam and Sir John Soane and gardens by renowned landscape architect Capability Brown. Our wonderful local guide will be a former curator at the No. 1 Royal Crescent who organized exhibitions about the Newlyn School, a colony of artists founded in Cornwall in the late 19th century.

I hope that you will join me on this beautiful tour, watching history unfold in stunning settings.

Sincerely,

Alice W. Schwarz
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The Metropolitan Museum of Art

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**Trip Highlights**

— Relax in luxury at the 17th-century Pentillie Castle, built in exquisite Georgian style and surrounded by 55 acres of woodland gardens with spectacular river views, exclusively ours for three nights

— Delight in a private lunch with a lord at his 18th-century estate, Ugbrooke House, and admire its art and porcelain collections, Robert Adam-designed interiors, and gardens by Capability Brown, overlooking lakes and the Dartmoor’s sweeping green landscapes

— Enjoy an after-hours reception at Bath’s No. 1 Royal Crescent, a charming and historic 18th-century home with a parlour, bedrooms, servants’ quarters, and kitchen authentically decorated with period furniture, objects, and artwork

— Mingle with fellow travelers over refreshments at a private reception in Beckford’s Tower and Museum, the 19th-century home of an eccentric author and dilettante, and climb its spiral staircase to the gorgeously restored Belvedere, which boasts panoramic views of Bath and the countryside

— Behold a rare example of English Baroque architecture on a behind-the-scenes tour of Halswell House near Bath, which combines a Tudor manor, a Baroque wing, and an 18th-century parkland

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Departure
Tuesday, May 12
Depart for London on an overnight flight.

London / Bath, UK
Wednesday, May 13
Arrive in London this morning and transfer to Cliveden House, a National Trust property and member of Relais & Châteaux for an early afternoon tea. Then drive to Corsham Court, a lovely English country house in a park designed by Capability Brown. View the art collection featuring works by Fra Filippo Lippi, Anthony van Dyck, and Joshua Reynolds as well as the mirrors and tables that Robert Adam designed specifically for the house. Later, drive to the ancient city of Bath, the most complete Georgian city in Britain, and check into the Royal Crescent Hotel, part of a breathtaking row of 30 terraced houses laid out in the shape of a half moon. This evening gather for a welcome reception and dinner.

Bath
Thursday, May 14
After a lecture this morning, visit the Holburne Museum, which is an exceptional example of Georgian architecture. Built between 1796 and 1799, this grand three-story building houses the collection of Sir Thomas William Holburne, whose treasures include Old Master paintings, 17th- and 18th-century silver, Chinese porcelain, and other decorative arts and furniture. Dine in one of Bath’s oldest houses, the 15th-century Sally Lunn’s Historic Eating House, which is home to a world-famous Bath delicacy—the Sally Lunn Bun. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Bath’s other treasures like the Jane Austen Centre and Bath Abbey. Tonight, enjoy an after-hours, curator-led visit at the nearby No. 1 Royal Crescent, a museum which is decorated and furnished in the fashion of an elegant Bath residence of the 18th century. Dinner tonight is at leisure.

Bath / Dartmoor National Park
Saturday, May 16
Depart Bath and drive to Halswell House for a light lunch and private tour of this rare example of English Baroque architecture. The site, which combines a Tudor manor with a Baroque wing completed in 1689, is surrounded by an 18th-century parkland. Continue to Mapperton House and Gardens, a magnificent Jacobean manor house and the home of the Earl and Countess of Sandwich. Inside, the Sandwich Collection includes pictures by Sir Peter Lely, Willem Van de Velde the Younger, Samuel Scott, Sir Joshua Reynolds and William Hogarth. Later, check in to the hotel, the luxurious Bovey Castle, located in the bucolic setting of Dartmoor National Park.

Dartmoor National Park / Cornwall
Sunday, May 17
Take an exclusive tour of Grade I-listed Ugbrooke House, a stately home mentioned in the 1086 Domesday Book. In the mid-18th century, the house was remodeled with interiors designed by Robert Adam and gardens by Capability Brown. Admire the family’s fine collections of paintings, furnishings, porcelain, and tapestries. Their handsome Adam library contains an enviable assembly of books and historical documents. Enjoy a private lunch with the lord of the manor before departing for the National Trust’s Lanhydrock Estate. Built in 1640, the house was restored in the Edwardian style following a fire in 1881. Then, arrive at Pentillie Castle, reserved solely for us. Attend an evening lecture, followed by a buffet dinner here tonight.

Cornwall
Monday, May 18
Drive along the dramatic coastline of Cornwall, stopping briefly at St. Agnes Heritage Coast to see the remnants of tin and copper mines. Continue to the charming fishing village of St. Ives. During free time to explore this picturesque town, you may wish to visit the artists’ galleries or the iconic Tate St. Ives. Lunch is at leisure. Gather afterwards for a drive to Penzance to tour the Penlee House Gallery & Museum, with lovely paintings by members of the Newlyn School. Drive along the coast and view the enigmatic St. Michael’s Mount, a castle on an island in the middle of the picturesque harbor. In the late afternoon, head to Godolphin Estate and Gardens, a National Trust site and a Grade I-listed Tudor/Stuart mansion with formal Elizabethan gardens. Return to Pentillie Castle and dine together this evening.

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Cornwall
Tuesday, May 19
Discover some of Cornwall’s finest houses and gardens. Drive to Port Eliot, once the site of an ancient monastery. This rare Grade I-listed house, parkland, and garden is believed to be the oldest continually inhabited house in the United Kingdom. The house was remodeled in the 18th century by Sir John Soane, and through its long history has amassed treasures including works by Sir Joshua Reynolds and Anthony van Dyck. Next to the house is St. Germans Priory Church, one of the finest and oldest churches in Cornwall, with a well-preserved Norman door and windows designed by Burne Jones. Continue to the National Trust’s stately Antony House, considered one of the most extraordinary examples of Queen Anne buildings in this area. The house's interior boasts an outstanding collection of portraits, furniture, and tapestries. Near the estate, enjoy a cream tea at Broomhill Cottage Vintage Tea Room. The final visit is to Mount Edgecumbe, which was built in the mid-1550s but restored to reflect 18th-century tastes, especially in the Italian, French, and English-style gardens. Savor a festive farewell dinner tonight at Pentillie Castle. B, T, D

Cornwall / Return
Wednesday, May 20
Transfer to Newquay Airport to connect with flights home.

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Program Rate
$8,999 per person, double rate
$10,999 single rate

Rate Includes
— Seven nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
— Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, T=Tea, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at included dinners
— Enrichment program of lectures and talks
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International airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Accommodations

Bovey Castle, Dartmoor National Park
Located in the heart of Dartmoor National Park in Devon, Bovey Castle rests on 275 acres of beautiful countryside and rolling valleys. This luxury castle hotel boasts 60 fabulous bedrooms, 22 self-catering country lodges, two restaurants, the Elan Spa, and an award-winning, 18-hole championship golf course.

Royal Crescent Hotel, Bath
This boutique hotel near the historic center of Bath is set on an acre of beautifully landscaped gardens. The Royal Crescent has a restaurant, indoor pool, bar/lounge, and spa.

Pentillie Castle, St. Mellion, Saltash
Pentillie Castle is a country estate set on the Cornish banks of the River Tamar. Pentillie Castle is a thoughtfully restored 16th-century Grade II Georgian mansion, standing within 55 acres of woodland garden with breathtaking views.

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