



**2019 CULTURE, HISTORY, & CRIME WRITERS TOUR:
HARROGATE, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, THE COTSWOLDS, WALES, & CHESTER
JULY 17-AUGUST 1, 2019**

This varied and wide-ranging 15-day tour features the culture and history of several of the most beautiful and intriguing areas of England and Wales, with a special interest in crime writers who live and/or set their novels there. Participants will meet on the morning of Wednesday July 17, 2019, in the Manchester Airport, Manchester, England, and be transported to Harrogate, Yorkshire, for the Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival, 18-21 July. From Harrogate, we travel to Stratford-upon-Avon, then to Oxfordshire, next to northern Wales, and finally to Chester in Cheshire, England.

The tentative itinerary includes the following: Attendance at Theakstons Old Peculiar Crime Writing Festival in Harrogate, now in its 16th year; a walking tour of Harrogate and a tour of the Yorkshire Dales National Park; a walking tour of Stratford-upon-Avon; a full pass to all five Shakespeare family homes; a performance of the Royal Shakespeare Company; a visit to Warwick Castle; a visit to Coventry Cathedral; a tour of Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Winston Churchill, and a visit to his graveside at Bladon; a full day in Oxford, including a walking tour; a stop in Shrewsbury and Shrewsbury Abbey, home to the fictional Brother Cadfael; a visit to Portmeirion Village, a private village resort; Conwy Castle, one of the finest surviving medieval fortifications in Britain; Snowdonia in north Wales, with majestic mountains; Betws-y-Coed and Beddgelert, both set in stunningly beautiful valleys in Snowdonia National Park; a visit to Llangollen, home to the annual Eisteddfod; and a tour of Chester, a walled city with the largest Roman amphitheater in Britain and a 1,000-year-old cathedral. Tour price includes:

- The Harrogate Conference package, which includes 4 nights bed and breakfast; the Weekend Rover Ticket which includes all festival events; and the Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday.
- 11 nights' lodging with full English breakfast on tour after the Harrogate conference
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- All breakfasts, 4 lunches, & 3 dinners (including the Harrogate Mystery dinner)
- All entrance fees and transfers to sites included in itinerary
- Ticket to the Royal Shakespeare Company theatre performance
- Guest crime writers, including Priscilla Masters and others to be announced
- Blue Badge guide throughout the tour before and after the Harrogate Festival
- Porterage for one bag at hotels
- Gratuities to hotels and restaurants or included meals (but not for the Blue Badge guide and coach driver—that will be at your own discretion)
- Transport from and to Manchester Airport and throughout the tour

Participants make their own flight arrangements.

Lodging: The cost of the trip is based on double occupancy in twin-bedded rooms.

Deposits and registrations due by January 10, 2019. After that the cost will increase by \$150.00

Estimated cost for 15-day tour: \$4,439.00 After Jan. 10, 2019: \$4599.00

Single supplement: \$898.00 Please indicate if you are willing to share a twin-bedded room, perhaps even for one or two of the hotels, to reduce the cost of the single supplement.

Please note: 3.5% additional fee for credit card payments.
The complete package is offered by the **Kim's Life Tours, LLC**.

Program Leader: Kathy Ackley, Professor Emerita of English, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has led 18 previous summer programs. **Tour Organizer and Blue Badge Guide:** Nicky Godfrey-Evans has been creating tours in Britain for over 30 years and has been a Blue Badge Guide for 41 years. This is 10th tour that Nicky and Kathy have done together.

REGISTRATION, DEPOSITS, AND PAYMENTS: Formal registration should be accompanied by an initial non-refundable deposit of \$300.00. **Early registration is strongly advised as the group size is limited and hotels often require early deposits.** A payment schedule will be sent for the balance of the payment. Up to 120 days before departure, fees except the initial deposit will be refunded on withdrawal. After that, lodging and other cancellation charges will also be assessed. **Please see complete booking terms and conditions at www.kimslifetours.com.** Price may fluctuate slightly due to currency exchange rates. **Trip insurance is highly recommended.**

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To make your deposit for the 2019 tour, complete this form and send it with your \$300 check (made out to Kim's Life Tours, LLC) to Kim O'Flaherty, 2058 Royale Drive, Eagan MN 55122. A complete registration form will be sent to you upon receipt of your deposit.

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