SEPTEMBER 14th - 24th 2019

2019 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria. Until very recently, Victoria was the longest-reigning monarch in British History. Born in 1819, she acceded to the throne in 1837, at the tender age of eighteen, and ruled for 63 years. Such was her impact on world history that almost a whole century is named the Victorian Age in her memory.

The recent television series charting the reign of Queen Victoria and latterly *The Crown* have become some of the most popular in recent times and as our own wonderful Queen approaches her 67th year as British monarch, we look back at Queen Victoria’s reign with a view to the modern history of today.

Our tour will be led by Alexandra Messervy and follows in the great Queen’s footsteps from her birth at Kensington Palace, through her coronation in Westminster Abbey, to her final years in Windsor Castle. We’ll spend two days on the Isle of Wight, where she and Albert built Osborne House - their “little paradise” – and also visit other country homes and estates with connections to her life and times (several of which were used in recent films about Victoria).

Alexandra Messervy was formerly a member of the Royal Household of Her Majesty The Queen and was part of the team which organized state events and private family occasions such as the Royal Wedding. She latterly served as Private Secretary to a member of the Royal Family. Alexandra has a wealth of Royal knowledge, soundly backed up with exemplary attention to detail and protocol tips, and our guests will learn much from her of the ‘behind the scenes’ that we all love to know about!

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

**Land Only (no airfare included)**  $5980
**Single supplement:**  $ 990

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

The following services are included:

**Hotels:** 9 nights’ accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
**Coaching:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
**Meals:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
**Guides:** Alexandra Messervy and her husband, Alistair, throughout
**Events:** All private tours, special guests, events and meals as described in the day by day itinerary
**Baggage:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person
**Entrances:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.
**Monday, September 16th** - This morning we’ll visit the state apartments at Buckingham Palace, stroll in the gardens and view the collection in the Queen’s gallery. After a break for lunch, we’ll visit Syon House. This was the home of Lady Charlotte Percy, Duchess of Northumberland, who was governess to Princess Victoria as a child. We’ll return to the Sloane Club with time to freshen up and change before we head to the Goring Hotel for drinks and dinner. The Goring is the only hotel to hold a Royal Warrant from Her Majesty and was an old favourite of Queen Elizabeth, The Queen’s Mother. Here, the family of Catherine Middleton chose to stay and congregate before her marriage to Prince William in April 2011. The Goring is set in a tranquil private backwater behind the Palace, and if the weather is fine, we’ll enjoy drinks in the garden before dinner in the main dining room, designed by The Queen’s nephew, Lord Snowdon. *(B, D) Overnight: London*

**Tuesday, September 17th** - An early start this morning for a private tour of The Cabinet War Rooms and a talk on the memories of Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister in the War years and the early part of The Queen’s reign. There is little doubt that The Queen relied considerably on Sir Winston’s wise counsel, and he was fundamental in the early years of her accession. A short walk brings us to Westminster Abbey, where Her Majesty was crowned. We will have a guided tour with our own historical experts by special permission of the Abbey, with an emphasis on the Monarchy. The Queen, The Princess Royal and Prince William all married here, and many monarchs are buried within the walls. We will specifically look at the monarchs in the Abbey and the traditions of the coronation. We’ll return to the Sloane Club where we will be joined by our style and fashion tutors, Emma and Diana Mather. We’ll have a sandwich lunch with a presentation and an informal chat about Royal Dress Designers, looking at the work of Stuart Parvin, John Boyd, Angela Kelly, etc. and a new dimension to the younger styles favored by today’s modern Duchesses, with examples from up-to-the-minute new favorites and a demonstration on how to wear a hat! Later this afternoon, we’ll depart for a special Director’s Tour of the Guards’ Museum and the Household Cavalry Afternoon Salute, accompanied by Lord Fermoy, cousin to TRH Princes William and Harry and a former Page to Her Majesty The Queen. We will then join Lord Fermoy for drinks at the Army & Navy Club. The rest of the evening is free. *(B, L) Overnight: London*

**Wednesday, September 18th** - This morning we visit Hughenden Manor, the former home of Prime Minister Lord Disraeli. It’s a short drive from here to Chenies. We’ll stop for lunch at a country pub and then visit Chenies Manor, a beautiful Grade I listed Tudor building (used as the residence of Sir Winston Churchill, Chartwell, in the filming of the TV series). Returning to the Sloane Club, guests will be entertained this evening at a dinner hosted by Alexandra and her husband, Alastair, with special guest, Carolyn Robb, former Royal Chef to TRH The Prince and Princess of Wales and, latterly, The Prince of Wales, Princes William and Harry. Carolyn will talk of her time in the Royal Household and her career, and some of the favorite dishes she has cooked. Guests will each receive a signed copy of her delightful book. *(B, D) Overnight: London*

**Thursday, September 19th** - Leaving London today, we will visit Wilton House, just outside Salisbury, which was used as Buckingham Palace in the TV series. We’ll stop for lunch in Salisbury and then drive down through the New Forest to Lymington, where we’ll board the ferry over to the Isle of Wight. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. *(B, D) Overnight: Isle of Wight*

**Friday, September 20th** - This morning we visit Osborne House, a favorite residence of Queen Victoria. Originally built as a “holiday home,” it was designed in the Italianate style by Thomas Cubitt, and, it is said, with help from Prince Albert. Victoria spent her last years here and died at Osborne House in 1901. This afternoon we visit the church of St. Mildred’s Whittingham, where Princess Beatrice was married. The evening is free. *(B) Overnight: Isle of Wight*

**Saturday, September 21st** - Our day begins with a private guided tour of Carisbrooke Castle, home of the Governor of the Island and a significant stronghold for over a thousand years. Charles I was kept prisoner here until shortly before his execution. This afternoon we’ll have a private tour of Farringford House, home of Alfred, Lord
Tennyson, perhaps our most famous Victorian poet and a favorite of the Queen. We return to our hotel for dinner. (B, D) Overnight: Isle of Wight

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd - This morning we take the ferry back to Lymington and visit Beaulieu House, for an illustration of Victorian aristocratic life and costume design. After lunch we drive up to Henley on the River Thames, where we’ll spend the night at Phyllis Court. (B) Overnight: Henley

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd - This morning we visit Stonor Park, a wonderful country estate, continuously inhabited by the Stonor family for over 850 years. We’ll spend a free afternoon in Henley before we have a private tour of the state apartments at Windsor castle early this evening. We return to Phyllis Court for a farewell dinner. (B, D) Overnight: Henley

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th - Morning transfers to Heathrow Airport for returning flights to the US. (B) Overnight: Home

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner

General Instructions
1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to Discover Europe, Ltd.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of $500 per person if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

Detailed Instructions
1. Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your “Known As” or preferred name.
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3. Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
4. Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
5. Health Information. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if you have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

Registration Form

Passenger Details for Victoria & The Crown (0914/AVC)

Keyword: A

Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. 
2. 

Passport 1#: Exp.Date: DOB: 

Passport 2#: Exp.Date: DOB: 

Address:

City: State: Zip:

E-mail:

Preferred Telephone: ( ) work/cell/home circle one

Secondary Telephone: ( ) work/cell/home circle one

Special Dietary Requirements: 

Health Information: 

Other Comments or Notes: 

Trip Details

Departure Date: 

Return Date: 

Departure Airport or City: 

I would like to extend my trip to: 

Please return this form to: Discover Europe, Ltd. 95 Adams Street, Keene, NH 03431
1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to departure.

3. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., The English Manner, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.

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6. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

1. A deposit of $500 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).

2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

**TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS**

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.

2. Group size: Discover Europe tours are generally based on a group size between 5 and 15 participants, custom-designed or sponsored tour sizes can vary (see your trip organizer for details). Should we end up with fewer than the minimum number, you will be given the option of cancelling with full refund, paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.

3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

**REFUND POLICY**

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a $200 cancellation penalty per person.

2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
   - 90 - 61 days prior to departure: $1000 per person
   - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: $2000 per person
   - Fewer than 30 days prior to departure: no refund

3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.

4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.

5. Trip cancellation insurance is not included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.

6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.

7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant’s absence once the tour has started.

8. Your place on this tour is not transferrable.

**INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

1. All inclusions are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.

2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant’s home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: _____________________________

Email: _____________________________

Primary Telephone: (_____________)

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**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

(Please check one)

- I would like Discover Europe to book your flights: □ Yes □ No

Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided at least 90 days prior to departure. ________________________________________________________________

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**ROOMING REQUIREMENTS**

(Please check one)

- I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

- We would like a □ double □ twin-bedded room

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**PERMISSION**

Discover Europe may use any photographs taken during the tour in promotional materials. □ Yes □ No

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. □ Yes □ No

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**SIGNATURES**

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

Signature: _____________________________ Date: ______________

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