

Landscapes and Libraries of England
June 6 to 15, 2010

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION SHEET

AIRPORT INFORMATION

June 7th arrivals

You will be met at the airport by Susie Orso of Specialtours. In case of delay or any unforeseen changes to your arrival, you can reach Susie on her cell phone at (39) 33 93 84 0510 or from the United States 011 (39) 33 93 84 0510.

Early arrivals to Oxford

If you plan to arrive in Oxford early, please notify Smith Travel as soon as possible, so we can arrange for additional nights with the Old Parsonage Hotel. The charge for additional nights pre-tour will be payable on site.

Additional nights pre-tour at the Old Parsonage Hotel:

Twin or double room including buffet breakfast
Starting at £165 (approximately \$270/night), plus tax

Double for single use including buffet breakfast
Starting at £150 (approximately \$245/night), plus tax

Late departures from Burnham Market, Norfolk

If you plan to depart from Burnham Market after the final day of the tour, please notify Smith Travel as soon as possible, so we can arrange for additional nights at The Hoste Arms Hotel. The charge for additional nights post-tour will be payable on site.

Additional nights post-tour at The Hoste Arms Hotel:

Twin or double room including buffet breakfast
Starting at £165 (approximately \$270/night), plus tax

Double for single use including buffet breakfast
Starting at £150 (approximately \$245/night), plus tax

Old Parsonage Hotel

Address

1 Banbury Road
Oxford OX2 6NN
Phone: 011 44 18653 102 10
www.oldparsonage-hotel.co.uk

Profile

You will find The Old Parsonage, a Wisteria clad building dating back to 1660, situated between Keble and Somerville Colleges. This smart, privately owned luxury hotel is centrally located and perfect for walking to everything Oxford.

The Hoste Arms Hotel

Address

The Green
Burnham Market
King's Lynn
Norfolk, PE31 8HD
Phone: 011 44 01328 738 777
www.hostearms.co.uk

Profile

The Hoste Arms is a seventeenth-century coaching inn offering 35 stylish bedrooms in Burnham Market, a stone's throw away from the beautiful North Norfolk coast, with its stunning beaches and walks.

Although situated on the village green in one of Norfolk's most well-known villages, The Hoste benefits from a country house ambience, with a roaring log fire in the cozy front bar, a paneled dining room, light-filled conservatory and pretty walled garden tucked behind the stylish Moroccan themed terrace.

PASSPORT

A valid passport is required for travel to England. We recommend that your passport be valid for at least **six months** beyond your planned return date.

For complete information about obtaining and renewing passports please visit <http://travel.state.gov/passport>.

CARRY-ON LUGGAGE

If you are uncertain of what you can now take on board an aircraft, we recommend that you go to the Transport Security Administration's website at www.tsa.gov and then go to the section on Permitted and Prohibited Items. This should give you the most up-to-date information available.

CURRENCY

The Pound is used in England:

1 Pound = US \$1.64 (as of November 30, 2009)

TRAVEL FUNDS

Cash Accessibility

ATMs are becoming increasingly common worldwide. The daily rates of exchange are most favorable with an ATM. *Visa* and *MasterCard* are the most widely accepted by ATMs. In larger cities, though not all, *American Express* offices have ATMs that accept American Express-issued cards only.

NOTE: As the ATM situation outside of North America varies widely and changes frequently, we recommend that you do not expect to rely solely on the availability of an ATM for your travel funds.

Credit Cards

Most major credit cards are widely accepted worldwide. However, many large stores will only accept international credit cards such as MasterCard and Visa and in some cases but more infrequently American Express.

NOTE: The rate of exchange posted on the day of your charge may not be the rate applied to your purchase, as the rate of exchange is contingent upon the date the transaction is posted or billed to the credit card as opposed to the actual purchase or transaction date.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

The standard electric current in England is 230 volts. A voltage converter and a complete set of plug adapters is recommended if you plan to use your domestic appliances on this trip.

TIME

England is 5 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. Therefore, when it is 9 a.m. in New York or Montreal, it is 2 p.m. in England.

CLIMATE

Month	Avg. High	Avg. Low
June	68°F/20°C	52°F/11°C

Since weather is so unpredictable, a few days before leaving go to www.weather.com or www.usatoday.com/weather - these are good resources.

DRESS

The weather in mid June should be very pleasant, but as weather is unpredictable, we advise you to be prepared for cooler weather and rain. Comfortable walking shoes are essential as a certain amount of walking is involved. As a courtesy to our hosts of the private visits, smart/casual dress for daytime and coat and tie for gentlemen (and the equivalent for ladies), are suggested for the evening.

MEDICATIONS

Remember to pack ample amounts of all prescription medications and know the generic name of the drugs you are taking. Carry them in the original containers to identify them as legally obtained drugs and pack them in your carry-on bag.

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