

WALKABOUT

ADVENTURE WITH
INTENTION

England 2024

May 17-24, 2024

The Best of Town and Country

Walkabout is a full-service tour company cultivating intentional adventures for women.

On a Walkabout trip, travelers experience carefully curated itineraries aiming to provide experiences of self-discovery, growth in wisdom, and expansion of horizons into the wider world.



England 2024

England is a country of contrasts, particularly between Town and Country. And, just like the magazine of the same name, this trip will focus on the very best of both. We'll explore both London and the Cotswolds in the way that I like to travel, staying in boutique hotels and lovely homes with a small group of women.

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YOUR GUIDE

Hi, I'm Shelly!

I'll be your guide through England, your itinerary planner, and trip coordinator. I'll also lead us, hopefully, a little closer to Jesus as we behold God's glorious creation together.



I am an author, speaker, and, of course, a traveler. I love spending time with my family, especially when it involves laughing together around a table. I am a woman of faith, and that faith in Christ motivates all that I do.

I fell in love with travel on my first trip to England as a college student. I spent a summer studying at Oxford and just loved the energy, the cobblestone streets, the inspiration, and pretty much everything about that city.

Walkabout came to be when friends started asking me to take them on my travels. At first I just laughed it off, but then I began to wonder:

What if I brought a group of women together for, not just sightseeing, but also elements of spiritual retreat with plenty of time for rest and reflection?

In 2022, Walkabout was finally off the ground (after two years of cancellations due to you-know-what). And the result? Better than I could have anticipated. It's hard to even put into words what God has done in bringing women together from all walks of life. I am humbled to get to do this work.

One thing has been consistent in all my travels: I have grown to know and love God more with each trip. There is something about being in another culture, meeting people who are different from me, and seeing new places that opens my mind and heart to the wonder, beauty, creativity, and love of God, our Creator.

I hope you'll read further and find out more about what makes a Walkabout trip different from other "women only" trips. And I hope to meet you on a trip one day!

THE WALKABOUT DIFFERENCE



You can sign up for a sightseeing tour and simply see a country . . .

Or . . . you can *travel with a purpose*: to experience both a culture and a deeper faith.

This year, our theme is "Behold!" which will be emphasized through daily devotionals, journal reflections, and simply exploring with the intention of seeing God throughout our day. When you travel with Walkabout, your faith will be expanded as you seek him throughout your journey.

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"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it."

Psalm 24:1



London

Kings, queens, castles, cathedrals, markets. Whether you've experienced London before, have longed to explore its streets, or are looking to see it through new eyes, trust me: London is more than you can imagine. London is parks and history and shopping and museums, but it's also great food, theatre, and diversity like no other city. Get ready to walk!

The Cotswolds

Designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the Cotswolds offers so much. From quaint villages and rambling hiking trails to art galleries and antique stores, the Cotswolds has it all. You will experience country life at its finest, enjoying King Charles's gardens, fabulous dinners, and a vineyard stay like no other. Get ready to be in awe!



YOUR ITINERARY

*Note: This itinerary is a sample and may change slightly as plans firm up.

Day 1

Friday, May 17

Arrival via private transport from Heathrow; check-in at the Lime Tree Hotel. You'll have the afternoon to explore the neighborhood and freshen up before dinner. Our tour officially begins with a Welcome Dinner.

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Day 2

Saturday, May 18

Today we will visit one of Queen Elizabeth's favorite homes, Windsor Castle, and have some time to explore the charming town of Windsor. We will also partake in the quintessentially British pastime, afternoon tea. Dinner, should you want it, will be on your own. This might be a good evening to see a play if you so desire. B, T

Day 3

Sunday, May 19

We'll see a bit of the "royal" side of London today with a walking tour of Westminster. We'll take in the Changing of the Guard, Buckingham Palace, St. James's Palace, and much more. Later, we will experience an Evensong service at Westminster Abbey. Dinner in Covent Garden.

B, D

Day 4

Monday, May 20

Today we will bid farewell to London and head to the Cotswolds where we will check in at the Woodchester Valley House, our home for the next four nights. Unpack, relax, and take in the spectacular scenery before dinner at home.

B, D

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Day 5

Tuesday, May 21

We'll visit the Cotswold villages of Bourton-on-the-Water and Upper and Lower Slaughter today. There will be time for shopping and lunch along the way, and, depending on time, we may have a chance to stop at another village as well. B, D

Day 6

Wednesday, May 22

We'll tour King Charles's private gardens at Highgrove today. You will be amazed at the way His Majesty has planned out these interesting and unusual gardens. After Highgrove, we'll travel a short distance to Tetbury, a town known for its antiques shops, where we'll have time to shop and have lunch. Later in the day we will visit Bibury, another well-known Cotswolds village, before having dinner at a country pub. B, D

Day 7

Thursday, May 23

A rest day is always welcomed, I've found, so today will be just that—a day at home to rest and reflect. You might want to take a hike through the vineyards or use the day to read or pack. An optional vineyard tour is available for those who are interested. We will have a special farewell dinner at a nearby village. B, D

Day 8

Friday, May 24

Today we make our way back to London where our trip ends. From our departure point you may choose to head straight to Heathrow or you may choose to extend your trip. Whatever you do, I can help you with the details. B

THE DETAILS



What's Included

- 7 nights' accommodation
- Airport transfers
- 7 breakfasts, 6 dinners, 1 afternoon tea
- Wine with dinner
- All transportation throughout the trip
- All tours and entrance fees as specified on itinerary
- Devotional times led by Shelly
- Trip journal

Your Responsibility

- Flight to and from London
- Travel insurance, if desired
- All meals not listed and snacks, if desired
- Any additional sights or activities, if desired
- Gratuities for local drivers and guides



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Dates & Cost

Dates: May 17-24, 2024

Cost: \$6,000

Cost is based on double occupancy. Only three single rooms are available on a first-come-first-served basis for an additional \$900. A non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 will secure your spot. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the trip. All payments are non-refundable. Please see the cancellation policy on our website for more.



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"Shelly's love and enthusiasm for England and for travel are contagious. Her knowledge of the country, customs and people gave us confidence in her ability to lead and added depth to our tour of this beautiful nation. Everything she chose for our seven-day Walkabout -- from food to lodging to important sites -- was top-notch. I'd do it again!"

"Shelly's experience made my trip to Burgundy, France an exceptional adventure. I felt fully prepared before leaving and well taken care of while on the trip. It was a well curated and meaningful trip."

"The devotionals were Spirit-led and I felt so blessed by the thought and study put into them. Shelly's love for God and His Word blessed me so much. I have always loved John 15 but now I love it more."

"The connections I made with the other women on the trip greatly exceeded my expectations. I made not just acquaintances, but lifelong friends."

"It was all I had hoped for and more."