



Blenheim Palace



Oxford

The Gilded Age Meets Downton Abbey, May 2018

Cora, of Downton Abbey fame, is the inspiration for this journey that I call *The Gilded Age Meets Downton Abbey*. The Gilded Age in the U.S. (1870-1900) was the time that American heiresses went to Victorian England to marry into the aristocracy – sometimes for love, and other times to rescue England’s great estates, and/or to give status to their families back home. Their descendants include Winston Churchill and the future kings of England.

We focus on the most renowned heiresses and their husbands, their palatial homes, customs and history of the time, and Downton Abbey film sites. Our small group (up to 15 travellers) will enjoy a ‘Blue Badge’ guide (the highest Guiding qualification in the UK), who will tailor her commentaries to our theme. We will be based mostly in Oxford, a very unique university town with historic pubs, amazing bookstores, fascinating architecture, and renowned free museums with diverse collections.

I am looking to have the finalized itinerary from Worldwide Quest by August. In an English-speaking country, it is easier to give you more choice regarding food, and more free time to choose activities that fit your interests as we travel mindfully.



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“My reason for traveling is to make myself eager to come home. A month among the French should manage it.” – Violet, Dowager Countess of Grantham