



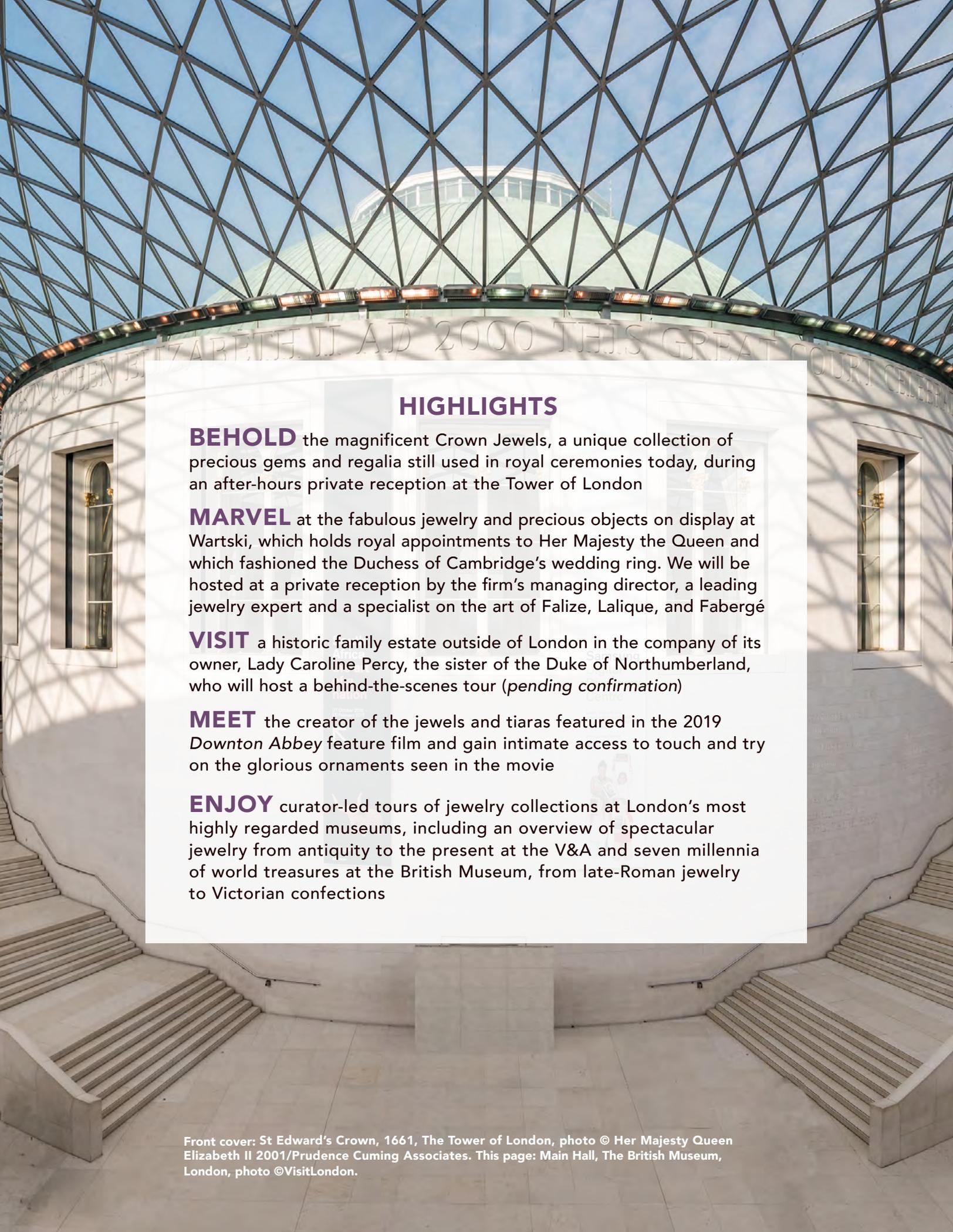
THE ROYAL OAK FOUNDATION

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Uncover the Treasures of London
Jewelry Through the Ages

October 6 – 12, 2022



HIGHLIGHTS

BEHOLD the magnificent Crown Jewels, a unique collection of precious gems and regalia still used in royal ceremonies today, during an after-hours private reception at the Tower of London

MARVEL at the fabulous jewelry and precious objects on display at Watski, which holds royal appointments to Her Majesty the Queen and which fashioned the Duchess of Cambridge's wedding ring. We will be hosted at a private reception by the firm's managing director, a leading jewelry expert and a specialist on the art of Falize, Lalique, and Fabergé

VISIT a historic family estate outside of London in the company of its owner, Lady Caroline Percy, the sister of the Duke of Northumberland, who will host a behind-the-scenes tour (*pending confirmation*)

MEET the creator of the jewels and tiaras featured in the 2019 *Downton Abbey* feature film and gain intimate access to touch and try on the glorious ornaments seen in the movie

ENJOY curator-led tours of jewelry collections at London's most highly regarded museums, including an overview of spectacular jewelry from antiquity to the present at the V&A and seven millennia of world treasures at the British Museum, from late-Roman jewelry to Victorian confections



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Dear Royal Oak Members and Friends,

Since its Roman settlement 2,000 years ago, London has flourished as a jewelry-making capital. On a special five-night program in October 2022, join the Royal Oak Foundation and members from The Metropolitan Museum of Art in Britain's capital for private, behind-the-scenes access to bejeweled wonders in London's museum vaults, centuries-old jewelry houses, grand homes, and hallowed halls. Savor awe-inspiring collections of royal regalia, jewels, and cherished heirlooms rarely in public view—some dating to as early as 5,000 B.C. In the Tower of London, a highlight will be a private reception and intimate viewing of the incomparable Crown Jewels, the world's most complete collection of royal regalia.

Begin, appropriately, at the Natural History Museum. An expert will lead you through its vast collections of gems and minerals, the raw materials that form the beautiful ornaments you will later see. You may also have the opportunity to visit the annual Goldsmiths' Fair, an extravagant showcase of Britain's most esteemed silversmiths and jewelers. At the Victoria & Albert Museum, a specialist curator will bring you up close to its dazzling, world-renowned jewelry collection, whose objects range from Catherine the Great's diamonds to the Beauharnais Emeralds, Napoleon I's gift to his adopted daughter.

A highlight of the trip will be a visit to Syon House, where you will be welcomed by Lady Caroline Percy for a tour of her family's estate outside London. While there, you will be treated to a specially arranged, up-close viewing of the fabulous jewels featured in the 2019 *Downton Abbey* film, and a conversation with the creator of these wonders. On an exclusive tour of the British Museum on your final day, admire Victorian heirlooms and prehistoric jewels as well as Anglo-Saxon treasures excavated from the Sutton Hoo ship burial site. A reception and tour at Wartski, a family-owned jewelry and antiques firm that holds a "royal warrant of appointment" to Her Majesty the Queen, will conclude this unforgettable journey. Wartski's managing director will provide you with a hands-on viewing of its remarkable collection of jewelry, Fabergé, *objets d'art*, and silver.

Book with confidence: Your deposit for this program will be fully refundable until 120 days before departure.

I hope you will join the Royal Oak Foundation and The Metropolitan Museum of Art to see millennia of history come to life through London's most dazzling jewels.

Sincerely,

Ian Murray
Executive Director
Royal Oak Foundation



Diamond oak-leaf and acorn tiara, Hunt & Roskell, 1855, collection of the British Museum, London. Photo © The Trustees of the British Museum



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Verdite, Museum of Natural History,
photo © Trustees of the Natural History Museum, London



Amethyst and gold demi-parure by Castellani, c.1870, collection
of Wartski, photo courtesy of Wartski

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6: DEPARTURE

Depart for London on an overnight flight.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7: LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Arrive this morning and drive to the hotel. After check-in and time at leisure, gather for a tour of the collections of gems and minerals at the Natural History Museum, where we will be led by an expert in the field. Upon return to the hotel, enjoy a private tea and cocktail reception with remarks from Beth Carver Wees.

T, R

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8: LONDON

Enjoy a morning lecture by a Museum of London senior curator who has an extraordinary depth of knowledge about the history of the British capital. Savor lunch at a special venue. In the afternoon, you will have the option to attend the Goldsmith's Fair (*pending dates*), the premier showcase in the U.K. for contemporary jewelry and silver, or accompany a local guide through Hatton Garden, London's historic diamond district bustling with exceptional jewelry stores. This evening, take an after-hours tour of the Tower of London's dazzling Crown Jewels. Relax at an elegant drinks reception before heading to the vaults for the private viewing.

B, L, D, R

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9: LONDON

Visit the V&A, and, in the company of a specialist curator, discover the most comprehensive collections of jewelry anywhere in the world—3,000 jewels dating from the ancient to the modern. Admire diamonds once owned by Catherine the Great and jeweled pendants that Queen Elizabeth I gave to her courtiers. Marvel at the famous Beauharnais Emeralds, a gift from Napoleon to his adopted daughter. View splendid jewelry by the French Art Nouveau designer René Lalique as well as confections from Cartier and Tiffany. Enjoy lunch at leisure. Head to the Goldsmiths' Centre, a school for silversmiths and jewelers, and view the students at work fashioning marvels from silver, gold, and jewels. Gather this evening for dinner.

B, D



The Great Hall, Syon House, Richmond,
photo courtesy of Syon House



MONDAY, OCTOBER 10: LONDON

Journey outside of London to Richmond for a visit to Syon House, the second-largest private house in Greater London after Buckingham Palace. Lady Caroline Percy, an interior designer and the sister of the Duke of Northumberland, will host a tour of her historic family home alongside Oliver Gerrish, an architectural historian (*pending confirmation*). Sit down for tea and coffee in the family's private drawing room. Then meet the creator of the jewelry featured in the 2019 *Downton Abbey* film for a specially arranged lecture on these jewels as well as the history of great American heiresses who expatriated to Britain. Gather for lunch and explore this lavish property in the company of Lady Caroline Percy and Oliver Gerrish. Conclude with a closer look at the *Downton Abbey* jewels and perhaps try on a tiara or two. Return to London for dinner at leisure. B,L

Lady Granville's beetle parure, Phillips Brothers, 1884-1885,
collection of the British Museum, London, photo © The Trustees of the British Museum



Gold oak wreath with a bee and two cicadas, East Greek,
Hellenistic, 350-300 B.C., collection of the British Museum,
London, photo © The Trustees of the British Museum

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11: LONDON

Visit the British Museum, whose jewelry collection spans cultures from all over the globe from 5,000 B.C. to the present day. Admire late-Roman gold jewelry found in pristine and unused condition, and browse Victorian confections including a gold necklace with emerald pendants and scarlet hummingbird heads. Spend lunchtime and the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, gather for a special treat offered by the director of Wartski, who fashioned Kate Middleton's wedding ring in 2011. Visit the showroom of this world-famous jewelry and antiques business, one of the privileged few with a "royal warrant of appointment," for a private reception (*pending confirmation*). A festive farewell dinner will follow. B,R,D

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12: LONDON / DEPARTURE

Depart the hotel early this morning for flights home. B

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Royal Oak Foundation and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

Exterior of Wartski, London, photo courtesy of Wartski





ACCOMMODATIONS

THE KENSINGTON

As you are welcomed through the double-framed doors by a bowler-hatted doorman, step back in time to a more genteel age at this stately hotel, situated in one of London's most desirable neighborhoods. Enjoy traditional service and Victorian grandeur combined with sleek style and contemporary comforts like complimentary Wi-Fi.



The Kensington

THE ROYAL OAK FOUNDATION JEWELRY THROUGH THE AGES OCTOBER 6 – 12, 2022 RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place, please contact Arrangements Abroad at phone: 212-514-8921 or 800-221-1944, or fax: 212-344-7493; or complete this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (**fully refundable until 120 days prior to departure**), payable to Arrangements Abroad. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 260 West 39th Street, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10018-4424.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Room Preference Double Twin Single (limited availability)

I wish to share a room with _____

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PROGRAM RATE
\$6,699 per person, double rate
\$7,999 single rate

RATE INCLUDES

- Five nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, T=Tea, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at included dinners
- Escorted sightseeing by private motor coach and entrance fees for included visits
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portage charges
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.