



EXPLORE THE 'REAL DOWNTON ABBEY' WITH VIKING

Viking has a longstanding relationship with Highclere Castle. Located in Hampshire on the southern coast of England, Highclere Castle is the main setting for *Downton Abbey* the hit television series and the film. For guests who are intrigued by the lifestyles of the British aristocracy, the following extensions are ideal.

Available on a range of Viking river and ocean cruise itineraries, these extensions provide a seamless on-ground experience. They include all transfers and accommodation in a first-class hotel located in the centre of the destination, as well as some guided tours and the services of an expert Viking Host throughout.

3-DAY HIGHCLERE CASTLE EXTENSION

This Privileged Access® extension provides an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Highclere Castle, as well as nearby Oxford town, the countryside of the Cotswolds and Blenheim Palace — birthplace of Winston Churchill.

Guests will enjoy a cup of tea before exploring Highclere Castle's most impressive rooms, including the opulent library, which fans will recognise as Lord Grantham's private study — complete with a secret door that leads into the magnificent music room.

Available on: *Cities of Light*, *Grand European Tour*, *Paris & the Heart of Normandy* river cruise itineraries and *British Isles Explorer* ocean cruise itinerary on 2020 departures. **Priced from \$2,199pp**

5-DAY GREAT HOMES, GARDENS & GIN

This brand-new extension is available from 2021 and includes a Privileged Access® tour of Highclere Castle, as well as a visit to Broughton Castle — home to the influential Fiennes family and the setting for the award-winning series *Wolf Hall*. Guests will also visit Chavenage House in the Cotswolds, best known for its appearance in the series *Poldark*, and stroll the gardens of Highgrove House — the private home of Prince Charles.

While visiting Highclere Castle, guests will have an opportunity to taste the recently launched Highclere Castle Gin, a premium London Dry Gin inspired by botanicals from the castle's gardens. An informative visit to the nearby Bombay Sapphire Distillery is also included.

Available on: *Rhine Getaway* river cruise itinerary and *British Isles Explorer* ocean cruise itinerary on 2021 departures. **Priced from \$2,699pp**

Downton Abbey

About Viking's Partnership with Downton Abbey

Viking is the proud partner of *Downton Abbey*, released in Australian and New Zealand cinemas on 12 September.

All the main characters are returning in this highly anticipated film, which takes place in 1927, just after the finale of the popular series. The film centres around the royal visit of King George V and Queen Mary to *Downton Abbey*.

