

United Kingdom Trip, April 12-19, 2026

Introduction

Spring is a beautiful time of year to be in the UK and to see some very interesting historic sites in Somerset, Yorkshire and London. Many will have ongoing restoration work including plaster, earthen mortars, terracotta, lime production, and linseed oil paints. There will be tours with preservation experts, lectures, dinners, lunches and teas in some spectacular historic settings. We will be submitting for AIA continuing Education Credits (LUs and HSWs) and anticipate 40 units over the 7 days of tours. This will be intense with not much time to yourself, so be prepared to explore preservation in the UK, make new friends, and discover the ways professionals approach historic preservation in the UK. All this while enjoying the company of your APT friends and colleagues!



Number 9 Fore Street Chard front elevation

Meet Your Tour Guides



Michiel Brouns is an expert in historic architectural finishes, founder of UK Brouns & Co, and US Brouns & Galloway LLC. Trained in the Netherlands, he has led restoration projects across the UK and US, supplying linseed oil paints and offering expert guidance on natural materials and preservation of historic sites including royal palaces and national historic landmarks. Michiel is the author of *Linseed Paint & Oil – A Practical Guide* and a frequent speaker on architectural finishes and sustainability.



Annie Evans is a conservation accredited architect with over three decades of experience in heritage building repair and adaptive reuse. She spent eight years with the UK government's heritage advice body Historic England, and now works in Somerset, specializing in works to historic churches, listed buildings, and sensitive rural projects. She will lead the tour in Somerset where she is the Preservation Architect for Halswell.



Annabelle Radcliffe-Trenner is a preservation architect trained in the UK and has worked for over 30 years in the US. She is passionate about sharing ideas and collaborating internationally on heritage resources. She helped initiate the international tours in Italy with Assorestauro and continues to be a co-chair of the APT Partners and Outreach committee advocating international travel and collaboration with our like-minded colleagues around the world.

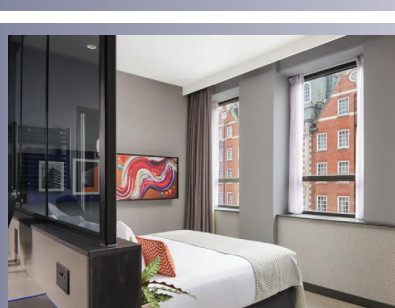
Hotel Accommodation and Travel

You will be staying at three beautiful hotels in the center of each city we visit. Breakfast will be included. The opening reception/dinner will be on Sunday night at the Castle Hotel. After you arrive in Taunton (easy train ride from London and 15 minute walk to hotel) all travel will be provided by coach, train, and underground in London, plus quite a bit of walking and exploring! We will provide your train ticket from York to London and a 3 day public transport pass in London, where the tour will end.



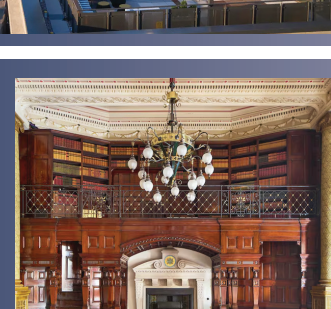
Castle Hotel
Taunton
April 12-15

<http://www.the-castle-hotel.com>



Malmaison
York
April 15-17

<https://www.malmaison.com>



Royal Horseguards Hotel
London
April 17-19

<https://www.royalhorseguardshotel.com>

Schedule

Please note that this schedule is not finalized. All hotels include breakfast. Schedule evolving and subject to change as we work to align with sites with active work.

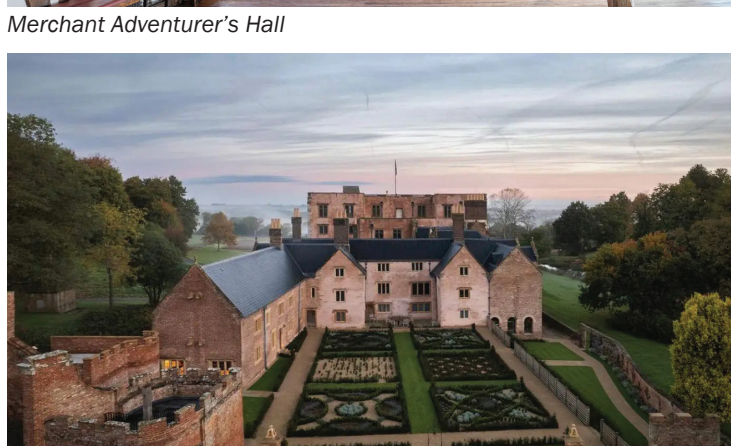
Castle Hotel Taunton	Sunday, April 12	Welcome reception at 6 PM and Dinner at Castle Hotel Taunton.
	Monday, April 13	Tour Guide: Annie Evans Morning: Halswell Tour and Earthen Mortar Demonstration. Afternoon: Tour of lime slaking and mortar manufacture operation with visit to Number 9 Fore Street Chard. Meet members of Somerset Building Preservation Trust and Landmark Trust. Dinner: Not included.
	Tuesday, April 14	Tour Guide: Annie Evans Morning: Visit conservation works on going at Wells Cathedral. Presentation by David Odgers followed by lunch in Hall off Vicars Close. Afternoon: Vicars Close restoration work tour followed by free time in Wells. Dinner: Group dinner in Taunton.
Malmaison York	Wednesday, April 15	Tour Guide: Annie Evans & Annabelle Radcliffe-Trenner Morning: Tintern Abbey tour to review ongoing conservation. Mid-day: Lower Swell Private Estate, lunch and tour. Afternoon: Wroxton College visit. Dinner: Not included.
	Thursday, April 16	Tour Guide: Michiel Brouns Morning: Tour and presentation of Linseed oil production followed by York Minster Court tour of paint restoration work. Afternoon: Lunch at York Minster. Meet Cathedral architect. Afternoon visit to Cathedral stone masonry yard. Late Afternoon Evening: Merchants Adventurer's Private Tour. Dinner: Following Tour, dinner in Great Hall.
Royal Horseguards Hotel	Friday, April 17	Tour Guide: Michiel Brouns Morning: Glaziers Trust Site visit and tour. Late Morning: Behind the scenes walking tour of historic sites in York with Box Lunch. Late Afternoon: Train to London. Dinner: Location to be confirmed.
	Saturday, April 18	Tour Guide: Annabelle Radcliffe-Trenner Morning: Natural History Museum Tour with architect to review Terracotta and linseed oil paint restoration work. Midday: Covent Garden Lunch Afternoon: Tour of St Pauls (Actors) Church restoration, followed by Afternoon English Tea at Marriott County Hall with tour. Dinner: Not included. Possible After Dark: Current Lighting Project at Historic Sacred Space with Lighting Architect.
	Sunday, April 19	Tour Guide: Annabelle Radcliffe-Trenner Morning: The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) visit and presentation in Spitalfields. Lunch: At SPAB Program ends by 2 PM



New earth mortar infill wall being built with buckets of earth mortar



Merchant Adventurer's Hall



Halswell Exterior



Linseed Oil Paint Production

Cost

To reserve your spot on the April 12-19, 2026 tour, a deposit of \$500 is required. The deposit will be applied towards the full cost.

- Single occupancy price (per person, based on single room occupancy): \$3,700.00
- Double occupancy price (per person, based on double room occupancy): \$3,500.00

Link to sign up

This tour will fill, so don't hesitate to reserve your space for this unique experience only offered by APT.

<https://apt.memberclicks.net/apt-uk-study-tour-2026#/>

Important information to know

What Is Included

- Hotel nights April 12-18 (7 nights accommodation)
- Most meals, including a Welcome Dinner at the Castle Hotel, Dinner at the Merchants Adventurer's Great Hall and a special tea service in London (4 dinners, 1 tea, 7 lunches)
- Transportation during the trip (coach and train)
- Any fees related to sites/projects visited as part of the tour

What is Not Included

- Airfare to/from London
- Travel from London airport to Taunton (there is easy train service between London and Taunton). The trip will finish in London but you will be responsible for getting to the airport.

Who Should Attend?

Priority registration is for APT International and APT Chapter Members themselves, but a limited number of spouses, partners, significant others, and traveling companions will be allowed at the double occupancy rate. Because of the intensive schedule and educational focus of the itinerary, only double occupancy guests who are also preservation professionals will be permitted. Each attendee must stay with the group and participate in all tours and activities. Past attendees will attest to the fact that this is not the type of trip for a partner to tag along and go shopping, etc.

Important Dates

- September 1: Last day to cancel and have deposit refunded.
- September 30: Last day to register if trip is not full by this date (if needed, a waiting list will be created). If booking after August 31, payment will be needed in full at time of reservation.
- November 1: Last day to pay full balance.
- December 1: Last day to cancel and receive partial refund.
- April 12-19 2026: Travel in the United Kingdom.

Cancellation Policy

If this trip is canceled due to insufficient participation or other logistical reasons attributable to APT or UK partners, payments will be refunded. Refunds to those who voluntarily choose to withdraw their registration will be refunded according to the guidelines below.

- If APT is notified by September 1, full refund. To receive a refund on your payment, you must notify APT by email to administration@apti.org that you do not plan to attend by September 1.
- If registrant cancels before or on December 1, one half of total payment will be refunded.
- If registrant cancels after December 1, no refund will be issued.
- Regardless of notification date, if we are able to fill your space(s) from the waiting list, your payment will be refunded minus a \$500 administrative fee.

Please contact administration@apti.org if you have any questions or comments.