



## The Earl and Countess of Derby Invite the English-Speaking Union to A Magical Holiday Weekend at Knowsley Hall Prescot, Merseyside L34 4AG England November 20–23, 2025

From \$2,500 pp double / \$3,400 pp single in an Executive Suite  
Upgrades to Deluxe and Royal Suite/Lord Derby's Suite available (see below)



Step into the enchantment of the holiday season with an exclusive invitation from the Earl and Countess of Derby to spend a luxurious weekend at historic Knowsley Hall, a magnificent estate nestled in the English countryside.

Knowsley Hall has been in the ownership of the Stanley family for over 600 years. Set within 2,500 acres of a private walled estate, located near Liverpool, the hall has been welcoming royalty and distinguished guests since 1495.



### **Experience**

Surrounded by beautifully decorated interiors and the warmth of tradition, you will enjoy a guided tour of Knowsley's magnificent art collection and library, engage in fireside chats with Caroline Emma Stanley, Countess of Derby, and partake in exclusive events and activities\* that embody the spirit of the season:

- Traditional Christmas dinner
- Whiskey tasting experience
- Signature afternoon tea
- Private tour of Shakespeare North Playhouse
- Optional half-day tour of Liverpool with light lunch

### **Accommodations**

Enjoy three nights of unparalleled comfort in Knowsley Hall's opulent guest rooms, each uniquely styled to reflect the estate's timeless elegance. Wake up to views of the sprawling parkland and a delectable English breakfast.



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 Prescott, Merseyside L34 4AG England  
 November 20–23, 2025  
 Program\*

**Thursday, November 20, 2025**

**Early Afternoon**

Arrival and check in by all guests  
 Welcome by the Countess  
 Tea, coffee & homemade biscuits on arrival  
 Guests escorted to their bedrooms

**Before dinner**

Mini Tour/familiarization of the House  
 Fireside Podcast discussions/insights with the Countess including discoveries that were uncovered during restoration works  
 The Grand Staircase



**Evening**

Pre-dinner glass of sparkling wine\*\* in the Walnut Drawing Room\*  
 Three-course dinner with wine\*\*



**Friday, November 21, 2025**

**Morning**

Full English breakfast

Half-day Liverpool tour with lunch with Blue Badge Tour Guide Simone Peter (\$150 per person)

Downtown Liverpool

Guests staying behind can relax in the hall, look at artwork, stroll the gardens (weather dependent),

*Lunch on one's own at the Hall or choose to book one of the below experiences:*

Guided behind the scenes Safari tour on the baboon bus (£45 – £170 per person)

Yoga/Pilates or massage/spa treatments (additional cost)

**Afternoon**

Signature afternoon tea for all guests  
 History and Art/Furniture Collections Tour with Dr. Stephen Lloyd, Curator of the Derby Collection - Hall & New House

**Evening**

Pre-dinner glass of sparkling wine\*\* in the Walnut Drawing Room\*  
 Three-course dinner with wine\*\*



## Saturday, November 22, 2025

### *Morning*

Full English breakfast

Guided Tour of the Shakespeare North Playhouse with tea/coffee (1hr 15 minutes).

### Shakespeare North Playhouse

During an exclusive pre-tour at Knowsley Hall, Dr. Stephen Lloyd will share the incredible connection between Shakespeare and the Earls of Derby, plus a viewing of Shakespeare's 4th Folio before departure for the guided tour at Shakespeare North Playhouse.



### *Afternoon*

Casual lunch at the Hall for all guests

### *Before dinner*

Whiskey or Wine tasting Experience  
Tea Tasting Experience

### *Evening*

Formal Christmas Dinner with champagne\*\*  
Night cap in the Walnut Drawing Room\*\*



## Sunday, November 23, 2025

### *Morning*

Full English breakfast

### *Check out*

\* Subject to change.

\*\* Full cash bar available

## About Dr. Stephen Lloyd

Dr. Stephen Lloyd is the Curator of the Derby Collection at Knowsley Hall, Prescot, Merseyside. Previously he was Senior Director of Pictures, Scotland, at the renowned international auction house Bonhams 1973 Ltd, celebrated for its connoisseurship and bespoke service in every major area of art, antiques, jewelry and collectibles. Dr. Lloyd served for five years as President of the International Committee for Museums and Collections of Fine Arts (ICFA) at UNESCO's International Council of Museums. From 1993 to 2009 he was Senior Curator at the National Galleries of Scotland. Dr. Lloyd received his Ph.D. in History of Art from University of Oxford.





## TOUR PRICE

### **Executive Suite / Classic\*\* (6 bedrooms)**

Per person double occupancy	\$2,500
Single	\$3,400

### **Executive Plus / Deluxe (9 bedrooms)\*\***

Per person double occupancy	\$2,800
Single	\$3,900

### **Royal Lodgings Suite / Lord Derby's Suite\*\***

Per person double occupancy	\$3,500
Single	\$6,000

*\*\*All bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms, except for the Ambassador's Bedroom and Dressing Room which share a bathroom.*

### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Three nights' accommodation.  
*There are six Executive Suite bedrooms available. When the Executive/Classic are sold, the traveler should upgrade to an Executive Plus/Deluxe bedroom.*
- Three breakfasts
- One lunch, one afternoon tea and three dinners with wine as mentioned in the itinerary
- Pre-dinner glass of wine in the Walnut Drawing Room
- Tea, Coffee & Homemade Biscuits on arrival
- Whiskey/wine and/or tea tasting
- All activities listed in the itinerary are included in the tour price unless specifically noted as "additional cost."

### **WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED**

- Airfare from and to the U.S.
- Airport portorage
- Fees relating to applying for or renewing your passport and obtaining ETA
- Transfer from the airport to Knowsley Hall at arrival
- Transfer from Knowsley Hall to the airport at departure
- Half-day tour of Liverpool including lunch (\$150 per person)
- Meals at leisure or not mentioned
- Any kind of personal insurance
- Extra personal costs at Knowsley Hall

## Important Travel Update for U.S. Citizens

- The ETA, which costs £10 to apply for (approximately \$12.75 or €8.50), offers pre-authorization for entry into the UK.
- Approval for the ETA may take up to 72 hours, and once granted, it remains valid for up to 2 years.
- It's important to note that the ETA is specifically valid for UK entry only; it is not applicable for any other purpose.
- The ETA operates as a pre-authorization system and should not be confused with a traditional visa.
- The ETA applies to individuals eligible to travel to the UK without a visa including U.S. citizens and green card holders.

We strongly encourage participants to review the ETA requirements and apply in advance to ensure a smooth travel experience. For more details and to apply, visit the official UK government website.

### **For more information and to apply for ETA:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>

***Please plan accordingly to avoid any travel disruptions.***

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