

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

Executive Plus/Deluxe Suite \$2,800 pp double occupancy, \$3,900 pp single)
(Executive Suites at \$2,500 pp double / \$3,400 pp single are sold out)



Knowsley in winter



Knowsley Hall dressed in its Christmas best

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.



Knowsley Hall aglow in holiday splendor

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.



South Tower Bedroom

A Magical Holiday Weekend at Knowsley Hall
Prescot, 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

Evening

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



The Grand Staircase



Downtown Liverpool

Friday, November 21, 2025

Morning

Full English breakfast

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

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**



Walnut Drawing Room

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Morning

Full English breakfast

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

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.



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**



State Dining 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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