

HERITAGE TOURING

SPRING AND SUMMER 2014



Exclusive tours staying in 4/5 star hotels. Each itinerary includes welcome reception, dinner bed and breakfast, entry fees, professional guide and executive coaching (unless stated otherwise in tour details). You are asked to make your own travel arrangements and join each break at the hotel concerned.





The Heart of the New Forest and the new Mary Rose Museum

Bucklers Hard, Beaulieu River and Breamore House
WW2 Special Operations in the New Forest
Portsmouth, D-day Museum

From the Rhinefield House Hotel, nr Brockenhurst
19 - 22 May 2014 (3 nights)



A tour staying in the heart of the New Forest at the 4 star **Rhinefield House Hotel**, an historic house set in 40 acres of landscaped gardens, ornamental waterways and woodland. **John Smith**, a former BBC Radio producer, will lecture on the SOE operations of World War II when members of the **Special Operations Executive** and the European Resistance trained at secret locations in the New Forest. This illustrated talk reveals the vital role played by British officers of the SOE, training agents in sabotage and subversion.

There will be visits to **Breamore House**, an Elizabethan manor house noted for its fine collection of paintings and furniture. Built in the mid nineteenth century, **Durmast House** built in the mid nineteenth century was acquired by Miss Nelly Baring, who engaged her cousin, Gertrude Jekyll, to redesign the Victorian garden in 1907. The present owners are restoring the garden according to her original scheme. As a contrast we visit a small garden in Brockenhurst - a plant lover's dream, where colour, form and scent dictate. A boat cruise on the **Beaulieu River** before a visit to the unique 18th century shipbuilding village at **Bucklers Hard** and the **Maritime Museum**.

A day in Portsmouth starting with **The Overlord Embroidery**, centrepiece of the D-Day Museum. Inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry, it traces in stunning visual form the progress of Overlord, from its origins in the dark days of 1940 to victory in Normandy in 1944. Then to **Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard**. **The Mary Rose**, Britain's great Tudor warship raised from the seabed in 1982, in a stunning new museum reuniting the ship with its crew and over 1,000 of the objects recovered from the seabed. Also in 2014, a new exhibition to coincide with the centenary of WW1. HMS – Hear My Story.

Price per person: £535

Single supplement: £32 (per night)

Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

Tour includes:

- ✦ 3 nights accommodation, dinner and breakfast, light lunch Breamore
- ✦ Entries, tickets and tours
- ✦ Professional guide, evening lecturer and coaching throughout.

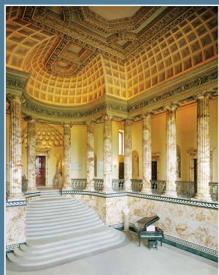
Nearest train station Brockenhurst – frequent service to mainline Waterloo or Reading.

MONDAY 19 MAY Check into the Rhinefield House Hotel – Illustrated talk on the SOE in the New Forest given by John Smith before dinner.

TUESDAY 20 MAY Scenic routes across the Forest to visit Breamore House, lunch in the tearoom and afternoon visit to Durmast house with refreshments.

WEDNESDAY 21 MAY Portsmouth - D-Day Museum and Portsmouth Historic Dockyard – timed entry for the new Mary Rose Museum.

THURSDAY 22 MAY Check out before scenic drive over to Bucklers Hard. Boat trip on the River Beaulieu, time for the Maritime Museum before returning, via Brockenhurst and a visit to the small garden at 21 Chestnut Road, to the station (2.30 pm) and hotel.



Royal Residence, Great Halls and Gardens of Norfolk

Private visits and exclusive tours
Holkham, Sandringham,
East Ruston, Mannington Hall
Houghton Hall and Blickling Hall



From the Dunston Hall Hotel, near Norwich
23 - 27 June 2014 (4 nights)

A tour of north Norfolk visiting some great historic houses, some hidden gems and some superb private gardens whilst staying at the comfortable four star **Dunston Hall Hotel**, an Elizabethan style mansion built in 1859.

The itinerary will include an "out of hours" visit to **Sandringham**, the private home of HM The Queen. Although a Royal residence for only 150 years, Sandringham abounds in history. It has seen the deaths of two monarchs, suffered its share of wartime tragedy, and was the venue for the first ever Christmas Broadcast. **Holkham Hall** for a private tour of the grand Palladian mansion designed by William Kent for Thomas Coke, 1st Earl of Leicester, with a superb art and sculpture collection.

Three remarkable gardens; **East Ruston Old Vicarage**, a feast of formal design, decorative exuberance and brilliant planting. **Mannington Hall**, the 15th century manor owned by the Walpole family since 1740, where the gardens are filled with classic heritage roses, trees, shrubs and wild flowers. **Hindringham Hall** to see the gardens surrounding the 13th century moated house - described by Stephen Lacey as "paradise regained".

A private visit to the house and great gardens at **Houghton Hall** - formally the residence of Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole with magnificent interiors designed by William Kent. The gardens received the Christies "Garden of the Year Award" following the renovation of the 5-acre walled garden. **Blickling Hall**, a magnificent Jacobean mansion once home of the Boleyn family. On the last morning a guided tour of the iconic **Norman Cathedral** in Norwich..

Price per person: £620

Single supplement: £80

Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ Four nights accommodation and breakfast
- ❖ Three dinners hotel, One dinner (set menu) Sandringham
- ❖ One lunch Mannington
- ❖ Refreshments, all entries, tours and private visits where stated
- ❖ Coaching throughout the tour. Heritage Touring tour manger

Fast train service from London to Norwich. Short taxi ride. Ample free hotel car parking.

MONDAY 23 JUNE Arrive **Dunston Hall Hotel**, set in beautiful wooded parkland, with award winning cuisine, golf, pool and spa. Welcome drink followed by dinner.

TUESDAY 24 JUNE Private visit to **Houghton Hall** garden and house. A light lunch at a nearby country inn before travelling on to **Sandringham**; first visiting the gardens, museums and church before meeting for a guided tour of the house after it has closed to the general public. Early dinner in the Sandringham restaurant.

WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE A private tour of **Holkham Hall** with time to enjoy the gardens and museums and find lunch in their restaurant before continuing to nearby **Hindringham Hall**.

THURSDAY 26 JUNE **East Ruston Garden**, followed by lunch at **Mannington Hall** before visiting the gardens. Finally late afternoon visit to **Blickling Hall**.

FRIDAY 27 JUNE Depart hotel by coach to Norwich for a tour of the **Cathedral**, before dropping at the station at 12.30.



THE HAY FESTIVAL 2014

Literary Festival at Hay-on-Wye

Tickets for top events and time to explore the 'Town of Books'

From the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
23 - 26 May 2014 (3 nights)

The Hay on Wye Festival continues to be the most sought after literary event not only for audiences but also for writers, comedians, musicians, past presidents and prime ministers! The greatest names in the literary world gather together on the outskirts of this attractive small town, with its backdrop of hills that form part of the Brecon Beacons National Park. They share new visions of the literary world with the hundreds of visitors who return year after year to an event that has its own unique atmosphere and is always buzzing with anticipation and ideas. At this early stage we cannot be precise as to who will be taking part but we will purchase tickets for the highlights of the two days.

This weekend break includes two days at the Festival with tickets for six literary events and the opportunity to attend other talks and activities. Hay is also known as Book Town, as it includes no less than 40 bookshops specialising in second-hand, antique and new books. To ensure enough time to enjoy both the little town of Hay and to attend the lectures, there will be an early dinner on both evenings at the Swan Hotel in the centre of Hay.

You will stay at the Green Dragon Hotel adjacent to the Cathedral in Hereford. An historic but comfortable hotel with a certain amount of character, chosen for its location within easy distance of Hay and with good rail access and parking. There is a large lounge and bar area to relax in and all bedrooms have en-suite facilities.

Price per person: £495

No Single Supplements for single rooms

£30 supplement doubles for sole occupancy

Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

Tour includes:

- ✦ Welcome drink and evening reception
- ✦ Three nights bed and breakfast
- ✦ Dinner x 2 in Swan Hotel, Hay
- ✦ Dinner x 1 Hereford
- ✦ Tickets for six literary events
- ✦ Coaching and tour representative

Detailed itinerary and programme of lectures will be sent as soon as these are available; they are not normally finalised until end March.

FRIDAY 23 MAY Check into the hotel from 3 pm. You could spend the afternoon visiting Hereford's magnificent cathedral with its fine Norman and Early English architecture and the historic mediaeval Mappa Mundi. Welcome drinks reception at 6.30 pm before dinner in a local restaurant.

SATURDAY 24 AND SUNDAY 25 MAY Travel by coach to Hay on Wye to enjoy the Festival and attend the various lectures. There is a regular mini-shuttle bus between the Festival Showground and the town so you can explore at your leisure before an early set menu dinner on both evenings; the coach will then return you to Hereford. Should you decide to book evening lectures independently, there is normally a scheduled bus service that returns to Hereford later in the evening.

MONDAY 26 MAY Check out of your rooms before departure.





Upper Normandy and Picardy Gardens

Discover beautiful and historic French gardens

Staying in Rouen - Mercure Rouen Centre Cathedrale
(3 nights Rouen + first night Chilston Park, nr Maidstone Kent)

24 - 28 June 2014



A collection of superb French gardens chosen specifically to be at their best in late June. Including the remarkable new **Le Jardin Plume**, "the feather garden" and the **Jardin de Sericourt** where the garden tells a story and has symbols from a once war-torn landscape, (Both gardens featured in *Monty Don's BBC series*.) The historic gardens at the 18th-century Cistercian **Abbaye de Valloires**, and two lovely French chateaux, **Bosmelet** and **Miromesnil** with walled kitchen gardens. Two smaller inspirational gardens, **Jardin d'Angelique** and **Jardin de Valérianes**, with tumbling roses, superb under-planting and a wealth of different plants. Finally **Jardin Agapanthe**, another stunning example of the breadth and originality to be found among the new wave of French gardens.

TUESDAY 24 JUNE /WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE Arrive Tuesday afternoon at the attractive (4 star) Chilston Park Hotel, Lenham, Easy morning departure by coach via the Eurotunnel to Calais. Journey through Picardy to Rouen, visiting en route **Abbaye de Valloires** where the gardens, designed by Gilles Clément, are filled with roses and unusual shrubs. Stay for three nights at the **Mercure Rouen Centre Cathedrale** in this historic city and dine this evening at a local restaurant.

THURSDAY 26 JUNE Three gardens near Rouen. **Jardin de Valérianes**, where the very talented owners have created a garden with wonderful herbaceous borders and some superb shrubs and trees. **Jardin d'Angelique**, a quintessentially English garden inspired by the love and memories of a lost daughter. A "baguette" lunch will be provided. Then finally **Le Jardin Plume** for cutting edge design with dynamic plant combinations and outstanding use of ornamental grasses.

FRIDAY 27 JUNE Travelling north, visits to **Chateau de Miromesnil**, set in a mature park with a traditional English walled garden, and then continue to **Chateau Bosmelet**. A simple French lunch with wine before a guided tour of "Le Potager Arc en Ciel", the rainbow vegetable garden, with fruit trees and annual flowers, classically arranged in coloured quadrants, sapphire blue, amber, garnet red, and ivory white. Then, returning to Rouen, a visit to **Jardin Agapanthus**.

SATURDAY 28 JUNE Return to Calais/Eurotunnel with a mid-way visit to **Jardin de Sericourt** in Picardy. This garden creates surprising spaces and enchanting rooms with bold architectural topiary and structure. The coach aims to be back at Chilston Park Hotel at 5 pm latest, stopping at Ashford Station for those wishing to catch a train. Extra nights can be arranged at the hotel if needed.

Price per person: £665

Single supplement: £47 (per night)
(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 1 night – Chilston Park Hotel (dinner bed and breakfast)
- ❖ 3 nights Mercure Rouen – bed and breakfast
- ❖ 1 dinner Rouen and 2 lunches in gardens
- ❖ All garden entries and tours
- ❖ Executive coaching, travel through Eurotunnel
- ❖ Heritage Touring Representative/Guide

Please note a valid UK passport is required for this tour. Travel insurance essential.



The Golden Age of Travel - The British Pullman

25 - 27 April 2014 (2 nights)

South Devon or Cornwall Weekend - Travel from London

Stay at superb hotels with various touring options

In Cornwall: Caerhays Castle, Trewithen and River Fal or Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant Padstow and Pencarrow House or Fly to the Scilly Isles for Tresco Abbey Gardens or Lost Gardens of Heligan and the Eden Project

In Devon: Agatha Christie's house and Royal Naval College Dartmouth

Step on board the British Pullman, sister train to the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, to step back into the heyday of great train journeys. Luxury dining and travel in a "palace on wheels" from London Victoria for a weekend in the West Country with a choice of hotels and tours:

Cornwall – In Falmouth stay at the historic **Greenbank Hotel** with views across the River Fal, visits to **Caerhays Castle** with guided tour of the house and lunch in the Georgian Hall, Trewithen gardens and a boat from Truro to Falmouth. **The Royal Duchy Hotel** with the option of the magical **Lost Gardens of Heligan** and the vast global garden of beautiful plants at the **Eden Project**; alternatively fly by Skybus from Land's End to **St Mary's** on the **Isles of Scilly** with a boat transfer to **Tresco** for a tour of the renowned **Abbey Gardens**. Final option - the **Carlyon Bay Hotel**, St Austell with a tour of **Pencarrow House**, continuing to Padstow where you will enjoy a three course set lunch at the celebrated **Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant**.

Devon – alight at Plymouth and stay at the four-star luxury **Thurlestone Hotel**, in a stunning rural coastal location near Salcombe. On Saturday cruise from Dartmouth up the River Dart to see Agatha Christie's home and lovely gardens at Greenway, before returning to Dartmouth for a guided tour of the historic Britannia Royal Naval College, where officers have been trained for the Royal Navy since 1905.

Price per person:

Devon/Thurlestone £1025 Sea-view supplement £40 pp

Cornwall/Carlyon Bay £1060 Sea-view supplement £40 pp

Royal Duchy Eden/Heligan £1000 Tresco £1150

Sea-view supplement £40 pp: Single supp £40

Greenbank – all harbour views £1015 Single Supp £30

Tour includes:

- ❖ Return travel on the British Pullman with onboard dining
- ❖ 2 nights dinner, accommodation and breakfast
- ❖ All entries, lunch Rick Stein Restaurant and Skybus flight where applicable
- ❖ Professional guide and coaching

*Tresco – alternative tour programme if weather adverse for flying. A refund for the balance of the flight would be given.

FRIDAY 25 APRIL A luxurious journey departing Victoria at 09.30 (tbc) to Plymouth or Truro. Breakfast with Bellini cocktails, followed by a three-course lunch with wine, before arriving in Devon to transfer to the Thurlestone Hotel or continuing to Truro and transfer to the Cornish hotels. Welcome reception and dinner.

SATURDAY 26 APRIL Touring options as above with dinner on your return in the evening.

SUNDAY 27 APRIL The leisurely return journey to London departs around mid-day from Truro or early afternoon from Plymouth. Enjoy a five-course meal with champagne and wine before arriving back at Victoria Station around 9pm (tbc).



Romeo and Juliet

English National Ballet - Royal Albert Hall
Eltham Palace, Museum of London Docklands,
Emirates Airline and Cruise the River Thames
Tour of the Foreign Office or the Reform Club



From the Cavendish Hotel
14 - 16 June 2014 (2 nights)



English National Ballet returns to the Royal Albert Hall with **Romeo & Juliet**. Derek Deane's epic "in the round" production, with Prokofiev's evocative and powerful score, is filled with passion and tragedy. From the lavish masked ball that brings together the two rival families with dangerous consequences to the seductive intimacy of forbidden love, no other ballet so intensely portrays Shakespeare's classic tragedy of star-crossed lovers. Set amongst the hustle and bustle, the street fighting and the rivalry of Renaissance Verona, this magnificent staging is brought to life by a company of over 120 dancers, actors and swordfighters.

SATURDAY 14 JUNE Check into the Cavendish Hotel, St James's. A coach will take you to and from the Royal Albert Hall for the evening performance with top price stall seats. Pre-theatre dinners are available at the hotel or in numerous restaurants nearby.

SUNDAY 15 JUNE A guided tour of **Eltham Palace**. Millionaires Stephen and Virginia Courtauld built their 1930s mansion next to the magnificent medieval Great Hall, childhood home of Henry VIII. This masterpiece of Art Deco decadence has a stunning entrance hall, panelled dining room and luxurious bathroom, together with superb gardens. Continue to North Greenwich to "fly" with **Emirates Airline** over the River Thames on the very successful cable cars that give spectacular views from the Thames Barrier to the City of London. Then to the **Museum of London Docklands** on the Isle of Dogs, housed in a listed 19th century sugar warehouse and telling the history of London's docklands from the Roman settlement to Docklands' regeneration. Finally return by river from Canary Wharf on the Thames Clipper.

Price per person: £450

Single supplement: £50 (per night)

Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 2 nights accommodation and breakfast
- ❖ Top price stall seats RAH
- ❖ All entries, boat and airline tickets
- ❖ Coaching and taxi one way to FO
- ❖ Heritage Touring Representative

MONDAY 16 JUNE Morning visit either to **The Foreign and Commonwealth Office** or to the **Reform Club** in Pall Mall.

Numbers are restricted on both so on a "first come basis" the Foreign Office slots will be filled and then the Reform Club. Both are within easy walking of the hotel but taxis can be ordered if needed.

The Foreign Office will reveal the formation of the office, the historic fine rooms, the impressive architecture and the symbolic importance of this building in Britain's past. The Reform Club was founded in 1836, in Pall Mall, in the centre of what is often called London's Clubland. The founders commissioned a leading architect of the day, Charles Barry, to build an imposing and palatial clubhouse. It is as splendid today as when it opened in 1841.



“The Garden Isle”

Osborne House and Quarr Abbey,
Boat Cruise River Medina
Ventnor Botanical Gardens,
North Court, Nunwell

From The Royal Hotel, Ventnor (4 stars)
6 - 9 May 2014 (3 nights)



The **Isle of Wight**, with its warmer climate and relaxed way of life, is maybe a step back in time. Enjoy the tranquility of **Quarr Abbey**, the lovely gardens at **North Court**, the family home at **Nunwell**. Visit **The Royal Church at Whippingham**. A wonderfully scenic coastal drive to **Yarmouth**, and a boat excursion along the coast or up the River Medina. **Dimbola Lodge**, once the home of the Victorian pioneer photographer **Julia Margaret Cameron**. No visit would be complete without **Osborne House**, Queen Victoria's summer home and rural retreat. “**A place of one's own, quiet and retired**” and her favourite royal residence; enjoy afternoon tea in **Victoria Hall** or take the land train down to the **Royal Beach** with the restored bathing hut used by Queen Victoria. Stay at the luxury four-star **Royal Hotel** in **Ventnor**, with award winning restaurant and lovely gardens. **Jackie Parry**, an expert Isle of Wight Guide, will accompany you.

TUESDAY 6 MAY Join the coach departing at either 10.30 from Macdonald Botley Park Hotel Southampton, or 11.10 from Southampton Central Station, or at the Red Funnel Ferry terminal at 11.30 for the 12.00 ferry. Visit **Osborne House** before continuing to The Royal Hotel. Welcome drink served before dinner.

Price per person: £615

No Single Supplements for single rooms
(£90 single supplement for double room)

Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

An extra night (5 May) at Macdonald Botley Park (£59 BB pp SS £30) prior to tour or after – reserve at time of booking or advise us where you will join the tour.

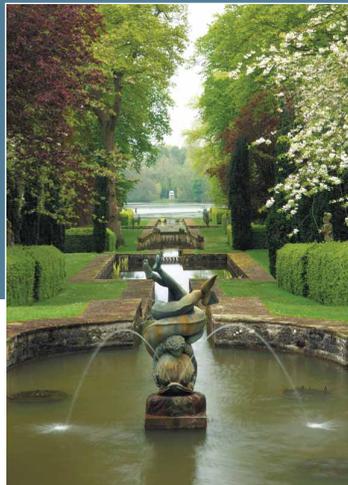
Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights accommodation, dinner and full English breakfast. Welcome reception
- ❖ Entries to houses and gardens, 2-course lunch at Yarmouth, lunch Nunwell afternoon tea at Osborne, refreshments where stated
- ❖ Boat/Ferry/Train tickets
- ❖ Executive coaching, return ferry tickets
- ❖ Heritage Touring Representative

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY North Court in the pretty village of **Shorwell**; a family home originally built in 1615 for the Deputy Governor and the largest manor house on the Island with extensive gardens; refreshments and time to visit **Shorwell Parish Church**, one of England's top 1000 churches. Continue along the Old Military Road to **Freshwater Bay** and **Dimbola Lodge**, one of the island's hidden gems, an enchanting Victorian building showcasing the life of this talented lady. Lunch in the **George Hotel** in **Yarmouth** with time to explore before continuing to **Cowes** where a boat will take you up the scenic **River Medina** or along the coast.

THURSDAY 8 MAY Nunwell House for a private guided tour of this family home with great historic interest and attractive gardens. Light lunch will be served. Visit the **Roman Villa at Brading** before continuing to **Ventnor Botanic Garden** where the microclimate of the Undercliff ensures an unrivalled subtropical and exotic plant collection.

FRIDAY 9 MAY A tour of the Benedictine Abbey at **Quarr** followed by refreshments in the Abbey gardens and **Whippingham Church**, before taking the 14.30 ferry. At Southampton a stop at the station before continuing to **Macdonald Botley Park**.



A new tour of exceptional Oxfordshire Gardens

Buscot Park, Ascott House, Waterperry
Old Rectory Farnborough,
Haseley Court,
Woolstone Mill House



From the Macdonald Bear Hotel, Woodstock
11 - 13/14 June 2014 (2/3 nights)

Wonderful gardens, some with great historical links and stories to tell and others the result of dedication, hard work and a flair for design and superb planting. Great houses and privilege access, staying for two or three nights at the very comfortable 4 star **Macdonald Bear Hotel** in the centre of Woodstock at the gates of Blenheim Palace.

Buscot Park, an 18th-century house set in enchanting landscaped grounds with the famous water garden created by architect and garden designer Harold Peto; home of Lord Faringdon, who continues to care for the property and the family art collection. **Ascott House**, a former 16th century hunting box was donated to the National Trust by Anthony de Rothschild but remains a country residence of the Rothschild family with an exceptional collection of paintings, fine furniture and superb oriental porcelain; traditionally the 30 acre garden, an unusual blend of the formal and the natural, has always been one of the property's best-known features.

For more than seventy five years the landscaped ornamental gardens at **Waterperry** have inspired and delighted countless gardeners and students. They include both formal and rose gardens, a river walk, classical herbaceous border and an alpine garden.

Haseley Court was the last country home of Nancy Lancaster. This classic English garden was a masterpiece in style and elegance which complemented the interior of the house that she created with John Fowler. The present owners have continued to take the garden forward and it is still beautifully maintained and a privilege to visit.

The Old Rectory at Farnborough is 250 metres above sea level with stunning views and an award winning immaculate garden with beautifully combined colour and texture and a plethora of rare and interesting plants; awarded Finest Parsonage in England by Country Life and once the home of John Betjeman, in whose memory John Piper created a window in the local church. **Woolstone Mill House** with views to the Uffington White Horse is a lovely 2 acre garden with richly planted borders and a stream running through.

WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE Welcome drink and dinner.

THURSDAY 12 JUNE Garden visits to Haseley Court, Waterperry and Ascott House.

FRIDAY 13 JUNE Garden visits to The Old Rectory, Farnborough and Woolstone Mill House, lunch in Woolstone before continuing to Buscot Park for guided house tour and the gardens.

You may choose to depart at the end of Friday or perhaps stay a third night and visit Blenheim Palace.

Price per person: £422

National Trust members less £18

Single supplement: £40 (per night)

Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

Extra nights £88 pp pn DBB

Tour includes:

- ❖ 2 nights accommodation, dinner and breakfast, welcome reception
- ❖ All garden entries and tours
- ❖ Sandwich/soup lunch in White Horse Inn
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative

Woodstock is accessible by train locally or from Oxford Station with frequent bus service. Car parking at hotel.



Rutland and Northamptonshire

Magnificent gardens and historic houses

Coton Manor, Cottesbrooke Hall, Kelmarsh Hall

Elton Hall, Barnsdale Gardens, Easton Walled Garden

Scenic cruise on Rutland Water



 From the Haycock Hotel, Wansford
1 - 4 July 2014 (3 nights)

A tour discovering the magnificent gardens and great halls of Rutland/Northamptonshire. Stay at **The Haycock Hotel** in the picturesque stone village of Wansford on the banks of the River Nene. This historic coaching hotel, privately owned but managed by Macdonald Hotels, is steeped in history and a successful blend of old and new, luxury and tradition with an award winning restaurant. The tour itinerary will include:

Kelmarsh Hall, a Palladian house and former home of Nancy Lancaster. The gardens are largely her inspiration with help from Norah Lindsay, the garden designer of her day and the landscape architect Geoffrey Jellicoe. **Coton Manor** lies in peaceful Northamptonshire countryside with beautiful views providing an ideal setting for the ten acre garden filled with climbing roses, clematis and shrubs and luxuriant borders - a plant enthusiast's heaven! **Cottesbrooke Hall** is a magnificent house with portraits, bronzes, fine furniture and porcelain. The formal gardens contain huge cedars and magnificent double herbaceous borders.

Easton Walled Garden once the 'lost' gardens within the grounds of a great house that fell into disrepair and was pulled down in the 1950's. Today a magical transformation and the revival of these gardens has taken place; rose and cut flower gardens, trial beds, 50 varieties of sweet peas and a lovely landscape. **Barnsdale Gardens**. This iconic garden, created by the late Geoff Hamilton, was the home of Gardeners' World in the 1980/90s, the individually designed gardens are still an inspiration to all gardeners. **Elton Hall**, an extraordinary, romantic house with magnificent treasures, paintings and furniture. The gardens are stunning, with beautifully planted borders, parterres, clipped yews and sunken garden.

A boat cruise on **Rutland Water** to relax and enjoy the very scenic 3,100 acre reservoir built to supply water to the Midlands.

TUESDAY 1 JULY Arrive and check into the hotel before welcome drink and dinner.

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY Visits to Easton Walled Garden, Barnsdale Gardens (where lunch can be purchased in the small restaurant) and a cruise on Rutland Water.

THURSDAY 3 JULY Visits to Northamptonshire Gardens – Kelmarsh Hall, Coton Manor where lunch will be provided and a guided tour of Cottesbrooke Hall before visiting the gardens.

FRIDAY 4 JULY Check out of the hotel before morning visit to nearby Elton Hall for tour of house and garden. Travel with your own car or a taxi will be booked for those who came by train and can be organised for onward journey to Peterborough Station after the visit.

Price per person: £490

Single Supplement: £60

Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

Tour includes:

- ✦ 3 nights accommodation, breakfast and dinner
 - ✦ Welcome drink and one lunch Coton Manor
 - ✦ All entries, tours and cruise
 - ✦ Coaching 2/3 July, taxi to Elton Hall on 4th for those travelling by train.
- Heritage Touring representative

Nearest station: Peterborough mainline or Stamford. Car parking at hotel.



The Chelsea Flower Show 2014

Royal Hospital Chelsea
Full day tickets for Thursday



Stay in the Cavendish Hotel, St James's
21 - 22/23 May 2014 (1 or 2 nights)

The RHS Chelsea Flower show is still the world's most famous, prestigious and best-loved flower show. Chelsea is the place to be, either as an exhibitor, competitor or simply a lover of beautiful flowers, arrangements and garden exhibits and there is always a huge buzz of excitement in anticipation of what special gardens will be revealed each year. This unique event is lovingly prepared by the country's leading horticulturists, transforming several acres into an extraordinary vista of gardens and of course the main marquee filled with displays from nurseries all over the country.



Chelsea is hugely popular and tickets are sold out every year – the insider knowledge is to be there as the gates open first thing in the morning when it is much easier to enjoy the outside show gardens before everybody else arrives. We are pleased to offer a full day ticket for the Thursday, the first public day, and a stay of one or two nights in the heart of the West End at the luxury Cavendish Hotel, St James's.

There will be a taxi organised to ensure that you are able to enter the show as the gates open and then the day is yours. During the late morning Andrew McIndoe, Managing Director of Hilliers Gardens and Nurseries - winner of countless gold medals for their superb stand at Chelsea every year - will meet you on the Hillier Stand in the Grand Marquee to talk about the highlights of the 2014 show and what it is like to create a new show garden every year.

Your stay at the Cavendish will include full English breakfast and a welcome drinks reception. By staying in central London this allows you a relaxed day at the show and time before or after to enjoy other museums, exhibitions or a West End Theatre while in London.

WEDNESDAY 21 MAY Meet for a welcome drink at 6.30 to receive tickets and show programme.

THURSDAY 22 MAY Taxi will depart at 7.15 to ensure that you are at the gates for 8.00 (this can be later if you prefer). Return independently and enjoy an evening in London. (If you are staying the one night please check out before going to the show; you may leave your luggage at the hotel or at the show).



Price per person: £324 (1 night)
Price per person: £424 (2 nights)
Single supplement: £60 (per night)
Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

Tour includes:

- ✦ 1 or 2 nights superior rooms Cavendish Hotel with full English Breakfast and welcome reception
- ✦ Full day ticket for Chelsea Flower Show and show programme
- ✦ Morning taxi from hotel to show
- ✦ Talk by Andrew McIndoe and Heritage Touring representative



Aberdeenshire's Highland Castles and Gardens

Balmoral and Royal Deeside



from the Norwood Hall Hotel, Aberdeen

14 - 18 July 2014 (4 nights)

Aberdeenshire's stunning Highland landscape together with the magnificent scenery of Royal Deeside. The tour will include visits to **Fyvie Castle**, **Castle Fraser** and **Balmoral Castle**. Also the inspirational castle gardens at **Crathes**, the ravine garden at **Kildrummy Castle**, the sublime private garden at **Daluaine**, where gardening in the challenging north reaches the height of perfection. The remarkable 17th century garden at **Pitmedden**. A private lunch at **Glen Tanar**, an historic privately owned family estate in the heart of the Royal Deeside, and a harbour boat cruise and guided tour of Old Aberdeen.

The four star **Norwood Hall Hotel** is set in seven acres of landscaped gardens, ten minutes from Aberdeen. Originally a Victorian country house, a new wing has large comfortable bedrooms, en-suite bathrooms and an award-winning restaurant.

MONDAY 14 JULY Welcome drink before dinner.

TUESDAY 15 JULY Morning visit to **Pitmedden** – a beautifully maintained formal parterre garden, filled with elaborate floral designs and surrounded by herbaceous borders. Refreshments at a Scottish farm shop before arriving at **Fyvie**, a 13thC castle with a wonderful collection of arms, armour and paintings. Return towards Aberdeen, stopping to visit **Castle Fraser** - one of the grandest of the Scottish baronial tower houses with an evocative Great Hall, fine furniture and a lovely walled garden.

Price per person: £683

National Trust members: £656

Single supplement £25 (per night)

Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

Extra nights available at hotel on request

Tour includes:

- ❖ 4 nights dinner accommodation and breakfast
- ❖ All entries/tours as listed above
- ❖ 2 lunches at Glen Tanar/Kildrummy
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring Guide

Travel: Ring the office for information on travel to Aberdeen by rail or air – our clients found it remarkably easy this year! Through trains from Kings Cross, Peterborough, York, Darlington, Newcastle, Edinburgh – departing at acceptable times and prices plus a wonderful scenic journey.

WEDNESDAY 16 JULY Outstanding scenery whilst travelling north to **Daluaine**, an inspirational private garden. Then to **Kildrummy Castle Hotel** for lunch and to view the water gardens from the stone bridge, or to descend down into the ravine. Panoramic views on the North Deeside road before stopping at **Drum Castle** for a visit to the historic rose garden.

THURSDAY 17 JULY Following the river up Royal Deeside to Ballater and a visit to **Balmoral Castle Gardens**, exhibitions and ballroom. *(Please note the other rooms in the castle are not included being the private apartments of the Queen.)* Lunch at **Glen Tanar** in the ballroom adorned with 600 antlers, and a talk about the running of a large Highland estate. Time to walk "the policies" and perhaps see the church before reaching **Crathies Castle** where the walled gardens have to be the jewel in the Scottish Highland garden crown; it is famous for its long, colour themed herbaceous borders and 'rooms' inspired by Gertrude Jekyll.

FRIDAY 18 JULY Morning cruise around Aberdeen harbour and guided tour of the city. The coach will drop at the station for mid-day and the bus to the airport, returning to the hotel for 1pm.



The Grange Park Opera

La Traviata

Basildon Park and the private gardens of Englefield House and Chieveley Manor



From the Donnington Grove Country Hotel
nr Newbury
2 - 4 July 2014 (2 nights)



The **Grange Park Opera** can be found in a magnificent Grade 1 listed historic building where the Orangery, formerly the picture gallery and ballroom, has been transformed into a magical theatre setting for this highly successful company. Tickets are always at a premium for their main summer season which rivals Glyndebourne both in accomplishment and reputation. We are delighted to be able to offer front stall seats for a sumptuous production of Verdi's *La Traviata*. Prepare to have your heart strings tugged while some of opera's most famous arias tell the tale of this tragic Parisian courtesan who sacrifices all for love. In true country house opera tradition, a summer evening picnic dinner will be provided, under cover if needed, and there will be time to enjoy the picturesque surroundings of perhaps the most idyllic opera venue of them all.

Basildon Park is an impressive Georgian mansion, surrounded by glorious parkland, which was lovingly rescued from ruin by Lord and Lady Iliffe in the mid-1950s. They re-created the 18th-century mansion with elegant interiors and salvaged architectural fixtures and fittings together with fine paintings, fabrics and furniture.

Nineteenth century formal 'Italian' gardens surround the historic house at **Englefield**. Stone balustrades and staircases enclose the lower terrace, water garden and other small gardens. The gardens are enclosed by a deer park with magnificent views over the lake and surrounding countryside. Finally the quintessentially English garden at **Chieveley Manor**; a walled garden containing lovely borders, shrubs and a rose garden with box parterre filled with alliums, white geraniums and lavender.

Price per person: £442
National Trust Members: £432
Single supplement: £60
Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 2 nights accommodation and breakfast
- ❖ One dinner in the hotel
- ❖ Tickets for the opera, two course picnic dinner and undercover seating
- ❖ Entries for gardens and Basildon Park
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative

Donnington Grove Country Hotel near Newbury, overlooking the remains of Donnington Castle, is a stunning converted private house that dates back to 1772 set in a 500 acre estate with elegant rooms, fine dining, superb spa and some of the finest golf in Berkshire! The charm of the original architecture is still retained in the hotel's characteristics and features.

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY Please arrive and check into the hotel in order to leave by 4pm. Coaching provided to and from the Grange. The opera starts at 5.20 pm with a long interval for dinner.

THURSDAY 3 JULY Depart by coach for visits to the gardens at Englefield House and the house at Basildon Park (where lunch can be purchased) and then finally the gardens at Chieveley Manor. Dinner on your return to the hotel and depart the next morning at your leisure.



The Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival 2014

Two days of literary and living history
Set in the glorious Wiltshire downland

From the Mercure White Hart Hotel, Salisbury
27 - 30 June 2014 (3 nights)

Now in its fourth year, this very successful history festival is taking the country by storm. Hidden deep in the Chalke Valley, surrounded by some of the most beautiful countryside in Wiltshire, it is the largest festival dedicated to history and offers a series of top-class literary events. The Chalke Valley History Festival is unique; last year's participants included some of the most popular, influential and leading historians - Max Hastings, Dan Snow, Boris Johnson, Artemis Cooper and Tom Stoppard. The venue is enriched with a giant encampment of living history through the ages, from Romans to the Second World War with displays by some of the very best re-enactors and historical interpreters in the country. There are also short historic aircraft displays from a Spitfire to a Dakota and other warbirds throughout the day. In one tent the BBC History department gives a view on their future historical programs and interviews with leading personalities.

At this stage we do not know who will be center stage in 2014 but have the opportunity to book 6 lectures in advance, the best the festival can offer, over the two days – with the chance for you to book other lectures independently as and when information is available.



Stay at the 4 star Mercure White Hart Hotel in Salisbury, adjacent to the historic Cathedral Close and in the heart of the medieval city. Arrive at the hotel on **Friday 27 June** in time to enjoy a late afternoon leisurely guided walk of the Close and the stunning exterior of the Cathedral, finishing in time, should you so wish, to attend Choral Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.30.

SATURDAY 28 AND SUNDAY 29 JUNE A coach will take you on both days to and from the Festival – the exact times to be confirmed but possibly to include dinner on site on one if not both evenings. There are a number of stalls offering locally produced fare for purchasing for lunch during the day.

MONDAY 30 JUNE Check out of the hotel before midday. *"I've been to literary festivals from Cornwall to Orkney and none of them match the buzz, fun and enthusiasm generated by the Chalke Valley History Festival. Our history is celebrated at Chalke Valley, it educates, shocks, amuses and inspires"* Dan Snow

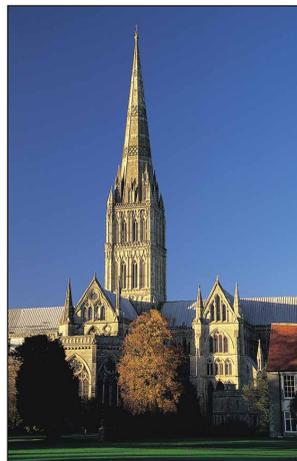
Price per person: £495

Single supplement £20 (per night)

Non-refundable deposit £130 pp

Tour includes:

- ✦ 3 nights accommodation and breakfast
- ✦ 2 dinners at hotel 1 dinner Festival
- ✦ Tickets for 6 literary events
- ✦ Coaching to and from Festival
- ✦ Guided tour of Cathedral Close
- ✦ Heritage Touring guide





Captivating Yorkshire

North Yorkshire Moors from Dales to Coast
 Fountains Abbey, Bowes Museum,
 Whitby's "black gold"
 Markenfield Hall and Raby Castle
 Whitby Boat Cruise
 and the NYM Railway



From the Gisborough Hall Hotel
8 - 11/12 September 2014 (3/4 nights)

We return again to North Yorkshire, enticed by the stunning scenery from the moors to the coast, more great houses and historic abbeys, together with of course the ever popular luxury **Gisborough Hall Hotel** making it hard to resist. Arrive on Monday 8 September for a tour itinerary that will include:

TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER A private visit to **Raby Castle**, home to Lord Barnard's family since 1626. An impressive castle, with superb furniture and works of art, set within a large deer park, rolling landscape and walled gardens. **The Bowes Museum**, a hidden treasure built in the style of a French chateau, created by the imaginative, visionary and enterprising founders, John and Josephine Bowes. It houses a vast collection of European fine and decorative arts including the Silver Swan, the museum's musical icon.

WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER A private visit to **Markenfield Hall**, a romantic completely moated medieval manor house set deep in the Yorkshire countryside. Built defensively in 1310 by Edward III's Chancellor of the Exchequer. **Fountains Abbey** is this country's largest monastic ruin and most complete Cistercian abbey, a world heritage site and a vast estate of great beauty and contrast. A guided tour of the magnificent abbey ruins, time to see the water mill and the more enthusiastic walkers might like to see **Studley Royal**, the spectacular Georgian water gardens. Returning to the hotel a stop will be made to view the moors from the panoramic high point at **Sutton Bank**.

Price per person: £560 (3 nights)
With extra night Thurs 11 Sept £640
Single supplement: £25 (per night)
Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

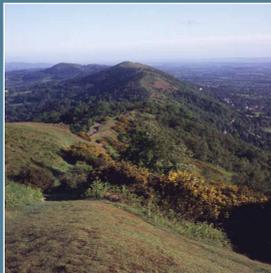
Tour includes:

- ❖ 3-4 nights dinner, accommodation and breakfast, welcome reception
- ❖ Picnic lunch Whitby, refreshments where stated
- ❖ All entries, tours, rail and boat
- ❖ Executive coaching and Heritage Touring guide

Hotel location: 10 miles Middlesbrough (nearest rail) but shared taxis organised from/to DARLINGTON mainline railway station (30 miles).

THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER A day enjoying the superb scenery across the moors. A visit to the **Whitby Museum**, a hidden gem, displaying some of best examples of Whitby jet and other local collections. Time to explore the older part of the town including the Jet Heritage Centre where there is a genuine Victorian workshop and restoration of antique Victorian jet. From here a boat excursion, depending on tides and weather, either up the river or along the coast. Travel over the moors to Pickering, stopping at the attractive village of Thornton-le-Dale before returning on the **North Yorkshire Moors Railway** to Grosmont.

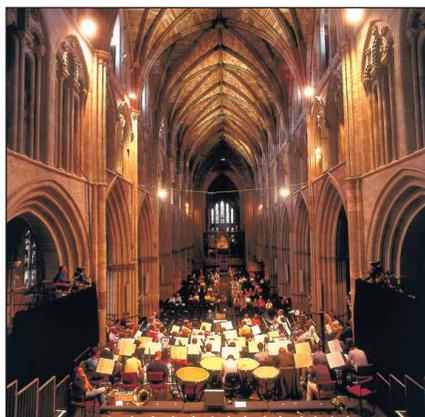
The Gisborough Hall Hotel, near Middlesbrough, privately owned but managed by Macdonald Hotels, was a Victorian ancestral home but is now a four-star country house hotel with award winning restaurant and spectacular views of the Cleveland Hills. Arrive on **Monday 8 September** in time for welcome reception and dinner – depart after touring on Thursday 11th or stay the extra night and leave on Friday 12th September.



Three Choirs Festival - Worcester Cathedral

Two Superb Cathedral Choral Concerts
Elgar's *The Apostles* and
an iconic "Best of British" choral concert
Eton Choral Course Concert

From the Mercure Queens Hotel Cheltenham
1 - 3 August 2014 (2 nights)



No concert lover's year would be complete without the opportunity to enjoy the **Three Choirs Festival**, this year from the cathedral city of Worcester. We have chosen two wonderful concerts of much loved and familiar works performed in the magnificent setting of **Worcester Cathedral**. Also tickets for a concert taking place in Malvern performed by the Eton Choral Course. During the tour stay for two nights at the four star Mercure Queen's Hotel in the centre of the lovely Regency town of Cheltenham.

FRIDAY 1 AUGUST Check into the hotel early afternoon and then join others for a welcome drink before departing for Worcester. An early dinner will be served in Worcester before the evening cathedral choral concert **Elgar: *The Apostles***, an oratorio for six soloists, festival chorus and the Philharmonia Orchestra. First performed in 1903, the *Apostles* is on a magnificent scale, containing many powerful and innovative musical ideas, and some critics consider the work to be the pinnacle of Elgar's musical achievements. The dramatic use of the shofar (an ancient Jewish ritual trumpet) and the beauty of the mystic chorus are just two highlights of the work. But, above all, few can fail to be moved by the final ten minutes of the work, covering the resurrection, which must surely be one of the most moving finales in the whole of the classical repertoire.

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST A leisurely start before departing for Malvern – a quick stop en-route at Highnam Church (weddings permitting!) one of the most significant of the Victorian churches with a superb interior given 4 stars by Simon Jenkins. Arrive in Malvern with time to find lunch before the afternoon concert performed by the Eton Choral Course at Malvern College. Continue the short distance to Worcester; time permitting you may like to attend choral evensong in the cathedral, before a buffet dinner and the evening concert. ***The Best of British*** a glittering array of uplifting works by English composers accompanied by the Festival Chorus and Philharmonia Orchestra, including *Zadok the Priest*, *Finzi A Severn Rhapsody*, John Tavener *Ikona of Light*, Vaughan Williams *Five Variants on Dives and Lazarus*, Delius *Walk to Paradise Garden*, Elgar *Give unto the Lord*. Purcell *I was glad*, Elgar *Sea Pictures*, Parry *Blest Pair of Sirens* Elgar *Pomp and Circumstance No 1*. After the concert there are fireworks and the coach then returns to Cheltenham.

Price per person: £466

Single supplement: £15 (per night)

Non-refundable deposit £130 pp

Tour includes:

- ✦ 2 nights accommodation, breakfast and welcome drink
- ✦ 2 pre-concert dinners (2 courses with wine)
- ✦ Top price tickets for 3 concerts
- ✦ Executive coaching and professional guide

There is car parking at the hotel but fee payable

MONDAY 3 AUGUST A leisurely morning to enjoy Cheltenham.



Travel in style and luxury for The Grand National 2014

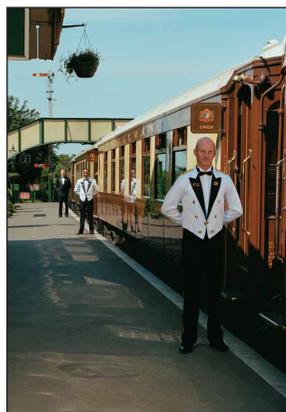
The British Pullman Carriages of the Orient Express

Seats in the Princess Royal Stand

Stay the night either side at the Cavendish Hotel



Cavendish Hotel, St James's
4 - 6 April 2014 (2 nights)



Travel from London Victoria to Aintree Racecourse with luxury dining and a world of indulgence for the Grand National, the world's greatest steeplechase. At Aintree your reserved seat in the Princess Royal Stand, situated between the Chair and the Water Jump with excellent views of the final furlong, is well placed to watch all the nail-biting action and enjoy the vibrant social scene.

The British Pullman exudes an aura of elegance and beauty; originally conceived as 'Palaces on Wheels' by George Mortimer Pullman, each lavishly appointed carriage is an original masterpiece from the 1920's and 30's meticulously restored by skilled craftsmen. Plush comfortable upholstery, intricate marquetry, inlaid mosaic floors and softly shaded lamps all delicately illuminated by solid brass fittings set the scene for your dalliance with the golden age of luxury rail travel.

Brunch with Bellini cocktails served on the outward journey. On arrival at Runcorn you will be transferred by coach to the racecourse at Aintree. Your reserved seat badge gives you access to Level 1 of the Princess Royal Stand plus all ground level public areas. The coach returns to Liverpool Lime Street (departing from the race course before the last race) to re-join the train for the journey back to London Victoria. A glass of chilled champagne is served as soon as you board the train followed by a five course dinner accompanied by half a bottle of wine.

As there is an early start from London on Saturday morning and a late return, to ensure you have a comfortable night's sleep both before and after the day, the price includes staying for two nights at the Cavendish Hotel in the heart of London's Mayfair. A taxi will be booked to take you to the station for 7 am and again to meet you on the return around 23.30 – final timings still to be confirmed.

Price per person: £785

Single supplement: £50 (per night)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 2 nights accommodation and breakfast at the Cavendish Hotel
- ❖ Your journey on the British Pullman, dining and coaching as set out above
- ❖ Entry and reserved seats in the Princess Royal Stand at Aintree
- ❖ Taxi to and from Cavendish to Victoria

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**North Wales *Dumfries and Galloway*



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PAYMENT A deposit, **per person**, per tour, is payable at the time of booking (the amount is shown with the tour costings), this is non-refundable once the booking is confirmed. This deposit, and your final balance, can be paid by debit, credit card or cheque, we welcome debit card payments and make no charge but regretfully we now charge 2% on credit card payments..

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You must take up any complaints with the relevant supplier and our local representative at the time. Problems should be able to be rectified there and then. If you still remain dissatisfied, any complaint must be made in writing to us within 28 days of your return.

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Under the terms of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992, a package exists if you book two or more different components with us, e.g. travel plus accommodation. Heritage Touring have, in accordance with the legislation, made provision where appropriate, to provide financial security. Heritage Touring operates a client trust account.

Please note that, in compliance with the 1992 EC Package Travel Regulations we now issue Financial Failure Insurance Certificates which protects your payments to us until tour completion.

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Subject to Clauses 1 to 6 of these Terms and Conditions

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Scenic tours on the River Exe, River Dart and Exeter Canal

Agatha Christie's home at Greenway

The Steam Train from Paignton to Kingswear and Coastal "Riviera"
Rail Journey from Exeter via Dawlish - Paignton

From the Mercure Southgate Hotel, Exeter
19 - 21 July 2014 (three nights)

The countryside south of Exeter offers wonderful coastal scenery, sheltered rivers and one of the oldest canals in the country. Stay for three nights in the centre of Exeter at the 4 star Mercure Southgate Hotel, ideally located to explore the attractive South Devon coast.

SATURDAY 19 JULY Welcome drink and dinner.

SUNDAY 20 JULY Early departure to catch the scheduled train service along the "Riviera Line" from Exeter to Paignton. This spectacular journey hugs the coastline, travelling along the sea wall at Dawlish, and passing through five tunnels underneath the cliffs. A short break at Paignton before transferring onto the heritage steam railway for the 40 minute journey to Kingswear, along the coast and through the glorious wooded slopes of the Dart estuary, to join the foot ferry for the crossing into the little town of Dartmouth. Time to enjoy the town, have an early lunch or buy a picnic to eat during a thirty-minute cruise up the scenic River Dart to visit Greenway, Agatha Christie's private family holiday home; an atmospheric house in a stunning setting overlooking the river, with some interesting personal collections and a glorious woodland garden with wild edges and rare planting. *(Please note the winding path up to Greenway is steep but there is now a shuttle car for those that wish).*

MONDAY 21 JULY The boat cruise is from Exmouth, up the estuary and onto the Exeter Ship Canal, built in the 1560s and one of the UK's oldest artificial waterways. The tide has to be just right to travel the full



Price per person: £410 (3 nights)

Single Supplement: £20

Non-refundable deposit £120 pp

National Trust Member – less £8

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights dinner, accommodation, breakfast and welcome drink
- ❖ Rail, ferry and boat tickets
- ❖ Entry to Greenway House
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative

length, a distance of over five miles taking 2/3 hours. Full commentary is provided and light refreshments are available on board. You pass through two working locks and under the Countess Weir Swing Bridge before arriving around 1.30 pm alongside the canal warehouses and mill at Exeter Historic Quayside. Visit the Quay House Visitor Centre to see an audio visual presentation of Exeter's history from Roman times to present day. Return independently to the Hotel. *If you wish to depart on Monday after touring please state when booking; price would be reduced accordingly.*

The Mercure Southgate Hotel, located in the heart of Exeter, is a short stroll from the Cathedral, which is well worth visiting. The restaurant offers modern cuisine in contemporary surroundings and the spa facilities include an indoor swimming pool and gym. Car park available on-site (daily fee payable).

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