



HERITAGE TOURING

2018 UPDATE



Glyndebourne Touring Opera

La traviata at Glyndebourne

Firle Place, Charleston Farmhouse

Hever Castle and Penshurst Place

Michelham Priory and Bateman's - the home of Rudyard Kipling



Buxted Park Hotel, nr Uckfield

15 - 18 October 2018 (3 nights)

Glyndebourne Touring during the autumn is the rather more informal season of world-class opera that takes place in the iconic setting of the Glyndebourne Opera House. Enjoy a late afternoon performance of **Verdi's *La traviata***, one of the most powerful, moving and memorable operas.

MONDAY 15 OCTOBER Check into the Buxted Park Hotel, an elegant Palladian four star country house hotel set in rolling parkland. Depart by coach at 3 pm for Glyndebourne. Dine at the hotel after the performance. (Our ticket allocation will be confirmed at end of May but to ensure a place reserve now)

TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER A tour of **Penshurst Place**, described as 'the grandest and most perfectly preserved example of a fortified manor house in all England'. Enjoy the unique historic Baroque gardens before travelling a few miles to visit **Hever Castle**. 700 years of history can be found at the romantic double-moated castle once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn. The splendid rooms contain fine furniture, tapestries and an important collection of Tudor paintings.

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER Visit **Charleston Farmhouse**, home of Bloomsbury group artists Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant, two of the most radical and influential British artists of the twentieth century. Over 50 years they transformed the seventeenth century farmhouse into a decorative masterpiece. **Firle Place** is an outstanding privately owned country house in Sussex that contains a notable collection of great works of art and porcelain. A guided tour of the house followed by lunch. In the afternoon a visit to **Michelham Priory**. Set on a moated island this Augustinian priory was transformed into a Tudor gentleman's residence after the dissolution of the monasteries.

Price per person: £674

Single supplement: £40 per night (£120)
(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights' hotel accommodation, dinner and breakfast. Lunch at Firle,
- ❖ All entries, tours and opera ticket.
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative

THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER Check out of the hotel before a morning visit to **Bateman's**, the Jacobean home of Rudyard Kipling from 1902 until his death in 1936. The rooms, described by him as 'untouched and unfaked', remain much as he left them, with oriental rugs and artefacts reflecting his strong association with the East surrounded by an attractive garden. Coach returns to hotel/station.

Private Visit to Lancaster House

Architecture Boat Tour on the Central Thames
Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre
Guided Tour of the Wallace Collection

Staying at The Cavendish Hotel St James's
28 - 30 September 2018 (2 nights)



FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER A special afternoon visit and guided tour of **Lancaster House**. This magnificently preserved historic house is steeped in political history with an impressive collection of pictures and Louis XIV interiors. It has doubled as the interior of Buckingham Palace in many film sets.

SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER In the morning a "behind the scenes" tour of the **National Theatre**. Explore the unseen areas of the theatre and a glimpse into the backstage world of a building that produces over 20 new productions every year.

During the afternoon a boat journey on the **Thames** looking at iconic landmarks that make London so architecturally diverse. Led by specialist guide, architect Benedict O'Looney, whose in-depth knowledge guarantees a deep insight and fascinating commentary. The tour first ventures upriver to Nine Elms before heading down river towards Canary Wharf. This unique riverside tour offers a fresh perspective on London's emerging and established skyline and a glimpse into the past. The boat is chosen for maximum viewing both on deck and below with plenty of seating.

Price per person: £458

Single supplement: £60 per night
(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ✦ 2 nights' accommodation and breakfast
- ✦ All guided tours, entries, tickets and transfers as stated to different venues
- ✦ Heritage Touring representative

SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER Check out of the hotel before a morning visit and tour of the **Wallace Collection**. This historic London town house contains outstanding works of art and unsurpassed displays of French 18th century painting, furniture and porcelain.

Your hotel is the luxury 4 star Cavendish Hotel St James's in the heart of London's Mayfair and ideally placed for visits to theatres, museums and galleries.

New Year's Eve - The Cavendish Hotel, St James's

Dinner in the Cavendish and watch the Fireworks
The London New Year's Day Parade
New Year's Day Evening - either
New Year's Day Concert St Martin in the Fields
or Matthew Bourne's *Swan Lake* - Sadler's Wells

31 December 2018 - 2 January 2019 (2 nights)



Enjoy a New Year's luxury break at the Cavendish Hotel, St James's with a New Year's Eve dinner and wonderful views of the Thames Fireworks from some of the bedrooms but equally excellent viewing from the large landing windows on the upper floors with spectacular sights across Westminster and the London Eye. The wonderful location of the Cavendish will also give you access to the famous and very entertaining **London New Year's Day Parade** which starts at midday from Piccadilly and lasts around 2-3 hours - tickets will be included for seats in the covered grandstands in Piccadilly.

MONDAY 31 DECEMBER Your rooms will be ready at the hotel from 3 pm. An evening drinks reception before a four course New Year's Eve dinner in the main restaurant then later make your way to the upper floors for the Thames Fireworks.

Kew Gardens Christmas Festival of Light

ATP Champions Tennis at the Royal Albert Hall
Syon Park and London Museum of Water and Steam
Portcullis House - The House of Commons
Portraiture Collection

Staying at The Cavendish Hotel St James's
8 - 10 December 2018 (2 nights)



Every Christmas **Kew Gardens** bring together light artists from around the globe to create bespoke pieces for the gardens. A mile long sparkling path beneath the unique tree canopies winds its way through the world-famous gardens in a magical after dark experience with over one million twinkling lights. **The ATP Champions Tennis** at the **Royal Albert Hall** where legendary players go head-to-head in the intimate

surroundings of one of the world's most iconic venues. Two matches per session, one competitive singles match and one entertaining doubles match. Top priced seats in the front choir with great views across the court.

SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER Check into your rooms at the luxury 4 star **Cavendish Hotel, St James's** in the heart of London's Mayfair. Taxi to the Royal Albert Hall at 3.45 pm in order to enjoy a pre-tennis supper before play starts at 6 pm after which a transfer back to the hotel.

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER A private morning visit to **Syon Park** a family house with magnificent State Apartments, wonderful paintings and furniture. Light lunch in Syon garden centre. before continuing to the **London Museum of Water and Steam**. Steam pumping engines and many fascinating objects tell the story of London's past. 5 pm entry "**Christmas at Kew**" follow the pathway through the different themed areas viewing the fantastic light illuminations before a transfer back to the hotel.

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER Check out of the hotel: Visit Portcullis House* for a tour of the contemporary portraiture collection found in the only new building commissioned by Parliament since the Palace of Westminster in the 19th century.

Price per person: £530 per person

Single supplement: £60 per night
(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ✦ 2 nights' accommodation (superior rooms where double occupancy) and full English Breakfast
- ✦ 2 course supper Royal Albert Hall and lunch at Syon.
- ✦ Top price tickets for the tennis, entry tickets for Kew, guided tours and other entries.
- ✦ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative.

**Visit agreed but with caveat "business of the House might take precedence" at last minute.*

TUESDAY 1 JANUARY All the roads surrounding the hotel are closed during the day. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before taking your covered seats for **The New Year's Day Parade**.

Evening: Two options* - either make your way to St Martin's in the Field's in Trafalgar Square for the New Year's Day Extravaganza Evening Concert - programme normally traditional classical favourites with the Festival Orchestra of London. **Or:** Make your way to Sadler's Wells for the 7 pm evening performance **Matthew Bourne's** internationally award winning masterpiece and powerful interpretation of **Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake** - this thrilling and emotive production took the dance world by storm and is highly recommended even for a repeat viewing!

WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY Check out of your rooms before 11 am. Optional visit to the Queen's Gallery Buckingham Palace: **Russia: Royalty and the Romanovs**. An exhibition of the many rich and varied works of art from Peter the Great's visit to London in 1698 through to Nicholas II. Grand diplomatic gifts, intimate personal mementos and miniature masterpieces by Fabergé shared between the royal family and the Romanovs.

Price per person: £495 (St Martin in the Fields)
£532 (Swan Lake)

Single supplement: £70 per night
(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Queens Gallery exhibition tickets: £11

Tour includes:

- ✦ 2 nights' accommodation and breakfast (superior room where there is double occupancy)
- ✦ Parade seats, tickets for concert or Swan Lake
- ✦ Welcome reception and 4 course dinner on New Year's Eve
- ✦ Heritage Touring representative.

** Sadler's Wells allows only limited time for our ticket allocation to be held.*

Northumberland Magic

Castles, Gardens, Heritage and the Farne Islands
Chillingham, Bamburgh, Belsay Hall
Alnwick Castle Gardens and Cragside
Kirkharle, Capheaton Hall,
Woodhorn Colliery and Pitman Painters

Some places
still available

Staying at the Macdonald Linden Hall Hotel
10 - 14 September 2018 (4 nights)



A tour to include historic castles, houses and gardens together with stunning coastal scenery and a look back on Northumberland's industrial history. Staying at the 4 star **Macdonald Linden Hall Hotel** near Morpeth.

MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER Arrive and check into the hotel before welcome drink and dinner.

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER Morning visit to **Chillingham Castle**. Steeped in history it has a bewitching charm and a possibly slightly eccentric, eclectic collection within its medieval and Jacobean walls. Then **Bamburgh Castle**, sited on its rocky plateau dominating the Northumberland coastline, described as the finest castle in England. Afternoon boat trip from Seahouses around the Farne Islands to view sea birds and grey seal colonies. (Weather permitting).

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER Kirkharle Lake and Courtyard. Birthplace of landscape architect Capability Brown; view an exhibition on Brown's life and work, housed within a farm courtyard converted to house craftsmen's workshops,. Continue to **Capheaton Hall**, a baroque masterpiece with extensive gardens and wonderful parkland views. Lunch will be served in the house. **Belsay Castle, Hall and Gardens.** A medieval castle and hall with the fantastic Pillar Hall, garden terraces and a unique quarry garden, a fantasy of ravines, pinnacles and exotic plants.

THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER Alnwick Castle Gardens. One of the most exciting, ever evolving, contemporary gardens with the Grand Cascade, Poison Garden, Treehouse and other ornamental gardens. **Cragside**, home of the first Lord Armstrong. The house is crammed with ingenious gadgets and the garden is of breath-taking drama whatever the season.

FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER Check out of the hotel. Coach departs for Newcastle Station to arrive at 1 pm, en-route visiting **Woodhorn Colliery and Museum**. The original colliery buildings, together with a stunning new building, are home to **The Ashington Group Collection** - a unique collection of paintings by the artists more affectionately known as the **Pitmen Painters**.

Price per person: £735

National Trust Members £710

Single supplement: £40 per night (£160)
(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 4 nights in the hotel with breakfast and dinner. 1 lunch
- ❖ All entries, tours and executive coaching
- ❖ Heritage Touring Representative

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Hampton Court Flower Show Gala Preview Evening

Garden visits to:
Dunsborough Park and
Loseley Park, RHS Wisley,
Heathside.
From: Woodlands Park Hotel,
Cobham
1 - 3 July 2018 (2 nights)

Terracotta Warriors Exhibition

Liverpool Museums
Sail the River Weaver
Emma Bridgewater Potteries
Stoke Potteries Museum
Combermere Abbey, Tatton
From: Rookery Hall Hotel,
Nantwich
21 - 25 May 2018 (4 nights)

Somerset and Devon

Montacute House, Forde
Abbey and Dunster Castle
West Somerset Railway
Ugbrooke House, Cothelstone
Manor and Bickham House
From The Castle Hotel,
Taunton
17 - 20 Sept 2018 (3 nights)