



HERITAGE TOURING

2019



Exclusive and special interest tours staying in luxury hotels with dinner, accommodation and breakfast included. You are asked to make your own travel arrangements to join at the hotel. The tour cost also includes entry fees, tickets, tours and lectures, coaching, Heritage Touring representative and any additional meals as set out in the tour details.



Welsh National Opera

Mozart - *The Magic Flute*

Verdi - *Un Ballo in Maschera*

Architectural Tour of the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff

Highlights tour of National Museum of Wales

Book by 15 December *In order to confirm tickets*

Staying at the Holland House Hotel Cardiff
15 - 17 February 2019 (2 nights)

Welsh National Opera, a world class opera company is recognised both in this country and internationally for its artistic excellence. The company seem to rise to even greater heights when performing in their home city of Cardiff in the iconic Wales Millennium Centre. Top price raised stall seats to attend the production of two great operas and stay for two nights at the four star Holland House Hotel in the centre of Cardiff.

The Magic Flute: Welsh National Opera's irresistible production transports you to a dream world where you'll meet colourful characters, moments of enchantment and Mozart's sublime music, including the magnificent Queen of the Night aria, it adds up to an unforgettable opera experience.

Un ballo in maschera: The score is one of Verdi's most intense, providing the musical passion that drives this thrilling new production. Love, power and politics collide based on the real life assassination of King Gustav III of Sweden who was shot at a masked ball in 1792. Riccardo (Gustav) adores Amelia, but when her husband discovers their love affair, he plots against the king, leading to murder on the dance floor. Gwyn Hughes Jones leads the cast as Riccardo in this tale of deception, intrigue, love and revenge.

Saturday opera is in the late afternoon so there will be a tour before of the **Wales Millennium Centre** led by the **lead architect, Jonathan Adams**. Jonathan will explain how his vision was constructed, the problems they had to overcome and how it feels to have created one of the world's most recognisable buildings. Early part of the morning at the **National Museum for Wales** for a tour of the museum highlights. Pre-opera

dining will be in the *ffresh* restaurant at the Wales Millennium Centre on Friday evening and on Saturday after the opera in the Holland House Hotel. Taxis/coach will transfer you to and from the venue before and after the operas.

FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY Check into the before departing at 4.30pm to transfer to the WMC - pre-opera dinner before the performance of *Magic Flute*.

SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY Tour National Museum of Wales, transfer to the WMC for architectural tour – time to find lunch before the afternoon performance *Un ballo in maschera* – transfers back to the hotel after the opera and evening dinner in the hotel.

SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY Check out of the hotel

Price per person: £466

Single supplement: £53 per night (£106)

Non-refundable deposit: £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ Top price stall seats for both operas
- ❖ Two nights' accommodation and breakfast, one dinner in the hotel and one in WMC
- ❖ Entries, special tours, coaching, transfers to operas
- ❖ Heritage Touring Representative





The Southern Lake District

Lakes Peninsular and Lancashire Gardens

From Windermere to Gresgarth Hall

Staying at the Macdonald Old England Hotel, Bowness
20 - 24 May 2019 (4 nights)



Staying on the shores of Lake Windermere this tour includes gardens and historic houses in the southern part of the Lake District. **Holehird Gardens**, a stunning setting overlooking Windermere and home of the Lakeland Horticultural Society immaculately nurtured by a team of dedicated volunteers. **Windy Hall** high on the fell a woodland garden under planted with species Rhododendrons, Magnolias and Hydrangeas. **Blackwell** – the twentieth-century Arts & Crafts holiday home overlooking Windermere of Sir Edward Holt. **Levens Hall** is a magnificent Elizabethan mansion and the world's oldest topiary garden. **Sizergh Castle** has a rich and beautiful garden with pond, lake, a national collection of hardy ferns and a superb limestone rock garden.

Yewbarrow House In this sheltered corner of Grange-over-Sands weird and wonderful exotics flourish in a fantastic microclimate – perfect for growing a wide variety of plants you wouldn't normally expect to find - more Cornwall than Cumbria! **Holker Hall** has fine displays of antique furniture and works of art and 25 acres of award winning gardens with an impressive collection of trees, shrubs and flowers that provide an ever changing kaleidoscope of texture and colour.

Set in beautiful parkland historic **Leighton Hall** is the ancestral home of the world-renowned Gillow furniture family. **Gresgarth Hall** in Lancashire is Chelsea gold medal winner and internationally renowned garden designer Arabella Lennox-Boyd's own glorious garden. The garden surrounding this honey-gold, castellated house is composed from a variety of elements - colour-themed gardens, luxuriant herbaceous borders, a serpentine walk, bog and lakeside garden, wild garden and orchard. An afternoon cruising on Windermere to relax and enjoy the scenery that rises from shores to the Lakeland fells.

Price per person: £765 (Classic double /twin room)

Single supplement: £50 per night (Double room sole occupancy) **OR**

£792 per person (executive double /twin with lakeview). Single supplement lakeview **£55 per night**

Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 4 nights' accommodation, full English breakfast and dinner. 2 light lunches
- ❖ All entries, tours, boat tickets as stated
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative

(Car Parking at the Old England – valet parking – a discounted rate has been agreed at **£10 per night**)

The 4 star **Old England Hotel** has extensive leisure facilities and excellent restaurant. The nearest mainline station is Oxenholme where the coach will meet the train on **Monday 20 May** at 2.30 (tbc) – en route to visit the gardens at **Sizergh Castle**.

TUESDAY 21 MAY Visits to Holehird, Windy Hall with light lunch and Blackwell for a tour of the house.

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY Visits to Gresgarth Hall garden, house tour and lunch at Leighton Hall and then gardens at Levens Hall.

THURSDAY 23 MAY Yewbarrow House garden continuing to Holker Hall for a tour of the house and time for the extensive gardens. Lunch can be purchased in their restaurant. Afternoon boat cruise on Windermere.

FRIDAY 24 MAY Check out of the hotel before departure. Taxis can be arranged for those going to the station at Windermere or Oxenholme.



Architecture on the Thames East

From Greenwich to Dartford Crossing

Temple of Mithras - London Mithraeum Bloomberg

London Theatre choice:

The Comedy about a Bank Robbery or

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Tour of the Banqueting House Whitehall

From the Cavendish
Hotel, St James's
5 - 7 April 2019
(2 nights)

After the very successful Thames Central boat tour we are delighted to now offer **Architecture on the Thames East** – London's future is in the east where some of the world's most famous architects are transforming this historic industrial landscape into a place to live and work. This 2 ½ hour afternoon boat journey down the River Thames starts in Greenwich and goes out towards Dartford Crossing and back. Led by specialist guide, architect Benedict O'Looney, whose in-depth knowledge guarantees a deep insight and fascinating commentary. The boat is chosen for maximum viewing both on deck and below with plenty of seating and is also only booked for capacity for the inside covered deck in case of rain.

FRIDAY 5 APRIL Check into the luxury Cavendish Hotel St James's – ideally located in the heart of Mayfair. Welcome drink and pre-theatre dining for those that wish. Choose from the **two possible theatre options** for both 5* rated productions in London's West End for this evening.

Price per person: £510

(The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time)

Price per person: £498

(The Comedy about a Bank Robbery)

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

Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 2 nights' accommodation and breakfast Cavendish Hotel and drinks on arrival.
- ❖ Tickets for one of the above productions
- ❖ Entry, tours, boat tours and tickets as stated
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative

The Comedy About A Bank Robbery is a fast, fabulous comedy caper and the funniest show in the West End reviewed by The Times and The Telegraph "*It would be criminal to miss it*". The latest play by the prolific and talented team behind *The Play That Goes Wrong*. Or: The National Theatre production of **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**. Hailed by The Times as 'a phenomenal combination of storytelling and spectacle, Mark Haddon's best-selling novel comes to life on stage. Winner of numerous awards including 'Best Play'.

SATURDAY 6 APRIL Departs for Greenwich, en route visiting the **Temple of Mithras**. **London Mithraeum Bloomberg** has returned the Roman Temple of Mithras, first discovered in 1954 in Walbrook, to its original position in the heart of the City The past is brought vividly to life with an immersive, multi-sensory exhibition, remains of the ancient temple and a selection of the remarkable Roman artefacts found during the recent excavation. Arrive Greenwich Village in time to find some lunch before the boat departs from Greenwich Pier at 1 pm - the return will be a Thames Clipper back to Westminster around 5.30. Evening at leisure.

SUNDAY 7 APRIL Check out of your room, taxi or maybe walk to the **Banqueting House Whitehall**. James I's breath-taking Banqueting Hall, was created in 1622 with its magnificent Rubens ceiling commissioned by Charles 1 to celebrate the glorification of his father. There will be a guided tour and you then free to make your own way back to the hotel for departure.



Private and Historic Gardens of Normandy - to include Monet's Garden and Le Vasterival

Staying in Rouen - Mercure Rouen Centre Cathedrale (4 nights Rouen + first night Chilston Park, nr Maidstone Kent)

Sunday 16 - Friday 21 June 2019



Superb gardens in the Seine-Maritime region of Upper Normandy. This tour includes **Le Jardin Le Plume**, "the feather garden" with conventional and dramatically modern plant combinations and outstanding use of ornamental grasses. The historic rose gardens at the **Abbaye de Valloires** and the enchanting walled kitchen garden at **Chateau de Miromesnil**. Other inspirational gardens are **Jardin de Valérianes**, where the owners' passion for plants has created some wonderful herbaceous borders amongst the shrubs and trees. **Jardin d'Angelique**, a quintessentially English garden, charming, romantic and a profusion of roses, hydrangeas and hostas. **Jardin Agapanthe**, where the talented garden designer has created another stunning example that is found among the new wave of French gardens. **Jardin du Mesnil** a large woodland garden created with a wonderful collection and huge variety of trees and shrubs.

Claude Monet's Garden at Giverny. The garden has been magnificently restored and gives a unique impression of Monet's sources of inspiration. The famous water garden with its wisteria festooned bridge and water lilies and a riot of roses, poppies, lupins, clematis and delphiniums. Time to explore the little village have lunch and perhaps visit the Musee des Impressionnistes with its lovely gardens. **Le Vasterival**, the exceptional wooded valley garden, a hillside border of foliage plants and other delights that no gardener, plantsman or botanist should miss including over 15,000 different plant species. This unique garden, a fantastic legacy created by the late Princess Sturdza, continues to evolve under her loyal team and Princess Irene Sturdza.

SUNDAY 16 JUNE Meet at the Chilston Manor Hotel, Lenham, near Maidstone, easy access by train or to leave your car during the tour. Depart early Monday by coach for Eurotunnel. Journey through Picardy to Rouen visiting **Abbaye de Valloires** en route. Four nights at the **Mercure Rouen Centre Cathedrale** in the historic city centre. Dine this evening at a local restaurant.

TUESDAY 18 JUNE Guided tour of Le Vasterival near Dieppe. Gardens and lunch at Chateau de Miromesnil for light lunch, followed by Jardin Agapanthe. Dine independently in Rouen.

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE Early visit to Monet's garden. Time for lunch in Giverny and afternoon visit to Jardin d'Angelique. Dinner included this evening in local restaurant.

THURSDAY 20 JUNE Jardin de Valérianes and Le Jardin Le Plume in the morning and an afternoon to explore Rouen and enjoy the art galleries, cathedral. Dine independently.

FRIDAY 21 JUNE Depart Rouen for Calais/Eurotunnel with garden visit and lunch at Jardin du Mesnil. Arrive back at Chilston Park 4 pm, stopping also at Ashford Station (3.45 pm).

Price per person: £899

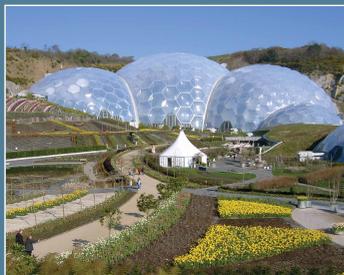
Single supplement: £48 per night
(5 nights **£240**)

(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 1 night - Chilston Park Hotel (1 dinner included)
- ❖ 4 nights Mercure Rouen (accommodation/ breakfast)
- ❖ 2 dinners Rouen and 2 light lunches
- ❖ All garden entries and tours
- ❖ Executive coaching, travel through Eurotunnel
- ❖ Heritage Touring Representative/Guide



The Belmond British Pullman Cornish Weekend

Penlee Gallery, St Ives and Tate St Ives or
Eden and the Lost Gardens of Heligan or
Lamorran Garden and Cornwall Maritime Museum -
with lunch at Idle Rocks St Mawes

31 May -
2 June 2019
(2 nights)

Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant at Padstow and Prideaux Place or
Lunch at Jamie Oliver's Fifteen Restaurant and Lanhydrock

Step on board the Belmond British Pullman and travel back into the heyday of great train journeys. Departing London Victoria on **Friday 31 May**, enjoy superb dining and one of the above tour options whilst staying in Cornwall's 4 star luxury hotels, then return to London on Sunday evening. **The Royal Duchy Hotel** with an unrivalled position on Falmouth's seafront. **Budock Vean** is surrounded by extensive gardens that run down to the Helford River and the luxury **Carlyon Bay Hotel** sited on a cliff-top location near Par.

Eden and Heligan (Royal Duchy Hotel Falmouth) A guided tour in the Lost Gardens of Heligan and afternoon exploring the vast global garden of the innovative Eden Project.

Royal Duchy Hotel: Double/twin room

Eden/Heligan: **£1150 pp**

Lamorran/St Mawes: **£1185 pp**

Sea-view supplement: **£70 pp**

Budock Vean: St Ives/Penlee

Double/twin room: **£1200 pp**

Carlyon Bay: Inland Double/twin room

Rick Stein: **£1225 pp**

Jamie Oliver: **£1200 pp**

Sea-view supplement: **£80 pp**

Non-refundable deposit: **£175 pp**

Single supplement: All hotels **£120 pp**

(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Lamorran Garden, National Maritime Museum -

lunch Idle Rocks (Royal Duchy Hotel Falmouth) The beautiful Italianate inspired garden at Lamorran with an eclectic and unusual range of subtropical plants has panoramic views overlooking the small Cornish village of St Mawes. The Idle Rocks Hotel has a superb restaurant with fabulous harbour views. Afternoon to explore Falmouth and a visit to the National Maritime Museum.

Fifteen Cornwall and Lanhydrock: (Carlyon Bay Hotel – St Austell) Visit Lanhydrock a magnificent late Victorian country house with gardens and wooded estate. Then to Watergate Bay where Jamie Oliver's restaurant *Fifteen Cornwall* enjoys a panoramic view down onto one of Cornwall's great surfing beaches. A three course set menu lunch at this award winning restaurant focusing on traditional Italian dishes.

Rick Stein and Prideaux Place: (Carlyon Bay Hotel – St Austell) A morning visit and guided tour of Prideaux Place, a Tudor manor house that overlooks the fishing village of Padstow. Then enjoy a three course lunch at Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant located on the quayside in Padstow.

South West Cornwall's Artistic Legacy Penlee Gallery, St Ives and Tate St Ives: (Budock Vean Hotel) Visit the little Italianate villa in Penzance, the Penlee Gallery, with its many paintings of the Newlyn School, followed by a light seafood lunch at the Godolphin Arms with its panoramic views of St Michael's Mount. Continue to the seaside town of St Ives, with its stunning coastal views and home to Tate St Ives and the Barbara Hepworth Museum.

Tour includes:

- ❖ Return travel on the British Pullman on the outward journey Brunch with Bellini and a three course lunch with wine and champagne. On the Sunday return journey five course lunch with champagne and wine
- ❖ 2 nights' dinner, accommodation, welcome drink and breakfast in your chosen hotel. Entries and lunch where stated in the itinerary. Professional guide and executive coaching

Train times: 09.30 departure Friday

Return Sunday – arrival London Victoria 20.30

(Exact timings will be confirmed)



Private Gardens of Cheshire

The RHS Flower Show Tatton Park

Tattenhall Hall, Manley Knoll,
Stretton Old Hall, Peover Hall,
Abbeywood, Mayfield

From the Rookery Hall Hotel, nr Nantwich
15 - 18 July 2019 (3 nights)

The Royal Horticultural Society will bring a spectacular celebration of flowers and gardening to the north-west of England with the RHS Flower Show set in the magnificent parklands at Tatton Park. Full of spirit, colour and all that's great about gardening with vibrant floral displays and stunning gardens there's lots inspiration for your garden or just to enjoy new ideas and great designs. The tour also includes visits to some stunning private gardens in Cheshire.

MONDAY 15 JULY Stay for three nights at the luxury **Rookery Hall Hotel**. This elegant Victorian mansion is set in picturesque parkland with extensive spa facilities and an award winning restaurant.

TUESDAY 16 JULY Garden visits to: **Tattenhall Hall** described as an "intoxicating" English garden where the owners have designed a garden of epic proportion that includes wild flower meadows, a walled garden and colour themed borders that surround the Jacobean house. **Manley Knoll** an early 1900s Arts and Crafts garden of six acres, divided into different rooms encompassing parterres, clipped yew hedging, ornamental ponds and herbaceous borders and a stunningly restored and transformed quarry garden. **Stretton Old Hall** recently featured on BBC Gardener's World is a new garden of 5 acres with wonderful vistas and a planting style which is described as controlled exuberance. The garden is beautifully designed with a definite emphasis upon perennials, colour, form and scale from the walled kitchen garden to the wild flower meadows. A light lunch will be included in local village tearoom adjacent to Tattenhall Hall.



Price per person: £679

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

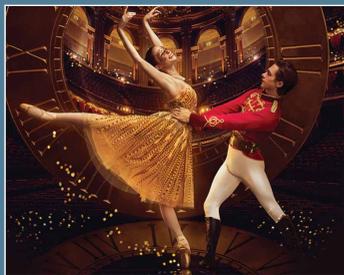
Non-refundable deposit: £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights' accommodation, breakfast and dinner at the hotel.
- ❖ Welcome drink, 2 light lunches and refreshments where stated
- ❖ All garden entries/ tickets RHS Flower Show
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring Representative

WEDNESDAY 17 JULY RHS Flower Show Tatton – this is member's day which is generally quieter arriving early to get ahead of the traffic and to allow you plenty of time to enjoy the show. On the return to Rookery Hall there will be a late afternoon visit to **Peover Hall Gardens**. The gardens at **Peover Hall** are set in 15 acres and feature five walled gardens filled with clipped box, topiary, roses, lily pond and kitchen garden.

THURSDAY 18 JULY Check out of the hotel before a visit to the private garden at **Mayfield** near Tarporley. A mature English garden with traditional planting and lots of vibrant colour, variety and interest throughout the year. Finally **Abbeywood** - six acres of informal and formal gardens, all different and distinctive, a wealth of colour with some very exotic plantings. Light lunch in their restaurant. The coach will drop at hotel and Crewe station for 2.30 pm.



The English National Ballet - Royal Albert Hall

Cinderella “in the round” - music by Prokofiev

Agatha Christie’s *Witness for the Prosecution*

Performed in the Court Room at London County Hall

Leighton House and Royal Botanical Gardens Kew

Afternoon Boat from Kew

to Westminster

Book by
15 Dec
In order to
confirm tickets

From the Cavendish Hotel, St James’s
14 - 16 June 2019 (2 nights)

Top class seat for both performances. Enjoy a spectacular *Cinderella* with the **English National Ballet** at the Royal Albert Hall. The specially-adapted show presented in-the-round will feature more than 90 dancers, striking sets and costumes, and stunning choreography set to Prokofiev’s famous score, performed by English National Ballet Philharmonic. **Agatha Christie’s *Witness for the Prosecution*** - set inside the magnificent surroundings of London County Hall, where you will experience the intensity and drama in the centre of this gripping story of justice, passion, and betrayal in a unique courtroom setting.

Leighton House is the former home of the Victorian artist Lord Leighton. It is one of the most remarkable buildings of the nineteenth century, containing a fascinating collection of paintings and sculpture by Leighton and his contemporaries. World-famous **Kew Gardens** has 300 acres of landscapes, glasshouses, historic buildings magnificent vistas, precious specimen trees and rare and beautiful plants – whether your first or a return visit there is always more to see including the recent the much acclaimed major restoration of the Temperate House.

The boat journey from **Kew to Westminster Millennium Pier** passes many historic, contemporary buildings and a landscape that in places is undergoing a massive rejuvenation making for a fascinating afternoon on the river. From here an easy walk over Westminster bridge to County Hall for the evening performance with restaurants aplenty in the local vicinity to obtain something to eat before the performance.

Price per person: £565
Single supplement: £60 per night
(Double rooms for sole occupancy)
Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp

The very popular luxury 4* **Cavendish Hotel** is in the heart of London’s Mayfair, an ideal location for galleries, shopping, restaurants and perhaps just browsing the delights of Jermyn Street and surrounding area.

FRIDAY 14 JUNE Your rooms at the Cavendish should be available from 3 pm. Coach will depart at 6.30 pm for the RAH and performance of Prokofiev’s *Cinderella*. Pre-theatre dinners are available at the hotel or in numerous other restaurants or cafes adjacent to the hotel.

SATURDAY 15 JUNE Coach departs 9.45 for morning visit to Leighton House continuing then to Kew Gardens – lunch can be purchased in the Orangery or other restaurants. Re-join the party at to walk from Elizabeth Gate Kew Gardens to the pier at Kew. Boat departs at 4.30 pm arriving Westminster at 6 pm – the performance in County Hall starts at 7.30. Check out of your rooms on **Sunday morning 16 June** before mid-day.

Tour includes:

- ❖ 2 nights’ accommodation and full English breakfast
- ❖ Superior rooms where double/twin occupancy
- ❖ Top rate tickets for ballet and play
- ❖ Entry tickets and boat, coaching/taxis where stated
- ❖ Heritage Touring representative



Gardens of Herefordshire

Brockhampton Cottage, Grendon Court,
The Laskett

Brobury House, Stockton Bury,
Hampton Court Castle

Birtsmorton Court,
Little Malvern Court



Staying at the Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern
24 - 27 June 2018 (3 nights)

Within the stunning landscape, rolling hills, orchards and English farmland - Herefordshire also has some exceptional gardens. This tour travelling into the depths of the county includes visits to gardens where owners, designers and leading influential horticulturalists have lovingly created truly memorable and unique gardens. Stay for three nights in **The Abbey Hotel**, a 4-star hotel in Great Malvern with spectacular views over the Vale of Evesham and the Malvern Hills. Arrive and check into the hotel on **MONDAY 24 JUNE** before welcome drink and dinner.

TUESDAY 25 JUNE Brockhampton Cottage a hilltop garden overlooking unspoilt countryside created by the owners Peter Clay and designer Tom Stuart-Smith. Then to nearby **Grendon Court** a contemporary garden with a collection of mass-planted perennials and grasses giving all-year round interest. Lunch is kindly provided by the owner. An afternoon visit to **The Laskett** one of the largest private formal gardens created in England since 1945. Sir Roy Strong, and his late wife, Dr Julia Trevelyan Oman, transformed a field into a series of stunning garden rooms, vistas, ascents and descents. These include a rose garden, pleached lime avenue, orchard, knot garden, fountains, statuary and parterres. Uniquely, the garden tells the story of both their marriage and their creative lives in the arts.

Price per person: £590 per person

Single supplement: £40 per night (£120)

(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit: £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights' hotel accommodation, breakfast and dinner
- ❖ 2 lunches, refreshments where stated and welcome drink
- ❖ All garden entries and tours
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring Representative

Hotel parking available, nearest station Great Malvern a short taxi journey. (Direct trains from Paddington and stations in-between).

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE Brobury House. Set above the banks of the River Wye this immaculate garden, following an extensive programme of restoration and development over recent years, is superb with the terraced Victorian gardens, wonderful specimen trees, bog garden and formal water features. **Stockton Bury** is a sheltered 4-acre garden with fantastic colour and interest and an extensive collection of plants, many rare and unusual. Lunch will be provided in their café. Finally a visit to **Hampton Court Castle** gardens - twelve acres of award winning stunning gardens, an exceptional kitchen garden, flowing herbaceous borders, island pavilions, and canals.

THURSDAY 27 JUNE Check out of the hotel before visiting **Birtsmorton Court**. The garden surrounds a beautiful medieval moated manor house and includes a white garden surrounded on all sides by old topiary, a potager, vegetable garden and working greenhouses. Finally **Little Malvern Court** a little piece of heaven in the Malvern Hills. The gardens, within a former Benedictine Priory, have been a family home for nearly 500 years and were given a major transformation in the early 1980's by the present owner with the help of garden designer Arabella Lennox-Boyd. The coach will drop at station for 1.30 and the hotel.



The Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival

Two days of literary and living history
Set in the glorious Wiltshire downland
Guided tours of Wilton House
and Salisbury Cathedral



From the Mercure White Hart Hotel, Salisbury
28 June - 1 July 2019 (3 nights)

This very well-established and successful history literary festival has taken the country by storm. Hidden deep in the Chalke Valley and surrounded by some of the most beautiful countryside in Wiltshire, it offers a series of top-class literary events with a unique blend of talks, discussions & debates. 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 and short historic aircraft displays throughout the days.

The final programme will be confirmed mid-February but we will ensure the tickets and as many options as possible are given to choose 5 lectures during the day on Saturday and Sunday morning. Possible speakers may include Max Hastings, Philip Collins, Mark Urban, Jesse Norman, Andrew Roberts, Ian Hislop and Dan Snow to name a few.

Stay in Salisbury in the **Mercure White Hart Hotel** adjacent to the Cathedral Close in the city centre. The hotel is ideally located for enjoying the city and visiting other heritage venues. Arrive at the hotel to check in on **Friday 28 June** – There will be an afternoon guided tour of **Salisbury Cathedral** after which those who wish can join choral evensong in the Cathedral. Welcome drink followed by dinner in the hotel.

Price per person: £590

Single supplement: £50 per night
(3 nights)

(Double rooms for sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights' hotel accommodation and breakfast
- ❖ 2 dinner hotel 1 dinner festival (set menu)
- ❖ Tickets for 5 literary events
- ❖ Transfers to and from Festival
- ❖ Entry and tours Cathedral and Wilton House
- ❖ Transfers and Heritage Touring representative

SATURDAY 29 AND SUNDAY 30 JUNE Minibus/taxis will take you on both days to and from the Festival – the exact times to be confirmed but depending on the programme there will be an early dinner at the Festival on Saturday and returning to the hotel in time for dinner after the Wilton House visit on the Sunday. In addition there are numerous stalls offering locally produced fare for purchasing for lunch during the day. Saturday evening is also D-Day Dance with music and lots of additional live entertainment! On Sunday afternoon the coach will depart from the Festival at 3 pm to visit **Wilton House** for a guided tour of one the great treasure houses of this country and then returning to the hotel if time allows a quick early evening visit to **Horatio's Garden at Salisbury Hospital**.

MONDAY 1 JULY Check out of your rooms before 11 am. You might consider visiting the excellent Salisbury Museum or Mompesson House both within the Cathedral Close. An itinerary with options for lectures and more precise timings will be sent in spring next year.



The Manchester Ship Canal

Capesthorpe Hall, Jodrell Bank and
Gawsworth Hall

The Anderton Boat Lift and River Weaver

Staying at the Rookery Hall Hotel, Nantwich
2 - 5 September 2019 (3 nights)

Sail the 35 miles of the **Manchester Ship Canal** along the inland waterway aboard the legendary Mersey Ferries, with commentary describing how this magnificent waterway shaped the city of Manchester and the North West. Starting at **Seacombe Ferry Terminal** before crossing the Mersey then passing through locks and bridges that have remained largely unchanged since their construction, whilst viewing some of the region's stunning architectural and natural sights before reaching **Salford Quays** in Manchester. There will be an early dinner in the **Lowry Centre** before returning to the Rookery Hall Hotel.

Two fine Cheshire Houses: **Capesthorpe Hall**, a beautiful family-owned mid-18th century stately home set in stunning countryside with a fascinating collection of fine art, marble sculptures, porcelain, tapestries and antique furniture collected by family members. An ancient Tudor manor house **Gawsworth Hall** a superb example of Cheshire's black and white architecture. The house contains fine paintings, furniture, sculpture and stained glass. The grounds equally interesting with a rookery, tilting ground and Elizabethan pleasure garden. As a completely contrast – a visit to the iconic **Jodrell Bank** and the world-famous Lovell Telescope and Discovery Centre exhibitions. There will be a light lunch in their café.

The **Anderton Boat Lift** is one of the 'Seven Wonders of the Waterways' – a short cruise along the picturesque River Weaver to Northwich and back before ascending, in this magnificent working Victorian heritage monument, from the river to the Trent and Mersey Canal 50ft above.

MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER Stay for 3 nights in the luxury 4 star **Rookery Hall Hotel**, near Nantwich. This elegant Victorian mansion retaining many of its original features is set in rolling parkland. Award winning restaurant, extensive spa facilities and indoor pool. Check into the hotel before welcome drink and dinner.

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER Guided tour of **Capesthorpe Hall**, then to nearby Jodrell Bank for light lunch and see the Discovery Centre. **Gawsworth Hall** with cream tea in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER **Manchester Ship Canal** - Depart hotel at 10 am, boat departs at 11.30 eta Salford Quays 5.30 pm. A simple picnic is provided; additional refreshments can also be purchased on board. On arrival the coach will take you to the nearby Lowry Centre to dine in their "pre-theatre" Pier 8 restaurant return from here to the hotel for around 10pm.

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER Check out of your rooms before the visit and river cruise at the **Anderton Boat Lift**. The coach will drop at the station and hotel no later than 1 pm.

Price per person: £655

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

Non-refundable deposit: £150 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights' hotel accommodation and spa facilities, breakfast, 2 dinners and welcome drink
- ❖ 2 light lunches, dinner Pier 8 and a cream tea
- ❖ Guided tours, tickets, boats and entry fees as stated
- ❖ Coaching and Heritage Touring representative



The Isle of Wight

In the footsteps of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert

Private lunch at The Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes

Lakeside Park Hotel nr Wootton Bridge
16 - 19 September 2019 (3 nights)



2019 marks 200 years since the birth of both Queen Victoria and Prince Albert so what better time to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of an island that meant so much to them both. Discover superb coastal scenery and a wealth of history while staying with lakeview rooms at the new **Lakeside Park Hotel (4*)** in an area of outstanding natural beauty near Wootton Bridge. The modern hotel has extensive spa facilities and a restaurant overlooking the tidal lake.

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER Meet 11am Southampton train station or Red Funnel Ferry terminal. Ferry departs midday ensuring that you reach **Osborne House** with time to discover Victoria's much loved family home, the walled kitchen gardens and Swiss Cottage. There will be a special exhibition to mark 200 years since Victoria's birth. Continue to Lakeside Park Hotel. Welcome drink before dinner.

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER First visit **St Mildred's Church Whippingham**, redesigned by Prince Albert and rebuilt in a style considered to be more suitable for the royal family. Continue to Cowes for an exclusive private lunch at the **Royal Yacht Squadron** starting with a tour of the Castle and hear the unique history of the RYS within the sailing world. Lunch will be served in the Pavilion overlooking the entrance to Cowes Harbour. Afternoon visit **Carrisbrooke Castle**. This historic quintessential romantic castle has been an Elizabethan artillery fortress, a king's prison and a royal summer residence. Meet the donkeys, visit a fascinating museum and see the Castle's Edwardian garden.

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER Visit **Ventnor Botanic Garden** with a wonderful collection of subtropical and exotic plants thriving in the mild climate and sheltered setting. Then continue along the coastal Military Road to Freshwater Bay and Dimbola Lodge. **Dimbola** was the home of the celebrated Victorian photographer Julia Margaret Cameron. It is now a museum and gallery dedicated to her life and work. Light lunch in their café included followed by a guided tour of **Farringford**, the home of Alfred Lord Tennyson Poet Laureate from 1856 until his death in 1892. Now in private hands the property has undergone extensive restoration and re-opens as a historic house. Return to the hotel with an afternoon stop in Yarmouth.

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER Check out of the hotel, before the ferry a short tour of **Quarr Abbey**, a Benedictine monastery set in beautiful surroundings just a few minutes from the hotel. A chance to visit their cafe and visit farm shop before the ferry back to Southampton arriving at 13.30 – the coach will drop at the station for 2 pm.

Price per person: £735

Single supplement: £60 per night
(3 nights)

(Double rooms for sole occupancy lake view)

Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights' accommodation, breakfast and dinner
- ❖ Lunch at RYS and light lunch Dimbola
- ❖ All entries and tours as stated
- ❖ Coaching, ferry crossing and Heritage Touring Guide

Future Tours

Tours that appear currently on our website and not featured in this brochure (Cornwall Gardens, Scotland, Hampshire, Italy) are now fully booked but do please enquire if they are of interest in case we have cancellations or you would like priority for another year.

Our Italian garden tour – 2019 is fully booked – however **4th – 8th May 2020** is already in the diary - to be on the priority list for information please let us know. Gardens visits will include: **The Villa d'Este** in Tivoli, a superb illustration of the Renaissance period with fountains, waterfalls

and terraces. **Villa Lante**, on a smaller scale and more intimate but perfectly proportioned with formal parterres, water fountains and grottos. **Bomarzo** a strange bewitching treasure trove of massive garden monsters and statues. One of the ten most beautiful gardens in the world – **The Gardens of Ninfa** near Lazio south of Rome, a garden of sublime romantic beauty where time seems to stand still, roses, jasmine, wisteria ramble and climb through the ancient medieval ruins of the city of Ninfa. Nearby a very



private garden – **Torrecchia** – designed by Dan Pearson, on a hill top within the ruins a small medieval village. **Giardini della Landriana** – divided into “rooms”, a hillside of roses, lavender, box, formal and colour themed, lakes, citrus and olive groves. **Moutan Botanic Centre** – home to the world's largest collection of tree and herbaceous peonies. **Valleranello Rose Garden**, considered to be one of the most beautiful rose gardens in Italy.

The **Villa Tuscolana Park Hotel** is sited on top of one of the hills of Rome, overlooking the town of Frascati – an extraordinary location with amazing views.



Just a small request. If you have been kind enough to let us have your email address in order that we can occasionally get in touch reference your bookings or future tours, please can you add us to your email contacts/address book. This ensures emails get through to your inbox – we are finding that sometimes, perhaps mistakenly, we are being consigned to “junk” mail before it reaches you! Thank you.

Autumn/Winter Tours

We intend to offer another tour from Buxted Park Hotel Sussex to include **Glyndebourne Touring Opera in October** – their programme and dates still to be confirmed but with a different itinerary so well worth considering for a second time!

There will be some more London tours – to include special visits, theatre or musicals – as always these cannot be finalised so far in advance.



Heritage Touring Booking Form

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Title _____

First Name _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel _____

Mobile _____

| Names of other members of your party | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|---------|
| Title | Name | Surname |
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Tour Date _____

Theme _____

If you wish to book more than one tour please add details on a separate sheet

| Room Requirements | No of Rooms (non-smoking and en-suite) |
|---|--|
| Double Bedded | |
| Twin Bedded | |
| Single (double room for sole occupancy) | |
| Extra Nights Required | Date(s) |

Please tick this box if you have any disabilities or dietary requirements that we should be aware of or which could affect your comfort during your tour. Use a separate sheet if necessary

PAYMENT: To confirm your booking a non-refundable deposit is payable per person per tour, the amount due is shown on the tour cost. The deposit and final balance can be paid by BACS, card (we prefer a debit card) or cheque.

Your signature confirms you have read and understood on behalf of yourself and members of your party the Heritage Touring terms and conditions. If your card details are supplied the deposit will be taken from your debit or credit card and you further agree that outstanding balance can be taken automatically from your card 8 weeks prior to the tour, unless you inform us otherwise.

We strongly recommend that you take out your own holiday insurance to cover cancellation charges and other eventualities.

Heritage Touring terms and conditions are also on our website.

Please tick the method of payment
Visa or Mastercard only, Cheques payable to Heritage Touring Ltd.
BACS payment - please advise office
 Heritage Touring Account: 38172119 Sort Code: 60 07 02
 (name for reference)

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Expiry Date _____ Security code (3 digits reverse) _____

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1 Booking Arrangements

You are asked to book direct with us on the booking form enclosed. Heritage Touring reserves the right to increase or decrease the tour cost prior to final contracts with the client. When confirming your reservation, you are asked to pay a deposit. When a confirmation is dispatched it is at this time that a binding contract with Heritage Touring comes into existence. Payment of the balance is due no later than 8 weeks prior to departure. Bookings made within 8 weeks of departure require full payment. Any balance due that is not received by us within the timescale may result in the travel arrangements being liable to cancellation by Heritage Touring.

2 Cancellation by the Client

Cancellations must be made in writing. The effective date for cancellation is the date when we receive a written notice - the cancellation charge is applicable as follows:

- Tours cancelled 56 days or more before departure – Loss of deposit only
- 28 to 55 days before departure – 50% of tour costs but not less than the deposit:
- 14 to 27 days before departure – 90% of tour costs:
- 0 to 13 days before departure – 100% of tour costs:

3 Amendment and Cancellation by Heritage Touring

- (a) Holidays and tours featured in this publication are subject to availability at the time of booking. A minimum number of guests are required for all tours, in the event of insufficient bookings being made and a holiday or tour being cancelled as a result, you will be notified at least 30 days beforehand and all monies refunded to you. No further liability will arise for Heritage Touring once the monies have been refunded.
- (b) Our holidays and tours are planned many months in advance and details are often unclear at the planning stage; further, tours may be changed, or not able to be conducted, due in whole or part to circumstances beyond our control. For example, and without limitation, such circumstances include war or threat of war, riots, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial disputes, transportation difficulties, natural or nuclear disaster, fire or adverse weather conditions, insolvency of suppliers or other unusual or unanticipated circumstances which neither Heritage Touring nor our suppliers can control. Should this happen you will be notified as soon as reasonably practicable and Heritage Touring will, at our discretion, endeavor to offer you an alternative within the spirit of the tour's theme where possible. However, should this not prove possible for any reason, you will not be entitled to any refund of monies you had paid. In no circumstances will Heritage Touring have any liability for any losses suffered by you as a result of this.
- (c) Currency surcharge - when booking a holiday with us in Europe please see notes attached to your invoice reference possible future fluctuations in exchange rate.

4 Complaints

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.

5 Conditions of Carriage

This offer is the sole responsibility of the tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit any independent organization/carriers whose services are used.

6 Packages

Under the terms of the "Package Travel, Package Tours Regulations 1992" a package exists if you book two or more different components with us, e.g. travel plus accommodation. Heritage Touring, in accordance with legislation and to provide you with financial security, operate a client trust account. We operate Travel Regulation Insolvency Protection so that all client bookings with Heritage Touring Ltd are insured for the initial deposit and subsequent balance of all money paid to us, including repatriation if required. This policy is for cancellation or curtailment of the declared tour arrangements arising solely from the unlikely event of the financial failure of Heritage Touring Ltd. This insurance has been arranged by Towergate Chapman Stevens Ltd through Zurich Insurance PLC.

7 Our liability

Subject to Clauses 1 to 6 of these Terms and Conditions

- (a) We accept responsibility, other than for personal injury, should any part of the holiday arrangement which you book with us not be supplied as described and not be of a reasonable standard.
- (b) We accept responsibility where you suffer death or personal injuries as the result of an activity forming part of the holiday arrangements you book with us only to the extent that Heritage Touring is legally liable for such death or injury.
- (c) Our acceptances of liability and obligation to pay compensation pursuant of clauses (a) and (b) above are strictly limited pursuant to all applicable laws.
- (d) If any client suffers death, injury or illness arising out of activity which does not form part of the inclusive holiday arrangements or excursion arranged through us, and providing we are legally liable, we may at our discretion offer advice and guidance to help you in resolving any claim you may have against a third party, providing we are advised of the incident within 90 days of the occurrence. Where legal action is contemplated our authority must be obtained prior to commencement of proceedings and be subject to you undertaking to assign costs recovered or any benefits received to ourselves. Our costs in respect of the above on behalf of you and your party shall not exceed £500 in total. The contract and all matters arising from it are governed by English Law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales. Heritage Touring is the Trading Name of Heritage Touring Ltd.

8 Delays

We cannot accept any liability for any delays in travel arrangements in the UK or to and from the UK where cancellation or delay is caused by adverse weather conditions, the action of port authorities, air controllers, mechanical breakdown, strike, industrial action or otherwise. In certain cases you may be able to claim from your travel insurance policy.

Brochure Mailings: If you do not already receive our brochures on a regular basis, or who have friends who would like to receive copies in the future, please use the booking form to send us your contact details.



Three Choirs Festival - Gloucester Cathedral

Five Cathedral Concerts and Choral Evensong

From the M Gallery Queens Hotel Cheltenham
28 - 31 July 2019 (3 nights)

Limited Availability

It is Gloucester Cathedral's turn to host the **Three Choirs Festival**. Five superb concerts with top class tickets performed in the iconic setting of the Cathedral. This tour allows more time in Gloucester in order to enjoy the atmosphere surrounding the Festival, perhaps listen to a rehearsal in the Cathedral and add some optional additional extras. Stay in the four-star **M Gallery Queen's Hotel** in the centre of the elegant spa town of Cheltenham.

SUNDAY 28 JULY Check into the hotel before early dinner then departure by coach for Gloucester. The cathedral concert is **Verdi's Requiem** – a choral masterpiece and one of the most enduring requiems. Tonight performed by the Three Choirs Festival Chorus with the Philharmonia Orchestra.

MONDAY 29 JULY Arrive at Gloucester Cathedral for a morning performance from the **Rodolfus Choir** singing works by **Elgar** and **Tavener**. The choir was founded in 1984 for young singers aged 25 mainly selected from the Eton Choral Courses. Your afternoon is free or an option to include a major organ recital in the Cathedral given by world renowned organist **John Scott Whiteley**. Choral evensong followed by festival supper and the cathedral concert **Rachmaninov's All-Night Vigil (Vespers)** performed by this country's leading choir and Early Music ensemble **Ex Cathedra**. Rachmaninov turned to the liturgy of the Russian Orthodox Church to compose a quiet, reflective and deeply moving set of vespers.

TUESDAY 30 JULY Return to Gloucester for the morning cathedral concert given by the **Three Choirs Festival Youth Choir** singing **Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man** and **Giles Swayne's Our Orphan Souls**. Break for lunch and time in Gloucester - there may be afternoon rehearsals to listen to in the cathedral as a preview for the evening. Choral evensong at 5.30 followed by two-course festival supper. Evening concert - **BBC National Orchestra of Wales's** centenary performance of **Elgar's Cello Concerto**, **Berlioz Le Carnaval Romain** and a revival of **John Joubert's** Festival commission **An English Requiem**.

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY Check out of the hotel and perhaps enjoy a quiet morning in Cheltenham.

EXTRA: Berlioz - The Damnation of Faust available on request. Additional rooms at the hotel and tickets for the opening concert at the cathedral on the **Saturday night 27th July** – an independent excursion but shared taxi arranged for transfers to Gloucester Cathedral for the concert starting at 7 pm. Three Choirs Festival Chorus, both Girl and Boy Choristers of Gloucester Cathedral, Philharmonia Orchestra and Adrian Partington as conductor. Dinner not included.

Price per person: £718

Single supplement: £48 per night (£144)
(Superior double rooms sole occupancy)

Non-refundable deposit: £175 pp
Additional Organ Concert: £20

Extra Saturday 27th July night -
Hotel, return taxis and tickets for concert
£170 per person twin/double room
£240 per room sole occupancy

Tour includes:

- ❖ 3 nights' accommodation, breakfast and welcome drink, one dinner in the hotel
- ❖ Two Dinners in Gloucester
- ❖ Top price tickets for **five concerts**
- ❖ Transfers by coach to and from Gloucester and professional guide

Additional 'add on' tickets much be confirmed at time of booking.

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