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DAY EXCURSIONS 2025

THE AUTUMN SPLENDOUR of WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM and TETBURY

Saturday 18th October 2025

We visit the Elizabethan market town of Tetbury with its fine buildings, cafes and restaurants for refreshments and toilets. We continue to Westonbirt, home to 2,500 different species and 5 national tree collections, the perfect place for you to escape and take a walk through an incredible landscape of scarlet, orange and gold this autumn. A must visit is Acer Glade in the Old Arboretum, Maple Loop in Silk Wood and the national collection for maples. Take a journey up into the canopy on the STIHL Tree Top Walkway or if you venture into the deep dark wood you may bump into the Gruffalo, the Gruffalo's child and other characters from the book by following the Gruffalo Trail. There is a restaurant, a café for refreshments and a shop. We check into the Welcome Centre, where you can pick up information about walks and maps. A shuttle service is available for visitors who need assistance from the Centre to the restaurant, shop and edge of the Old Arboretum. Wheelchairs and mobility scooters are available from the Welcome Building, but please notify on booking if required.



PRICE
FROM
£55.60

Adult: £69.00

Senior Citizens: £68.00

Child: £55.60

Includes admission to Westonbirt Arboretum

Suitable Footwear is advised

FESTIVE SEASON at CHATSWORTH HOUSE, CHRISTMAS MARKET and the GARDEN LIGHT TRAIL

Saturday 15th November 2025

Enjoy a great day at Chatsworth with the house superbly decorated for Christmas. We begin the morning with a stroll around the Christmas Market with log cabins and stalls, crammed with festive crafts, gifts galore and Christmas foods to eat, drink and purchase. There are plenty of places to take refreshments, light bites are available at the Farmyard Café or a hearty meal at the Cavendish and Carriage House Restaurant, outside catering is also available. You can book yourself into the restaurants beforehand to avoid the queues. After the timed house tour at 14:15hrs., indulge in shopping in the courtyard, before strolling around the gardens following the amazing light trail.



PRICE
FROM
£74.00

Adult: £75.00

Senior Citizens/Child: £74.00

Includes admission to the House and Light Trail

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THE BBC GOOD FOOD SHOW at NEC BIRMINGHAM

Saturday 22nd November 2025

Step into a festive wonderland at the Good Food Show! Experience the joy of the season as top chefs (still to be confirmed) share their top seasonal recipes, across multiple LIVE cooking stages. Indulge in a shopping spree with hundreds of artisan producers', brimming with unique gifts, festive decorations, and foodie delights, perfect for your Christmas shopping list. Get hands-on with winter workshops and tasting sessions, where you can learn new skills and taste delicious seasonal treats. You'll also have the chance to meet the stars at the book signing, where you can get your cookbook signed and snap a selfie with the culinary icons. Celebrate the magic of the season at the ultimate festive foodie destination! Tickets for Live cooking stages and Workshops need to be booked online by yourselves to avoid disappointment at an extra cost.



PRICE
FROM
£49.50

Adult: £61.50 Senior Citizens: £60.50 Child: £49.50

Includes admission to Good Food Show

CHRISTMAS 2025 at TATTON PARK

Sunday 14th December 2025

Enjoy the magic of Christmas at Tatton Park, a festive wonderland nestled in the heart of Cheshire. This year, you'll find experiences like no other, where the historic mansion transforms into the wonderful World of Christmas, wander through the beautifully decorated staterooms, and later discover an illuminating garden trail and Santa at the farmyard. Santa visits have to be booked separately by yourselves and paid for on arrival. Shopping and dining have never been so enjoyable at Tatton Park. The Stables Restaurant is self-service for a hearty meal or for table service head to, the Gardeners Cottage Tearoom. Visit the Gift Shop for pre-Christmas shopping with bespoke Tatton Park gifts and the Housekeeper's Store for local artisan produce including jams, chutneys, traditional teas and English wine.



PRICE
FROM
£53.00

Adult: £75.00 Senior Citizens: £74.00 Child: £53.00

Includes admission to the Mansion & the Light Trail

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THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Sat 29th Nov, Sat 6th Dec, Wed 10th Dec, Sat 13th Dec 2025

Join us for an afternoon of sheer magic including executive coach travel with courier/hostess service, a mouth-watering, traditional Christmas lunch at the Rectory Walsingham before we transfer you to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular, the largest festive show in England.



PRICE FROM
£108.00

Sat 29th Nov	Adults: £112.00	Senior Citizens/Child: £110.00
Sat 6th Dec	Adults: £114.00	Senior Citizens/Child: £112.00
Wed 10th Dec	Adults: £110.00	Senior Citizens/Child: £108.00
Sat 13th Dec	Adults: £112.00	Senior Citizens/Child: £110.00

Includes Christmas Lunch and Thursford Christmas Spectacular Ticket(s)

DAY EXCURSIONS 2026

THE CHINA POTTERY TOUR for BARGAINS GALORE and TRENTHAM GARDENS

Saturday 10th January 2026

A wonderful day for all pottery lovers visiting some of our favourite factory shops in Stoke on Trent. We start the day at Churchill's Pottery one of the world's leading manufacturers of quality tableware. We then move to Middleport Pottery, on site you'll find the Visitor Centre where you can explore the history of the factory and the pottery made here, browse or purchase the latest collections plus the Burleigh factory shop and the small independent shops based here. We continue to Portmeirion Pottery with an unrivalled choice of fantastic products from some of the biggest names in British pottery - Portmeirion, Spode, and Royal Worcester. This afternoon we continue to Trentham Shopping Village for lunchtime refreshments with numerous cafes and restaurants before you browse the high street of timber lodges and discover gift shops and quirky stores. An alternative is to visit the Trentham Garden Centre, a Blue Diamond flagship with a huge selection of products and plants for the home and garden. The centre is also home to an Italian restaurant and Six Arches Restaurant.



PRICE FROM
£38.50

Adults: £39.50	Senior Citizens: £38.50	Child: £38.50
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NEW YEAR SHOPPER at SPRINGFIELD’S SPALDING

Saturday 7th February 2026

We have so much to offer here for you and your passengers, providing a full day out. Over 55 Outlet Stores offering up to 60% off including M&S Outlet, Cadbury, Radley, Joules, Levi’s, Molton Brown also with 8 restaurants including The Parlour Restaurant, Petalo Lounge and The Noshery Co Café. Blue Diamond Home and Garden Centre 25 Acres of free-entry Festival Gardens with sculptural artworks and tranquil walks Adventure Land, a family fun park with 10 attractions including the JCB Young Drivers Zone.



Adults: **£25.00** Senior Citizens: **£24.00** Child: **£24.00**

BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

Sunday 15th February 2026

A parade unlike any other, the 2026 Birmingham International Tattoo brings together massed marching bands, pipes and drums, and exciting displays including the Inter-Service Field Gun Competition, dog-racing during the British Flyball Association competition, plus massed dancers and the Parade of the Massed Standards. The spectacular Grand Finale features over 1,200 performers, includes the traditional "Land of Hope and Glory", "The Evening Hymn", led by the Tattoo guest vocalists, and joined by "The Lone Piper" in this fantastic celebration of pomp and pageantry there is something for all the family.



Adult: **£69.00** Senior Citizens: **£68.00** Child: **£65.50** Including Platinum Seats Tattoo ticket

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**ANGLESEY ABBEY NT SNOWDROP WALK and visit the HOUSE and the LODGE MILL
(Ground Floors only)**

Saturday 21st February 2026

Anglesey Abbey has one of the finest snowdrop collections in the country, with over 500 varieties of these delicate white flowers, many of which are rare. Take in their beauty amongst a collection of classical statues and wander through the Winter Garden. You can visit the ground floor of the Jacobean-style house full of rich history, from a monastic priory to 20th-century home. Also, come and look around the ground floor of Lode Mill and find out more about the historic watermill, and the journey from grain to plate. Redwoods Restaurant is open daily, serving hot and cold drinks, light meals, snacks and a selection of cakes and traybakes.



PRICE
FROM
£35.00

Adults: **£53.00** Senior Citizens: **£52.00** Child: **£43.50** Including admission to Anglesey Abbey
Adults: **£36.00** Senior Citizens: **£35.00** National Trust Members & RHS Members (1 member)
NT & RHS Members please bring card and make the office aware to qualify for reduction

**THE CREATIVE CRAFT SHOW/ SEWING FOR PLEASURE/ FASHION & EMBROIDERY
at NEC BIRMINGHAM**

Saturday 14th March 2026

The Creative Craft Show at the NEC Birmingham is co-located with Sewing for Pleasure and Fashion & Embroidery, offering access to all three with one ticket. The event is known as the UK's largest mixed craft event, featuring shopping, workshops, and inspiration for crafters. It is a haven for knitting, cross stitch, paper crafting, jewellery and dress making. Find must have fabrics, gorgeous yarns, patterns, threads and more.



PRICE
FROM
£31.00

Adults: **£39.00** Senior Citizens: **£38.00** Child: **£38.00 (Over 16)** Child: **£31.00 (Under 16)**
Includes admission to all 3 shows

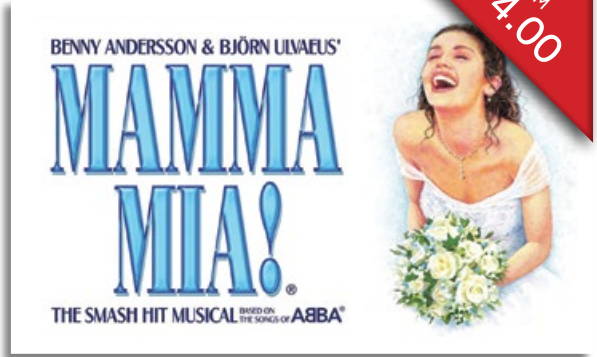
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MAMMA MIA at the NOVELLO THEATRE

Thursday 26th March 2026

Somewhere in the crowd, there's you. The international hit musical continues to delight audiences, and now you can be the dancing queen! This irresistibly funny ABBA musical comedy follows an original story of love, friendship and the search for identity accompanied by a score of some of the most recognisable and uplifting pop music ever written. Set on a Greek island paradise, the Mamma Mia! musical tells the story of the newly engaged Sophie who is determined to find out the identity of her father and invite them to her wedding. Without telling her mother Donna, she writes to the three possible candidates, and they all arrive just in time to see her walk down the aisle. The only question is, which one of the three very different men is it? This morning, we travel down to London with a comfort stop on route. The coach will transfer you to the Novello Theatre where you will have free time either side of the matinee show to explore central London, then join the fun, the world's sunniest, and most exhilarating smash-hit musical! After the performance our coach will pick you up and begin the return journey home with on board refreshments being served.



Adult: £75.00 **Senior Citizens/Child: £74.00** Includes Dress Circle Tickets

LES MISERABLES at the SONDHEIM THEATRE

Thursday 26th March 2026

After nearly 20 years working on the chain gang Jean Valjean is finally released on parole only to find that the yellow ticket he is required by law to display marks him as an outcast, an undesirable not to be trusted. As Valjean struggles to make his way in his new life he encounters the Bishop of Digne who gives him a chance to start again. Police Inspector Javert cannot let this man slip away, he is determined to bring Valjean to justice. As Valjean leads a new life under a new name Javert is constantly looming around the corner and in the meantime revolution is in the air of Paris. This morning, we travel down to London with a comfort stop on route. The coach will transfer you to the Sondheim Theatre, where you will have free time either side of the matinee show to explore central London, are you ready to join the revolution? After the performance our coach will pick you up and begin the return journey home with on board refreshments being served.



Adult: £95.00 **Senior Citizens/Child: £94.00** Includes Dress Circle Tickets

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STARLIGHT EXPRESS at the TROUBADOUR THEATRE

Thursday 26th March 2026

Hop aboard the Starlight Express and prepare for a thrilling new immersive production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's iconic musical. Follow Rusty, a humble steam engine determined to prove himself as the fastest locomotive on the tracks. But he's going up against more modern diesel and electric trains, Greaseball and Electra. As the competition heats up, Rusty grapples with self-doubt and insecurities, but with the support of friends and the love of Pearl, an elegant first-class coach, he learns that belief in oneself is the ultimate fuel. This morning, we travel down to London with a comfort stop on route. The coach will transfer you direct to the Troubadour Theatre where you will have free time either side of the matinee show to explore Wembley Park London, and then it's full steam ahead in this high-speed, roller-skating extravaganza! After the performance our coach will pick you up and begin the return journey home with on board refreshments being served.



PRICE
FROM
£92.50

Adult: £93.50 Senior Citizens/Child: £92.50 Includes Platform Two Tickets

KNARSBOROUGH, HARROGATE and FISH & CHIP LUNCH

Good Friday 3rd April 2026

We visit Knaresborough one of the most beautiful and scenic towns in Yorkshire, with its medieval castle ruins, charming tearooms and impressive viaduct. A fish & chip lunch will be taken at the Drakes restaurant at 12.00. After lunch free time to enjoy Knaresborough the birthplace of the famous prophetess, Mother Shipton, see the historic Park with the Cave and Petrifying Well. We continue to Harrogate known for its historic architecture, wide boulevards, and lush gardens. The town is home to several famous landmarks, including the Royal Pump Room Museum, the Turkish Baths, and the Harrogate Convention Centre. Harrogate was once a popular spa resort, famous for its mineral springs and healing waters.



PRICE
FROM
£45.50

Adults: £46.50 Senior Citizens: £45.50 Child: £45.50 Including Fish & Chip lunch

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BEAMISH the LIVING MUSEUM of the NORTH

Easter Monday 6th April 2026

Step into the past at Beamish, The Living Museum of the North. Beamish is a world-famous open-air museum which brings the history of Northeast England to life at its 1820s Pockerley, 1900s Town, 1900s Pit Village, 1940s Farm, 1950s Town and 1950s Spain's Field Farm exhibit areas. Visitors to the museum meet costumed folk and discover fascinating stories of everyday life in the region through time. Set within 400 beautiful acres, there's something for everyone at Beamish Museum, take a tram ride back in time and become immersed in real, living history. Award-winning Beamish Museum is a must-see part of any group visit to the North of England. Take a walk down an Edwardian cobbled street, try tasty food from times gone by and chat to the costumed engagers. Enjoy a great day.



PRICE
FROM
£43.00

Adult: £54.00

Senior Citizens: £51.50

Child: £43.00

Includes admission

KEW GARDENS in SPRINGTIME

Sunday 19th April 2026

April is a beautiful time to visit Kew Gardens when spring flowers are in abundance. Kew Gardens in the spring is a vibrant display of blooming flowers and blossoming trees, particularly from mid-March to mid-April. Visitors can enjoy a variety of spring blooms, including magnolias, cherry blossoms, tulips, bluebells, and daffodils. The gardens also feature the early shoots of wisteria and the rhododendrons in the Rhododendron Dell. Take a ride on the Land Train for a guided tour of the gardens for just £5.00 extra. A wide variety of cafes and restaurants available are for refreshments with gift shops selling a great range of gifts, books and plants.



PRICE
FROM
£55.30

Adult: £56.30

Senior Citizens: £55.30

Child: £55.30

Including Kew Garden admission

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ABBA VOYAGE in the EAST END of LONDON

Sunday 24th April 2026

On 6th April 1974, an upcoming Swedish pop group stepped out onto the stage of the Eurovision song contest and won the crown for their original song 'Waterloo'. What followed would see them capturing hearts across the world and changing the course of music forever. ABBA Voyage is a dazzling, futuristic experience like no other. You'll feel the beat of ABBA's timeless classics such as 'Knowing Me, Knowing You', 'Mamma Mia', 'Does Your Mother Know?' and many more. This morning, we travel down to London with a comfort stop at, Birchanger Services, for early lunch. We re-join our coach that transfers you directly to the ABBA Arena for a once in a life time virtual performance of ABBA Voyage. After the performance our coach will pick up and begin the journey home with a refreshment break at, Cambridge Services.



PRICE FROM
£105.00

Adults Seated: **£125.00**

Senior Citizens/Child Seated: **£125.00**

Includes Tickets to ABBA Voyage

Adults Standing **£105.00**

Senior Citizens/Child Standing: **£105.00**

Includes Tickets to ABBA Voyage

**** Age restrictions apply. Please check on booking ****

THE KEIGHLEY and WORTH VALLEY RAILWAY and HAWORTH

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026

The Keighley and Worth Valley is a unique heritage railway in West Yorkshire. Travel by steam train from the town of Keighley to the breathtaking Brontë Country of Oxenhope and Haworth. Remember the 1970 film, The Railway Children, it was this railway line where it was filmed. Our coach takes you to the station at Keighley to board a morning steam train to Oxenhope station where there will be a short break before re-boarding to terminate at Haworth station. Step back in time and enjoy the exhilarating journey and the beautiful Yorkshire countryside. This afternoon you can discover the fascinating old mill town of Haworth, home to the famous Brontë sisters and Bramwell their brother. We recommend a visit to their home for most of their lives, The Parsonage next door to the Church where their father Patrick Brontë was the priest. It is now a museum. Stroll down the steep main street with many old-world shops selling craftworks and all kinds of everything. There are restaurants and tea rooms for refreshments or fancy pub grub at The Black Bull.



PRICE FROM
£42.75

Adult: **£43.75**

Senior Citizens: **£42.75**

Child: **£42.75**

Including Train journey, attractions extra

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RHS MALVERN SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Sunday 10th May 2026

One of the first major flowers shows of the year, the festival opens the door into the summer season and its setting, with the backdrop of the Malvern Hills, provides the perfect stage to a plethora of plants and gardens. The show gardens excel with spectacular blooms and plenty of ideas to try at home. The floral marquee is a gardener's heaven with vibrant displays from the finest specialist nurseries. Whilst on the Festival Green, take the opportunity to grab refreshments at multiple locations while soaking up the festival atmosphere and listening to performers on the bandstand. There are superb shopping opportunities with hundreds of quality trade stands selling gardening sundries, exquisite crafts, clothing and delicious food and wine. We will be staying for the plant sales, which start at 16:30hrs.



PRICE FROM
£61.00

Adult: £62.00 Senior Citizens: £61.00 Child: £61.00 Includes show admission

THE AMERICAN MUSEUM & GARDENS at CLAVERTON MANOR BATH

Saturday 16th May 2026

Historic Claverton Manor is the setting for the only museum of Americana Outside the USA. Claverton Manor built in 1820 on the edge of Bath is the home to the America Museum and Gardens for over 50 years. Experience a journey through American history, with its remarkable collections of folks, decorative arts, cultural objects plus two exhibitions. The 120 acres of gardens are home to North American trees and shrubs, and a re-creation of the garden at Mount Vernon, Virginian home of George Washington. Relax and take in the views across the Limply Stoke valley whilst enjoying a lunch of American style food in the cafe.



PRICE FROM
£42.50

Adult: £50.00 Senior Citizens: £49.00 Child: £42.50 Includes admission

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A DAY OF 3 CHOICES
1. VISIT THE ANCIENT CITY OF CHESTER
2. ENJOY A CRUISE ON THE RIVER DEE WITH A BUFFET LUNCH
3. VISIT CHESTER ZOO

Bank Holiday Saturday 23rd May 2026



PRICE FROM
£35.00

- 1. The ancient city of Chester, a truly great experience with a feast of attractions, and many Shops, restaurants, and cafes for refreshments.
- 2. Enjoy a 2-hour scenic cruise on the beautiful River Dee with lunch.
- 3. Our coach will transfer you to amazing Chester Zoo the UK's most popular zoo with over 37,000 animals from over 500 incredible species there is always something new to discover. The Zoo offers a variety of dining options including restaurants, cafes, and snack outlets. You can always bring your own food and drinks there are designated picnic areas, both indoors and outdoors.

Choice 1	Adults: £36.00	Senior Citizens: £35.00	Child: £35.00	Chester
Choice 2	Adults: £64.00	Senior Citizens: £63.00	Child: £63.00	Dee River Cruise with Buffett lunch
Choice 3	Adults: £64.00	Senior Citizens: £63.00	Child: £56.00	Chester Zoo including admission

RAF COSFORD AIRSHOW

Sunday 14th June 2026

The Air Show will commemorate our history displaying assets in the Vintage and Victory Villages; Celebrate the work of the Royal Air Force, NATO Allies and Partner nations; And seek to inspire the next generation by showcasing how the Armed Forces innovate together and with our Defence partners. We hope today provides an exhilarating experience for every member of the family. Pretend to be a fast jet pilot with our fascinating static displays and open cockpits, explore exciting careers in the STEM hangars, meet historic icons in the Vintage and Victory Villages, discover a range of memorabilia, and feel the power as awesome aircraft fly overhead.



PRICE FROM
£35.00

Adult: £62.50	Senior Citizens: £61.50	Child: £35.00 under 15yrs	Includes show admission
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Sunday 21st June 2026

Gardening advice and inspiration, live, at the best gardening show near you. We can't wait for one of the UK's most loved gardening show – BBC Gardeners' World Live – to return this summer to Birmingham's NEC. Filled with garden inspiration, expert advice, tip-top shopping, live entertainment and much more, it's a must-visit for garden lovers of all levels! Join our garden exhibitions.



BBC
Gardeners' World Live

PRICE FROM
£TBC

Adult: £TBC Senior Citizens/Child: £TBC (age 16) Includes admission

ENGLISH HERITAGE, THE MANSION & THE OUTSTANDING GARDENS of WREST PARK

Saturday 4th July 2026

The house at Wrest Park is a 19th-century mansion in the style of a French chateau, but its grand gardens are its real glory. Together, they tell a story of 300 years of garden design – and they're a great place for a fantastic day out. Right in front of the house you'll find formal gardens, the Long Water and the Archer Pavilion. Elsewhere you can explore the enchanting Bath House; the Chinese Bridge and Chinese Temple; and stroll along the intricate woodland paths of the 18th-century Great Garden. All this remarkable garden history is being brought to life in a 20-year restoration project. You can also visit the unfurnished but opulently decorated state rooms inside the mansion. The spacious café within the Walled Garden offers locally sourced produce, with indoor and outdoor seating. Feeling peckish? Head to the Wrest Park café with a selection of hot and cold meals and snacks, including homemade soup, and freshly made sandwiches.



PRICE FROM
£35.00

Adults: £50.00	Senior Citizens: £49.00	Child: £44.50	Includes admission
Adults: £36.00	Senior Citizens: £35.00	Child: £35.00	English Heritage Members only

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THE BEAUTIFUL TOWN of LLANGOLLEN and a HISTORIC NARROWBOAT TRIP on the PONTCYSYLITE AQUEDUCT

Saturday 11th July 2026

A scenic coach tour to the pretty town of Llangollen, nestling on the River Dee. Once home to Welsh Royalty and influential abbots, this historic 'Gateway to Wales' is where you can make the most out of the riverside setting with boat trips and cafes for refreshments, making Llangollen a delight to visit any time. This afternoon we have reserved for you a courtesy coach to transfer you to the famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct for a two-hour cruise returning to Llangollen Wharf. On board there is live commentary for your pleasure plus a licensed bar and teatime refreshments available to purchase (cash only payment).



PRICE FROM
£62.00

Adults: £65.00 Senior Citizens: £64.00 Child: £62.00 (under 16)

Includes cruise and coach transfer

CRUISE on NORFOLK BROADS

Saturday 18th July 2026

Discover the Norfolk Broads and the enchanting scenery with a river cruise from Wroxham. On arrival in Wroxham, free time to discover the town and lunch if required. Enjoy a two-hour afternoon cruise, full commentary from the skipper will ensure that you don't miss a thing, explaining the origins of the Broads, identifying points of interest along the way and showing you the abundance of local water birds as they come into view. There is a licensed bar on board the boat for light refreshments, hot and cold drinks.



PRICE FROM
£44.50

Adult: £54.00 Senior Citizens: £53.00 Child: £44.50 River cruise included

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RHS SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

The Flower Show will take place at Sandringham, home to the private house and gardens of His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Camilla. The RHS shows are a day out for all the family, with unique show gardens, talks and tips, children's activities, floral installations, markets, stalls and lots of tasty food and drink to enjoy. His Majesty King Charles III has had a lifelong passion for gardening, and he is transforming the gardens at The Sandringham Estate into spaces for people to think and contemplate and will also host the first ever RHS Flower Show at Sandringham in 2026.



PRICE
FROM
£TBC

Adults: **£TBC** Senior Citizens: **£TBC** Child: **£TBC**
RHS Members: **£TBC**

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC of PORTMEIRION VILLAGE in WALES

Saturday 25th July 2026

Situated on a private peninsula overlooking stunning coastal scenery we find the beautiful village of Portmeirion built by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis. Opening in 1926. It is here the Italian Riviera meets rural Wales with a riot of colour and romantic architecture. From the Triumphal Arch in Salutation Square, there are two main paths into Y Gwylt Woodlands. Featuring 70 acres of woodland and 20 miles of walking paths, the Woodland is home to hidden treasures including the Dog Cemetery, Ghost Garden, Tangle Wood and the Chinese Lake. Wander down to the white sandy beaches of the Dwyryd Estuary and find hidden caves, gullies and make it down to see the Amis Reunis, or "Friends Reunited", the famous "Stone Boat" of Portmeirion. There are cafes and restaurants for refreshments and an authentic Italian style gelateria. Susan Williams-Ellis, the elder daughter of Clough Williams-Ellis, was the founder of Portmeirion Pottery but they are more than just a place that sells pottery with a diverse range of shops selling gifts, books, homeware, toys and much more.



PRICE
FROM
£46.00

Adult: **£51.00** Senior Citizens: **£50.00** Child: **£46.00** Includes admission

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NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES TOUR

Saturday 1st August 2026

We travel to Masham, a charming market town, often called the "Gateway to the Dales," offering a blend of historical attractions, natural beauty, and local experiences. You can visit the weekly market in the town's elegant Edwardian marketplace with cafes and tearooms. We continue to Leyburn a lovely market town in the heart of Wensleydale with spectacular views of the surrounding countryside, unusual local shops and cafés, traditional pubs for a relaxing lunch. This afternoon we travel to Hawes a charming market town and civil parish located in the upper reaches of Wensleydale within the Yorkshire Dales National Park, North Yorkshire, England. Known for its traditional shops, pubs, and weekly market, it is also famous as the home of Wensleydale cheese and features attractions like the Dales Countryside Museum.



PRICE
FROM
£35.00

Adult: **£36.00** Senior Citizens: **£35.00** Child: **£35.00**

SCARBOROUGH- QUEEN of the YORKSHIRE COAST

Saturday 8th August 2026

Welcome to Scarborough a wonderful seaside resort that has everything for a day excursion. It's 2 bays with lovely sandy beaches are split by a headland with the imposing ruins of Scarborough Castle EH. The North Bay is home to The Sea Life Centre a popular attraction offering a variety of sea life including Penguins, Seals, Otters and Jelly Fish. The Victorian Central Tramway funicular train links the town centre with the South Bay and its harbour. Discover the Rotunda Museum here which explores local coastal geology and the near-by Art Gallery. There are many restaurants, cafes, bars and always the Fish & Chip shops for refreshments.



PRICE
FROM
£35.00

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THE POPPYLINE STEAM RAILWAY & WELLS NEXT THE SEA NORTH NORFOLK

Saturday 15th August 2026

An exciting day in store as we travel to the lovely Georgian town of Holt where you can explore this delightful place. There are many shops and cafes for refreshments before we transfer you to the Poppyline Station where we board a steam train for an exciting ride to Sheringham through the most stunning coastal scenery. On arrival at the Sheringham station our coach will be there to board for our journey to Wells -next -the Sea where you can enjoy traditional seaside attractions. Relax on the beach, take a boat trip, visit the harbour, browse the shops and enjoy local food in the restaurants, cafes and bars.



PRICE FROM
£48.00

Adult: £53.00 Senior Citizens: £52.00 Child: £48.00 Including train journey

HIGHCLERE CASTLE HOME of DOWNTON ABBEY, EGYPTIAN EXHIBITION & GARDENS

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Designed by Sir Charles Barry, architect of the Houses of Parliament, this is considered to be one of the finest Victorian homes still in existence, which houses fine furniture and works of art. Today, the Castle is the home of the 8th Earl and Countess of Carnarvon and is known around the world as the real home of 'Downton Abbey'. The Egyptian Exhibition catalogues the 5th Earl's fascination with Egypt, his relationship with his friend Howard Carter and the discovery and contents of the tomb of Tutankhamun, including a magnificent reproduction of the sarcophagus. Tours of the Castle and Egyptian Exhibition are on a self-guided basis, with guides throughout to provide information and assistance. The Tearooms are open throughout the day offering a delicious selection of sandwiches, salads, wraps, cakes and scones. Light lunches and hot food are available between 12noon - 2pm. The Gift Shop is set in the Castle Courtyard selling a wide selection of exclusive, branded gifts for home and garden, inspired by different aspects of life at Highclere and reflecting this unique heritage.



PRICE FROM
£52.50

Adult: £67.00 Senior Citizens: £65.00 Child: £52.50 Includes admission

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BATTERSEA POWER STATION and LIFT 109

Bank Holiday Monday 31st August 2026

Discover one of London's most important landmarks, Battersea Power Station, a Grade II* listed former coal fired power station on the River Thames which has been transformed into an extraordinary destination for history buffs, shopping enthusiasts, foodies, architectural and events lovers. Lift 109. Step inside the iconic Battersea Power Station and make a thrilling ascent 109 metres to the top of the north-west chimney where you will take in stunning 360-degree views of London's skyline.



PRICE FROM
£58.00

Adult: £59.00 Senior Citizens: £58.00 Child: £58.00 Including the Lift 109 experience

A SCENIC JOURNEY on the SKIPTON-SETTLE-CARLISE RAILWAY

Saturday 5th September 2026

We travel to Skipton railway station which is a Grade II listed station which serves the market town of Skipton in North Yorkshire. We board a morning diesel train to Carlisle on the iconic Settle-Carlisle Railway line. It came near to closure in the 1980s, but after years of campaigning, the line was reprieved. Sit back and relax on one of the UK's most picturesque rail journeys crossing viaducts, traversing valleys, and passing by the stunning Three Peaks — Pen-y-Ghent, Ingleborough, and Whernside. Snacks, hot and cold drinks are available on the train. Our destination will be the historic border city of Carlisle where you will have a few hours to explore the town. Discover Carlisle Castle, a key part of the border reivers, Carlisle Cathedral and its iconic starry ceiling, or Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery. There are a good selection of cafes, restaurants, and pubs for refreshments. For shopping there is a mix of high street brands, independent boutiques, and a lively market, offering ample opportunities for retail therapy.



PRICE FROM
£59.50

Adults: £60.50 Senior Citizens: £59.50 Child: £59.50

Includes diesel train journey, Carlisle attractions are extra

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NT UPTON HOUSE & GARDENS with the NATIONAL COLLECTION of ASTERS

Wednesday 16th September 2026

Join the guests of Lord and Lady Bearsted and experience the weekend house party of a 1930's millionaire at Upton House. Surrounded by world renowned art collection and Lord Bearsted's cherished rare French and English Chelsea porcelain hear about the family life of the Bearsted's. The stunning gardens returned to their 1930's heyday, reveal sweeping lawns, a series of terraces and herbaceous borders leading to a kitchen garden, tranquil water gardens and the famous national collection of asters. The Pavilion Café is open for light lunches, cakes, snacks and a range of hot and cold drinks. There is a gift shop with a great range of products and plant sales with separate book shop. We finish the day with a visit to Hatton Garden Centre and Shopping Village.



PRICE
FROM
£35.00

Adults: **£53.00** Senior Citizens: **£52.00** Child: **£43.50** Includes admission

Adults: **£36.00** Senior Citizens: **£35.00** National Trust Members only

NT Members please bring card and make the office aware to qualify for reduction

RHS MALVERN AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW at the THREE COUNTIES SHOWGROUND

Sunday 27th September 2026

The UK's largest harvest festival, Malvern Autumn Show is a highlight of the season staged at the foot of the Malvern Hills. From the famous CANNA UK Giant Vegetables Championship to the RHS Flower Show, visitors will be treated to a spectacular celebration of the autumn. The event also features talks for special guests and live demonstrations by BBC Gardeners' World present-ers and famous foodie faces, countryside shopping galore, and plenty of family entertainment and activities. It's a perfect way to enjoy the best of the autumn season and promises an unforgettable day out for all. We will be staying for the plant sales, which start at 16:30hrs.



PRICE
FROM
£58.50

Adult: **£58.50** Senior Citizens: **£58.50** Child: **£58.50** Includes show admission

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THE OUTSTANDING CHOLMONDELEY CASTLE GARDENS in AUTUMN COLOURS

Sunday 11th October 2026

The splendid gothic castle of Cholmondeley stands dramatically on a hill surrounded by sweeping lawns, magnificent trees in the Autumn shades of red and gold, and beautiful, landscaped gardens. Follow the Nature Trail, an absorbing walk around the deer park and Mere, which has extensive bird and waterfowl population including freshwater fish. The Tea Rooms offer an assortment of freshly made sandwiches, a wide selection of cakes, traybakes, coffee, teas, and a choice of cold drinks. They also sell a broad selection of gifts.



PRICE FROM
£44.50

Adult: **£45.50** Senior Citizens: **£44.50** Child: **£44.50** Admission included

RHS HARLOW CARR

Saturday 24th October 2026

This morning, we travel for a celebration of all thing's autumn at the beautiful 58-acre garden of Harlow Carr. Sitting in the beautiful Yorkshire countryside, the garden offers a variety of growing landscapes, from running and still water, to woodland and wildflower meadows. Highlights include the lavish Main Borders, bursting with generous prairie-style planting, and the lush, moisture-loving plants around Streamside ablaze with autumn colour. Enjoy refreshments and shopping at the famous Bettys Shop and Tea Rooms located next to the garden entrance and Bettys Tea House is located inside the garden. Near the Kitchen Garden, discover the Harrogate Arms Café, serving a fresh, seasonal menu inspired by produce grown in the Kitchen Garden. Access is through the main garden entrance.



PRICE FROM
£35.00

Adults: **£49.25** Senior Citizens: **£48.25** Child: **£48.25** Includes admission
Adults: **£36.00** Senior Citizens: **£35.00** RHS Members

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THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM AREWAS with lunch at MARSH FARM ABBOTS BROMLEY

Wednesday 11th November 2026

This morning, we travel to Marsh Farm located near the picturesque village of Abbots Bromley. The traditional Tea Rooms is the perfect setting for a two-course lunch at 12.00. A two-course menu, choice on booking please with dietary requirements. Mains, Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Poached Salmon with Parsley Sauce and Vegetable Gratin all served with fresh seasonable vegetables. Sweets, Apple pie, Sherry Trifle, Trio of Ice Cream Tea or Coffee. A selection of Cold Drinks available to purchase. We continue to the National Memorial Arboretum a beautiful and inspiring place, the 150-acres of the Arboretum form a living landscape, a home for more than 400 memorials devoted to the concept of remembrance. We are welcomed at the Remembrance Centre where you can enquire if there were a particular memorial you would like to visit before setting out to explore this memorable place. For a more relaxing way book on The Land Train offering a 50-minute pre-recorded commentary tour of the site, providing an overview of the memorials and their stories. Our visit is just after the Festival of Remembrance Sunday so the many wreaths laid will still be in place. There is a café and restaurant at the Remembrance Centre and a shop selling books, jewellery, clothing, candles, tasty treats and poppy gifts. Find the perfect gift to remember the perfect day.



PRICE FROM
£50.00

Adult: £51.00 Senior Citizens: £50.00 Child: £50.00 Including lunch at Marsh Farm

CHRISTMAS TIME at CHATSWORTH, the HOUSE, the CHRISTMAS MARKET & the GARDEN LIGHT TRAIL

Saturday 14th November 2026

A wonderful day at Chatsworth with the house beautifully decorated for Christmas. We begin the morning with a stroll around the Christmas Market with log cabins and stalls, crammed with festive crafts, gifts galore and Christmas foods to eat, drink and purchase. There are plenty of places to take refreshments, light bites are available at the Farmyard Café or a hearty meal at the Cavendish and Carriage House Restaurant, outside catering is also available. You can book yourself into the restaurants beforehand to avoid the queues. After a timed house tour, indulge in shopping in the courtyard, before strolling around the gardens following the amazing light trail.



PRICE FROM
£74.00

Adults: £75.00 Senior Citizens: £74.00 Child: £74.00

Includes admission to the House and Light Trail

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CHRISTMAS at the HISTORIC BLENHEIM PALACE & the CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 21st November 2026

Home to the 12th Duke of Marlborough and his family and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, Blenheim Palace is a UNESCO World Heritage Site boasting a long and diverse history. Enjoy the merriest of Christmases at Blenheim Palace superbly decorated for Christmas. Start a magical journey inside the Palace with a walk through the majestic state rooms,

visit the Christmas Market with twinkling lights, wooden chalets, and the scent of mulled wine in the air. Located in the Great Court, this market showcases an array of unique and handcrafted gifts from local artisans, from handmade jewellery to beautifully crafted Christmas decorations, you'll find something special for everyone. There is multiple catering on site during Christmas including the Stables Cafe serving lunch, sweets and hot and cold drinks, the Oxfordshire Pantry serving hot foods and sandwiches, with the catering stalls available within the East Courtyard and Christmas Market where you can grab a festive bite to eat. Blenheim Palace has a well-stocked gift shop with a great range of offers. There is a small fairground at the entrance of the palace where various rides including the Vintage Carousel. To ride purchase tokens. Take a walk on public footpaths to explore the historic parkland.



PRICE
FROM
£58.00

Adult: £74.75 Senior Citizens: £73.75 Child: £58.00 Includes timed Palace admission

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Dates TBC

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PRICE
FROM
£TBC

Adults: £TBC Senior Citizens/Child: £TBC
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Includes Christmas Lunch & Thursford Christmas Spectacular Ticket

All dates to be confirmed will be in November and December 2026

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