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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.



Adult: **£45.50**

Senior Citizens: **£44.50**

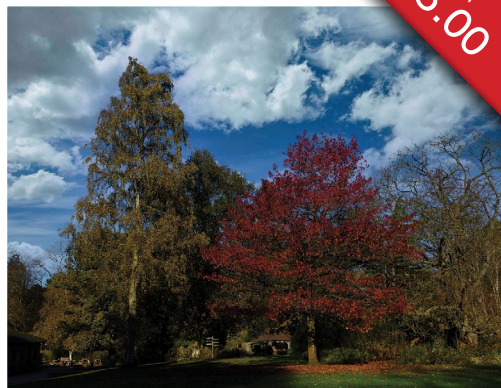
Child: **£44.50**

Including admission

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.



Adults: **£49.25**

Senior Citizens: **£48.25**

Child: **£48.25**

Including 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 seasonal 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 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

Including timed Palace admission

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FESTIVE GIFT FAIR

Sunday 22nd November 2026

The biggest and most lively indoor Christmas shopping fair in the West Midlands is back! Fabulous bargains, great musical entertainment and so much choice! 325 stalls in one hall, as always, it will be bursting at the seams with a colourful, eclectic mix of unusual stocking fillers, gift and craft ideas for all ages and tastes. Festive food and drink to try before you buy and great Christmas decorations for your home and garden... plus lots of Special Show offers!



Adult: £46.00 Senior Citizens: £45.00 Child: £45.00 age 16 Including admission

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Wednesday 9th and Saturday 12th December 2026

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.



Adults: £112.00 Senior Citizens/Child: £110.00 Date: 9th December
Adults: £115.00 Senior Citizens/Child: £114.00 Date: 12th December
Including Christmas Lunch & Thursford Christmas Spectacular Ticket

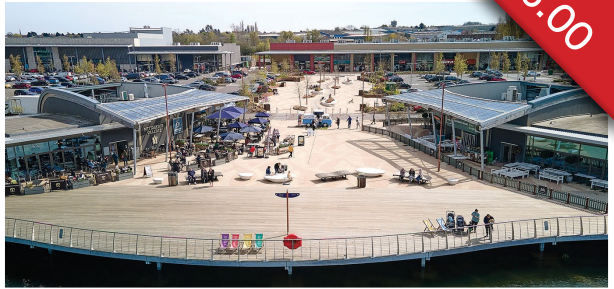
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RUSHDEN LAKES

Saturday 16th January 2027

Rushden lakes shopping experience, from high street favourites to designer brands, Rushden Lakes offers something for everyone. Discover everyday essentials alongside must-have fashion, all set against the stunning backdrop of the great outdoors. A wide range of cafés, restaurants, and places to unwind, it's the perfect place to shop, eat, and explore.



PRICE
FROM
£26.00

Adult: **£27.00**

Senior Citizens: **£26.00**

Child: **£26.00** age 16

TRENTHAM SHOPPING VILLAGE & RODE HALL SNOWDROPS

Saturday 13th February 2027

We visit Trentham Shopping Village first for retail therapy and lunch stop before travelling to Rode Hall and Rode Hall Gardens; they are the setting of one of the most spectacular displays of Snowdrops in the Northwest of England and Rode's Snowdrop Walks have a strong and well-respected reputation throughout the UK. With over seventy different varieties of snowdrops to be seen in the magnificent setting of Rode's Humphry Repton landscape, this mile-long walk (approximately) is a perfect afternoon stroll out in the fresh air for nature-lovers of all ages. The swathes of cascading white flowers at Rode are a sight to behold and one of Cheshire's little known natural treasures. The parish church of All Saints, Odd Rode, is decorated with snowdrops and other winter flowers and there is also an exhibition of paintings by local artists in the barn.



PRICE
FROM
£43.50

Adult: **£44.50**

Senior Citizens: **£43.50**

Child: **£43.50** age 16

Including admission

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BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

Sunday 21st February 2027

We arrive at the NEC in time for you to get lunch before enjoying the 2027 Birmingham International Tattoo enjoy massed marching bands, pipes and drums, and exciting displays including the Inter-Service Field Gun Competition. There is 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 and 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 has something for all the family.



PRICE FROM
£62.00

Adult: £66.50 Senior Citizens: £65.50 Child: £62.00 Including Tattoo ticket

THE KINGS GALLERY EXHIBITION of the QUEEN ELIZABETH II – HER LIFE IN STYLE and the ROYAL MEWS

Sunday 7th March 2027

To mark the centenary of Queen Elizabeth II's birth the Kings Gallery at Buckingham Palace will play host to the remarkable style of Britain's longest reigning monarch through clothing worn in all ten decades of her life, from birth to adulthood, from princess to Queen and from off duty style to dressing for the global stage for momentous occasions in Britains history. Featuring approximately 200 items, with highlights including her bridesmaid dress, wedding dress, Coronation dress and the ensembles worn for the wedding of Princess Margaret. The Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace is responsible for all road travel arrangements for The King and members of the Royal Family, from horse-and-carriage to car and from livery to harness. See what goes on behind the scenes at a real working stable in the heart of London. As part of your visit, you'll discover the iconic 260-year-old Gold State Coach used at State occasions such as the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, the Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and the Coronation of King Charles III in 2023.



PRICE FROM
£74.50

Adult: £75.50 Senior Citizens: £74.50 Child: £74.50 Including admission

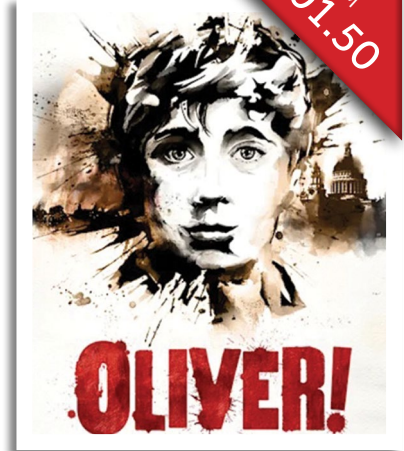
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OLIVER THE MUSICAL

Wednesday 10th March 2027

Cameron Mackintosh 's new production of Lionel Bart 's iconic musical, Oliver! now playing at the Gielgud Theatre. With a sensational score, including Food Glorious Food, Consider Yourself, You've Got to Pick-a-Pocket or Two, I'd Do Anything, Oom Pah Pah, As Long as He Needs Me and many more, the Olivier, Tony and Oscar-winning masterpiece vividly brings to life Dickens' ever-popular story of the boy who asked for more.



Adult: **£102.50** Senior Citizens: **£101.50** Child: **£101.50** Including rear stalls tickets

THRIPLow DAFFODILS and COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 13th March 2027

On the journey to Thriplow we travel through the village of Grantchester used in the TV series Grantchester and located just 2 miles south of Cambridge, this picturesque village is famous for its thatched cottages. We travel on to join the visitors for this much-loved spring event, as the village of Thriplow bursts into bloom. Fun for all the family and amble through over 100 stalls to find that something special. Check out the blacksmiths at work in the Smithy and be entertained by the merry Morris dancers. Then recharge at Taste of Thriplow for street food and beer or enjoy hot drinks and homemade cake at our Village Tearooms. With live music being played all around the village it's the perfect place to get some springtime cheer. traffic-free lanes lined with daffodils, explore open gardens, browse local crafts, stalls, and marquees, and enjoy traditional demonstrations—all in a friendly, nostalgic village setting.



Adult: **£47.50** Senior Citizens: **£46.50** Child: **£41.50** Including admission

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**THE CREATIVE CRAFT SHOW, SEWING for PLEASURE, FASHION and EMBROIDERY
at NEC BIRMINGHAM**

Sunday 14th March 20267

The Creative Craft Show is a haven for knitting, cross stitch, paper crafting, jewellery and dress making. The show offers shopping, workshops and inspiration for new and established crafters. If you have a passion for sewing, join us at Sewing for Pleasure, for the largest stitching supplies and plenty of ideas to inspire. Find must have fabrics, gorgeous yarns, patterns and threads. The much-loved Fashion and Embroidery Show is more vibrant and exciting than ever before, don't miss old favourites including the popular catwalk shows. All three shows in one hall.



Adults: £45.00 Senior Citizens: £44.00 Child: £44.00 age 16
Including admission to all 3 shows

GEORGIE'S CANAL CRUISE with FISH 'N' CHIP LUNCH

Good Friday 26th March 2027

We travel to Staffordshire to board the Judith Mary narrow boat at Parkgate Lock, Teddesley Road, Penkridge, Stafford, here at Georgie's Canal Cruises we love a fish 'n' chip cruise! Working together with Olympic Fish Bar in Penkridge we offer a 2-hour Canal cruise along the Staffordshire and Worcester canal we include your medium fish and chips served with bread and butter and mushy peas. We have a fully licenced bar on board and a range of dessert options available to compliment your cruise with us. On the return journey before travelling back we stop off in Lichfield for a short break.



Adults: £62.50 Senior Citizens: £61.50 Child: £61.50 age 16
Including Cruise & Fish & Chips Lunch - Drinks & Desserts are extra

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LIVERPOOL, FAMOUS CATHEDRAL'S, the ALBERT DOCK and BEATLES TOUR

Easter Monday 29th March 2027

The magnificent Albert Dock, Liverpool is one of the country's top heritage attractions and situated on the banks of the River Mersey. It is home to the award-winning visitor attractions including the Beatles story, International Slavery Museum, Merseyside Maritime Museum and the Tate Liverpool. There is a vast choice of friendly cafe bars and restaurants for refreshments. Liverpool is extremely proud of its two magnificent cathedrals; the Anglican Cathedral is the largest in Britain and the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. At 15.00hrs we take a tour on our coach with a blue badge guide to visit the homes of Ringo, John and Paul including Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields.



Adult: £44.50 Senior Citizens: £43.50 Child: £43.50 Including guided coach tour

SPRINGTIME at CANNON HALL FARM YORKSHIRE

Saturday 3rd April 2027

Lying in the foothills of the Pennines, Cannon Hall Farm is an attraction made famous by Channel 5, owned and run by the Nicholson family. Father Roger at 76 is assisted by his 3 sons: Richard, Robert and David. The farm is home to hundreds of amazing animals, reptiles and faithful dogs who live there ready to greet visitors every day. Be charmed by the delightful sight of newborn lambs, highland cattle, goats, shire horses, alpacas, pigs and much more. The White Bull restaurant serves a range of hot and cold homemade lunches and teas, while the Lucky Pup Café serves a great range of food from Fish and Chips and Burgers to Sandwiches and Cakes. The well-stocked farm shop and deli produce beef, pork, lamb, manufacture sausages, bacon and pies. There is also an on-site bakery, and fruit and vegetables are sourced locally, and a shop that sells official merchandise from biscuits to polo shirts, cushions to books.



Adults: £50.50 Senior Citizens: £49.50 Child: £49.50 age 16 Including farm admission

Suitable footwear is advised

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WINDSOR, WINDSOR CASTLE or CRUISE on the THAMES

Saturday 17th April 2027

PRICE
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£36.50



The Castle includes the State Apartments that are used today by the Royal Family, the historical rooms that were built for Charles II and private apartments created for George IV. There are many famous, must-see moments within these spectacular rooms, like the colossal Waterloo Chamber, magnificent Crimson Drawing Room and impressive Grand Staircase. With so much royal history and splendour it is possible to walk straight past some amazing treasures, so here are a few to look out for. Well, it wouldn't be a royal residence without some gold! The magnificent ceremonial rooms which were used by Queen Elizabeth II to entertain guests are luxurious. The most striking is the Grand Reception Room, decorated with real gold and chandeliers. It was once used as the main ballroom in the Castle. For those cruising we leave Windsor Promenade, passengers can enjoy excellent views of Windsor Castle and Eton College. After passing Windsor Racecourse, the boat passes through Boveney Lock and passes Sutherland Grange, The Willows and Bray Film Studios. The boat then heads towards Oakley Court, Queen's Eyot and Monkey Island where the boat turns for the journey back to Windsor.

Windsor only: Adults: £37.50 Senior Citizens: £36.50 Child: £36.50 age 16

Windsor River Cruise: Adults: £57.00 Senior Citizens: £56.00 Child: £56.00 age 16 Including cruise

Windsor Castle : Adults: £68.00 Senior Citizens: £67.00 Child: £51.75 age 16 Including admission

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HENLEY ON THAMES and GREYS COURT (NT)

Friday 23rd April 2027

Henley-on-Thames is a world-renowned historic market town in Oxfordshire, England, famously known as the global home of rowing. Nestled on one of the most scenic stretches of the River Thames at the edge of the Chiltern Hills. After Lunch we travel to the nearby Greys Court (NT), this picturesque 16th-century mansion and tranquil gardens were home to the Brunner family until recent years. The house exudes a welcoming atmosphere with a well-stocked kitchen and homely living rooms. Inside the house there's a plain pine staircase, at the top of which is a window containing five panels of 16th and 17th-century-stained glass. They are all originally from Switzerland and would likely have been collected by Sir John Brunner, 1st Baronet, on one of his frequent trips to the country. The series of walled gardens is a colourful patchwork of interest set amid medieval ruins. Other buildings from earlier eras include the Great Tower from the 14th century and a rare Tudor donkey wheel, in use until the early 20th century. The Maze was inspired by the Archbishop of Canterbury's address in 1980, in which he spoke of a 'mazelike muddle in which the world finds itself', and his hope that Christian and non-Christians, working together, could solve it. The design, by Adrian Fisher, is packed with Christian symbolism, for example, the seven rings stand for the seven days of creation, the three outward turns for the three days that Christ spent in the tomb. The Octagonal Stone fountain designed by Hugo Brunner's brother-in-law, the architect Francis Pollen. A prayer for good harvest by the Latin poet Horace was carved in slate.



PRICE
FROM
£36.50

Adults: £56.50 Senior Citizens: £55.50 Child: £46.50 Including admission

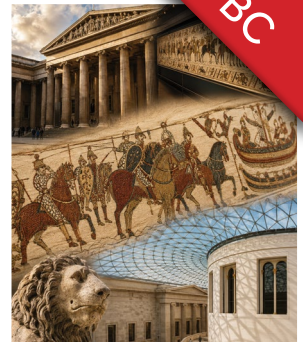
Adults: £37.50 Senior Citizens: £36.50 National Trust Member

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

BAYEUX TAPERSTRY at the BRITISH MUSEUM

Saturday 1st May 2027

Following a historic agreement with France, the 70-metre-long tapestry, depicting events leading up to the battle of Hastings and the Norman conquest of England in 1066, will be loaned to the British Museum from September 2026 to July 2027. This monumental embroidery tells the dramatic story of a moment that changed England forever. No year in the country's history is more famous than 1066. It was the last time England was successfully invaded, and it is the year from which the modern monarchy dates itself. And there is no other object that is as instantly recognisable, as studied in schools and as copied by artists as the Bayeux tapestry. One of the wonders of the medieval world, the tapestry offers a vision of life in 11th-century England both before and after the conquest, from castles, warfare and ships to clothing, food and furniture. Likely commissioned by a Norman patron and made by English embroiderers, using manuscript drawings from Canterbury, the tapestry is both a precious historical record and a remarkable work of art.



PRICE
FROM
£TBC

Adult: £TBC

Senior Citizens: £TBC

Child: £TBC

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THE FASCINATING NT GUNBY HALL and GARDENS with AFTERNOON in SKEGNESS, LINCOLNSHIRE

3rd May Bank Holiday Monday 2027

We travel this morning to Gunby Hall a country house built in 1700 and set in beautiful Victorian walled gardens at the foot of the Lincolnshire Wolds. Explore three floors of the house which are filled with furniture and art, with guides in the rooms relating the history of the house and the Massingberd family who lived here. Step into the beautiful gardens with sheltered corners, wild-flower areas, sweeping lawns and Gunby's Victorian walled garden, lovely at this time of year. A short walk will discover St Peter's Church and the Icehouse Pond or venture further afield to Monksthorpe Chapel. There is a small tearoom serving tea or coffee and home baking (no lunches) and a shop selling gifts and souvenirs. We continue our journey to spend the remainder of the day at Skegness, have a late lunch or afternoon tea at one of the many cafes.



PRICE
FROM
£36.50

Adults: £49.50 Senior Citizens: £48.50 Child: £42.50 Including house garden admissions

Adults: £37.50 Senior Citizens: £36.50 National Trust Member

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HOLT and STODY LODGE RHODODENDRONS with CREAM TEA

Thursday 13th May 2027

Discover Holt with the high street and hidden Victorian yards packed with over 200 independent shops, art galleries, antique stores, and tea rooms. Landmark locations include the 240-year-old department store Bakers and Larners. Stody Lodge Gardens in North Norfolk is renowned for the riot of colour that appears in its 14-acres each May. It is known as one of East Anglia's most dramatic spring gardens with an unusually intense planting of over 200 varieties of brightly coloured azaleas and rhododendrons. These magical blooms are softened with magnolias, camellias, mature and specimen trees - all underplanted with carpets of spring bulbs, bluebells and lily of the valley. Its Azalea Water Gardens - 2,000 plants over 4-acres, is believed to be the largest single planting of azalea mollis in the UK. We complete the visit with a cream tea.



PRICE
FROM
£54.50

Adult: £55.00 Senior Citizens: £54.50 Child: £54.50 age 16 Including admission & cream tea

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BLACK COUNTRY MUSEUM

Saturday 22nd May 2027

Electric trams and trolleybuses transport visitors from the entrance to the village where thirty domestic and industrial buildings have been relocated close to the canal basin. The museum is one of three in the UK with working trolleybuses. The route to the village passes the Cast Iron Houses and a 1930s fairground. On the low ground at the northern end of the site, houses, shops, workshops and public buildings have been dismantled and rebuilt brick by brick to create an early 20th-century village. Activities in the buildings are demonstrated by staff in period costume, and the village preserves a cross section of social and industrial history. A narrowboat operated by Dudley Canal Trust makes trips on the Dudley Canal and into the Dudley Tunnel.(Extra Cost)

The museum is close to the site where Dud Dudley first experimented with the technique of smelting iron with coal instead of wood charcoal and making iron in modest quantities for industrial use. Abraham Darby later refined the process using coke to produce a better-quality product in greater quantities. Dudley has a claim to be "the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution".



PRICE
FROM
£50.25

Adult: £58.75 Senior Citizens: £57.50 Child: £50.25 age 16 Including admission

BURFORD in the COTSWOLDS & NT BUSCOT PARK with the PETRO WATER GARDENS

Saturday 29th May 2027

We travel to the beautiful town of Burford with a comfort stop at Stowe on the Wolds. Burford's famous high street sweeps downhill to the river Windrush crossed by a medieval bridge. The Church of St John's is very impressive with many interesting memorials charting Burford's great families. There are many shops and a variety of restaurants, cafes and pubs for lunchtime refreshments. We continue to Buscot Park the family home of Lord Faringdon who looks after the Faringdon Collection and the property on behalf of the NT. The 18th century House is set in enchanting, landscaped grounds. Explore the extensive pleasure gardens, steep in places, including the Petro Water Gardens designed by Harold Petro. There are Tea Rooms providing a selection of cakes, scones and hot and cold drinks with a gift shop selling a range of products and garden plants.



PRICE
FROM
£34.50

Adults: £50.50 Senior Citizens: £48.50 Child: £43.50 Including garden admission

Adults: £36.50 Senior Citizens: £34.50 NT members coach fare only

Please note the House has no easy access and morning tours only

Mobility Scooters & wheelchairs must be arranged on booking if needed free of charge

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WHITBY with FISH & CHIP TEA

Sunday 6th June 2027

A scenic drive through the North Yorks Moors National Park we continue to the quaint old town of Whitby where narrow cobbled streets are lined with shops clustered around the busy harbour and overlooked by the ruined Abbey. Take a boat trip out to sea or an open top bus tour of the town; to finish the day we have arranged a fish and chips meal at 16:00hrs at Trenchers restaurant.



PRICE
FROM
£55.00

Adult: £56.00 Senior Citizens: £55.00 Child: £55.00 Including fish & chips

HIGHCLERE CASTLE TOUR, EGYPTIAN EXHIBITION and GARDENS

Saturday 19th June 2027

Designed by Sir Charles Barry, architect of the Houses of Parliament, this is 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 sits within a park designed by Capability Brown in the eighteenth century. Known around the world as the real home of 'Downton Abbey' charming over 400 million people and Highclere Castle plays its starring role beautifully. Downton Abbey television series was filmed in 2010 here and the area including the small village of Brampton continued for six years followed by several films.



PRICE
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£55.00

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NT ANGLESEY ABBEY and visit the HOUSE and the LODGE MILL (ground floors only)

Saturday 26th June 2027

Anglesey Abbey, visit the summer highlights the Rose Garden, which was one of Lord Fairhaven's first garden projects and was once situated on the site of dilapidated greenhouses and abandoned vegetable borders. In 2024, the much-loved Rose Garden was extended by another 20 beds, 19 cultivars and around 180 new roses thanks to a generous donation from David Austin Roses. From early June through to October, the Rose Garden produces a vibrant display of 60 varieties of rose. Many of those can be found in our Plant Centre. Located next to the Dahlia Border, the Herbaceous Border was designed and planted in the 1950s by Major Vernon Daniell, a friend of Lord Fairhaven. Found to the west of Anglesey Abbey, the Wildflower Meadows cover approximately 25 acres and contain over 50 species of wildflower. 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
£36.50

Adults: £56.50 Senior Citizens: £55.50 Child: £46.00 Including admission to Anglesey Abbey
Adults: £37.50 Senior Citizens: £36.50 National Trust Members & RHS Members
NT & RHS Members please bring card and make the office aware to qualify for reduction

BEAMISH – THE LIVING MUSEUM OF THE NORTH

Sunday 11th July 2027

Beamish is a living, breathing museum, where history is experienced. Walk through historic streets, meet costumed engagers, and watch traditional skills in action. History comes to life through costumed engagers, live demonstrations, and hands-on activities. Whether it's chatting with a 1900s shopkeeper or watching a blacksmith at work, there's always something new to discover. Our trams and vintage buses are operating throughout the day on a circular route around the museum, calling at the Entrance, Pockerley, 1900s Town and Foulbridge. Beamish Tramway, opened in 1973, serves to re-create the experience and atmosphere of tramway operation of an earlier generation, whilst providing an essential means of transport for visitors around the site. There are various places that you can purchase food.



PRICE
FROM
£44.25

Adult: £61.50 Senior Citizens: £54.50 Child: £44.25 Including museum admission

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SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY

Saturday 24th July 2027

Step back into the golden age of steam at the Severn Valley Railway, running trains for over 60 years, the Severn Valley Railway is one of the UK's leading heritage railways and a great family day out. Join us for an unforgettable day out, as you travel over 16 miles of restored railway, seated in lovingly restored period carriages and hauled by vintage steam and diesel trains. One of the best attractions in Worcestershire and Shropshire. You'd think that Kidderminster Town's impressive station building and concourse are straight from the Edwardian era, but they were in fact built in the mid-1980s, as a faithful recreation of a 1900s GWR station. Onsite, you can visit the Valley Suite for refreshments, the King & Castle pub for something stronger, or pay a visit to the gift shop. Kidderminster Railway Museum has a fabulous collection of railwayana for you to see and experience! Ensure you don't miss out on the Coal yard miniature railway, offering a wonderful train ride in miniature style – look out for your favourite locomotives bought down to a small scale. After lunch we travel by steam train (subject to availability) to Bridgnorth where you will have some free time, take a trip on Bridgnorth Cliff Railway, Britain's steepest inland funicular railway, and browse the town's dozens of independent shops before returning home.



Adult: **£56.50** Senior Citizens: **£55.50** Child: **£49.50** age 16 Including train journey

A VISIT to JOHN'S GARDEN at ASHWOOD NURSERIES & DAVID AUSTIN ROSES

Friday 6th August 2027

We travel this morning to Ashwood Nurseries for a guided tour of John's Garden. This stunning three-acre private garden was created by nursery owner and Chelsea Gold medallist, John Massey CMH. This is a garden of all seasons with a huge collection of plants, trees and shrubs a 'plantsman's paradise', set against the beautiful backdrop of the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal. There will be time to explore the Nursery and lunch. This afternoon we continue to David Austin Roses considered to be one of the finest rose gardens in the world, it is one of only three gardens in England to have received the 'Award of Garden Excellence' from the World Federation of Rose Societies.



Adult: **£47.50** Senior Citizens: **£46.50** Child: **£46.50** age 16 Including admissions

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ABBA VOYAGE in the EAST END of LONDON

Sunday 8th August 2027

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 lifetime 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.



Adults Seated: £125.00

Senior Citizens/Child Seated: £125.00

Including tickets to ABBA Voyage

Adults Standing £105.00

Senior Citizens/Child Standing: £105.00

Including tickets to ABBA Voyage

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

LEIGHTON HALL CARNFORTH

Sunday 15th August 2027

On arrival you will have a light lunch consisting of soup and sandwiches, after which you will be able to tour Leighton Hall, which is very much a lived-in house rather than a stuffy museum, there are no roped-off areas, and you won't find anyone shouting, 'don't touch!' at your children! The Hall's history is brought to life by the guides. Each room from the modest chapel to the imposing dining room is still used every day by the Gillow family. With lots of funny and fascinating tales to reveal, the family's ancestry means there are plenty of unusual pieces of furniture and paintings to enjoy. The Main Garden offers plenty of tranquil space where you are welcome to stroll, relax and explore.

For flower lovers, the borders are at their best from late Spring to early Autumn with informal herbaceous beds and an abundance of climbing roses. Look at the Wildflower border, planted especially to encourage bees and pollinators and situated alongside our Bee Corner, where you'll find lots of information about these fascinating and vital creatures. Visit our newly developed Herb and Sensory Garden, and Herb Garden Pavilion, generously funded by a grant from the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage. The Herb Garden Pavilion provides a shady spot and seating where visitors can enjoy a quiet break in the peace of the Walled Garden, finally before leaving we will see the birds of prey display before departing to travel home.



Adult: £64.00

Senior Citizens: £63.00

Child: £63.00 age 16

Including admission & light lunch

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HIGHCLERE CASTLE TOUR, EGYPTIAN EXHIBITION and GARDENS

Saturday 21st August 2027

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PRICE
FROM
£55.00

Adult: £68.50 Senior Citizens: £67.50 Child: £55.00 Including admission

WALTHAM WINDMILL and CLEETHORPES by the SEA

Bank Holiday Monday 30th August 2027

We travel to the village of Waltham this morning where from 1666, to the present day there has always been a mill and the present one, which was built in 1878, is fully restored as a Six Sail, six storied working windmill. Also nearby there is a popular miniature railway, an acclaimed Museum of Rural Life, quaint shops and cafes. We continue to Cleethorpes a traditional seaside resort with miles of sandy beaches, including donkey rides, a paddling pool, a boating lake and a Pier. There are award-winning gardens on the promenade, Cleethorpes Coast Light Railway, Lollipop Road Train, the Jungle Zoo, a wealth of shops, cafés and restaurants serving great fish and chips.



PRICE
FROM
£39.50

Adult: £41.50 Senior Citizens/Child: £39.50 Including windmill admission, all other attractions extra

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FOUNTAINS ABBEY (NT) and STUDLEY ROYAL WATER GARDENS

Saturday 11th September 2027

Fountains Abbey is a ruined Cistercian monastery near Ripon in North Yorkshire. It was founded in 1132 under the direction of Thurstan, Archbishop of York, and over the next four centuries became one of the wealthiest monasteries in England thanks to its large and diverse landholdings. The water garden at Studley Royal is one of the few great 18th century gardens to have survived well in its original form. It's the creation of John Aislabie and later his son, William. They both had astounding vision for how they wanted this garden to look, working with the landscape rather than changing it. Their design ingeniously channels the winding waters of the River Skell past the abbey ruins and into moon-shaped ponds and mirrored lakes, framed by formal bosquet hedges and laurel banks. They pushed the boundaries of what was a garden and heavily influenced the typical 'English' garden style. On the west side of the abbey lies the transitional Elizabethan/Jacobean Fountains Hall – partially built using stone from the Abbey and Fountains Mill. Situated in the medieval deer park is St Mary's church, designed by William Burges in 1871, it's often thought to be one of his greatest pieces of work.



PRICE
FROM
£36.50

Adults: £58.50 Senior Citizens: £57.50 Child: £47.50 Including admission to Fountains Abbey

Adults: £37.50 Senior Citizens: £36.50 National Trust Members

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE STEAM RAILWAY and CHELTENHAM

Saturday 25th September 2027

Today we travel to Broadway, The Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway is a volunteer-operated heritage line running through the beautiful countryside of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. We then board our train to transfer you to Cheltenham; we enjoy a 14-mile trip along part of the former Great Western Railway to Cheltenham passing through the historic Greet Tunnel and across the Stanway Viaduct. Pop into the station shop for a memento of your journey or enjoy a cuppa and slice of cake from the café as you take in the views across the Cotswold hills. Cheltenham is widely considered a fantastic town to visit. Often called the "Cultural Capital of the Cotswolds," it is renowned for its impeccably preserved Regency architecture, lush parks, and thriving food and festival scene.



PRICE
FROM
£46.00

Adult: £55.00 Senior Citizens: £54.00 Child: £46.00 Including steam train ride

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

Saturday 9th October 2027

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 Pontcysylite 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)

Including cruise on Pontcysylite Aqueduct and coach transfer

ROYAL MINT IN LLANTRISANT WALES with LIGHT LUNCH

Saturday 23rd October 2027

The Royal Mint Experience has given guests a behind-the-scenes look at over 1,100 years of British Craftsmanship. The Royal Mint is the United Kingdom's official maker of British coins. It is currently located in Llantrisant, Wales, where it moved in 1968. Operating under the legal name the Royal Mint Limited, it is a limited company that is wholly owned by his majesty's treasury and is under an exclusive contract to supply the nation's coinage. As well as minting circulating coins for the UK and international markets, the Royal Mint is a leading provider of precious metal products. The Royal Mint was historically part of a series of Mints that became centralised to produce coins for the kingdom of England, all of great Britain, the United Kingdom, and nations across the commonwealth.



PRICE FROM
£61.50

Adult: £62.50 Senior Citizens: £61.50 Child: £61.50 Including tour and light lunch

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPER - BLUEWATER SHOPPING CENTRE

Saturday 13th November 2027

Bluewater Shopping Centre is a large out of town shopping centre in Stone, Kent and just outside the M25 motorway. Opened on 16th March 1999 in a former chalk quarry after ten years of building works, the site (including car parks) occupies 240 acres and has a sales floor area over three levels, making it the fifth-largest shopping centre in the UK. Bluewater Shopping Centre is a well-organised and spacious mall spread over two floors, offering a wide variety of shops and brands. The layout is clear and easy to navigate, making the overall shopping experience comfortable.



PRICE
FROM
£36.50

Adult: **£37.50** Senior Citizens: **£36.50** Child: **£36.50** age 16

THE MAGNIFICENT CASTLE HOWARD, GARDEN and GROUNDS at CHRISTMAS

Sunday 28th November 2027

We travel to Castle Howard, one of Britain's finest historic houses, built over 300 years ago by Sir John Vanburgh, today it remains home to the Howard Family. Discover the house at your own pace, admiring its awe-inspiring architecture, interiors and world-renowned collections, with knowledgeable guides on hand to share stories of the house, family and artwork. Castle Howard's 1000 acres of parkland are a mixture of sweeping vistas, lakeside terraces and woodlands, temples, statues and formal gardens. Discover their range of cafes and restaurants with inspired menus. Leave time to browse the shops, including a farm shop, gift shop and garden centre after a wonderful day.



PRICE
FROM
£TBC

Adult: **£TBC** Senior Citizens: **£TBC** Child: **£TBC** age 16
Including castle, gardens & grounds admission

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

Saturday 11th December 2027

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, TBC, indulge in shopping in the courtyard, before strolling around the gardens following the amazing light trail.



PRICE
FROM
£TBC

Adult: £TBC Senior Citizens: £TBC Child: £TBC

Including admission to the House and Light Trail

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Saturday 27th November, Wednesday 8th December and Saturday 11th December 2027

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
£TBC

Adults: £TBC Senior Citizens: £TBC Child: £TBC

Including Christmas Lunch & Thursford Christmas Spectacular Ticket

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TX11 VANHOOL ALICRON

39 SEAT EXECUTIVE



TDX21 VAN HOOL ALTANO

**40 CORPORATE HOSPITALITY
WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE**



TDX21 VAN HOOL ALTANO TDX21

**43 CORPORATE HOSPITALITY
WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE**



TX15 VAN HOOL ALICRON

49 SEAT EXECUTIVE



**1973 AEC RELIANCE
PLAXTON PANORAMA ELITE III**

51 SEAT HERITAGE



1950 AEC REGENT III RT

56 SEAT HERITAGE



EX16M VAN HOOL

57 SEAT EXECUTIVE



EX16H VAN HOOL

57 SEAT EXECUTIVE



TX17 VAN HOOL ASTRON

59 SEAT EXECUTIVE



TDX21 VAN HOOL ALTANO

**66 SEAT CLUB CLASS
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