

Birmingham Tattoo & Christmas Market

23 – 25 November



Enjoy an unforgettable afternoon as you join us in the National Indoor Arena for the 24th Birmingham Tattoo. With massed bands, exciting displays and a spectacular finale it's a truly memorable experience! You'll also have the chance to visit Birmingham's Christmas Craft fair and renowned Frankfurt Christmas Market & visit Cadbury World and the World's biggest Cadbury Shop.



FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER Departing Oxted 9.30am we make our way to Blenheim Palace, home to the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, which, at this time of year will be wonderfully decorated in a style reminiscent of a Victorian Christmas; the spirit of Christmas past, present and future will be on show throughout the palace. Following our visit we continue on to our Birmingham hotel.

SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER A full day at leisure to experience Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market and Craft Fair (Birmingham has been twinned with Frankfurt for more than 40 years). The Traditional



stalls offer an array of beautiful handmade toys, Christmas decorations, original jewellery and craft goods. Enjoy the delights of German mulled wine (Glühwein), grilled sausages, German beer, and for those with a sweet tooth, gingerbread, crepes and marzipan sweets. At the heart of the market in Victoria Square is a traditional bandstand where musicians perform every lunchtime. Located right next to the Christmas Market, the Craft Fair gives the chance to browse an entirely different selection of items crafted by local artisans, as well as goods imported from all over the world by local traders. More stalls have been added on Centenary Way Bridge and Centenary Square: with over 180 stalls, it is one of the UK's largest Christmas markets.

SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER This morning we make our way to Cadbury World where chocolate comes to life! Discover the origins of chocolate in the Aztec Jungle attraction (but be warned – Emperor Montezuma is very protective of his cocoa!), stroll down Victorian Bull Street with John Cadbury himself, see the master chocolatiers work their magic in the demonstration area, grow your own cocoa beans and marvel as it rains virtual chocolate! After an early lunch we make the short drive to the NIA for the 2.00pm performance of the Birmingham Tattoo, a magical blend of music and colour, pomp and pageantry, popular with audiences both young and

old. See the massed marching bands, the fanfare trumpeters, the field-gun competition, the dog display-team, the massed parade of standards and many other spectacular performances that fill this three-hour extravaganza. After the performance we make our way home, making a stop at a service station for a chance to have supper. Arriving home mid evening.

What's included

PARK INN Birmingham West

All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone & hospitality tray.

2 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.

Time to explore Birmingham Christmas Market

Entry to Blenheim Palace

Entry to Cadbury World

Matinee performance of Birmingham Tattoo

£252.00 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £24.00