

SATURDAY 2ND JUNE

ABBOTSBURY SWANNERY & SUB-TROPICAL GARDENS



Depart Oxted 7.00am (Route A) for the drive to Abbotsbury Swannery, arriving in time to see the 12.00 noon feeding. Sheltered by the famous Chesil Beach, this ancient and special site provides protection for hundreds of nesting swans and their broods and is the only place in the world where you are able to walk through the heart of a colony of nesting Mute Swans. Early afternoon we take the short drive to nearby Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Gardens. Established in 1765 by the first Countess of Ilchester as a kitchen garden to her nearby castle, the gardens

have developed into a magnificent 20 acre garden filled with rare and exotic plants from all over the world. Since the great storm of 1990 many new exotic and unusual plants have been introduced and the garden is now a mixture of formal and informal, with charming walled garden walks and spectacular woodland valley views. Refreshments available at both venues. Returning leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.30pm.



Adult £49.95 Child £35.00

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Swannery and Sub-Tropical Gardens)

TUESDAY 5TH JUNE

THREE QUEENS SAILAWAY



Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) for the drive to Haskins Garden Centre, Southampton where we shall have time to find



lunch and have a short browse before continuing on to Southampton docks to 'Step Aboard' our Blue Funnel Cruiser for an enjoyable two and a half hour cruise to view Cunard's Queen Elizabeth, Queen Victoria & Queen Mary 2 as they depart the port of Southampton together for the first time. Return leave 6.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx 8.30pm.

Cost £58.15

(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Fare)



THURSDAY 7TH JUNE

WREST PARK, THE SLEEPING BEAUTY OF ENGLISH GARDENS

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Wrest Park Gardens, nr Luton, one of the few places in the world where visitors can see the evolution of landscape gardening over the last 300 years. After decades behind virtually closed doors, its treasures overgrown and largely unknown, English Heritage is reviving one of Britain's largest and most important 'secret gardens'. This wonderful 90-acre historic landscape and French-style mansion has miles of reinstated historic pathways, garden buildings, pavilion and statues. Inside the mansion inspired by 18th-century Paris, two exciting exhibitions tell the story of the estate, its evolution and its personalities. Selected rooms can be viewed, including the restored Countess' Sitting Room, shown as it would have been in the mid-19th century. Refreshments available. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.45pm.



Adult £33.85 Sen Cit £33.10 Child £21.70

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens/Exhibitions)

(English Heritage members less: Adult £6.80, Sen Cit £6.12, Child £4.33 but must bring card)

FRIDAY 8TH JUNE

MONKEY WORLD – APE RESCUE CENTRE



Depart Oxted 7.30am (Route A) for the drive to Wareham, and the Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre, the unique sanctuary in the heart of the Dorset countryside which has been the subject of the Monkey World television documentary series. This 65-acre woodland park is home to over 240 rescued or endangered primates of 16 different species, where they are free to be themselves in a natural environment and in the company of their own kind. Some have been neglected or kept in unnatural conditions, others have experienced unbelievable cruelty. Monkey World was set up in 1987 by the late Jim Cronin to provide a

permanent, stable home for abused Spanish beach chimps. Today, his wife, Dr. Alison Cronin, continues his work with foreign governments worldwide to stop the illegal smuggling of apes from Africa, Asia and South America. Here you will be at leisure to wander and view the enclosures where, amongst others, you will find Woolly Monkeys, Marmosets, Orangutans, Gibbons, Chimpanzees, Ring-Tailed Lemurs and a Chimpanzee Nursery. From 12 noon until 4.00pm half-hourly talks will be given by the team of dedicated keepers who love to share their knowledge of the primates. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.30pm.

Adult £43.85 Sen Cit £40.85 Child £32.85

(Including Coach/Entry to Monkey World)

FRIDAY 8TH JUNE

THE TANK MUSEUM, BOVINGTON, DORSET



Depart Oxted 7.30am (Route A) for the drive to the Tank Museum, Bovington, the home of the tank. The tank was a British invention that changed warfare for ever when it was introduced in World War One – and Bovington has been the home of the tank ever since. From the Somme to Tiananmen Square or D-Day to Desert Storm the tank has played a part in shaping history – and it continues to do so today. The Tank Museum is the only place where many of these rare and historic vehicles can be seen. Fresh from a £16m investment in new exhibitions & facilities, with almost 200 vehicles on display in 6 large halls, you

will come face-to-face with tanks that have seen action in all the major wars of the 20th century. Some donated, many captured, they have been painstakingly restored to their original condition. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.30pm

Adult £41.85 Sen Cit £39.85 Child £30.85

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Museum)

SATURDAY 9TH JUNE

ISLE OF WIGHT – ROUND ISLAND TOUR

Depart Oxted 7.15am (Route A) for Portsmouth and the ferry across the Solent to Fishbourne on the Isle of Wight. The Isle of Wight, being a mere 13 miles long and 23 miles wide, has 67 miles of coastline. Here on this diamond shaped island you will find spectacular scenery, glorious beaches, unspoilt countryside and outstanding natural beauty wherever you



look – the Island regularly tops the British sunshine tables. Today we shall take a scenic circular tour with our return sailing being from Fishbourne to Portsmouth. Returning to Godstone approx. 7.30pm.

Adult £41.75 Child £26.00

(Inclusive of Coach/Ferry Fare)

SUNDAY 10TH JUNE

OXFORD/ OXFORD CASTLE FLOWER & GARDENING FESTIVAL/ RIVER CRUISE

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for Oxford, where we shall be at leisure to wander the historic streets. Oxford's 800 years of history have endowed the city with an astonishing legacy of impressive architecture that soars over a vibrant city centre alive with exciting shops and restaurants. You may like to take a tour of one of the Colleges or browse and shop in the extensive shopping centre or maybe visit the Oxford Castle Flower & Gardening Festival. This free festival is filled to the brim with markets, talks, demonstrations and workshops, in addition to some more unusual florally inspired surprises such as edible flower infused chocolates, organic cosmetics, florally inspired jewellery and art. Alongside the large range of stalls trading goods from gardening tools, plants, flowers, and fruit trees, other free family-friendly activities include flower-pot painting, seedling



planting, printmaking, wicker-weaving, and Oxfam's role-play picnic, as well as face-painting, live music, stilt-walkers, a magician, and rare breed petting animals... all with a green-fingered twist, of course! At 3.30pm, those that wish may join us for a one hour river experience cruise taking in a fascinating stretch of River as we cruise down the university regatta course towards quaint Iffley village. We pass ancient Folly Bridge, Christchurch College and Meadows and the university rowing houses. This is one of the busiest and most colourful stretches of the Thames (the stretch locally known as The Isis). Rowing eights, punts, university boats and large pleasure cruisers come together in a lively display of all that the river has to offer. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx 7.00pm.

Adult £24.15 Child £18.50

(Oxford only)

Cost £33.25

(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Trip)

TUESDAY 12TH JUNE

BRIGHTON, HOVE OR WORTHING

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to either the fashionable resort of Brighton with its 3 miles of beachfront, the Royal Pavilion, the narrow twisting Lanes, and its extensive shopping areas; to Hove, with its Regency terraces with bow fronts and tall pilasters, broad lawns and a refined air; or drive on to Worthing, a small fishing village until in 1798 Princess Amelia, youngest daughter of George III, came to stay, so giving Worthing the royal seal of approval, resulting in rapid building creating the centre of today's resort. Return leave: Worthing 5.00pm Hove 5.20pm Brighton 5.30pm Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 6.45pm.



**Adult £18.50
Child £16.50**

THURSDAY 14TH JUNE

POOLE & BROWNSEA ISLAND

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for Poole which has a harbour with a miraculously untouched 18th-century atmosphere. Besides the harbour there are many 18th- and early 19th-century houses, shops, fine parks and gently sloping sandy beaches. You may either spend the day exploring this delightful town, maybe visit the Ginger Pop Shop, dedicated to Enid Blyton and her era, where you can buy books, toys, locally made ice cream and of course, ginger beer, or, early afternoon you may wish to join us on a trip to Brownsea Island, which lies in the middle of the harbour and is accessible only by boat. Here during the 19th century china clay was mined bringing with it an island community requiring a church, cottages, gardens, farmyard and a school. In 1907 it became the birthplace of the Boy Scout movement when Lord Baden-Powell held a camp for about 20 boys. Between 1927 and 1961 the owner



© Flickr - Hyougushi



© Flickr - Jim Linwood

Mary Bonham Christie (a recluse) allowed the island to become a haven for wildlife, free from farming, forestry and human disturbance. In 1962 it came under the protection of the National Trust and has been described by Bill Oddie 'as the best place for seeing wildlife in Dorset.' The island is home to a thriving population of the scarce and threatened red squirrel. Refreshments available. Return leave Poole 5.15pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approximately 8.00pm.

Adult £31.25 Child £24.50

(Poole only)

Adult £44.80 Child £31.75

(Inclusive of Coach/Boat fare/Admission to Island)

(Nat Trust members less: Adults £4.80, Child £2.40 but must bring card)

SATURDAY 16TH JUNE

EUROTUNNEL TO SLUIS



© Flickr - FaceMePLS

Depart Oxted 6.30am (Route A) for the drive to Folkestone and the Eurotunnel to Coquelles, France. From here we make our way to Sluis a pleasant Dutch town, on the Holland/Belgian border, with a rich history and a flamboyant atmosphere. Here you will be at leisure to explore this historic fortress town, with its ramparts and city gates still clearly visible; see the Town Hall, with the only belfry in Holland (1375). This was heavily damaged during World War II, and afterwards restored to its original splendour. From the tower there is a magnificent view of the

beautiful Zeeland Flanders scenery. Alternatively you may prefer to wander around the many shops and enjoy a meal in one of the restaurants. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 9.30pm. (Passport required).

Cost £46.85

(Inclusive of Coach/Eurotunnel)

TUESDAY 19TH JUNE

STOURHEAD HOUSE & GARDENS

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Stourhead, Wiltshire. "A living work of art" is how Stourhead was described when first opened in the 1740s. There is a magnificent lake, classical temples, mystical grottos, rare and exotic trees. Discover Italian grand tour adventures at Stourhead House, with its unique Regency library, Chippendale furniture and inspirational paintings, all set amid lawns and parkland. The lake and house are at the heart of a 2,650-acre estate where chalk downs, ancient woods and farmland are managed for people and wildlife to enjoy. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.00pm



© Rod Allday

Adult **£43.50** Child **£31.50**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Stourhead House and Gardens)

(National Trust Members less Adult: £11.80 Child: £6.20 but must bring Card)

THURSDAY 21ST JUNE

A PIECE OF CAKE AT THE MILL, SONNING

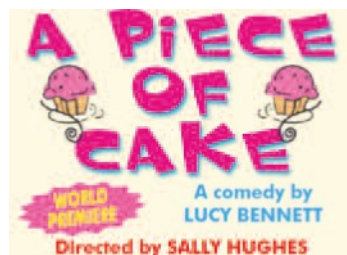


Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to The Mill, Sonning, a former 18th-century Flour Mill which has been converted to provide a centre of entertainment and comfort beside the Thames. With much of the original structure still retained, the Dinner Theatre gives the opportunity to enjoy a drink by the river and view the working wheel in the Cocktail Bar. The oak-beamed restaurant is the ideal setting in which to enjoy a freshly home-cooked lunch before taking our seats for the matinée performance of *A Piece of Cake*, a charming new play by Lucy Bennett. Thirty something Penelope Hart feels something needs to change. She is stuck in a dull city

job, lives in a studio flat, and has a boyfriend who cheats on her. So when Penelope is suddenly made redundant she seizes the chance to follow her life-long dream. Opening a cake shop. Armed with her mother's amazing cake recipes, Penelope buys a run-down commercial property. But, as she soon discovers, running a business is anything but a piece of cake. The plumbing doesn't work properly, there are mice in the walls, and what's more, Penelope hasn't baked for a while! Help is at hand however in the form of Lizzie, a not too bright but good natured assistant, and Peter, an embittered but handsome handyman and divorcee. After a shaky start Penelope's business soon starts to flourish, and surprisingly so do her feelings for Peter. But then to put the icing on the cake, Penelope's sleazy ex-boyfriend arrives to tempt her back to the city and back into his arms... This story of family, relationships, love ... and cakes, will have you laughing on the outside, but with a lovely warm feeling on the inside. Return after performance. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Cost **£58.75**

(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)



FRIDAY 22ND JUNE

LONDON OLYMPIC EXPLORER



events will be held. We finish the day at Woolwich Arsenal where there will be a chance to find a cup of tea before heading back to Godstone, arriving approx. 6.00pm.

Cost £42.50

(Inclusive Coach/Morning Coffee/1-Course Lunch/Guided Tour)

(Please advise at time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal)

Depart Oxted 8.15am (Route A) for the drive to Stratford where we shall have time for refreshments and meet our guide before making our way to the Lower Lee Valley and a viewing point for the Olympic Park. See the vast stadium, the Aquatic Centre and the Velodrome and hear how the first two London Olympics created international uproar. We return to Stratford for a roast beef or vegetarian lunch before taking a drive through the Royal Docks, where you will see the Excel Centre, which will host many indoor events such as Table Tennis. We then cross the Thames to see the longest parade ground in the world at Woolwich Barracks, where shooting

SATURDAY 23RD JUNE

RAF MUSICAL SALUTE TO THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE CONCERT

Depart Oxted 2.15pm (Route A) for the drive to Loseley Park, Guildford, where the beautifully manicured gardens, sloping down to the ornamental lake, make the perfect setting for the RAF Musical Salute to the Queen's Jubilee. With one of the finest military bands in the world providing the music – the Central Band of the Royal Air Force, images from the Defence Film Library and other departments within the RAF are brought together to tell a story: from flypasts over Buckingham Palace to HM Queen's reviews of the RAF over the past 60 years along with a look at each of the generations of the Royal family who have



been taught to fly by the RAF, from Prince Phillip to Prince William. The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, RAF Chinook and other aircraft add a further dimension and a narrative helps reinforce the story. You are urged to bring laden hampers, blankets, tables and chairs to this very special evening. Please dress warmly as it's likely to get chilly once the sun goes down. Hot and cold food and a bar will be available. Return after performance. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 11/11.30pm.

Adult £45.90 Child £34.90

(Inclusive of Coach/Performance)

(Please note that aircraft are subject to weather conditions and serviceability)

SUNDAY 24TH JUNE

BEAULIEU & BUCKLER'S HARD, WITH BOAT TRIP

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for Beaulieu in the heart of the New Forest. Enjoy historic Palace House, home to the Montagu family since 1538, Beaulieu Abbey, which still has much to see despite much of it being destroyed during the Dissolution of the Monasteries and explore the gardens. Visit the National Motor Museum which houses a unique collection of 250 vehicles which tell the story of motoring in Britain from the 1890s to the present day. New for 2012 is Bond in Motion, the world's largest official collection of original Bond vehicles, on display here for one year only.



Don't miss your chance to see Goldfinger's Rolls Royce Phantom III, Bond's Aston Martin DB5 from Golden Eye and villain Zao's Jaguar XKR from Die Another Day, plus many more. The World of Top Gear exhibition recreates the feel of the Top Gear hangar and the Secret Army exhibition tells the story of the training school established for the SOE during WWII. Early afternoon we visit Buckler's Hard on the banks of the Beaulieu River: a village where time has almost stood still since the days when they built wooden ships here for Nelson's



©Blicky - Wolfjewoff

fleet. The re-designed Maritime Museum and Buckler's Hard Story give an insight into the history of this 18th century shipbuilding village focusing on its vessels, including those built for Nelson's Navy. The recreated interior of the Shipwright's Cottage illustrates the difference in living standards between skilled and unskilled workmen. At 3.45pm we board a boat for a 30-minute cruise that wends its way along the river with a commentary revealing the history of Beaulieu River and the

abundant wildlife that inhabits its riverbanks. Refreshments available at both venues. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.00pm.

Adult £46.25 Child £31.00 (5-17 incl)

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Beaulieu and Buckler's Hard/Boat Trip)

MONDAY 25TH JUNE

EASTBOURNE

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route B) for Eastbourne where you can enjoy a day by the Sea and/or visit the Arndale Shopping Centre. Eastbourne is one of the largest resorts on the South Coast enjoying a wonderful position on the edge of the English Channel. Return leave the Pierhead 5.15pm. Returning to Limpsfield Chart by approx. 7.00pm.



Adult £18.50 Child £16.50

THURSDAY 28TH JUNE

CHENIES MANOR



Depart Oxted 10.45am (Route A) for the drive to Chenies, Buckinghamshire where we shall enjoy a hot one course lunch with coffee at the Bedford Arms Public House before making our way to Grade I Listed Chenies Manor, a Tudor House set in an attractive 'estate' village and surrounded by charming formal gardens, including a white garden, a physic garden of medicinal and other herbs and a Tudor sunken garden. There is also a substantial kitchen garden and two interesting mazes: one yew, the other turf. From 1180 the Manor was in the possession of the Cheyne family for about 350 years, when it passed by will to Ann Sapcote, whose descendants owned it for more than 400 years until it was acquired by the present owners. We shall be taken on a tour of the house, visiting the parlour, the dining room, white drawing room, the stone parlour, billiard room, library and lastly the dolls room which contains a collection of dolls and accessories of the 19th/20th centuries. Afternoon refreshments available. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by 6.30pm.

Cost **£36.15**

(Inclusive of Coach/One Course Lunch/Entry to Gardens & Guided Tour of House)

(HHA Members less £6.50 but must bring card)

FRIDAY 29TH JUNE

BOURNEMOUTH & COMPTON ACRES



Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for the popular coastal resort of Bournemouth, renowned for its mild climate, sandy beaches and fine coastal views. Here you will be at leisure to maybe visit the extensive shopping centre or to simply enjoy the seafront, with its seven miles of golden sands. Besides the seafront there are acres and acres of public parks and gardens – making up one-sixth of the borough, thanks to plans in the 19th century for a 'Garden City by the Sea'. After lunch you may, if you wish, journey on with us to

Compton Acres, one of the finest privately owned gardens in the South which, due to its location, also provides spectacular views of Poole Harbour, Brownsea Island and the Purbeck Hills. Set within 10 acres, each of the individual gardens is created on a different theme, from the magnificent Japanese garden to the grandeur and formality of the Italian garden and from the winding walkways of the wooded valley to the bog garden created in 2009 and a haven for wildlife. As well as its beautiful ten acres of gardens, there are exciting shopping opportunities, restaurants, a delicatessen, plant sales, craft centre and tearooms. Return leave: Compton Acres – 5.10pm, Bournemouth – 5.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.30pm.

Adult **£31.75** Child **£25.50**

(Bournemouth only)

Adult **£38.50** Sen Cit **£38.00**

Child **£29.75**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Compton Acres)

