

FRIDAY 9TH APRIL

MARWELL ZOO

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Marwell Zoo, and a chance to get close to the wonders of the natural world. From ring-tailed coatis to red-eyed tree frogs, laughing kookaburra to frilled lizards, giraffe-nosed catfishes to bat-eared foxes – the 140-acre park in Hampshire is home to over 250 exotic and endangered species, in beautiful, landscaped surroundings. Dedicated to the conservation of wildlife, Marwell participates in breeding programmes to help ensure the survival of some of the world's most endangered animals. Saunter past eucalyptus trees on the Australian Bush Walk and get close to some of Australasia's most popular mammals including the lovable wallaby, and beautiful kookaburra. There are no barriers so it's the perfect location for photographs. Step "into Africa" and meet some of the most fascinating animals on earth. Elegant gazelles, prickly porcupines, amazing monkeys and the giraffes. The 30 metre walkway into the sable antelope and congo buffalo paddock affords a stunning view over the park. As you step into the Aridlands, think of deserts, sand dunes, palm trees and succulents... and then think of the amazing animals that survive in these harsh environments: Sand Cats, with furry pads on their feet – made for walking on hot sand. Don't miss Tropical World – it's a must! This great glass house will give you an idea of what it is like to be in a tropical rainforest. It is filled with a stunning collection of plants including bananas, pineapples and other exotic fruit alongside gorgeous flowers with dazzling colours and bizarre shapes. There are animals too – look out for the brilliantly-coloured poison arrow frogs, scorpions and butterflies, not to mention beaded lizards and frilled lizards. There are large fish in the pool and marmosets on the island. Can you spot the dwarf crocodiles? Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Adult: - £35.25

Sen Cit: - £32.95

Child: - £24.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Zoo)

SUNDAY 11TH APRIL

BLACKBUSHE SUNDAY MARKET

Join enthusiastic bargain hunters at Britain's largest Sunday Market.

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for Blackbushe Sunday Market. With over 800 stalls in an area the size of 20 football pitches you will find everything your heart desires from clothes, to household goods, to furnishings, all at bargain prices. Refreshments available. Return leave 2.00pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 3.00pm.

Adult: - £14.95 **Child:** - £10.95
(Price excludes entry – approx. 50p per person/couple)

TUESDAY 13TH APRIL

GUIDED TOUR OF HENRY VIII'S WINDSOR

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Windsor where we shall be greeted by a local guide who will take us on a tour of Windsor town, where we will learn about Henry's hunting expeditions in Windsor Great Park and his banquets. Moving on into Windsor Castle we will see where the royal tennis courts were, St George's Chapel, where he was laid to rest and hear more about Henry's life. After the tour, we shall be free to browse the display of artwork and Henry VIII associated objects in the Henry VIII: a 500th Anniversary exhibition and to enjoy the rest of the Castle and explore the town. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Adult: - £42.70 **Sen Cit:** - £41.15 **Child:** - £21.50
(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour/Entry to Castle)

TUESDAY 13TH APRIL

WINDSOR

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Windsor where you will be at leisure to browse and shop to your heart's content. Stroll along Peascod Street and St. Leonard's Road, where you will find fishmongers, bakers, boutiques, delicatessens and craft shops. Most of the buildings along the narrow, cobbled streets were put up in the 17th and 18th centuries, but some, like the Three Tuns Hotel, built in 1518, are older. See the Regency Houses in Adelaide Square and the Victorian houses in Queen's Terrace. Windsor Bridge, built in 1821, links the town to Eton across the Thames. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving at Godstone approx. 6.15pm.

Adult: - £18.25 **Child:** - £14.95

THURSDAY 15TH APRIL

IGHTHAM MOTE

THE MOST COMPLETE SMALL MEDIEVAL MANOR HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY

Depart Oxted 11.30am (Route A) for the drive to Ightham Mote, a rare example of a medieval moated manor house. Tucked away in a wooded valley, this remarkable house dates from 1320, with important later additions and alterations. Ranged around a central cobbled courtyard, Ightham Mote has a number of varied features including the old gatehouse with its sturdy tower, the Great Hall, Crypt, the Tudor Chapel with its beautiful hand-painted ceiling, drawing room with Jacobean fireplace, frieze and handmade 18th-century Chinese wallpaper, and the private apartments of the American donor Charles Henry Robinson who bequeathed the property to the National Trust in 1985. It was the subject of the National Trust's largest conservation project, begun in 1989 and completed in 2004 – an exhibition of which is in the visitor reception and showcases the great challenges that this restoration posed. There will also be time to wander in the garden and along the woodland and estate walks. Refreshments and National Trust Shop available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.45pm.

Adult: - £22.80 **Child:** - £15.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to House)

(Nat Trust Members less Adult: £9.40 Child: £4.70 but **must** bring card)

SATURDAY 17TH APRIL

DISCOVER BRUGES FOR A DAY WITH EUROTUNNEL

Depart Oxted 6.30am (Route A) for Folkestone to board Eurotunnel for France, then on to Bruges, capital of Flanders, where canals carve their way through rows of ancient buildings, cobbled streets, ancient churches, gates and bridges. The city remains one of the best-preserved examples of northern Renaissance architecture. Visit the lace and chocolate shops, or simply relax in one of the many pavement cafés. Bruges is an open-air museum awaiting your discovery. There will be time to explore this medieval city before returning to Calais to board the Eurotunnel. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 9.15pm. (Passport required.)

Please note that the coach park is on the outskirts of Bruges with an approx. 20 minute walk alongside the Minnewater to reach the town centre.

Cost: - £43.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Eurotunnel)

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL

DANCING ON ICE AT THE O2

Depart Oxted 10.15am (Route A) for the drive to the O2, London where there will be time for an early lunch before taking your seats for the 1.30pm performance of Dancing on Ice. After wowing more than 750,000 people across the country in previous years with stunning ice performances, skating legends Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean will headline the fourth UK tour of Dancing on Ice and lead an all-star celebrity line-up. All of the celebrities will be trained and choreographed by Torvill & Dean. Replicating the format of the TV show, celebrities and their partners will perform a live ice dance routine in front of a panel of judges who will make their comments, give their scores and help decide the ultimate winner at each performance. You too will be invited to vote using your mobile phone to text in your favourite celebrity dancing couple. The Celebrities and Judging Panel are yet to be announced, but be sure to expect some familiar faces. Return after performance. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

Cost: - £63.00

(Inclusive of Coach/Block 108 Seats at Show)

MONDAY 19TH APRIL

PETWORTH HOUSE AND PARK

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to Petworth House, situated in the heart of the historic town of Petworth. This magnificent late 17th-century mansion, built by the 6th Duke of Somerset, overlooks the famous deer park landscaped by 'Capability' Brown. The house contains the National Trust's finest collection of pictures including works by Turner, Van Dyck, Titian and Gainsborough. The state rooms contain sculpture, furniture and porcelain of the highest quality and are complemented by the authentic Victorian kitchens in the Servants' Quarters. The Carved Room contains some of Grinling Gibbons' finest limewood carvings. Take a stroll through the 700 acre park, in its early spring glory. The impressive gateway and walls of the house gaze down on the medieval town of Petworth with its narrow, winding cobbled streets. See the plain arcaded 18th-century town hall and charming old buildings many of which are half-timbered Tudor houses and others are from the Georgian era. During the day you will be able to come and go between the House and town at will. Refreshments available both at the house and in the town. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

Cost: - £26.00

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to House & Park)

(Nat Trust members less £9.00, but **must** bring card)

TUESDAY 20TH APRIL

CHATHAM DOCKYARD AND KINGSWEAR CASTLE PADDLE STEAMER

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Chatham Historic Dockyard, one of Britain's leading and most important maritime heritage locations where 400 years of maritime history come alive. Here you will be at leisure to visit the Museum and discover a spectrum of naval history, including the Spanish Armada, the 1667 Dutch raid on the Medway, victory at Trafalgar, the first iron battleships, both World Wars and the Cold War, as well as the Falklands conflict. Join William Crockwell, a young carpenter's apprentice at the Royal Dockyard, for an animatronic adventure that takes you through the sights, sounds and smells of a working 18th-century dockyard, discovering how the warship Valiant was built; from planning, to her maiden voyage against the French fleet. See rope being made in the quarter-mile long 'Ropery', witnessing every stage of production from hemp to the 'closing'. See HMS Gannet (1878) – Britain's last sloop of Queen Victoria's Royal Navy which was refloated in 2004 following an eighteen month restoration project. Chatham played an important part in the life of Horatio Nelson; he joined the Royal Navy here in 1771 and spent the formative years of his naval career at Chatham and Sheerness on the River Medway. Nelson joined his first ship at the Royal Dockyard and many buildings he would have known are still standing today. Nelson's flagship at Trafalgar, HMS Victory was built here. Mid afternoon we take a step back in time and enjoy a one and a half hour cruise on board the Kingswear Castle, a coal fired paddle steamer built in 1924. Refreshments available both at the Dockyard and on board the boat. Return leave 5.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.45pm. Please can you let us know at time of booking if you wish to join us on the 12.00 noon tour of the Ropery. There is no additional charge, but they need to know numbers in advance.

Cost: - £33.65

(Including Coach/Entry to Dockyard/Paddle Steamer Cruise)

THURSDAY 22ND APRIL

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: - £16.50

Child: - £14.95

SATURDAY 24TH APRIL

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S 'LOVE FROM A STRANGER' AT THE MILL SONNING,

The Mill is delighted to present this brilliant thriller from the Queen of Crime – Agatha Christie. Adapted by award-winning playwright, Louise Page, this is an exciting brand-new adaptation of Philomel Cottage, the original short story by Agatha Christie.

Depart Oxted 10.00am (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. The original Mill on this site was established much earlier – being mentioned in the Domesday Book. 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 'Love from a Stranger', a blood-curdling drama about frustrated spinster Alix King who has been engaged for years to Dick. Dependable but dull, Dick refuses to marry Alix until he can support her. When Alix unexpectedly inherits a fortune Dick is too proud to accept sharing it. Then along comes a stranger. Handsome, successful and just that little bit dangerous, Gerald sweeps her off her feet. Before you know it they are married and move into Philomel Cottage. All too soon their happiness begins to disintegrate. Strange things begin to happen and Alix suspects that the man she rushed into marrying may not be what he seems to be. And who knows, maybe Alix has some dark secrets of her own. This chilling thriller is a must for all Christie fans – full of twists and turns as it builds to a surprising and murderous denouement. Agatha Christie at her best! Return after performance. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Cost: - £54.45

(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)

TUESDAY 27TH APRIL

BLETCHLEY PARK - WORLD WAR II CODEBREAKING

Imagine 8,500 people working in complete secrecy under wartime conditions. So strong was the code of secrecy that many still refuse to reveal exactly what they did at Bletchley Park...

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Bletchley Park, nr. Milton Keynes. On arrival we shall be served with coffee/tea and biscuits before a short introductory talk and guided tour where we shall discover what went on at key locations around the site, including the famous wooden codebreaking huts. After lunch (cost not included) the tour continues, including a visit to see the authentic rebuild of Colossus, the world's first semi-programmable computer, the Churchill Collection and Block B. In the summer of 1939, with the threat of war looming, a small team of scholars-turned-codebreakers arrived at Bletchley Park. Their mission: to crack the Nazi Enigma cypher, the backbone of German military and intelligence communications. The odds against their success were a staggering 150,000,000,000,000,000 to 1. But succeed they did, a triumph that was one of the greatest intellectual achievements of the twentieth century, helping to shorten WWII by at least two years and saving countless lives. With the declaration of peace, the codebreakers departed, removing every scrap of evidence of their exploits. It would be years before Bletchley Park would start to give up its secrets. Also known as 'Station X', Bletchley Park was not only home to the famous codebreakers of the Second World War but also the birthplace of modern computing and communications. Discover the impact of that secret work upon the outcome of WWII and the effect it has had upon your life. Now a heritage site, exhibitions and displays include Uniforms and WWII Memorabilia, WWII Aircraft Recovery, Wartime Fire Engines, Historic and Military Vehicles, Widgets & Weird Inventions which showcase hundreds of strange old-fashioned contraptions – the Enigma Cinema, the Computer Museum, Pigeons at War and the American Garden Trail. During the visit you will see working examples of Enigma and other coding machines, plus a replica of the 'Turing Bombe' decyphering device, visit Hut 8, workplace of the famous codebreaker, Alan Turing and see the Petard Exhibition along with many other fascinating exhibitions. Return leave approx. 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.30pm

Adult: - £31.95 **Child (under 12):** - £23.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour of Bletchley Park/Coffee or Tea on Arrival)