

TUESDAY 3RD AUGUST

COWES WEEK CRUISE

Depart Oxted 8.15am (Route A) for Ocean Village, Southampton for a 3½-hour cruise, full of colour and excitement, viewing the renowned Cowes Week Yacht Racing taking place in the Solent between the Isle of Wight and the Mainland. Cowes first held a yachting regatta in 1776, but it was the royal patronage of the 19th century that gave it its international reputation for the sport. The Yacht Club, formed in 1815, became the Royal Yacht Club when its most notable member, the Prince Regent, became George IV in 1820. In 1833 it became the Royal Yacht Squadron, whose 300 members share, among other privileges, the freedom of all foreign ports. In 1944 the building was chief operations centre for the D-Day landings. Whilst on board we shall be served with a basket lunch. Return leave 3.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.45pm.

Adult: - £36.30 **Child:** - £23.50
(Inclusive of Coach/Cruise/Basket lunch)

THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST

LITTLEHAMPTON OR BOGNOR

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to either Littlehampton or Bognor to spend a day by the sea. The small, ancient port of Littlehampton, situated at the mouth of the River Arun, with its promenade, sandy beaches and funfair is known as a family seaside resort and yachting centre, although some of the old town survives on the east bank of the Arun. Bognor Regis, a seaside resort with a pier and five miles of hard sandy beach, began as a Saxon village, became a medieval fishing hamlet and then, from 1790, developed into a quiet and fashionable seaside watering place. The 'Regis' was added to Bognor after King George V convalesced at nearby Aldwick in 1928.

Return leave: Bognor Pier - 5.00pm
 Littlehampton - 5.30pm

Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.00pm.

Adult: - £18.25 **Child:** - £15.50

FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST

DOVER CASTLE

On a scale never before seen at an historic attraction, at a cost of £2.45 million English Heritage has painstakingly recreated the magnificent 12th-century palace, built by King Henry II to showcase his power and strength.

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for Dover Castle standing atop the famous White Cliffs and once described as the 'Key to the Kingdom'. One of the country's largest castles, it has the longest recorded history of any major fortress in Britain. Powerful King Henry, whose Kingdom stretched across Europe, intended to impress international pilgrims who were royally entertained within the castle's mighty walls as they travelled to the shrine of Thomas Becket in Canterbury. Today you will be equally impressed by the recreation of the king's showy display of wealth. Filled with technicolour decoration, furnishings and furniture of the period – all carefully recreated by contemporary craftspeople – the Great Tower provides a truly 'immersive experience'. Colourful characters in the form of 3D holograms or costumed interpreters portray key people from the Royal Court – from King Henry himself to his favourite jester, Roland the Farter! See one of the tallest remaining Roman structures in Europe – the Roman 'Pharos' or lighthouse; take an audio tour of the Battlement Walk exploring the curtain wall and towers which protected the castle; discover the maze of medieval tunnels, created to defend the castle in the Middle Ages; see the Admiralty Look-Out station, well-placed as a viewpoint for Channel shipping. Deep inside the White Cliffs we shall have a guided tour of one of the best kept wartime secrets, the Wartime Tunnels, the hush hush headquarters from where Vice Admiral Ramsay masterminded the miraculous evacuation of 338,000 troops from the beaches of Dunkirk during World War II. The tour will take us deep underground into the labyrinth of tunnels, to the operations rooms, barracks and an underground hospital, complete with operating theatre, where 700 servicemen and women lived and worked during the darkest days of World War II. Throughout the tour sounds, smells and film clips from the time recreate the remarkable atmosphere of Britain at war. The easiest way to explore the castle's 70 acres is to take a free ride on the land train. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

Adult: - £32.95

Sen Cit: - £30.80

Child: - £19.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Dover Castle/Guided Tour of Wartime Tunnels)

(Eng Heritage Members less Adults - £13.90, Sen Cit - £11.80, Children - £7.00, but **must** bring card)

SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST

BOULOGNE BY FERRY

Depart Oxted 6.45am (time to be confirmed) (Route A) for the drive to Dover and the ferry to Calais. From here we shall take the scenic coastal route to Boulogne, where there will be time to browse, have a meal or just soak up the atmosphere of this French town. There will also be an optional visit to a hypermarket. Ferry times not confirmed at the time of going to print but we would anticipate arriving back in Godstone by approx. 9.45pm. (Passports required.)

Cost: - £36.00
(Inclusive of Coach/Ferry)

MONDAY 9TH AUGUST

SALISBURY AND ARUNDILLS

THE HOME OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER SIR EDWARD HEATH

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the beautiful city of Salisbury dominated by Britain's highest spire (404ft). Here you will be at leisure to explore the streets flanked by gabled houses and buildings of all periods set in happy juxtaposition. See the medieval gabled houses, historic inns, market places and browse and shop in the modern shopping centre. After lunch you may if you wish make your way to Arundells, the home of former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath. In the 13th century Arundells was a Medieval canonry and has developed into one of the finest houses inside the Cathedral Close, surrounded by a beautiful 2 acre garden. Sir Edward served his country with great distinction throughout his political and military careers. His many active interests included a deep involvement and love of music, collecting objet d'art, and sailing. Sir Edward's collections of sailing and musical memorabilia, Oriental and European ceramics, paintings, original political cartoons, bronzes and photographs are on display within. Sir Edward's wish was for the public to share his enjoyment of his home, and he laid upon his trustees as their primary duty, the task of preserving and conserving Arundells and its associated amenities for this purpose. Here we shall be taken on a guided tour of the house with time at leisure to enjoy the gardens. Return leave 5.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.30pm.

Adult: - £22.85 **Child:** - £16.50
(Salisbury only)

Cost: - £31.30
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Arundells)

TUESDAY 10TH AUGUST

SOMERLEYTON HALL, LOWESTOFT

Depart Oxted 7.45am (Route A) for the drive to Somerleyton Hall and Gardens. Originally a Jacobean manor, it was remodelled in 1844, transforming it into a splendid early Victorian Hall built in Anglo-Italian style by Sir Morton Peto, with lavish architectural features, magnificent carved stonework and fine state rooms. See the paintings by Landseer, Wright of Derby and Stanfield, wood carvings by Willcox of Warwick and Grinling Gibbons. See the Doll's House, a model of Somerleyton Hall as it appeared in the 17th century. From this can be seen how extensive were the changes made during the rebuilding carried out by Sir Morton Peto in the 19th century. The Doll's house was given to the Honourable Mary Crossley, sister to the present Lord Somerleyton, on her fifth birthday in 1931. It was made in the estate carpenter's shop as a present from the employees. Outside, Somerleyton's 12 acre gardens are justly renowned with beautiful borders, specimen trees and the 1846 yew hedge maze which ranks amongst the finest in the country. Special features include glass houses by Paxton, 300ft pergola, walled garden, Vulliamy tower clock and Victorian ornamentation. Somerleyton Hall was the location for the 2002 BBC drama 'The Lost Prince'. Beautiful architecture, antique furniture, the trademark Crossley carpets – and an unmistakably 'lived-in' feel make a visit to Somerleyton Hall a fascinating and unforgettable experience. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.00pm.

Adult: - £34.95 **Sen Cit:** - £33.95 **Child:** - £21.75
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to House and Gardens)

THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST

SCENIC TOUR OF ASHDOWN FOREST WITH A CREAM TEA

Depart Oxted 12.45pm (Route B) for Heaven Farm, Furners Green where we meet the farmer, a life-long resident of the Ashdown Forest, to be taken on a guided tour by coach. Along the way we learn about the history of the Forest from the time of the Romans until the present day, about local farming and agricultural practices, and see the tree under which A.A. Milne sat to write his famous 'Winnie the Pooh' books. Returning to the farm we shall have a well-earned cream tea before making our way home. Returning to Limpsfield Chart by approx. 5.30pm.

Cost: - £19.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour/Cream Tea)

FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST

HORSE-DRAWN OMNIBUS AND HURST CASTLE

Depart Oxted 7.45am (Route A) for the pretty seaside town of Milford-on-Sea with its amazing views across to the Isle of Wight. Here one half of the group will have time to explore this small, delightful town whilst the remaining half step back in time as they board the Horsedrawn Omnibus for the 30 minute ride, travelling at horses' pace and enjoying unrivalled views, travelling to Keyhaven, a unique, secluded spit of farmland and Nature Reserve, where we join the Hurst Castle Ferry. Alighting here we shall take the short boat trip out to Hurst Castle. The Omnibus will then make its way back to Milford-on-Sea to collect the second group who will also enjoy the horse drawn omnibus and boat trip to Hurst Castle. Each group will have approximately three hours to visit the Castle and, if they wish, take refreshment in the Gun Inn before the horses collect them for the return journey to Milford-on-Sea. Hurst Castle is situated at the seaward end of the shingle spit that extends 1.5 miles from Milford-on-Sea. The end of the spit is only three quarters of a mile from the Isle of Wight, and the views from the top of the centre keep are spectacular. Built by Henry VII as one of a chain of coastal fortresses and completed in 1544, Hurst Castle was in the perfect location to defend the western approach to the Solent. Charles I was imprisoned here in 1648 before being taken to London to his trial and execution. The castle was modernised during the Napoleonic wars and again in the 1870s when the enormous armoured wings were constructed. Two of the huge 38-ton guns installed in the 1870s can be viewed in their casemates. During World War II, it was manned with coastal gun batteries and searchlights. There is a Lighthouse Museum in the castle and a small café in the castle grounds. Return leave 4.45pm from Milton-on-Sea. Arriving back at Godstone by approx 7.15pm.

Adult: - £42.00 **Sen Cit:** - £41.75 **Child:** - £30.50
(Inclusive of Coach/Omnibus Ride/Ferry/Entry to Hurst Castle)

SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST

EASTBOURNE & AIRBOURNE ~ THE BIGGEST AIR SHOW ON THE SOUTH COAST

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. Over this weekend they are playing host to four days of top flight entertainment with Airbourne, their annual International Air Show. No details of the flying programme were available at the time of going to print. Return leave the Pierhead 5.30pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 7.15pm.

Adult: - £17.10 **Child:** - £15.20

(Exclusive of any entry charge that may be incurred)

MONDAY 16TH AUGUST

THAMES BARRIER AND GREENWICH

Depart Oxted 8.30 am (Route A) for the Thames Barrier Information Centre. On arrival there will be time to enjoy a cup of coffee in The Terrace Café which offers spectacular views of the Barrier itself, prior to our guided tour in which we shall learn about the history of the Barrier, the decisions taken during construction and the future for flood defence. The exhibition also describes the environment and wildlife on the Thames and shows how pollution is being tackled to make the river cleaner. There are features on fish found in the Thames, the history of the river and monitoring water quality. The exhibition includes a working model of the Barrier and an eight minute video about its construction. The Thames Barrier started life as a proposal by the Greater London Council in 1965. London had suffered several major floods in its history, most recently in 1953 where major damage was caused – and it is said the people were able to row across Westminster Hall during one flood in 1236. The GLC decided that a preventative measure had to be taken and in 1974 work began on the Thames Barrier. Completed in 1984, the Barrier is over 1,700 feet in width with four 200 foot openings. When the gates are raised they stand 6 feet above the water level reached in 1953. Late morning we take the short drive to Greenwich where you will be at leisure to explore; maybe inspect the progress of the renovation work being carried out on the famous clipper, the Cutty Sark, stroll through Greenwich Park, visit the Planetarium or visit the Old Royal Observatory, through which the Meridian line runs. Return leave 4.30pm. Returning to Godstone approx 5.45pm.

Adult: - £20.95 **Child:** - £15.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to and Guided Tour of Information Centre)

WEDNESDAY 18TH AUGUST

STAMFORD AND BURGHLEY HOUSE

Depart Oxted 8.00am (Route A) for the drive to the picturesque town of Stamford, Lincolnshire, where much of the BBC's dramatisation of "Middlemarch" was filmed. Stamford was transformed once more in the summer of 2004 with the filming of Pride and Prejudice. With its winding streets lined with buildings of local stone, mainly of the medieval and Georgian periods, Stamford appears to await the nobility and the highwaymen, as was its custom in bygone years. Declared a conservation area in 1967 and proclaimed as 'the finest stone town in England' unspoilt Stamford gives us, in the present day, a view of its glorious past. The façades of commercial outlets remain ornate and decorative, whilst offering modern services and facilities with good old fashioned hospitality. Here we will have time for a leisurely lunch before driving the short distance to Burghley House, surrounded by the beautiful 160 acre Deer Park, landscaped by 'Capability' Brown. Burghley House, home of the Cecil family for over 400 years, was built as a country seat during the latter part of the 16th century by Sir William Cecil, later Lord Burghley, principal adviser and Lord Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth I. The house was completed in 1587 and there have been few alterations to the architecture since that date, making it one of the finest examples of late Elizabethan design in England. The house has 35 major rooms on the ground and first floors and more than 80 lesser rooms and numerous halls, corridors, bathrooms and service areas. The state rooms contain one of the largest private collections of Italian art, unique examples of Chinese and Japanese porcelain and superb examples of 18th-century furniture. The summer of 2004 saw Burghley transformed from stately home to film set as it starred in "Pride and Prejudice" in the role of Rosings, home of Lady Catherine de Burgh, and included such celebrities as Dame Judi Dench and Keira Knightly. For the Da Vinci Code, the House was used for interior and some exterior scenes involving Castel Gandolfo while outbuildings were used for several other scenes. Burghley again came under the Hollywood spotlight for the 2007 movie Elizabeth: The Golden Age, a historical thriller set in the middle years of her reign. Burghley portrays the home of Dr John Dee, Queen Elizabeth I's personal astrologer and adviser, plus other London and Parisian scenes. Refreshments available. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 8.00pm.

Adult: - £36.15 **Child:** - £23.00
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Burghley House)

THURSDAY 19TH AUGUST

MARKET DAY IN STOWMARKET AND THE MUSEUM OF EAST ANGLIAN LIFE

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the quintessential English market town of Stowmarket, set in the delightful Gipping Valley, surrounded by some of Suffolk's most picturesque villages and scenery. The town has long been an important trading centre for the area, as indeed its name indicates: 'Stow', in Anglo Saxon means 'principal place' which, together with the word 'market', distinguished it from other villages in the area which did not have the privilege of a market charter. The Museum of East Anglian Life is situated in the heart of Stowmarket, a stones throw from the market place, and your entry badge will enable you to come and go between the museum and town at will. The museum occupies land that was formerly part of the home farm associated with the Abbott's Hall Estate and we shall be transported back into East Anglia's recent past as we enjoy seventy five acres of interactive history, with displays covering subjects as diverse as domestic life, agriculture, industry and travellers. The museum boasts a fine collection of relocated historic buildings including a chapel, watermill, blacksmith's forge, and an industrial workshop, as well as part of a timber-framed farmhouse. Meet their friendly animals, including Major the Suffolk Punch horse and rare breeds of cattle and sheep and join us on a guided tour of the Abbots Hall gardens as they undergo restoration (please note that access to the gardens will be subject to it being safe for us to do so, depending upon what activities the contractors are carrying out at the time) and sample the delicious food in their bistro. Refreshments available both at the museum and in the town. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.30pm.

Adult: - £29.40

Sen Cit: £28.40

Child: - £18.45

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Museum)

SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Southend-on-Sea, the largest town in Essex and a vibrant seaside resort with a cosmopolitan atmosphere and a world famous pier, at 1.33 miles this is the world's longest pleasure pier. Here you can take a bracing walk out towards the Kent shore, or ride on one of the electric shuttle trains (originally horse-drawn trams). Southend's parks and gardens have brought honours for many years running in the 'Britain in Bloom' awards with many fine floral features including carpet bedding displays, a nationally recognised rose garden and the town's oldest park, Prittlewell Square. Shopping in Southend is also a pleasure with a choice of nationally famous stores alongside exclusive and specialised shops providing a comprehensive range of goods. For added excitement, visit Adventure Island, with many rides and attractions including Dragon's Claw, Vortex, the Tidal Wave, a breathtaking roller coaster and a twister called 'Pharaoh's Fury' and the Big Wheel. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Adult: - £18.25

Child: - £15.50

TUESDAY 24TH AUGUST

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route C) for London, giving time for lunch before visiting the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace, official residence of the Queen. The State Rooms are at the heart of the Palace and provide the setting for ceremonial occasions and official entertaining. They are lavishly furnished with many of the greatest treasures from the Royal Collections, including paintings by Van Dyck and Canaletto, sculpture by Canova, exquisite pieces of Sèvres porcelain, and some of the finest English and French furniture in the world. A complimentary audio tour provides a lively introduction to centuries of royal history and includes interviews with Royal Household staff about the working Palace and the works of art on display. Return leave 4.45pm. Arriving back at Sanderstead approx. 6.00pm.

Adult: - £33.20

Sen Cit: - £31.85

Child: - £21.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to the Palace)

WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST

THAMES CRUISE ON BOARD MV POCAHONTAS

Depart Oxted 8.45am (Route A) for the drive to Gravesend where we shall board the MV Pocahontas for a cruise up the Thames to London. Sit back, relax and enjoy the commentary on the historic events and current landmarks we see as we cruise past Tilbury Docks, under the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge (Dartford's river crossing), through the Thames Barrier and on to Greenwich. Continuing on we view the changing face of the river frontage at Docklands and Canary Wharf before passing through the gateway to the City of London. See HMS Belfast, the replica of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, St Paul's Cathedral and the Tate Modern before we reach Westminster Bridge, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. If time and tide allow, we cruise on, passing Lambeth Palace and the Tate Gallery to Chelsea where we turn round and head back to Greenwich and Gravesend. Included in the day are a ploughman's lunch and a cream tea. Return leave Gravesend 5.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by 6.30pm. (Disabled passengers are welcome, but please note that the toilets on board the boat are not wheelchair friendly.)

Adult: - £53.15 **Sen Cit:** - £46.95 **Child:** - £36.45
(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Fare/Ploughman's Lunch & Cream Tea)

THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST

CHATSWORTH HOUSE, DERBYSHIRE

Depart Oxted 6.30am (Route A) for the drive to Chatsworth House, home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, set in the heart of Derbyshire's Peak District National Park. One of England's most beautiful houses, it is richly furnished and decorated throughout, and is home to one of Europe's finest private art collections. New for 2010 is a new visitor route through the house, including a completely new gallery displaying art and treasures from the collection and lift access to all three floors. Important rooms have been newly restored and there are elegant displays celebrating the legendary Duchess Georgina. There is also an exhibition celebrating the 90th birthday of Deborah Devonshire, the present Dowager Duchess and the last surviving Mitford sister. Fascinating personal material and images, many never seen before offer a unique insight into the Dowager Duchess's life and work from her childhood in Oxfordshire, her marriage, her friendships with people as diverse as Lucian Freud, Evelyn Waugh, Tom Stoppard and Alan Titchmarsh, to her many years of public service and well-earned status of "national treasure". Explore the 105 acre garden which has evolved over more than 450 years, with five miles of walks with rare trees, shrubs, formal hedges, temples, sculptures old and new, streams and ponds. The famous waterworks include the twenty four steps of the 300 year old Cascade, falling 200 yards down the hill, the magic of water shooting from the branches of the willow tree fountain, the trough waterfall, and Revelation, the water-powered sculpture. As well as the huge maze, and the rose, cottage and kitchen gardens, there is a sensory garden. Joseph Paxton, famous head gardener in the 19th century, created the gigantic rock garden, newly restored with a viewpoint looking out over the garden, the enormous gravity-fed Emperor fountain, the beautiful Pinetum and glasshouses. There are shops selling a range of gifts, plants, and gardening essentials. Refreshments available. Return leave 5.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 10.00pm.

Adult: - £54.95 **Sen Cit:** - £53.25 **Child:** - £36.65
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Chatsworth House)

SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST

WINGS AND WHEELS AT DUNSFOLD

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Dunsfold, nr. Cranleigh, Surrey for an exciting family day out both on the ground and in the air. On the ground, during the morning, Brooklands Museum will be giving a two hour display demonstrating an array of iconic motoring classics, both historic and modern, before all eyes lift skyward to see a four hour flying display led by a crowd thrilling assortment of RAF legends. The Air Show will feature displays from the Royal Air Force Red Arrows, Chinook helicopter, Eurofighter Typhoon, The Blades aerobatic Team, Team Guinot Wingwalkers, The Tigers – The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment's Parachute Display Team and Battle of Britain Memorial flight, which includes the Spitfire, Hurricane and Dakota - a great mix of civilian and military flying displays performing fantastic aerobatics in the skies above. Throughout the day there will be a display of static supercars, classic cars and military vehicles along with a host of activities and entertainment in the retail village and arena. Refreshments available. Return leave 6.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.00pm.

Adult: - £34.60

Child: - £17.75

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Show)

Please note that the above write up is based on the 2009 show as no information was available on the 2010 show at the time of going to print)