

THURSDAY 1ST JULY

KELMSCOTT MANOR

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Kelmscott Manor, nr. Lechlade, a Grade I listed Tudor farmhouse with gardens reaching down to the River Thames. The house is best known for its associations with William Morris, who lived here from 1871 until his death in 1896. Morris loved the house as a work of true craftsmanship, totally unspoilt and unaltered, and in harmony with the countryside. He considered it so natural in its setting as to be almost organic; it looked to him as if it had 'grown up out of the soil'. The house contains an outstanding collection of the possessions and work of Morris and his associates, including furniture, original textiles, carpets and ceramics. The garden, with its barns, dovecote, formal garden and stream was a constant source of inspiration for Morris and the images are reflected in his textile and wallpaper designs. Our visit will commence with a ploughman's lunch, followed by an introductory talk after which you will be at leisure to explore the house and gardens before leaving for home we shall partake of afternoon tea/coffee with a homemade biscuit. Return leave 4.45pm. Returning to Godstone approx 7.15pm.

Cost: - £48.25

(Inclusive of Coach/Ploughman's Lunch/Entry to House/
Introductory Talk/Afternoon Coffee or Tea and Biscuit)

SATURDAY 3RD JULY

IF I WERE YOU, A COMEDY BY ALAN AYCKBOURN AT THE MILL, SONNING

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) for 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 your seats for the matinée performance of *If I were You*, a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn. Meet Mal and Jill Rodale. Their marriage is on the rocks. Mal is an aggressive store manager with little empathy for his staff or customers, and is having an affair – conveniently during his lunch breaks. Jill is a housewife, with regrets for not fulfilling her dreams – and knows about Mal's infidelity. On top of this their son Sam wants to appear in a school production of Shakespeare, much to the opposition of Mal, who questions Sam's sexuality. However, he loves his conventional daughter Chrissie and prized son-in-law Dean, who also works at Mal's store. But little does Mal know that Chrissie isn't happy. Something that she can only confide in with her mother Jill. But things are about to change for the Rodales. One morning, Mal and Jill wake up and make a remarkable discovery – they have somehow swapped bodies! Leaving Jill to go to work and Mal to stay at home – with hilarious consequences! This is Alan Ayckbourn's seventieth play! And as ever, he has produced a blissfully funny comedy farce that is both poignant and inevitably heart-warming. *If I Were You*, I'd not miss this absolute gem. Return after performance. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Cost: - £54.45

(Inclusive of Coach/2 Course Lunch/Show)

TUESDAY 6TH JULY

LLAMA FARM, ASHDOWN FOREST

Depart Oxted 1.15pm (Route A) for the drive to the Ashdown Forest Llama Park. On arrival we shall be greeted with an introductory talk before exploring at leisure the 35 acre farm, which is one of the leading llama breeding centres in the country. The Park enjoys stunning views over the Ashdown Forest and as you stroll around the unique farm you will encounter the wonderful llama and alpaca characters, some at close range. Visit the museum, see the video and browse in the Alpaca Shop which stocks an inspirational range of wonderfully warm and vibrant designer alpaca knitwear and accessories for both men and women, including an unrivalled range of beautifully soft jumpers, cardigans, capes, hats, gloves, scarves and socks, alongside traditional South American craft goods, children's toys, jewellery, and pottery. We shall then enjoy a cream tea in their coffee shop before making our way home. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.45pm.

Adult: - £20.40 **Child:** - £16.25

(Inclusive of Coach/Introductory Talk/Entry to Llama Park/Cream Tea)

THURSDAY 8TH JULY

RIVER THAMES CRUISE & WINDSOR

Depart Oxted 8.45am (Route A) for Boulter's Lock, Maidenhead, one of the liveliest locks on the River Thames where we join a boat for a trip down the river passing under Maidenhead Bridge then Brunel's finest railway crossing of the river at the village of Bray. As the river bends to embrace the village the flinty tower of the 13th-century church reminds the boatman of the famous Vicar of Bray - Simon Alwyn - who repeatedly changed his views to keep his living under Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth I. Once through Bray Lock we pass Monkey Island and Dorney Court before arriving lunchtime in Windsor where the remainder of the day will be at leisure to maybe explore Windsor Castle or wander through the picturesque centre, perhaps to Peascod Street and St. Leonard's Road, with their fishmongers, bakers, delicatessens, boutiques 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. Burford Lodge, in St Alban's Street, was the home of Nell Gwynne, mistress of Charles II. Return leave 5.15pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 6.30pm.

Adult: - £31.10 **Child:** - £19.40

(Inclusive of Coach/River Cruise)

FRIDAY 9TH JULY

HAMPTON COURT PALACE FLOWER SHOW

Depart Oxted 8.15am (Route A) for the drive to Hampton Court Palace for the International Flower Show, reputed to be the largest annual Flower Show in the world - a 25 acre horticultural encyclopaedia. Here you will be at leisure to glean hundreds of tips from the innovative show gardens, island displays, specialist nurseries and marquees of horticultural exhibits and crafts, all beautifully set in the Home Park amongst the natural and historic splendours of the Palace. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.30pm.

Cost: - £45.00

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Flower Show only)

SATURDAY 10TH JULY

'EUROTUNNEL' TO LE TOUQUET AND MONTREUIL

Depart Oxted 6.30am (Route A) for Folkestone where we shall board 'Eurotunnel' for our 'voyage' through the Channel Tunnel to Coquelles, France. We then drive on to the elegant seaside town of Le Touquet where there will be time to have a meal or just soak up the atmosphere before making the short drive to the medieval walled town of Montreuil. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.15pm. (Passports required.)

Cost: - £42.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Eurotunnel)

TUESDAY 13TH JULY

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: - £17.10

Child: - £15.20

THURSDAY 15TH JULY

SWANAGE AND SWANAGE RAILWAY

Depart Oxted 7.45am (Route A) for the drive through the New Forest to Sandbanks and the ferry to Swanage with its sandy beach lining the wide sweeping bay. Swanage delightfully combines the charm of a Victorian seaside town with the conveniences and attractions of a modern tourist resort. Nestling at the foot of the Purbeck Hills at the eastern end of the Purbeck peninsula this unique stretch of coastline has joined the ranks of the Great Barrier Reef and the Grand Canyon as one of the wonders of the natural world. A settlement existed here as long ago as 877 and Swanage was mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1086 as Swanwick and Swanic. One of the oldest parts of the town you can visit today is the spring fed Mill Pond with a Mill House dated 1734. The Victorian era saw Swanage come alive and transform from a small quarrying town to a popular seaside resort. Many of the Barges taking stone to London often returned with unusual gifts from local benefactors. The Wellington Clock Tower, which stands close to the Lifeboat House, once adorned the southern approach to London Bridge and the Town Hall was built in 1883 but the façade came from Mercers Hall, Cheapside, designed by a student of Sir Christopher Wren in 1670. As you wander, admire the stonework and street furnishings, which, brought from London in the 19th century, are an intriguing feature of this seaside town. This area has captured the hearts of many and enticed authors to put pen to paper. Thomas Hardy and his first wife Emma resided here at West End Cottage in 1875-76 and the Isle of Purbeck was a favourite place of Enid Blyton: some say Corfe Castle was her inspiration for Kirrin Castle and that many of the Famous Five Adventures are based on places in the area. Enjoy the spectacular views, the sparkling blue waters of Swanage Bay, follow a historic trail around the town, browse in the many quaint shops or just enjoy the traditional local fayre. Those who wish may, mid afternoon, join us on a 1 hour round trip to Norden and back on the Swanage Railway. The ride will take us from Swanage Station via Harmans Cross with its recently-built station, past the dramatic ruins and beautiful village of Corfe to Norden where there will be a 10 minute break before retracing our steps to Swanage. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx 9.00pm.

Adult: - £29.50 **Child:** - £21.25
(Swanage only)

Adult: - £38.25 **Child:** - £27.80
(Inclusive of Coach/Rail Fare)

FRIDAY 16TH JULY

NORFOLK LAVENDER

Depart Oxted 7.30am (Route A) for the drive to Caley Mill, the headquarters of Norfolk Lavender and home to the National Collection of Lavenders with over 100 different varieties on show. Here we shall be taken on a guided tour of the Lavender Fields and Distillery where they are still using the two large stills made in 1874. See the ancient process of extracting the tiny drops of lavender oil contained in each individual floret. Weather permitting they should be harvesting the lavender at this time. Explore the 4 acre Fragrant Meadow Garden filled with aromatic plants, visit the plant centre selling lavenders, herbs and fragrant plants and shop offering an extensive range of their own products, many of them hand made and hand packed and enjoy a Cream Tea in their Tearoom. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.45pm.

Adult: - £47.75 **Child:** - £35.15
(Inclusive of Coach/Norfolk Lavender Tour/Cream Tea)

FRIDAY 16TH JULY

SANDRINGHAM HOUSE & GARDENS

Depart Oxted 7.30am (Route A) for Sandringham House and Gardens, Norfolk, a 7,000-acre estate owned by the Royal Family. Built in 1870 by the Prince and Princess of Wales, later King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, it was once described as 'the most comfortable house in England'. It has been passed down as a private home through four generations of British monarchs, and is now the country retreat of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. Still maintained in the style of Edward and Alexandra, all the main ground floor rooms used by the Royal Family are open to the public and provide a magnificent setting for collections of treasured portraits, furniture and objets d'art. More family possessions are displayed in the museum housed in the old stable and coach houses, including vehicles ranging in date from a 1900 Daimler – the first car owned by a British monarch – to a half-scale Aston Martin used by Princes William and Harry. Be sure to visit Sandringham's sixty acre gardens, well-known as the best of the royal gardens, with woodland walks, lakes and streams. Gift shop, self-service restaurant and tea-room available. Return leave 4.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.45pm.

Adult: - £48.75 **Sen Cit:** - £46.75 **Child:** - £33.65
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Sandringham House and Gardens)

SATURDAY 17TH JULY

BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM - BRITAIN'S FRIENDLIEST OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

Depart Oxted 7.30am (Route A) for the drive to Dudley, West Midlands and the award-winning open air Black Country Living Museum, which unites the past and the present in an unforgettable 'living' experience. Authentic buildings and their contents have been brought together to form a unique collection of all things Black Country and re-create a traditional canal-side village giving a true taste of the region's rich heritage and unique character. Many of the shops and houses on site have been reclaimed from original locations and moved brick by brick to their new home. Throughout the Museum you will find costumed characters who are all experts in their fields, with chain-makers, glass cutters, shopkeepers and housewives who combine to give a full flavour of the region's fascinating history. Stroll down the village street and pop into the chemist, or see demonstrations of sweet-making before tasting the delicious results. Chat to the owners of the hardware and general stores, and pay a visit to two great traditional institutions – the chapel and the pub. The nostalgia of the silent movies is relived every day at the Museum in the Limelight Cinema: settle down on a hard bench and indulge with Charlie Chaplin, Laurel & Hardy and Harold Lloyd among many other old favourites. Experience a lesson in a traditional schoolroom, take a ride on a tram car, visit the working horses, explore an underground coal mine, taste traditional fish & chips from a 1930s fried fish shop and sample a pint of traditional ale in the Bottle and Glass Inn. Refreshments available. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.30pm.

Adult: - £44.30

Sen Cit: - £42.30

Child: - £28.80

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Museum)

MONDAY 19TH JULY

HYLANDS HOUSE, NR. CHELMSFORD

Depart Oxted 10.30am (Route A) for the drive to Hylands House, a beautiful grade II* listed neo-classical Georgian villa set in 574 acres of parkland. Originally built in 1730, the house and park were significantly altered in the early 19th century under the guidance of landscape architect Humphry Repton. The original red brick house was covered in white stucco, giving it its current façade, with a portico and a wing being added on either side, adding to the overall grandeur of the building. In 1964, during the last private ownership, there was a fire in the West Wing and Hylands House fell into partial ruin. Chelmsford Borough Council acquired the house and park in 1966 and began five phases of restoration: the final phase being completed in 2005. Here you will be at leisure to explore the spectacular rooms throughout the house, from the exquisitely gilded drawing room to the sumptuously ornate banqueting room. The magnificent grand staircase has been fully restored to its former glory, and the Repton room on the first floor provides stunning views over the landscaped parkland. Hylands House is unusual in that it is possible to see the unrestored areas of the house, in contrast to the restored rooms and from this you are able to truly appreciate the historic depth that lies upon this site. There will also be time to explore the estate with its recreational ancient woodland, grassland, lakes, ponds, pleasure garden and One World garden. The pleasure gardens include a goldfish pond with an arbour either side, which was once the site of a magnificent 300 foot long glazed conservatory, built between 1819 and 1825. The Courtyard Café, visitor centre, and gift shop are situated in the newly restored Grade II listed Stables Centre. Return leave 4.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.30pm.

Adult: - £20.90 **Sen Cit:** - £19.90 **Child:** - £14.00
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to House & Gardens)

THURSDAY 22ND JULY

BEXHILL OR HASTINGS

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route B) for either Bexhill or Hastings to spend a day by the sea. Hastings, noted for its Battle in 1066, offers all the traditional amusements of the seaside, yet retains the character of its past. Bexhill offers two miles of promenade and the De la Warr pavilion - an entertainment centre overlooking its gently shelving shingle beach. Discover the hidden history of Bexhill from earliest days to medieval village, smuggling, Napoleonic barrack town, Victorian/Edwardian resort and the birthplace of British motor racing in 1902. Return leave: Hastings - 5.00pm

Bexhill - 5.20pm

Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 6.30pm.

Adult: - £18.25

Child: - £15.20

SATURDAY 24TH JULY

FAIRGROUND WEEKEND AT HOLLYCOMBE ~ BRITAIN'S LARGEST COLLECTION OF WORKING STEAM

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to Hollycombe, nr. Liphook, a unique collection of working steam powered attractions providing fun and entertainment for everyone. The centrepiece is a complete Edwardian Fairground where you can experience all the fun of the fair from the 1870s; relive the excitement of the original 'white knuckle' rides at the Edwardian steam fairground, including the steam yacht, razzle dazzle, gallopers, steam chair-o-planes and the haunted cottage. The fun continues as you experience the steam railways ~ feel the power of the steam locomotives on the narrow gauge railway, known as the Quarry Railway, a 2 foot gauge railway running for approximately 1.5 miles through woodland and fields giving marvellous views across the Sussex Weald, and the standard gauge railway which runs between the fairground, sawmill and the farm, pausing at the sawmill to enable passengers to observe the workings, and making a stop at the farm for those that wish to alight here to watch the farm machinery at work and see the animals. Take a stroll and enjoy the tranquillity of the spectacular Grade II listed historic woodland gardens, which date back to the early 1800s. Refreshments available. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.30pm.

Adult: - £26.50

Sen Cit: - £24.50

Child: - £18.35

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Hollycombe)

WEDNESDAY 28TH JULY

ANGLESEY ABBEY, GARDENS & LODGE MILL NR CAMBRIDGE

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for Anglesey Abbey. The house, dating from 1600 and built on the site of a 12th-century Augustinian priory, houses a unique collection representing the tastes of one man, Huttleston Broughton, 1st Lord Fairhaven. The many paintings include notable works by Claude Lorraine, and there are fine examples of furniture, silver and tapestries and one of the National Trust's largest collections of clocks. The house is surrounded by 98 acres of landscape garden and arboretum with over 100 pieces of sculpture. Lord Fairhaven also created the gardens and although only about seventy years old, they have all the grandeur of a mature 18th-century landscape. From the dreary levels of the Cambridgeshire fens, he created a fantasy of texture and colour. The picturesque Lode Mill, tucked away in the north of the garden is another attraction. A watermill has stood on this site since the Domesday Book and this restored 18th-century mill still grinds wheat to produce flour which you can buy. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.15pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 6.45pm.

Adult: - £30.40

Child: - £19.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to House, Gardens & Watermill)

(Nat Trust Members less Adult: £8.70 Child: £4.35 but **must** bring card)

THURSDAY 29TH JULY

NEW FOREST OTTER, OWL & WILDLIFE PARK

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the New Forest Otter, Owl and Wildlife Park set in 25 acres of scenic and ancient woodland within the New Forest Heritage area that became a National Park in March 2005. As you walk about the Wildlife Park you'll see some of Europe's largest gathering of otters, owls and other indigenous wildlife all in their natural surroundings including pine martens, badgers, polecats, mink, foxes, Scottish wildcats, deer, lynx, wallabies and wild boar. Take a stroll through the animal house and watch otters swimming underwater and ferrets chasing their tails. Wander through the night barn to see the snoring badgers and the red foxes, then take the Wildlife Walkabout past more otters on the way to see the owls in the Owlery and see where the tame fallow and sika deer graze, watched over by pine martens and wild cats. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm, giving you the opportunity to watch the otters being fed at 3.30pm before setting off for home. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.30pm.

Adult: - £29.95

Sen Cit: - £28.95

Child: - £18.00

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Wildlife Park)

FRIDAY 30TH JULY

OXFORD AND THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Oxford where you will 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. Many of Oxford's most famous treasures are tucked away, waiting to be discovered down small alleyways or beyond Porter's Lodges that guard the entrance to each of the 41 individual Colleges and Halls that together make up the great University. You may like to take a tour of one of the Colleges or browse and shop in the extensive shopping Centre. Maybe take the opportunity to visit the newly redeveloped Ashmolean Museum reopened to the public in November 2009 following a £61 million redevelopment that has doubled the gallery space. Arranged over five floors, the museum has 39 new galleries and 100% more display space than the former building. This has enabled thousands of artefacts previously in storage to be put on display. The Museum, which first opened to the public in 1683, is the oldest museum in Britain and possibly in the world. One highlight of the new-look museum is a freestanding display case containing the robes and head dress worn by T E Lawrence during his desert guerrilla campaign in the First World War. Another star is the Alfred Jewel that was sent by King Alfred with documents written in Old English to his bishops, previously locked away due to inadequate security. The jewel has now been reunited with other Anglo-Saxon treasures and put on full display. The Ashmolean Dining Room – Oxford's first rooftop restaurant, provides a spectacular setting for rest and sustenance. (Entry to the Museum is free of charge). Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx 6.45pm.

Adult: - £23.50

Child: - £15.75