Thursday 5th December

Bluewater Shopping Centre

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the Bluewater Shopping Centre, the most innovative and exciting shopping and leisure destination in Europe today, with some of the biggest and most influential names in retailing under one roof. A triangular mall featuring three large department stores - John Lewis, Marks & Spencer and House of Fraser - one at each corner, together with over 300 shops, mainly clothing and ‘lifestyle’ retailers. There are plenty of bargains to be had and, whatever the weather, you’ll be in the dry! Refreshments available. Return leave 4.45pm – by popular demand, later departure. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.30pm.

**Adult £21.45  Child £16.95**

Saturday 7th December

Rochester Dickensian Christmas & Christmas Market

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route A) for Rochester where the streets are alive with entertainment, readings, songs and dancing in their Dickensian Christmas Extravaganza, held each year to celebrate the town’s connection with Dickens’ novels. Here chimney sweeps and flower ladies will be out in force, whilst stallholders, dressed up in full period costume, will be selling their festive Victorian wares, all with a guaranteed snowfall. There’s a Craft Fair in the Castle moat, Farmers’ Market in the King’s Head car park and don’t forget to visit the Christmas Market in the iconic setting of Rochester Castle Gardens. Enjoy a hog roast, hot chocolate and roasted chestnuts as you browse the wide range of stalls offering unique gift ideas alongside value goodies and stocking fillers; as well as a range of tasty Christmas treats, and, of course, Santa will make a special trip to visit Rochester. The atmosphere is fantastic, and the perfect way to get into the right spirit for Christmas. The last event of the day, at 4.45pm is a candlelit parade to Boley Hill, led by The City of Rochester Pipe Band, ending outside Rochester Cathedral for communal carol singing in the snow led by the BAE Systems’ Brass Band. Refreshments available. Return leave 6.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 7.15pm.

**Adult £23.50  Child £20.95**

Tuesday 10th December

Polhill Garden Centre

Depart Oxted 10.45am (Route A) for the Polhill Garden Centre. Polhill is so much more than just a garden centre. With a collection of diverse concessions, Polhill has become a whole shopping village. Amongst the normal products you expect to find such as garden furniture and plants there is also bedroom furniture, a fantastic fruit and savoury pie shop, a butchers, grocery shop and, of course, a restaurant and a café for that leisurely lunch. At this time of year the magic and spirit of Christmas takes over and the Centre is festooned with decorations and trees galore. Return leave 3.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 4.15pm.

**Cost £17.95**

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Friday 13th December

Tutankhamun & the Christmas Lights

_In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb, 150 priceless artefacts will visit London one final time while a new permanent resting place for the treasures is constructed at the Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo._

Depart Oxsted 10.00am (Route C) for the drive to King’s Road, London, where we shall have time to find lunch before making our way on foot to The Saatchi Gallery and the TUTANKHAMUN: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh exhibition featuring more than 150 original artefacts from Tutankhamun’s tomb, including 60 on their first journey outside Egypt. Through nine immersive galleries that incorporate digital content, contextual material, audio and custom soundscapes, follow Tutankhamun’s passage into everlasting life, discovering how his funerary objects were used on the perilous journey. Here the TUTANKHAMUN: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh exhibition will transport you to Ancient Egypt accompanying Tutankhamun on his journey to the afterlife and quest for immortality. Over 150 stunning authentic tomb objects, 60 on display outside Egypt for the first time (not the death mask), showcase the spectacular artistry of the boy king’s 3,300-year-old treasure. This is the final opportunity to experience the magic and mystery of Tutankhamun before his treasures return to Egypt forever. At 3.45pm, we meet our Blue Badge Guide for a guided tour of the Christmas Lights and Sights, finishing at Somerset House around 5.30pm. From here we make our way back to Sanderstead, arriving approx. 7.00pm.

_Cost_ £62.00

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Exhibition/Guided Tour)

Sunday 15th December

Winchester Christmas Market with Carol Service in the Cathedral

_Depart Oxsted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Winchester Christmas Market. Inspired by traditional German Christmas markets, it is recognised as one of the best in Europe with its unique location in the Cathedral’s historic Close surrounding an open-air real ice rink. All the exhibitors have been hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products many of which can’t be bought on the high street. There’s plenty of choice when it comes to food and drink, with chalets selling festive favourites such as, mulled wine, bratwurst, mince pies and stollen. Alternatively, the Cathedral Refectory and ice rink café provide a warm and comfortable setting with plenty of seating and great menus. Throughout the Christmas Market there will be Christmas carols, a nativity scene and occasional visits from Father Christmas! Be sure too to visit the town itself, with its tempting array of independent shops, boutiques and well known High Street stores. For those who wish, there is a family carol service in the cathedral at 3.30pm (no charge). The doors open at 2.45pm and it’s recommended that you are there in good time as it is a popular event. Return leave 4.45pm (after carol service). Returning to Godstone by approx. 6.15pm._

_Adult_ £25.25  _Child_ £19.75

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Wednesday 18th December

**Santa Special Boat Cruise with Christmas Lunch**

Depart Oxted 11.00am (Route A) for Runnymede Boathouse, where we board a boat for a 3 hour cruise on the Thames. As we board, we shall be greeted with a glass of mulled wine. We shall go upstream as far as Old Windsor Lock and then downstream through Bell Weir Lock passing Runnymede, the Memorials and Staines. The boat usually turns at Penton Hook Lock for the return to Runnymede. Whilst on board, we shall enjoy a traditional 3-course Christmas lunch followed by tea/coffee & mince pies, while seasonal music is played throughout the journey. Father Christmas will surprise you along the way. A really fun cruise guaranteed to fill everyone with festive cheer! Return leave Runnymede 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.15pm.

**Cost** £59.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Boat Fare/3-Course Christmas Lunch/Glass of Mulled Wine/Tea/Coffee & Mince Pie)

(Please advise at time of booking if a vegetarian meal is required)

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Saturday 21st December

**Christmas Illuminations Tour**

Depart Oxted 5.00pm (Route C) for the drive to the South Bank, London, where we shall have some time to enjoy the winter festivities and find some supper before our tour of the London Christmas lights, including Knightsbridge, Trafalgar Square, Regent Street and Oxford Street. Arriving back in Sanderstead approx. 10.30pm.

**Adult** £23.95    **Child** £18.95

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Saturday 28th December

**Singin' in the Rain at The Mill, Sonning**

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to The Mill, Sonning, where we shall enjoy a freshly home-cooked lunch before taking our seats for the matinée performance of the greatest movie musical of all time, Singin’ in the Rain. A brilliant script, show-stopping choreography and a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards including Make ‘em Laugh, You Are My Lucky Star, Good Mornin’ and of course the one that you will all be waiting for… Singin’ in the Rain - and yes, there will be real rain!! All brought to you by the talented team of Director Joseph Pitcher & Musical Director/Arranger Charlie Ingles. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

**Cost** £82.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)

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Monday 30th December

Christmas Glow, Wisley

Depart Oxted 1.45pm (Route A) for our drive to the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley, where, as evening falls, you will see Wisley in a different light. Enjoy the atmosphere of the seasons with the gigantics light installation around the garden as it blooms with magical, giant illuminated flowers. Follow the fairy lights along the trail and see the light playing on the iconic trees, floating installations creating rippling reflections on the water, and stunning views of the Laboratory reflected in the Jellicoe Canal. The Winter Walk is a circular path around the lake which is planted for winter display, including many scented plants and shrubs with colourful stems and leaves. Marvel at the century old conifers in the Pinetum and warm up in the glasshouse where there is always something exotic to admire. Entering the Glasshouse is like walking into a jungle, surrounded by tree ferns, towering palms, lush-leaved creepers and dazzling flower displays. As you follow the path, the environment and climate gradually changes, taking you on a tour through the world of plants, including many difficult to grow and endangered species. Return leave 5.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

**Adult £23.45  Child £17.25**
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Wisley Gardens)
(RHS Members less £5.75 but must bring card)

Tuesday 5th May

Highclere Castle
(Downton Abbey)

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Highclere Castle, home to the Carnarvon family since 1679 and with a fascinating connection to ancient Egypt, as the 5th Earl, with Howard Carter, discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922. There is an exhibition that commemorates this historic event (entry not included). Described as the largest occupied mansion in Hampshire and the finest inhabited Victorian residence in all England, the extravagant interiors range from church Gothic through Moorish flamboyance and Rococo revival to solid masculinity in the Long Library. The gardens feature great stretches of glasshouse in a walled garden, magnificent parkland designed by ‘Capability’ Brown and a Secret Garden with a beautiful curving lawn surrounded by densely planted herbaceous gardens. Downton Abbey, the major drama series from ITV and forthcoming film were filmed on location at Highclere Castle. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.00pm.

**Adult £43.95  Child £33.55**
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Castle/Gardens)

For bookings call **(01883) 713633**