



Saturday 30th June

Isle of Wight Steam Railway

Depart Oxted 8.45am (Route A) for the drive to Southampton and the ferry to East Cowes from where we make the short drive to Havenstreet where we step back in time as we board the Isle of Wight Steam Railway for an hour long ride through the Island's pastoral countryside in the beautifully restored Edwardian and Victorian carriages. Queen Victoria herself frequently travelled along this stretch of railway to and from her beloved Osborne House. Take time to have a look around the railway museum and the new Train Story Discovery Centre: a huge exhibition space that enables the Railway's impressive collection of locomotives, carriages and other rare rolling stock to be enjoyed at close quarters, whilst keeping it all undercover. There are also stunning line side photograph vantage points, so don't forget your camera! Following our ride we return to East Cowes for the ferry to Southampton. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 8.30pm.

Adult £59.35 • Child £49.35

(Inclusive of Coach/Ferry/Rail Fare)

Saturday 7th July

The Unexpected Guest 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 have 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 matinee performance of Agatha Christie's *The Unexpected Guest*. A dark and foggy evening causes a driver to run his car into a ditch. He makes his way to an isolated house where he discovers a woman standing over the dead body of her wheelchair-bound husband. A smoking gun is in her hand. What's more she admits to murder. Then surprisingly the unexpected guest offers to help her concoct an alibi. But is it possible that Laura Warwick did not commit the murder after all? If so, who is she shielding? As the ghosts of a past wrong begin to emerge, a tangled web of lies reveals family secrets and chilling motives, where the real murderer turns out to be the greatest mystery of all! This intriguing 'whodunnit' twists and turns towards an edge-of-your-seat climax. Leaving you guessing until the last chilling moment. Having known and worked with Agatha Christie, who better to direct her plays than the remarkable Brian Blessed. After the tremendous success of *SPIDER'S WEB* and *THE HOLLOW*, The Mill is delighted to welcome Brian back once again. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Cost £73.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)



DAY EXCURSIONS 2018



Tuesday 10th July

Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway with Fish & Chip Lunch at The Pilot

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Dungeness, one of the largest expanses of shingle in the World and classified as Britain's only desert by the met office. Here we shall sit down to a fish and chip lunch with tea/coffee at the Pilot Inn in the heart of the breath-taking Dungeness National Nature Reserve and a stone's throw from the sea. Following our lunch we make the short journey to board the steam pulled RH&D train to Hythe at the other end of the line. If you think all tourist railways are the same you're in for a surprise. The Romney Hythe & Dymchurch railway is a mainline railway built for a millionaire racing driver in the heady days of the 1920's, with all the locomotives and carriages just one third full size, which makes the RH&D one of the railway wonders of the world. The 13½ miles of track runs through ever changing countryside from the shingle headland at Dungeness through New Romney, the headquarters of the RH&D, and Dymchurch to the Cinque Port town of Hythe where there will be time to take refreshment before making our way home. Return leave 3.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.15pm.

Adult £48.50 • Child £39.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Fish & Chip Lunch with Tea/Coffee/Train Fare)

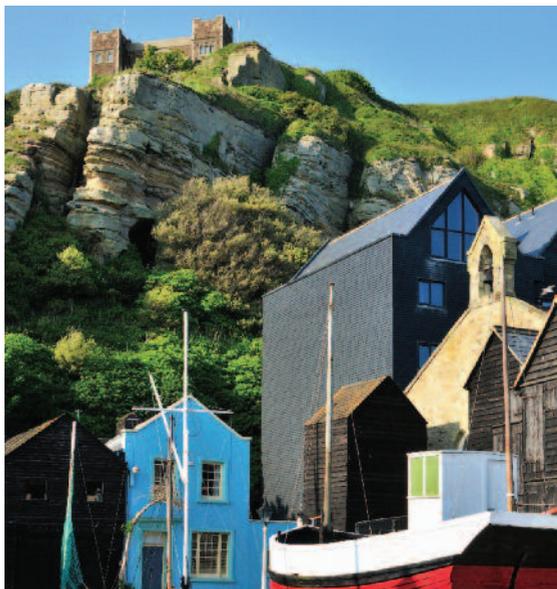
(Please advise at time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal)

Monday 23rd 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 in the Bexhill Museum. Return leave: Hastings 5.00pm, Bexhill 5.20pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 6.30pm.

Adult £22.95 • Child £20.95





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Wednesday 25th July

RAF Museum, Hendon

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to the Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon. Situated on the historic site of Hendon's London Aerodrome in Colindale, the museum tells the story of the Royal Air Force through its people and collections. In order to celebrate and commemorate the Centenary of the Royal Air Force in 2018, the Museum has carried out a capital transformation programme at Hendon, which includes the development of three new exhibitions which tell the story of the RAF over its first 100 years, examine its roles today and invites visitors to image its future contribution and technology. No further information regarding the new exhibitions was available at the time of going to print. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.00pm.

Adult £24.50

Child £17.50

(Entry is Free of Charge)

Friday 27th July

Chichester & Harbour Cruise

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for our drive to Chichester where we will spend the morning at leisure. This historic Cathedral City lies within the walls built by the Romans in about AD200, when the town was laid out to the basic plan that has survived ever since. The main shopping centre is pedestrianized, with a mix of famous High Street stores and high quality independent clothes and shoe boutiques. Wednesday is market day. Early afternoon, those that wish to join us will drive to Itchenor for a 1½-hour cruise of the harbour. Return leave West Itchenor 4.15pm, Chichester 4.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 6.30pm.

Adult £26.95 • Child £18.50

(Chichester Only)

Adult £35.95 • Child £27.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Harbour Cruise)



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Monday 30th July

Althorp House – Family Home of the Late Diana, Princess of Wales

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for Althorp, home to the Spencer family for over 500 years. Here we shall have time to find lunch before our 1.30pm entry to the house. Althorp's magnificent interiors house one of Europe's finest private collections of furniture, pictures and ceramics including portraits and paintings by Rubens, Van Dyck, Reynolds and Gainsborough, along with many rare and beautiful pieces by lesser-known artists. During the visit you will see a total of nineteen rooms including some of the Spencer Family's private apartments. Althorp is not the product of any one period, but has changed over the years, its remodellings naturally showing the prevailing taste at the time. You will also be at leisure to enjoy the extensive grounds, and see the poignant Round Oval, an Island in the ornamental lake, the final resting place of Diana, Princess of Wales. (Please note that there is no public access to the Island itself.) Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.30pm.

Adult £47.95

Sen Cit £45.50 • Child £33.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Althorp)

Wednesday 1st August

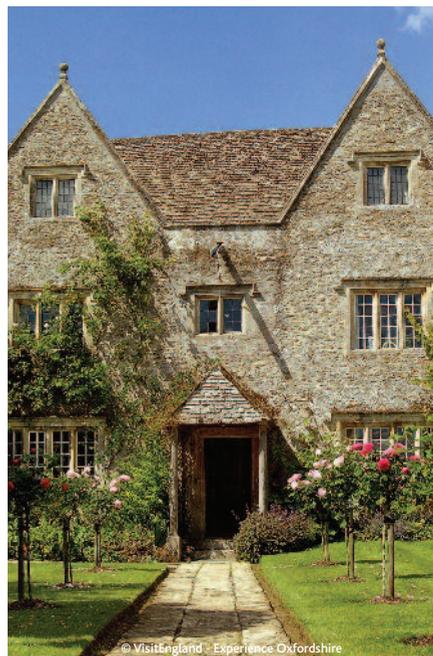
Kelmscott Manor

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for the drive to Kelmscott Manor, nr. Lechlade, a Grade I listed late 16th century Manor House with gardens reaching down to the River Thames. The house is best known for its associations with William Morris who chose it as his summer home, signing a joint lease with the Pre-Raphaelite painter Dante Gabriel Rossetti in the summer of 1871. Morris loved the house as a work of true craftsmanship, totally unspoilt and unaltered, and in harmony with the village and the surrounding countryside with its 'quaint garrets amongst great timbers of the roof where of old times the tillers and herdsmen slept'. Its beautiful gardens, with barns, dovecote, a meadow and stream, provided a constant source of inspiration. The house – perhaps the most evocative of all the houses associated with Morris – contains an outstanding collection of the possessions and works of Morris, his family and associates (Benson Burne-Jones, Rossetti and Webb amongst them), including furniture, original textiles, pictures, carpets, ceramics and metalwork. You will be at leisure to explore this Manor House little changed from William Morris' day with most of its original timberwork and stone fireplaces still in place. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back in Godstone by approx. 6.45pm.

Adult £39.80 • Child £28.55

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to House)

(HHA Members less Adult £10.00, Child £5.00, but must bring card)



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