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Thursday 1st March Kew Gardens Orchid Festival

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Kew Gardens, where you can bask in the tropical paradise of the Princess of Wales Conservatory. Immerse yourself in a celebration of Thailand's vibrant colours, culture, and magnificent plant life. Enjoy the colourful floral displays, including a bright Vanda tunnel and arches decorated with orchids. Admire handcrafted Thai umbrellas, an exquisite Bang Pa-In inspired orchid palace and a special Thai cart on loan from Thailand's embassy in London. Learn about the significance of orchids in Thai cuisine, medicine and culture and find out how Kew scientists are involved in describing and naming orchids, as well as helping to save endangered plant species. Wander through Kew's collection of over 35,000 different types of plants and discover inspiration in every corner, or take advantage of the 'Kew Explorer', (cost not included) a hop-on/hop-off "train" which circles the gardens all day. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.30pm.

Adult £34.30

Sen Cit £33.40

Child £17.20

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Gardens & Orchid Festival)

Saturday 3rd March Hound of the Baskervilles 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 matinée performance of The Hound of the Baskervilles. Sir Charles Baskerville dies in mysterious circumstances. A look of fear and terror on his face. Legend has it there is a curse on the family – a curse in the form of a gigantic, ferocious, glowing Hound of Hell – that brings death to each successive head of the Baskerville family. And when Sir Henry Baskerville returns from overseas to claim his inheritance and property on the treacherous terrain of darkest Dartmoor, he calls on the renowned Sherlock Holmes to help him solve the mystery of his uncle's violent death. Is there really a revenge-seeking Hound? Or are there other evil motives at work? Holmes and Watson's most chilling case is brought imaginatively to the stage in the style of the West End hit The 39 Steps. This legendary plot has been given a new life by father and son team, Simon and Tam Williams. You will be shocked. And scared. As well as amused. And entertained. As this intriguing story full of horror and thrills unfolds before you. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

Cost £73.50

(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)





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Wednesday 14th March

Canterbury on Market Day

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the drive to Canterbury, a walled city full of medieval character and history. Visit the cathedral – a UNESCO World Heritage Site, meander through the narrow streets or experience Chaucer's famous tales of medieval misadventures at the "Canterbury Tales", a fabulous recreation of medieval life; a unique introduction to Canterbury and its famous literary connection (entry not included). Canterbury boasts a fine reputation for shopping, with high street names, trendy boutiques, antique stores and picture galleries. On Wednesdays there is a general market in St George's Street, so why not take the opportunity to stock up on Fruit and Veg? The mainly traffic free city is small, less than a mile in diameter from wall to wall. Return leave 4.15pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.30pm.

Adult £25.25 • Child £20.55

Saturday 17th March

Fashion & Embroidery, Sewing for Pleasure & Creative Craft Show at the NEC – Three for the price of one!

Depart Oxted 6.30am (Route A) for the NEC, Birmingham, where this weekend you will find Fashion & Embroidery, Sewing for Pleasure and the Creative Craft Shows. Your ticket gives entry to all three shows. Unleash the creativity within you at Sewing for Pleasure – if sewing, knitting and patchwork are your passions, this is the ultimate stitchers' paradise – with all the latest supplies and ideas including must-have fabrics, fabulous yarns, patterns and threads; plus plenty to inspire and help refine your craft, including hands-on workshops, demonstrations and a chance to speak with the experts – you're sure to leave with your imagination ignited with inspirational ideas! Fashion & Embroidery is the definitive showcase for anyone passionate about embroidery and textile art. Find a wealth of exciting materials, threads and embellishments all under one roof, and enjoy an array of astounding exhibitions. Learn about courses, take part in a workshop; pick up tips from one of the many textile artists or take your seat for one of the exciting catwalk shows. The Creative Craft Show is a haven for knitting, cross stitch, dressmaking and stitching enthusiasts, offering all the very latest supplies, ideas and innovations in the stitching world! You'll find everything from kits, charts and patterns to fabrics, yarns, threads and buttons plus opportunities to glean advice from industry experts. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back in Godstone approx. 7.30pm.

Adult £42.95 • Child £32.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to all Three Shows)





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Thursday 22nd March **Rye with Lunch & Afternoon Tea**

Depart Oxted 10.30am (Route B) for the drive to the charming town of Rye. Upon arrival we shall visit the Ypres Castle Inn, known locally as "The Wipers", which sits beneath the ramparts of the Ypres Tower at the south east corner of Rye's citadel. (Please note: there are steps up to the pub). We shall have time to purchase a drink in the bar before enjoying a 2 course lunch. Following lunch we shall be at leisure to explore the famous Cinque Port, take a leisurely stroll through the cobbled streets, admire the beautiful buildings, many of which are Elizabethan and enjoy the numerous and varied shops that Rye has to offer. Returning to the hotel at 3.30pm we shall indulge in afternoon tea/coffee and a selection of cakes before making our way home. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 6.30pm.

Cost £44.50

*(Inclusive of Coach/2 Course Lunch & Afternoon Tea)
Fisherman's pie with salad (contains smoked haddock, salmon, mackerel, veg, topped in creamy sauce, topped with mash potato); Cottage pie with baguette (contains minced sirloin, gravy, veg, topped with cheese sweet potato mash); Roast vegetables, red onion and goat cheese tower with salad and new potatoes; Spotted Dick with custard; Apple crumble with cream*

Saturday 24th March

Houses of Parliament

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route C) for our drive to the Houses of Parliament, where we shall have time to pass security before our self-guided audio tour. Find out how Parliament works as you travel through the Commons Chamber and the Lords Chamber, follow in the footsteps of the Queen at the State Opening and be inspired by Westminster Hall which is almost 1000 years old. Following the tour we will make the short journey to the South Bank where there will be time to find lunch before making our way home. Arriving back at Sanderstead by approx. 4.00pm.

Cost £37.75

(Inclusive of Coach/Tour of the Houses of Parliament)



For bookings call (01883) 713633



Monday 26th March

Daffodils at Chippenham Park Gardens

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Chippenham Park, near Ely. At this time of year, the grounds and gardens of Chippenham turn into a frothy sea of yellow daffodils. Everything starts pushing up, the first blossoms are out, the Helebores are still going strong and the crocus are opening. The Daphnes are in flower and the smell is intoxicating. The most exciting time for garden lovers with Spring in the air. The Potting Shed Café converted from part of the old potting sheds, serves fresh coffee, tea, delicious cakes, their own free-range pork hot dogs and hot soups. (Please note they only take cash). Return leave 3.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 4.30pm.

Adult £32.95 • Child £28.75

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Chippenham Park Gardens)

Wednesday 4th April

The People's Post

Departing Oxted 8.00am (Route C), we make our way to London where we shall have morning coffee in a City pub and meet our Blue Badge guide. Our tour will include a little walking, but will mainly be by coach. We will see visible reminders of our postal history from the inns where the mail coaches called with their scarlet clad, blunderbuss wielding guards to the coffee houses that were part of the Penny Post network. We will hear tales of drunken poaching mailmen, corrupt politicians, the Victorian internet and a canny public utterly determined to avoid paying for their post. It's a cracking tale. We'll practice blowing our mail horn and follow the visual clues of old parish markings, street signs, property marks and shop signs to deliver our Penny Post letters from the time before house numbers or postcodes. We'll look at how the GPO added to the landscape of street furniture alongside the existing bollards and milestones, cattle troughs and stink pipes as we wend our way from pillar to post. We shall stop to find lunch in Exmouth Market where there's a thriving lunchtime food market (and a secret park full of benches) alongside traditional pubs and cafés. After lunch we visit the recently opened state of the art Postal Museum to enjoy an incredible collection spanning five centuries and covering everything from ground breaking design and quirky technology to the intimacy of personal letters. During the afternoon we'll also ride the hidden tunnels of the Mail Rail – a unique piece of industrial heritage that kept the capital's communication network flowing for over 75 years. There's time to buy refreshments before heading home at 4.30pm. Arriving back at Sanderstead approx. 6.00pm

Cost £54.95

(Inclusive of Coach/Morning Coffee/ Guided Tour/Entry to Postal Museum)

