Wednesday 30th October

The Ancient Villages of Heathrow

Peaceful, remote Heath Row had just about the best farming soil in the country. At night the carts trundled six hours east carrying fruit and veg to Covent Garden and returned full of the city’s night soil to empty onto the orchards. Life ticked over slowly in the sleepy Middlesex Parish of Harm ondsworth until the Vicar sold his farm land and they built an airport on it. Join us to hear the story of the ancient villages of Heath Row and what has and may yet become of them.

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Windsor Farm Shop where we shall have time to buy morning refreshments and meet our guide. One of the biggest questions facing London, and some might say UK PLC, in recent years has been Should Heathrow have a third runway? We aren’t going to argue in favour of one side over the other but instead show you the lie of the land. We begin by driving on back roads via Runnymede the short distance to the airport to see where the runway might be built before touring the ancient villages of Heathrow which have experienced different impacts over the years. We sample the many faces of this unique area as one minute massive jets skim the sky above us at rooftop level and the next we’re listening for birdsong in a little snippet of rural idyll just off the Old Bath Road. It’s fascinating. We arrive for lunch (drinks not included) in the rather shockingly rural English village of Harmondsworth, just half a mile from the duty free temples of Heathrow. Part of the village may disappear with the proposed Third Runway project. Right now it’s very peaceful as it’s not on the flight path and we find a picture postcard village - an old pub on the village green opposite a Domesday church where Morris Men dance each summer. It’s so unexpected you could easily believe that it has been moved here brick by brick as a Little England theme park for visitors who don’t have time to stray far from the airport. A two course buffet lunch is included in your tour. After lunch we visit Harmondsworth Barn, one of our greatest medieval buildings, built 600 years ago by the same skilled carpenters who built our medieval cathedrals. We’ll also visit the church and seek out the grave of Richard Cox, the Orange Pippins man, before one last cuppa (included) at the pub after which we head for home at 4.30pm. Returning to Godstone approx. 5.30pm

Cost £56.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour/Buffet Lunch/Cup of Tea/Coffee)

Saturday 2nd November

Leeds Castle Fireworks Spectacular

Depart Oxted 1.00pm (Route A) for the drive to Leeds Castle near Maidstone, where we shall have time to enjoy the live music, falconry display, maze. play areas and variety of delicious food options before the fireworks begin at 5.30pm: 25,000 starbursts will fill the sky above the Castle for the biggest and best firework display in the South East of England. Refreshments available. Return leave after fireworks. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 7.30pm.

Adult £39.95 Child £28.95 (5-15)
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Firework Display & Pre-Fireworks Entertainment)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Tuesday 5th November

The Beautiful Surrey Hills

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route A) for the drive to Polesden Lacey where, in the servants’ hall, we shall have morning coffee and pastries and meet our Blue Badge Guide. Polesden Lacey was the home of one of Edwardian Britain’s richest society hostesses, a friend to monarchs, maharajas and millionaires but also a woman described as a “fat slug filled with venom”! During the morning we’ll take a scenic drive to hear old tales of the Surrey Hills as we wend our way to the picture postcard village of Shere for lunch. Visit the church to hear the story of the young girl who lived bricked up in a cell in the chancel wall. Enjoy browsing this timeless village where the Tilling Bourne bubbles through the centre and every building is of great age and interest. A two-course lunch with coffee is included at an ancient pub in the heart of the village. In the afternoon we sweep through more beautiful landscapes as we head towards one of the best views in England, Box Hill and hear about a whole cast of characters, from TV pioneer John Logie Baird to the eccentric Major who was buried upside down. We end the day at Bocketts Farm Park with time to buy tea before heading home at 4.45pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

Cost £58.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour/Morning Coffee & Pastry/2-course Lunch with Coffee)

Monday 11th November

Tutankhamun & the Roaring Twenties

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 Oxted 8.00am (Route C) for the drive to the National Army Museum, Chelsea. Here we shall have time to find morning refreshments. We meet our Blue Badge Guide and our tour begins with the amazing story of adventurers and chancers scrabbling for treasure in the desert against the backdrop of Napoleon’s Egyptian Campaign. We leave the Museum to drive through Kensington & Chelsea and turn the clocks back to the Roaring Twenties. We see where Howard Carter was born and where he died and discover how the fashion for Tutankhamun and Ancient Egypt influenced everything from art and architecture to shopping. From the first Thomas Cook package tours to the Middle East to the novels of Agatha Christie - it’s an irresistible combination of high adventure, romance, and history. There will be time to find lunch on the fashionable King’s Road before arriving on foot at The Saatchi Gallery and the TU TANKHAMUN: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh exhibition featuring more than 150 original artefacts from Tutankhamun’s tomb, including 60 on their first journey outside Egypt (not the death mask). 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. This is the final opportunity to experience the magic and mystery of Tutankhamun before his treasures return to Egypt forever. Return leave 4.30pm, arriving back in Sanderstead approx. 6.00pm.

Cost £66.25
(Inclusive of Coach/Guided Tour/Entry to Exhibition)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Thursday 14th November
Living Crafts for Christmas at Blenheim Palace

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the drive to Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and the Oxfordshire stately home of the 12th Duke of Marlborough. Over this weekend Living Crafts for Christmas is at Blenheim. Explore the Churchill and Marlborough Pavilions in the Great Court, where over 180 British designer-makers will be showcasing high quality contemporary crafts. Discover the perfect presents for all the family from special commissions to simple stocking fillers; millinery, ceramics, studio glass, leather work, sculpture, textile crafts, photography, toys and puzzles, fashion, soaps, designer jewellery and more. You may wish to tour the palace: see The Untold Story, which brings dramatic events from the history of the Palace to life, the Churchill Exhibition or perhaps explore the gilded State Rooms and priceless collections set against striking stonework, and experience the beauty and magnificence of this Grade I listed building. Blenheim’s own shops will also provide a variety of Christmas gifts. Refreshments available. Return leave 4.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.45pm.

**Adult £45.95**  **Sen Cit £43.90**  **Child £28.10**
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Palace and Living Crafts)

**Adult £37.45**  **Sen Cit £35.90**  **Child £22.40**
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Living Crafts/Gardens & Park)

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Saturday 16th November
Run For Your Wife 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 Run For Your Wife. A serving of delicious farce is once again on the menu at The Mill at Sonning. If you enjoyed MOVE OVER MRS MARKHAM last year you will be delighted to welcome back the King of Farce, Ray Cooney who will again direct his own play - RUN FOR YOUR WIFE - his funniest and most acclaimed ever! John Smith is a happy London Cabbie working shifts. But he has one little problem. He is married. Twice! He has one wife, Mary, in Wimbledon. And at the same time, another wife - Barbara - in Streatham. John keeps to a rigorous schedule so that never the twain shall meet. Everyone is blissfully happy - especially John Smith! One day, gallantly intervening in a mugging, he is taken to hospital with concussion. The police become involved. John panics and enlists the help of neighbour, Stanley. Bad choice! Stanley is shambolic, disorganised and when it comes to conniving - clueless! The hapless duo embark on a series of wildly implausible explanations. The more they lie the deeper the hole they dig and the more the situation all starts to go horribly but riotously wrong. This is classic Cooney at his absolute best. RUN FOR YOUR WIFE has delighted audiences with smash hits all over the world! So come along to laugh and laugh until you cry. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 6.15pm.

**Cost £78.50**
(Inclusive of Coach/Two Course Lunch/Show)

For bookings call (01883) 713633
Thursday 21st November
Greyhound Racing

Depart Oxted 4.15pm (Route A) for the drive to Brighton and a ‘Night at the Dogs’. Here we shall sit and enjoy a two course meal whilst watching the racing. Six sleek and beautiful greyhounds make up each race and, with races taking place about every 15 minutes the action is non-stop. Trying to pick the winner just adds to the fun of the evening. Spend the evening at your table in the restaurant, wander down to the trackside or buy a drink in one of the track’s 5 bars - the choice is yours. Return leave approx. 9.45pm, after last race. Returning to Godstone by approx. 10.30pm. (Dress code is smart casual.)

Cost £36.35
(Inclusive of Coach/Admission/2 Course Meal)

Saturday 23rd November
The Postal Museum, Mail Rail & Lunch

Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route C) for the drive to London where we shall have a 2-course lunch at Belgo, before walking (approx. 5 minute walk) the short distance to the Postal Museum. This museum, located in the former Royal Mail Mount Pleasant Depot, tells the story of our postal service. Discover a host of objects such as post boxes, uniforms, greeting cards and stamps. Read letters sent from thousands of miles away with Writing Home, a collection of post sent home by soldiers in conflict, survivors of human trafficking, or those who left in search of a better life across the globe. Included in your visit is a trip on Mail Rail – the Post Office’s exclusive underground railway originally used to move London’s mail between 6 sorting offices and 2 mainline railway stations 70 feet beneath the busy London streets. The carriages are very small, having been adapted from the original rolling stock and run through tunnels only 7 feet in diameter and are therefore not suitable for people uncomfortable in enclosed spaces. The entrance to each train is only 80cm (2’ 7”) wide and the carriages are only 130cm (4’ 3”) high. The journey lasts approximately 20 minutes and includes flashing lights. For those who the ride experience is not suitable, there is a Mail Rail film which can be viewed as an alternative. Return leave 4.00pm, arriving back at Sanderstead approx. 5.30pm.

Cost £51.95
(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Postal Museum/2-Course Lunch with Tea/Coffee)
Please choose from Toulouse Sausages and Homemade Mashed Potatoes served with onion gravy, Traditional Fish and Chips served with Tartar Sauce, Homemade Seasonal Vegetarian Quiche served with a garden salad. Dessert: Dame Blanche (Vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce), Chocolate Eclairs served with Belgian chocolate sauce, Fruit Salad topped with whipped vanilla cream.

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Tuesday 26th November  
**Eastbourne**

Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route B) for Eastbourne where you can enjoy a day by the sea with a stroll along the pier to visit the Victorian Tea Rooms 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. Return leave the Pierhead 4.30pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 6.15pm.

**Adult £23.95 Child £21.95**

Thursday 28th November  
**Christmas at Kew - As twilight falls, the magic begins...**

Depart Oxted 4.30pm (Route A) for the drive to Kew Gardens, which have been transformed into a magical after dark explosion of festive colour. This winter, more twinkling and fantastical than ever before, Christmas at Kew returns, inviting visitors to experience the night-time beauty of a brand new trail, illuminated by over one million lights. The route will include some incredible showstoppers, such as the recently restored Temperate House – the largest surviving Victorian glasshouse in the world – which will form the canvas for a kaleidoscopic laser show. The centrepiece of this year’s event will be four spiralling columns of light cascading from the Treetop Walkway in the canopy above: a mesmerising 10 minute display with dazzling reflections and a ‘Sea of Light’ at your feet. See the 30-metre-long promenade of LED vines that you can walk through, touch and interact with, Kew’s own natural splendours illuminated from different angles and branches wrapped with tiny blossom shaped lights, plus, of course, The grand finale... At the final stop, the renowned Palm House will once again have festive projections playing across a giant screen of water in the centre of the lake, and across the iconic glasshouse itself. Santa and his helpers will be on hand to entertain youngsters, and a mini food village complete with fairground rides will be a perfect stop-off point for little ones. Sweet smells of mulled wine, mince pies and other festive treats will greet visitors from stalls along the trail, and the beautiful new Pavilion Bar and Grill will be open for dining. Refreshments available. Return leave 9.30pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 10.30pm.

**Adult £37.45 Child £25.95**

(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Christmas at Kew)

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