Shepton Mallet Antiques

10th to 12th March

For this antiques and bargain hunters weekend, we will be making stops at various antique dealers as we make our way to and from our Bristol hotel on Friday and Sunday, with Saturday devoted to visiting one of the biggest antique fairs in the West Country, the Shepton Mallet Antiques and Collector's Fair, at the Royal Bath & West Showground.



What's Included

- ✓ 2 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone & hospitality tray.



HILTON HOTEL

Bristol

The hotel has a heated indoor pool, sauna and spa pool.

Friday 10 March Departing Oxted, we drive to Yarnton Antiques, near Oxford. Based in Yarnton Nurseries, there are about 50 dealers specialising in furniture, books, silver, china, brass, jewellery, lighting, decorative items and collectables. We then make our way to Brackley Antique Cellar near Banbury, the largest purpose-built antique centre in the Midlands. Opened by David Dickenson in 2000, it boasts over 30,000 sq ft of floor space, with more than 160





dealers, selling high quality furniture, china, gold and silver jewellery, militaria, kitchenalia and much more. On leaving Brackley, we make a short stop at Station Mill Antiques in Chipping Norton, a bargain hunters paradise for 'kitchenalia' and less expensive collectables from 80 different dealers, before continuing on to our Bristol hotel, arriving early evening.

Saturday 11 March This morning we head south to the Shepton Mallet Antiques and Collector's Fair, held at the Royal Bath and West showground. The fair is housed in four halls, with over 30 shopping booths, with up to 600 stands, with everything from paintings and antique furniture to vintage teddies, restoration products and luxury leather luggage. This fair has gone from strength to strength and gets bigger and better with each event. Departing mid afternoon, we make our way back to our hotel.

Sunday 12 March After breakfast, we shall visit Felix Fairs, a lovely local event held in a sports hall just a short distance from our hotel. There are up to 60 stalls, where dealers offer a large display of clocks and coins, books and jewellery, pottery and porcelain. Items range from antique to modern, second-hand to new. After tracking down those early Sunday morning bargains we move on to the Malt House Emporium, Stroud. Housed over two floors within a beautiful Victorian Maltings, there are over 100 dealers, with constantly changing and unique stock. We continue our homeward journey, perhaps seeking out other local fairs not yet advertised, arriving back in Oxted early evening.