

TUESDAY 31ST JULY

"A DAY IN PROVENCE" – IN THE HEART OF THE SURREY HILLS



Depart Oxted 9.30am (Route A) for the drive to Mayfield Lavender at Banstead. Here we shall have time for a coffee before our guided tour with the owner of this beautiful organic lavender farm, who will share with you some of the challenges of modern day lavender growing. While you stroll through the fragrant lavender you will enjoy the fantastic spectacle of 25 acres of lavender which will most certainly awaken all your senses and make you think you are in the heart of Provence! We then journey on to Denbies

arriving in time to find lunch in their conservatory restaurant before boarding the Vineyard Train which takes us at a leisurely pace to some of the most beautiful viewing points in the vineyard. A recorded commentary enhances the trip making this an informative and comfortable way to experience the magnificent panoramic views of the Denbies Estate and the North Downs. We also have a tour of the winery, which starts in the unique 360° circular cinema for a 20 minute surround vision film where you learn about the geology and history of the estate and the production process from vine to bottle. This is followed by a trip on the indoor people mover which transports you through the working winery and concludes in the atmospheric vaulted Denbies cellars where you will be guided through three specially selected wines which will include Denbies Award Winning rosé with their Wine Expert. Refreshments available at both venues. Return leave from Denbies 5.00pm, arriving back at Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

**Cost £33.25**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Lavender Fields Tour/Denbies Tours & Wine Tasting)*

*Please note that the lavender fields tour is outside & therefore suitable coats/shoes should be worn)*

THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST

BRITISH WILDLIFE CENTRE & LLAMA PARK

Depart Oxted 9.45am (Route A) for the drive to the British Wildlife Centre at Newchapel, started in 1997 by David Mills, who ceased farming on the site in order to realise a dream of setting up a centre to educate people about our native wildlife. The Wetland Boardwalk takes visitors into the edges of the reserve and provides wonderful views of a pond and wetland portion of the reserve, as well as the resident and migrating birds and all manner of other wildlife. There are excellent opportunities for photography but plenty of seating if you just want to relax and take in the beautiful natural scene. Here we shall be free to explore and see how many of the forty or so different native wild animal species from tiny harvest mice to magnificent red deer...and everything in between you can spot. We then journey on to the Ashdown Forest Llama Park. On arrival we shall have time to find lunch in their restaurant before an introductory talk about the park. We shall then be free to explore at leisure the 35 acre farm, which is one of the leading llama breeding centres in the country. The Park enjoys stunning views over the Ashdown Forest and as you stroll around the unique farm you will encounter the wonderful llama and alpaca characters, some at close range. Visit the museum, see the video and browse in the Alpaca Shop which stocks an inspirational range of wonderfully warm and vibrant designer alpaca knitwear and accessories for both men and women, including an unrivalled range of beautifully soft jumpers, cardigans, capes, hats, gloves, scarves and socks, alongside traditional South American craft goods, children's toys, jewellery, and pottery. Refreshments available at both venues. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.45pm.



**Adult £30.45    Sen Cit £29.45    Child £23.45**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to British Wildlife Centre/Introductory Talk & Entry to Llama Park)*

TUESDAY 7TH AUGUST

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Depart Oxted 10.00am (Route C) for London, giving time for lunch before visiting the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace, official residence of the Queen. The State Rooms are at the heart of the Palace and provide the setting for ceremonial occasions and official entertaining. They are lavishly furnished with many of the greatest treasures from the Royal Collections, including paintings by Van Dyck and Canaletto, sculpture by Canova, exquisite pieces of Sèvres porcelain, and some of the finest English and French furniture in the world. A complimentary audio tour provides a lively introduction to centuries of royal history and includes interviews with Royal Household staff about the working Palace and the works of art on display. This year's special exhibition, Diamonds: A Jubilee Celebration, shows the many ways in which diamonds have been used by British monarchs over the last 200 years. The exhibition includes an unprecedented display of a number of The Queen's personal jewels – those inherited by Her Majesty or acquired during her reign. The exhibition will reveal how many of these extraordinary stones have undergone a number of transformations, having been re-cut or incorporated into new settings during their fascinating history. Why not finish your visit with a cup of tea at the Garden Café on the West Terrace overlooking the Palace's famous lawn and lake. Return leave 5.00pm. Arriving back at Sanderstead approx. 6.15pm.



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**Adult £35.15 Sen Cit £33.75 Child £23.00**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to the Palace)*

THURSDAY 9TH AUGUST

IGHTHAM MOTE



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Depart Oxted 11.30am (Route A) for the drive to Ightham Mote, a beautiful medieval moated Manor House, described by David Starkey as 'one of the most beautiful and interesting of English country houses'. Built nearly 700 years ago, this house has seen many changes and been owned by medieval knights, courtiers to Henry VIII and high-society Victorians. Highlights include the picturesque courtyard, Great Hall, crypt, Tudor painted ceiling, Grade I listed dog kennel and the private apartments of Charles Henry Robinson, who gave Ightham Mote to the National Trust

in 1985. The building is surrounded by peaceful gardens with an orchard, water features, lakes and woodland walks. Refreshments and National Trust Shop available. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone by approx. 5.15pm.

**Cost £23.80 Child £16.50**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to House)*

*(National Trust Members – less Adult 9.75 Child £4.85 but must bring card)*

*(Please note: there is a steep slope down to reception)*

**SATURDAY 11TH AUGUST**

**EASTBOURNE & AIRBOURNE –  
THE BIGGEST AIR SHOW ON THE SOUTH COAST**



Depart Oxted 9.15am (Route B) for Eastbourne where you can enjoy a day by the sea 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. Over this weekend they are playing host to four days of top flight entertainment with Airbourne, their annual International Air Show. No details of the flying programme were available at the time of going to print. Return leave the Pierhead 5.30pm. Arriving back at Limpsfield Chart by approx. 7.15pm.

**Adult £18.50 Child £16.50**

*(Exclusive of any entry charge that may be incurred)*

**WED 15TH AUGUST**

**COWES WEEK CRUISE**

Depart Oxted 8.30am (Route A) for Ocean Village, Southampton for a 3½-hour cruise, full of colour and excitement, viewing the renowned Cowes Week Yacht Racing taking place in the Solent between the Isle of Wight and the Mainland. Whilst on board we shall be served with a fish and chip lunch. Return leave 3.45pm. Returning to Godstone approx 5.45pm.



**Adult £39.35 Child £27.25**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Cruise/Fish & Chip lunch)*

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

*(In the event of adverse weather conditions an alternative cruise may be offered)*

**SATURDAY 18TH AUGUST**

**EUROTUNNEL TO OSTEND & CITÉ EUROPE**



Depart Oxted 6.00am (Route A) for the drive to Folkestone where we shall board the Eurotunnel to Calais and thereafter drive on to the Belgian coastal resort of Ostend, an important port since the Middle Ages. It became a favourite resort of Belgian royalty in the 19th century and developed into a fashionable town with a casino and other elegant buildings. Though no longer visited by royalty, Ostend is still a bustling beach town with excellent fish restaurants and comfortable cafés. The Belgian Expressionist James Ensor lived in Ostend: his former home, which is crammed with curious hats and seashells, is now a museum. Here there will be time to perhaps enjoy a meal or simply soak up the atmosphere of this Belgian seaside town. Departing Ostend mid afternoon we make our way to Cité Europe, where we shall have time for shopping/supper. Arriving back in Godstone approx. 9.45pm. (Passports required.)

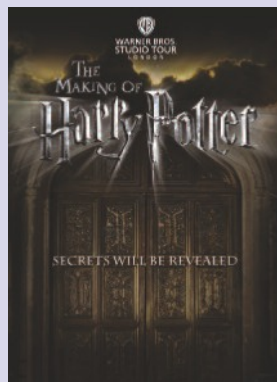
**Cost £46.85**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Eurotunnel Fare)*

MONDAY 20TH AUGUST

WARNER BROS. STUDIO TOUR LONDON –  
THE MAKING OF HARRY POTTER

Depart Oxted 12.30pm (Route A) for the drive to the Warner Bros studios in Hertfordshire where we shall have time to find lunch in their café before our tour. People the world-over have been enchanted by the Harry Potter films for nearly a decade and this unique self guided walking tour takes you behind-the-scenes and showcases a huge array of beautiful sets, costumes and props. It also reveals some closely guarded secrets, including facts about the special effects and animatronics that made these films so hugely popular all over the world. Step inside and discover the actual Great Hall; explore Dumbledore's office and discover never-before-seen treasures; step onto the famous cobbles of Diagon Alley, featuring the shop fronts of Ollivanders wand shop, Flourish and Blotts, the Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes, Gringotts Wizarding Bank and Eeylops Owl Emporium; see iconic props from the films, including Harry's Nimbus 2000 and Hagrid's motorcycle; learn how creatures were brought to life with green screen effects, animatronics and life-sized models and rediscover other memorable sets from the film series, including the Gryffindor common room, the boys' dormitory, Hagrid's hut, Potion's classroom and Professor Umbridge's office at the Ministry of Magic, alongside some exciting hands-on interactive exhibits that will make you feel like you're actually there. The magic continues in the Gift Shop, which is full of exciting souvenirs and official merchandise. Refreshments available. Return leave approx. 7.30pm. Arriving back at Godstone approx. 9.15pm



Adult **£46.35** Child **£39.35**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Studio Tour)*

WED 22ND 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 **£31.95** Child **£22.50**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to House)*

*(HHA Members less Adult £9.00, Child £4.50, but must bring card)*

THURSDAY 23RD AUGUST

KEW GARDENS & KEW PALACE



Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for Kew Gardens and Kew Palace. The Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew developed into the fabulous attraction we know today under 'Farmer George' (George III) who was fascinated by horticulture. Those who wish may join us on a state of the art audio tour of the Palace, and gain a fascinating insight into the family life of George, his devoted wife and their six wilful daughters. The remainder of the day will be at leisure to explore the gardens. Get a birds' eye view of Kew from the Xstrata Treetop Walkway, see the famous Palm House, with many

rainforest species and plants useful to man; the elegant and airy Temperate House holding citrus fruits, tea and other exotic species; the Evolution House with prehistoric sights, scents and sounds; the traditional Japanese Minka house; the Princess of Wales Conservatory with 10 different climatic zones and Museum No. 1, home to the exhibition 'Plants and People'. See the Shirley Sherwood Gallery, the first public gallery in the world dedicated to botanical art. Kew holds one of the world's greatest collections of botanical art, totalling over 200,000 items and includes illustrations of species already lost to mankind for which artwork may be the only surviving record. 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. The restaurant and shop can be found behind the Orangery. Return leave 4.30pm. Arriving back in Godstone approx. 5.30pm.

**Adult £29.90 Sen Cit £28.90 Child £15.50**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Kew Gardens only)*

**Adult £31.80 Sen Cit £29.80 Child £15.50**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Entry to Kew Gardens/Kew Palace)*

THURSDAY 30TH AUGUST

CHICHESTER & CANAL CRUISE

Depart Oxted 9.00am (Route A) for the historic cathedral city of Chichester where you will have the choice of either spending the day in Chichester or joining us on an afternoon cruise on the Chichester Canal. Chichester has some of the best shopping in West Sussex with many famous name stores, and smaller unique specialist shops that can cater for virtually all requirements. Early afternoon, those who wish, shall enjoy a relaxing two hour cruise on the Chichester Canal between Chichester and Donnington. Whilst on board we shall be served with a traditional cream tea. The canal is maintained by the Chichester Ship Canal Trust, whose aim is the preservation, maintenance and improvement of the navigation between Chichester and the harbour. All services on the canal are manned by volunteers who crew the boats, run the shop and carry out the maintenance and restoration work. Return leave 5.00pm. Returning to Godstone approx. 6.30pm.



**Adult £21.60 Child £14.25**

*(Chichester only)*

**Adult £35.90 Child £28.75**

*(Inclusive of Coach/Canal Cruise with Cream Tea – max 42 persons)*