  

***DAYS OUT TRIPS ARE FOR ALL AGES***

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May – August 2018

Hatfield House

***Don’t miss Kew Gardens***

***THE FUN!***

   **Pick-ups are from Old Gasworks Car Park/Daventry Bus Station unless otherwise advised: Departure is from Bus Station**

Ironbridge**,** Blists Hill Victorian Town

* **Car Parking.** First pickup will always be from the Old Gasworks Car Park (Brook Street). This pickup is set at 25 minutes before the scheduled trip departure time shown in the brochure. The driver will wait a maximum of 5 minutes. This allows us to get to New Street around 15 minutes before departure, giving time for the remaining passengers to arrive and board the bus. Before departing the venue for your return to Daventry, please discuss with your driver where you require to be dropped off i.e. Bus Station (especially if you have bus connections you need to get back for), Old Gasworks Car Park, or near to where you live if in Daventry. Please don’t assume the driver will know.
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**Return time is the anticipated time of departure from the venue visited unless otherwise stated**

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| **May** | **Destination** | **Type of Trip** | **Depart** | **Return** | **Cost** | **Information** |
| Tues 1st | Dobbies Garden Centre, Atherstone | Garden Centre | 10.30am | 2.30pm | £10 | Popular garden centre just past Hinckley. A typical large garden centre that also Includes a clothing outlet and food hall. Also has a large restaurant. |
| Wed 2nd | Severn Valley Railway | Tourist Attraction | 9.30am | 4.15pm | £17 | Travel by steam or diesel train through some beautiful Worcestershire countryside, including a stretch alongside the River Severn. The train runs from Kidderminster to Brignorth, a jouney of just over 1 hour. In between are a number of stations providing the opportunity to get off and explore. Stop off at Highley to look round the engine house with its engines and exhibition. Fares vary up to a fully flexible ‘freedom of the line’ticket price at **£19.80 Adults and over 60s**. **Based on feedback we have allowed more time for you to explore.** |
| Thurs 3rd | Anglesey Abbey | House and Gardens | 9.45am | 3.00 pm | £15 | A Jacobean style house with fine furnishings, books, paintings, silverware and a collection of rare English & French clocks. Outside there are 114 acres of woodland paths, herbaceous gardens, Rose gardens, Dahlia gardens. Formal gardens, wildflower meadows and more. There is also a working Mill and Water Wheel. **Our National Trust special rate applies - £7.00 per person.** |
| Fri 4th | Stamford | Historic Town | 10.15 am | 3.15 pm | £15 | Market day in Stamford, a small Linconshire market town famous for its Lincolnshire stone buildings. It has narrow streets and courtyards with specialist shops & boutiques in addition to the larger high street shops. Close by is the River Welland with a park area where you can walk or just sit. The popular market spreads through the town centre streets selling a wide range of products. |
| Sat 5th | Melton Mowbray Artisan Cheese Fair | Shopping | 9.30 am | 2.30 pm | £12 | Described as the UK’s largest dedicated festival of cheese. Held undercover within the halls of Melton Mowbray’s Cattle Market, the fair showcases cheese makers from all over the British Isles. It is expected there will be over 70 Cheese Makers who between them produce 250+ cheeses, including some of the UK’s rarest. **Entrance cost is just £5 (cash only).** In addition there should be the extensive normal street market operating on this day. |
| Tues 8th | Stratford-on-Avon | Historic Town | 10.30 am | 3.15 pm | £11 | A very popular tourist attraction on the banks of the River Avon. Visitors can enjoy the park area either side of the river, take a river cruise, wander around the shops or visit one or more of the historic attractions such as Shakespeare’s House |
| Wed 9th | Springfield Centre, Spalding | Shopping/Gardens | 9.45am | 3pm | £15 | Springfield is an out of town centre in Spalding. It has a Garden Centre plus a number of shops (approx 55 in total) that include an M&S Outlet, Hotters, Designer Warehouse Outlet, Klass etc. In addition it has its lovely 25 acre Festival Gardens that are free to explore. |
| Thurs 10th | Ironbridge**,** Blists Hill Victorian Town | Living Museum | 9.45 am | 3.15 pm | £18 | Blists Hill is the most popular part of the Ironbridge Gorge Museums. Experience the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of a recreated Victorian Town covering 52 acres. Life is re-enacted by townsfolk who wear the dress of the day and go about their lives in the shops and workplaces of this authentic Victorian community. Visit the Victorian Pharmacy, the Fried Fish Dealer, Dressmaker, the Mine and Blast Furnace and much more. Plenty of options to eat and drink including fish & chips, pies and pasties from the Butchers and treats from the Bakery. **Entry Cost: Adults £14, Seniors £11.50**, (**Applies if we have 10 or more people).** |
| Fri 11th | Tissington- Well Dressing | Peak District | 10.00 am | 3.15 pm | £17 | First stop is Ashbourne Garden Centre for refeshments. Then a short scenic ride to Tissington to see the centuries old art of well dressing. Should be around 6 wells that will be dressed. Dressing consists of erecting boards covered in clay, into which thousands of flower petals are pressed to create a tableaux of some biblical or topographical scene. You can also potter round the lovely village and pop into the Olde World Sweet & Antique shop and the Butchers. **Entry is free**. |
| Sat 12th | Malvern Spring Flower Show | Show | 9.30 am | 3.30 pm | £15 | RHS annual flower show held at the Three Counties Showground, at the foot of the Malvern Hills. Show includes flower marquee, floral art, plant pavilions, show gardens, food hall plus talks and demonstrations from a number of TV gardeners and chefs. There are a large number of retail outlets. We have discounted tickets that we will hand out on the day E**ntry:** **We have reserved tickets at a discounted rate of £18.00** |
| Mon 14th | Slimbridge Wetland Centre | Wetland Centre | 9.30 am | 3.30 pm | £17 | Situated alongside the Severn Estuary, Slimbridge is one of Europe’s finest wetlands and attracts hundreds of different bird species, as well as wetland plants, insects and mammals. Stroll round the numerous lakes, lagoons, woodland areas and meadows to see 1000’s of birds including Pink Flamingo’s. The whole complex is designed to be accessible. Wheelchairs/Scooters available (book in advance). There is a large restaurant. **Entry Cost: Adults £10.80, Seniors £8.50** **(Assuming we have a minimum of 12 passengers)** |
| Tues 15th | Moreton-in-Marsh / Bourton-on-the-Water | Cotswold Towns | 10.30 am | 3.45 pm | £12 | Visit to 2 very popular Cotswold towns. Market day in Moreton-on-Marsh attracts visitors from far & wide. Have lunch & browse the stalls before moving on to Bourton-on-the-Water. |
| Wed 16th | The Quays Billing / Billing Garden Centre | Pub Lunch/Garden Centre | 11.30 am | 3.15 pm | £9 | The Quays pub is at the entrance to Billing Aquadrome, overlooking the Marina. After a meal there is a short stop at Billing Garden Village, a compact but interesting place to wander around, with a small garden centre, a Ponden Mill, clothes shop and some other smaller outlets including a Smiths Farm Shop. The Quays has various meal offers at reasonable prices including a Carvery. |
| Thurs 17th | Bletchley Park | Tourist Attraction | 11.15 am | 4.00 pm | £12 | World famous for its code breaking activities. This is where the code breakers worked and it shows how they operated. There are a number of huts to explore, war memorabilia on display, the Victorian Mansion and much more. Free guided tours take place throughout the day. **Entry Cost: Adults £17.75 Seniors £15.75 (this gives you an annual pass) Entry is free if you already have a valid annual pass. Group rate: £14.50** **(Assuming we have a minimum of 12 passengers)** |
| Fri 18th | St Tiggywinkles, Haddenham | Animal Hospital | 11.00 am | 3.00 pm | £13 | St. Tiggywinkles is a Wildlife Hospital Trust, a specialist Hospital dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating all species of British Wildlife. Since opening its doors, Tiggywinkles has treated over 200,000 ‘patients’. All British wildlife brought to the hospital are treated free of charge and then are released back in to the wild when they are fully fit. Tiggywinkles has pioneered much of the animal welfare care that is now used worldwide. We should get a short talk about the hedgehogs they have. The Visitor Centre is self-guided. See the mammals and birds, visit the Hedgehog Museum & Souvenir Shop. Hots & cold drinks, sandwiches and snacks are available. **Adults £6.90 (under 4’s & over 65’s are free).** |
| Mon 21st | Hampton Court Castle & Gardens | House and Gardens | 9.30 am | 3.45 pm | £20 | **Back by popular demand and not to be confused with Hampton Court Palace**. The castle is set in the meadows of the River Lugg in Leominster, Herefordshire. Founded by King Henry in the 15th Century it has been completely restored and the panelled dining room is thought to be particularly impressive. The gardens are described as spectacular and include canals, island pavilions, a waterfall, sunken garden and a lovely walled garden. There is a guided tour of the Castle (approx 45 mins). Refreshments are available in the Orangery Restaurant/Café. **Entry: Castle & Gardens Entry Cost: Adults £15.90, Seniors £13.30.** |
| Tues 22nd | Lea Rhodedendron Gardens | Gardens | 10.00 am | 3.15 pm | £16 | Situated near Matlock in Derbyshire Lea Gardens covers approximately three and a half acres, and is situated within a woodland area, with access paths allowing visitors to see the 500 or more varieties of rhododendrons, azaleas and other plants.There is a Teashop and a nursery selling a range of plants. **Entry: £5.00** |
| Wed 23rd | Banbury / Banbury Gateway | Shopping | 11.00 am | 3.00 pm | £9 | A choice of 2 destinations:-   1. **Banbury town centre**.Banbury is an historic old market town. You can wander through the streets, visit the Castle Quays shopping centre, wander along the Oxford canal and more. 2. **Banbury Gateway Shopping Park**, This is a new shopping complex located close to the M40. Stores include a large M&S, Primark, New Look, Next, Fat Face and more. |
| Thurs 24th | Henley-on-Thames | Historic Town/ Shopping | 10.15 am | 3.15 pm | £15 | On the banks of the River Thames Henley is world famous for its rowing events. It is a 12th century market town with over 300 buildings designated as being of special architectural or historic interest, including St Marys Church, the Town Hall, Market Place and Henley Bridge. Thursday is market day and on this Thursday there should also be a farmers market. |
| Fri 25th | Birmingham Botanical Gardens | Gardens | 10.30 am | 3.15 pm | £12 | The Botanical Gardens have 4 greenhouses – tropical, sub-tropical, mediterranean and arid. Outside there are a number of themed garden areas including Japanese & Bonsai, a shrubbery, herbs and much more. Also there is a tea room, shop, art gallery and horticultural library. **Entry: £6.00 for adults, £4.00 Seniors** **(Assuming we have a minimum of 10 passengers).** |
| Tues 29th | Hidcote Gardens | Gardens | 10.45 am | 3.45 pm | £12 | Hidcote gardens are the creation of one man, Lawrence Johnston. He designed the gardens to be a series of ‘outdoor rooms’ each with their own character. Follow the maze of pathways and discover secret gardens, some great views and lots of colour. There are 2 cafes, a shop and a plant centre. On the way back we will stop off for a short while at the National Herb Centre. Entry: **Our National Trust special rate applies - £6.00 per person.** |
| Wed 30th | Boundary Mills,Grantham | Shopping | 10.30 am | 3.00 pm | £13 | Boundary Mills Grantham offers a a large choice and discounted prices against leading names in [ladies](http://boundarymill.wpengine.com/department/ladieswear/) and [men’s](http://boundarymill.wpengine.com/department/menswear/) leisure, outdoor and occasion wear, [footwear](http://boundarymill.wpengine.com/department/shoes/), [lingerie](http://boundarymill.wpengine.com/department/lingerie/) etc. In the same building there is a large Downtown Department Store selling a wide range of [home, garden, electrical, fashions, toys](http://boundarymill.wpengine.com/department/home-furnishing/) and much more. Opposite there is also a Downtown Garden Centre. Boundary Mills and Downtown both have restaurants. |
| Thurs 31st | Wightwick Manor | House and Gardens | 10.00 am | 3.15 pm | £15 | Liberal MP John Mander had been left this 1887 timber framed house by his father Theodore. Taking inspiration from a lecture on ‘the House Beautiful’ by Oscar Wilde, Theordore and his wife Flora have decorated its interiors with the designs of William Morris. It is a house with a pre-Raphaelite art collection and William Morris interior designs. Outside there are formal and informal gardens and orchard. Having given the house to the National Trust, Geoffrey & Rosalie became its live-in-curators, opening the house to the public and adding to its contents. Entry: **Our National Trust special rate applies - £5.45 per person.** |
| **June** | **Destination** | **Type of Trip** | **Depart** | **Return** | **Cost** |  |
| Fri 1st | Newark Antiques Fair | Antiques Fair | 10.00 am | 3.30 pm | £15 | The International Antiques and Collectors Fair at Newark is described as the biggest event of its kind in Europe. It has up to 2500 stands and attracts dealers and buyers from around the world. There is quite possibly every item you could imagine including furniture,jewellery , sports memorabilia, paintings, and fine antiques. **Entry: £2.50** **(Cash only - and assuming we have a minimum of 10 passengers)** |
| Mon 4th | Chesterfield | Historic Town / Shopping | 10.00 am | 3.30 pm | £16 | Known for its crooked spire Chesterfield has a compact market town centre that is home to high street names, a wealth of independents shops plus an outdoor and an indoor market.  You can explore narrow medieval streets such as The Shambles for unique independent shops or visit The Yard, Vicar Lane and The Pavements Shopping Centre that has popular high street names. The market is described as being one of the biggest open-air markets in the country. A few minutes walk from the town centre is Ravenside Retail Park which has Debenhams, TkMaxx, The Range and more. |
| Tues 5th | Waterperry Gardens | Gardens | 10.30 am | 3.15 pm | £12 | Previously featured on BB2 TV Waterperry Gardens has an eight acre area of ornamental gardens, a plant centre & garden shop, picture gallery and gift barn, nursery , orchards, museum and teashop. The gardens have been developed over the last 20 years and include a formal garden, rose garden, a water-lily canal, a long colour border and a small arboretum. **Entry £7** |
| Wed 6th | Black Country Museum | Tourist Attraction | 10.00 am | 3.30 pm | £14 | Described as a living open-air museum. The main area has ‘streets’ of factories and shops as they were in the early 1900s, with people in costume to tell you about what was sold and made in those days. There is much to do and see – take a tram ride, go down a coal mine, go to school!, take a canal trip into limestone caves, watch local craftsmen at work, view historic buildings & a vehicle collection. **Entry: Group rate: Adults £12, Seniors £10.** |
| Thurs 7th | Cheltenham | Historic Town | 10.00am | 3.30 pm | £14 | Cheltenham is a spa town, famous for its Regency architecure. It is said to be the most complete Regency town in England and has many listed buidings. With its tree lined Promenade, vibrant Brewey Quarter, museums and wide range of shops there is much to see and do. |
| Fri 8th | Rushden Lakes | Shopping | 10.30am | 3pm | £10 | Rushden Lakes is a new lakeside retail park. There is a large House of Fraser and M&S together with Primark, Next, H&M, New Look, Fat Face and more. There are a number of food outlets where you can sit and relax by the lakeside, including Patisserie Valerie and Bill’s. For those that want to you can walk alongside the lake and see the wildlife. |
| Mon 11th | West Midlands Safari Park | Zoo | 9.45am | 3.15pm | £14 | WMSP has a safari drive through where you can see Elephants, Giraffes, White Lions etc. Off of the bus there are various themed areas with Sea Lions. Hippos, Reptiles, Lemurs, Penguins etc. There are various food outlets, including a restaurant, plus picnic areas for those that want to take their own food. **Entry: Adult £10.00** |
| Tues 12th | Trentham Gardens | Gardens | 9.30 am | 3.15 pm | £17 | **BBC Countryfile’s Garden of the year for 2015**. Grand Italian Gardens, stunning pleasure gardens, show gardens, woodland walks, a lake and much more. Today you should be able to take a train or boat ride to the café at the very end of the large lake (Addtl cost). Outside of the Gardens is a large wooden chalet style retail village and a very large Garden Centre. A great day out. **Entry: Adult £8.64**, **(Assuming we have a minimum of 12 passengers)** |
| Wed 13th | Mystery Tour 2 | Mystery Tour | 10.00 am | 5.00pm – Approx at Dav | £16 | Mystery tour with stops for refreshments, lunch and browsing. Typically there are likely to be 3 stops, one being long enough to have lunch. |
| Thurs 14th | Ludlow | Historic town | 9.30am | 3.30pm | £18 | Ludlow is a medieval market town in Shropshire, described as an architectural gem. The town centre is situated on a cliff above the River Teme. Ludlow offers a wide and varied range of individualistic shops, including traditional family businesses where shopping for food, clothing, crafts, gifts, antiques, art, books and many specialist products is an enjoyable voyage of discovery. A Local Farmers Market is held on the second Thursday of each month. You can explore the back streets, visit the Castle, the Museum and St Laurence’s Church. The Millennium Green is a popular place to relax by the river, have a picnic and maybe feed the Ducks. |
| Fri 15th | Old Warden | Aircraft Museum / Gardens | 10.30 am | 3.00 pm | £12 | Old Warden Aerodrome, near Bedford, is home to the Shuttleworth Collection, a fascinating unique collection of aircraft and vehicles dating back to the first half of the 20th century. It includes an airworthy 1909 Bleriot. Next door is the Swiss Garden, recently re-opened after a £3.5million restoration. Entry: **Shuttleworth Collection** - £10.00. **Swiss Gardens** - £6.00. **Combined Ticket** - £14.50. **All rates are based on a minimum of 10 people.** |
| Mon 18th | Cambridge / Botanical Gardens | Historic City / Gardens | 9.45 am | 3.15 pm | £16 | **Choice of 2 destinations:** -  1) Cambridge - A famous city steeped in history & tradition with some amazing architecture. There are the famous colleges, the River Cam with its punts etc, museums and shopping centres. A lot to see and do.  2) The extensive botanical gardens cover 40 acres. There is a row of greenhouses with plants ranging from Alpine to Rainforest. Across the 40 acres there is a lake, rock gardens and a patchwork of themed gardens with over 8000 specimens of plants and trees. There is also a café and shop. **Entry: Adult £6.00, Seniors £5.50** (non Giftaid). |
| Tues 19th | Webbs of Wychbold | Garden Centre | 10.45 am | 3.00 pm | £13 | Webbs of Wychbold (near Bromsgrove) claims to be one of the biggest garden centres in the UK and has been awarded Garden Centre of the Year by the Gardening Association 3 times. It has the typical range of garden centre products plus a large food hall and a fully licenced restaurant. Concessions on-site include Lakeland, Cotswold and Hobbycraft. |
| Wed 20th | Cotswold Wildlife Park | Wildlife Park | 10.15 am | 3.30 pm | £13 | Beautiful walled gardens, lovely parkland areas, a train and lots of animals. A zoo with a difference and a lovely place to visit. The walled gardens are home to the Penguins, Lemurs, exotic birds etc. Then there are 160 acres of parkland and gardens where you can see a varied collection of mammals, birds, reptiles and invertebrates from around the world –including Giraffes, Rhinos, Wolves, Wallabies, Flamingos, Monkeys, Crocodiles & Lions.. **Entry: Group Rate – Adult £11.50, Seniors £8** |
| Thurs 21st | Ely Cathedral Flower Festival | Flower Festival / Historic City | 9.45 am | 3.30 pm | £17 | The popular Ely Cathedral Flower Festival is returning in 2018. Attractions include eye-catching displays, musical recitals, floral demonstrations and a gift and craft marquee. The Festival's Creative Director is Chelsea gold medal winner, Roger Woolnough. Roger was part of the design team for Westminster Abbey's Festival of Flowers and was the mastermind behind Ely Cathedral's highly acclaimed 2013 Flower Festival, 'In the beginning'. Throughout the event, Ely's 14th century Lady Chapel will host a programme of musical performances. Visitors to the Festival can also enjoy floral demonstrations by professional arrangers as well as an opportunity for shopping in the Gift and Craft Marquee located in the Cathedral grounds. **ENTRY: £8 – we have reserved tickets for this event.** |
| Fri 22nd | Belton House  Nr Grantham, Lincs | House & Gardens | 10.15 am | 3.30pm | £16 | Built for Sir John Brownlow in the 1680s, the mansion has all the design features of a classic country house. Inside, the wealth of the Belton estate is immediately apparent, with grand display rooms and impressive collections of porcelain, silver, paintings and books. Belton was designed to impress, and the gardens reflect the formality of the late 17th century in keeping with the period of the mansion. Home to a herd of about 300 fallow deer, Belton’s park covers over 1300 acres of land. Belton’s grounds are a rich natural habitat waiting to be explored. Entry: **Our National Trust special rate applies - £7.85 per person** |
| Sat 23rd | Blenheim Palace Flower Show | House & Gardens / Show | 10.15 am | 3.30 pm | £12 | Today there is a flower show in the grounds of Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Winston Churchill. The house has an array of portraits, tapestries and fine furniture, ornate ceilings and striking stone work. Special mention is made of the Great Hall and State Rooms. Outside are formal gardens, including Water Terraces, the Secret Garden and The Duke’s Italian Garden and vast acres of parkland. Entry: **House and Gardens - Adult £15.80, Concessions £13.80. Gardens only – Adult £9.00, Concessions £7.50. (If we have a minimum of 10 people).** There is no extra cost to enter the flower show. |
| Mon 25th | Kew Gardens | Gardens | 9.00 am | 3.00 pm | £19 | The world famous Kew covers 325 acres and includes lakes, extensive walkways, themed areas and a number of greenhouses housing a wide array of temperate plants and trees, including alpines and orchids. Mobility scooters are available (book in advance). There is a land train (approx £5 for the day) that allows you to stop at various points around Kew. **With our excellent agreement with Kew we are able to offer this trip at a total cost of £19.00 (Bus and entry combined).** |
| Tues 26th | Melton Mowbray | Shopping | 10.00 am | 2.45 pm | £12 | A popular destination - visit the home of the Pork Pie on Market day. Look round the, the extensive street market and the large indoor market where there is an antiques market and the auctioning of a range of livestock. |
| Wed 27th | BBC Tour, Birmingham | Special Interest | 10.45 am | 3.30 pm | £13 | Step inside the world of broadcasting at BBC Birmingham. An entertaining and informative guided tour explains how scripts get to the screen, how production teams work , the technology and how BBC Drama is made. The tour lasts approx 1.5hours and does involve a lot of walking and standing. Visitors can also look in at the Visitor Centre and the interactive BBC Blue Room. Cost: £9.75 Note: For this trip we can only take 15 people maximum so it is advisable to book early. |
| Thurs 28th | Dudley Zoo | Zoo | 10.15 am | 3.15 pm | £14 | Dudley is a unique Zoo with hundreds of animals set around the ruins of an 11th century castle. It also has the the country’s only vintage chair lift!. There is a variety of animals - primates, mammals, reptiles, birds etc, including lions, giraffes and penguins. There are cafes and restaurants. **Entry: Group rate - Adult £10.75 , Seniors £9.25, Child £7.50** **(Assuming we have a min. of 10 people).** |
| Fri 29th | Lichfield | Historic city | 10.30 am | 2.45 pm | £14 | Visit the small but popular Cathedral city of Lichfield. Visit the impressive cathedral and then wander through the city streets. Friday is a market day in the Market Square. |
| **July** | **Destination** | **Type of Trip** | **Depart** | **Return** | **Cost** | **Information** |
| Mon 2nd | Bakewell | Peak District Town | 9.45 am | 3.30 pm | £16 | Bakewell is a lovely Peak District town and home of the Bakewell Pudding. It is an old market town set in the heart of the Peak District and with the River Wye meandering through the centre. You can wander round the town to see the historic buildings, stroll along the river, picnic in the parks and browse the shops. Today the town will be lively as it is market day. |
| Tues 3rd | Wimpole Estate | House & Gardens | 9.45 am | 3.15 pm | £15 | Wimpole is the largest house in Cambridgeshire, built in grand bold architecture in the 17th century, but with Georgian interiors. Note: there are 12 steps up to the house. As a working estate there is a farm with a number of rare breeds. There is extensive parkland plus a splendid walled garden, parterre and pleasure gardens that have some rare and exotic plants. There is a café, restaurant and shop. Entry: **Our National Trust special rate applies - £9.00 per person** |
| Wed 4th | Peak District Mini Tour | Peak District Tour | 9.30 am | At Dav approx 5.30 pm | £18 | Mini-tour of the Peak District with its beautiful scenery and picturesque small towns. |
| Thurs 5th | Imperial War Museum, Duxford | Museum | 9.45 am | 3.30 pm | £17 | Duxford has a large collection of civil and military aircraft through the ages. This includes Concorde (you can walk through), Spitfires & Hurricanes, Flying Fortress, Lancaster, Vulcan. They are spread across a number of hangars, including a Battle of Britain hangar and the impressive and newly renovated American hangar. In addition, the Land Warfare hangar houses one of the finest exhibitions of tanks, military vehicles and artillery in the country. For those that need it a mobility vehicle should be operating to move people around the site. **Entry: Adult £12.95,** **(Assuming we have a minimum of 10 people)** |
| Fri 6th | Coughton Court, Warwick | House & Gardens | 10.30 am | 3.00 pm | £12 | Home of the Throckmorton family since 1409.  It holds a unique place in English history with its close connections to the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. It is one the last remaining Roman Catholic homes in the country to retain its historic treasures, one of the best collections of portraits and memorabilia from one family in Tudor times. The 25 acres of gardens include a walled garden, bog garden, orchard, formal garden, riverside walks and more. There is also a restaurant and coffee shop, picnic area and shop. **Entry: Our National Trust special rate applies - £9.30 per person.** |
| Sun 8th | Greenwich | Historic town | 9.45 am | 3.45 pm | £19 | Greenwich is a very popular tourist destination. Famous landmarks include Greenwich Park, The Royal Observatory, [Cutty Sark,](http://www.rmg.co.uk/cuttysark/) [National Maritime Museum](http://www.nmm.ac.uk/visit/), and the [Old Royal Naval College](http://www.oldroyalnavalcollege.org/) . River cruises are a good way to see parts of London. Some attractions are free (eg National Maritime Museum) and some have entry fees. |
| Mon 9th | The Lamb, Little Harrowden | Pub lunch | 11.15 am | 2.30 pm | £10 | The Lamb in Little Harrowden is a stones throw from Wellingborough & Kettering. They offer quality and freshly prepared pub food, excellent ales and award winning wines. **2 Course Seniors Lunch £8.00** (As at Oct 2017) |
| Tues 10th | Crich Tram Museum | Museum / Tourist Attraction | 10.30 am | 3.30 pm | £15 | Crich Tramway Museum, an authentic village with cobbled streets, overhead wires and trams. Ride on a tram through the village and get off at one or more of the stops to look round (there is a wheelchair accessible tram). The village includes an exhibition hall, a tram depot with a collection of restored trams, workshop viewing gallery, woodland walks, tea rooms and restaurant. **Enry Cost: £10.50** **(Assuming we have a minimum of 10 passengers)** |
| Wed 11th | Hatfield House | House & Gardens | 10.15 am | 3.15 pm | £16 | Hatfield House is the home of the 7th Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury and their family. With stunning examples of Jacobean craftmanship throughout the house and a number of gardens and attractions to explore there is something for everyone. **Entry: Adult £19.00, Seniors £18.00** |
| Thurs 12th | Burton on Trent | Shopping/Tourist attraction | 10.15 am | 3.30 pm | £14 | Premier shopping centre, boasting three excellent shopping centres, with a good mix of specialist shops and the country's leading retailers. The largest town in the National Forest, internationally known as the capital of British brewing. The River Trent and the Trent and Mersey canal wind their way through the town. The town has many fine buildings including the Town Hall, St. Margaret's Church, St. Paul's and St Mowdens Church. Close to the shops is the Coors Visitor Centre (formerly the Bass Museum), which tells the story of Bass, Brewing and Beer, with frequently changing exhibitions, interactive galleries, and unique collection of horse-drawn and motorised historic vehicles and Shire Horses. |
| Fri 13th | RSPB Sandy | Nature Reserve | 10.30 am | 3.30pm | £18 | The Lodge Nature Reserve and Gardens is a very special place, offering an exceptionally rich combination of wildlife and heritage experiences. The woodland, heath and acid grassland here cover an area of some 220 hectares, and now form the largest stretch of heathland in Bedfordshire. There are a number of scenic walks for varying abilities where you will see many varieties of birds and animals. **Entry is FREE** |
| Mon 16th | Sudeley Castle | House & Gardens | 10.15 am | 3.30 pm | £15 | In the heart of the Cotswolds Sudeley Castle is the only private castle in England to have a queen buried within its grounds – Katherine Parr, the last of Henry VIII’s  six wives. Visitors  can walk round a number of the Castle rooms and learn the fascinating history of the Castle and its royal connections. You can also look round the 15th Century church where Katherine Parr lies entombed, explore the themed garden areas, visit the Terrace Café and browse round the Visitor Centre shop**. Entry: Adults £12.50, Concession £11.50 (Assuming we have a mimimum of 10 people).** |
| Tues 17th | Knebworth House | House and Gardens | 10.00 am | 3.30 pm | £16 | Knebworth House dates back to Tudor times and every generation of the Lytton family has left something of its style and taste over 500 years. The exterior has turrets, domes and gargoyles. Stories and heirlooms reflect the family’s contribution to literature, politics and foreign service and visits by characters as diverse as Charles Dickens and Winston Churchill There are 28 acres of formal gardens, including a maze, colourful borders, a walled vegetable garden and a wilderness area. **Entry: Adults £13, Seniors £12.50.** |
| Wed 18th | Hunstanton | Seaside | 9.00 am | 5.00 pm | £23 | Very popular bustling east coast seaside resort with expansive sandy beaches, funfair, attractions and fish & chips! |
| Thurs 19th | Hampstead | Historic Town | 9.30am | 3.30pm | £16 | Known as Hampstead Village this is an affluent residential community long favoured by academics, artists and media figures. It is said to have more millionaires in its boundary than any other area of the UK.There is a mixture of chain shops and independent’s and an ecletic mix of places to eat and drink. Boutique shops and upmarket restaurants occupy the Georgian buildings and alleyways. Close by is the famous Hampstead Heath with its meadows, woodland, swimming ponds and city views from Parliament Hill. |
| Fri 20th | Woodlands Garden Centre, Hinckley | Garden Centre | 11.15 am | 3.15 pm | £10 | Large Garden Centre, part of Gardening Club Group, in Stapleton (near Hinckley). Woodlands hosts a number of retail outlets including Cotton Trader, Lakeland, Edinburgh Woollen Mill and The Works. There is also a large restaurant. |
| Mon 23rd | Worcester | Historic City | 10.15 am | 3.30 pm | £15 | An ancient city with much to offer. There are 2 main shopping centres plus High Street specialist shops and a market. There is the river where you can walk or take a cruise. There is the Royal Worcester porcelain factory to look round, and finally the famous Cathedral. All are relatively close together. There will be a drop off close to the town centre and another one by the Cathedral. |
| Tues 24th | National Memorial Arboreteum | Memorial Gardens | 10.15 am | 3.30 pm | £14 | 150 acres of trees & memorial gardens – to both military and civilian services. The arboretum is constantly evolving with new memorials. This is a beautiful and interesting place to walk round with a wide range of memorials and numerous varieties of trees. One very moving area is the building that tells the story of the Far East Prisoners of War including the construction of the railway over the River Kwai. One side of the arboretum is bordered by the River Tame, a lovely place to walk and view the wildlife. There is a road train (with commentary) that circuits the Arboretum (small cost). Mobility scooters are available (book in advance). **Entry is free**. |
| Wed 25th | Castle Ashby Gardens | Gardens | 10.45 am | 3.00 pm | £10 | Set in the heart of a 10,000 acre estate, the 25 acre gardens are a combination of styles, including the Italian garden, Orangery, secret garden, Maltese cross, butterfly garden, fuchsia House, rainbow border and arboretum. Explore the gardens and visit the farmyard and plant centre. There is also the Walled Garden Tea Room. **Entry: Adults £7.00, Seniors £6.50.** |
| Thurs 26th | Milton Keynes/ Milton Keynes Museum | Shopping / Museum | 10.30 am | 3.00 pm | £11 | **Choice of 2 destinations:**   1. Milton Keynes The Centre:MK – a shopping centre with over 200 shops and restaurants. 2. Milton Keynes Museum – **Well worth a visit**. A fascinating trip down memory lane, this museum reflects the history of the area with exhibits ranging from agricultural, transport, horses, farming, gardens, telecommunications, etc. There is a street of shops with a butcher, Post Office, chemist and a cinema. There is also an old schoolroom, parlour and kitchen, a pianola (that you can play yourself) and more. There is also a large gallery telling the story of transport - from a sedan chair to Clive Sinclair’s C5, canal boat, an enormous tram and more. **Entry: Adults £9** |
| Fri 27th | Canons Ashby | House/Gardens | 12.30 pm | 3.30 pm | £9 | Canons Ashby House is a Grade 1 listed Elizabethan manor house set in tranquil surroundings The house and gardens have survived largely unaltered since 1710 and are presented as they were during the time of Sir Henry Dryden, a Victorian passionate about the past. The house features grand rooms, stunning tapestries and Jacobean plasterwork, contrasting with the domestic detail of the servants' quarters. The gardens include terraced gardens, a formal garden and parkland. There is also historic Priory Church to visit. Refreshments are available at the Stables Tearooms. **Our National Trust special rate applies - £6 per person.** |
| Mon 30th | Boundary Mills - Walsall | Shopping | 10.15 am | 3.00 pm | £13 | Shopping under one roof. Boundary Mills offers huge choice and discounted prices against leading brands in ladies and men’s leisure, outdoor and occasion wear, footwear and lingerie; luggage, bags and accessories; home furnishings, cookware, china and glassware; art, crafts and gifts There is also a large restaurant. |
| Tues 31st | Rockingham Castle | Castle & Gardens | 11.00 am | 3.45 pm | £14 | Built by order of William The Conqueror, Rockingham Castle was host to many medieval kings. It was converted in the 16th Century to a Tudor house. It looks over the Welland Valley with fine views of five counties. The ramparts enclose 12 acres of sweeping lawns, formal and informal gardens set among the medieval fortifications. There is a circular Rose Garden and a magnificent wild garden in the ravine below. Outside tours run (free) at 12.30pm and 1.30pm. There is also a Tea Room and gift Shop. **Entry: £12.00**. |
| **August** | **Destination** | **Type of Trip** | **Depart** | **Return** | **Cost** | **Information** |
| Wed 1st | Oxford / Oxford Botanical Gardens | Historic City/Gardens | 10.15am | 3.30 pm | £14 | **Choice of 2 destinations:-**   1. Oxford city centre. A famous city that has a number of historic buidings, colleges and museums, such as the Ashmolean and the Pitt Rivers Museums. There are a large number of shops both indoor and outdoor plus an indoor market. There is also the newly opened £500 million re-development of the Westgate Centre, with approx. 100 new shops including John Lewis. 2. The Botanical Garden was founded in 1621. The gardens include 7 glasshouses that covering a range of climactic conditions. There are 2 gardens – the Walled Garden and the Lower Garden, both cover a wide range of plant species. **Entry: Adults £5.00 Concessions £3.50**. |
| Thurs 2nd | Newark Antique Fair | Fair | 10.00 am | 3.30 pm | £15 | The International Antiques and Collectors Fair at Newark is described as the biggest event of its kind in Europe. It has up to 2500 stands and attracts dealers and buyers from around the world. There is quite possibly every item you could imagine including furniture,jewellery , sports memorabilia, paintings, and fine antiques. **Entry: £10.00** **(Assuming we have a minimum of 10 people)** |
| Fri 3rd | Charlecote House | House/Gardens | 11.00am | 3.30pm | £11 | Overlooking the River Avon Charlecote Park has been part of the of rural Warwickshire landscape for centuries. Still the Lucy family home after 900 years, you can explore the vision of the Victorian owners George Lucy and his wife, the Mary Elizabeth, who extended their home and filled it with treasures from their European travels. The kitchen is brought to life in cooking and costume. Across the courtyard you can explore the laundry, brewhouse and the stables which house  the family’s carriage collection. The gardens include a formal parterre and a shady woodland garden with rare plants and borders full of colourful herbaceous planting. The parkland offers views across the River Avon and herds of Jacob sheep and fallow deer roam freely. **Our National Trust special rate applies - £9.60 per person** |
| Mon 6th | Abingdon-on-Thames | Historic Town/Shopping | 10.15 am | 3.00 pm | £13 | Described as a historic, modern market town set in rural Oxfordshire. The town centre contains a blend of buildings and architecture dating from 1100 to the present day. The town’s Abbey Shopping Centre and surrounding streets contain a wide variety of shops, restaurants and public houses, whilst a short walk takes you to the River Thames with its Abbey Meadow and riverside walks. Today is market day. |
| Tues 7th | Gloucester Quays | Shopping/ Tourist Attractions | 10.00 am | 3.15 pm | £15 | Situated on the waterfront Gloucester Quays is an outlet centre with over 50 stores, offering a mix of high street and designer labels at up to 70% discount off recommended retail prices. Range includes ladies and menswear, accessories, jewellery, homewear, footwear etc and includes names such as M&S, Next, Roman, Klass, Clarks, Osprey, Gap, Calvin Klein and many more.There is also a wide range of restaurants and cafes. Close by is the interesting Waterways Museum and the town centre is about a 15 minute walk away. |
| Wed 8th | Mystery Tour 3 | Mystery Tour | 10.00 am | 5.00pm – Approx at Dav | £14 | Mystery tour with stops for refreshments, lunch and browsing. Typically there are likely to be 3 stops, one being long enough to have lunch. |
| Thurs 9th | Festival of Quilts NEC | Show | 9.30am | 3.30pm | £12 | Stitching, Sewing and Hobbycrafts Show at the NEC. Avid knitters, stitchers, hobbyists and crafters will be in their element with endless supplies, innovations, new product launches, demonstrations and workshops designed to encourage and inspire your creativity – there’s no better place to stock up and revel in creative craft inspiration! Entry also to Simply Christmas, Art Materials Live and Cake International. **Entry: Adults £16.50 (2017 prices, 2018 prices not available at time of printing)** |
| Fri 10th | Shrewsbury Flower Show | Show | 9.30 am | 3.30 pm | £17 | The Shrewsbury Flower Show is held in the lovely riverside venue of Quarry Park, close to the town centre. The show is packed with things to see and do. Marquees will be packed with flowers, food, crafts and things to buy. In the main arena there will be an array of entertainment from top class show jumping through to male voice choirs and live music. There will be marquees with floral displays and floral art, foodhall, show gardens, arts & crafts and a wide range of exhibitors. Experts will be giving lectures and the celebrity chef this year is John Torode. **Entry: Adult £25.00, Seniors £23.00** **(DACT have purchased the tickets for this event).** |
| Mon 13th | Green Man- Lavendon/ St Emmaus | Pub Lunch/ Shopping | 11.15 am | 3.00 pm approx. | £11 | First stop is at The Green Man, a pleasant thatched roof pub in the village of Lavendon, part of the Old English group of pubs. Extensive menu plus a Value Menu. Close by is Carlton and Emmaus Village. This is a charity project where donated goods are offered for sale in a large emporium – selling bric-a-brac, furniture, boutique items, paintings, crockery, elecrical goods and much more. There is also a Bistro offering a range of food and drinks. An interesting place to visit. |
| Tues 14th | Skegness | Seaside | 9.00 am | 5.00 pm | £23 | Very popular bustling east coast seaside resort with expansive sandy beaches, funfair, attractions and fish & chips! |
| Wed 15th | Trentham Gardens | Gardens | 9.30 am | 3.15 pm | £17 | **BBC Countryfile’s Garden of the year for 2015**. Grand Italian Gardens, stunning pleasure gardens, show gardens, woodland walks, a lake and much more. Today you should be able to take a train or boat ride to the café at the very end of the large lake (Addtl cost). Outside of the Gardens is a large wooden chalet style retail village and a very large Garden Centre. A great day out. **Entry: Adult £8.64**, **(Assuming we have aminimum of 12 passengers)** |
| Thurs 16th | Henley-on-Thames | Market/ Farmers Market | 10.15am | 3.15pm | £15 | On the banks of the River Thames Henley is world famous for its rowing events. It is a 12th century market town with over 300 buildings designated as being of special architectural or historic interest, including St Marys Church, the Town Hall, Market Place and Henley Bridge. Thursday is market day and on this Thursday there should also be a farmers market. |
| Fri 17th | Stamford | Historic Town/shopping | 10.15 am | 3.15 pm | £15 | Market day in Stamford, a small Linconshire market town famous for its Lincolnshire stone buildings. It has narrow streets and courtyards with specialist shops & boutiques in addition to the larger high street shops. Close by is the River Welland with a park area where you can walk or just sit. The popular market spreads through the town centre streets selling a wide range of products. |
| Sun 19th | Hampton Court Palace | House & Gardens | 9.30 am | 3.30 pm | £19 | Hampton Court is in fact 2 palaces – one built by Cardinal Wolsey & later by Henry V111. Alongside is a baroque palace built by William 11 & Mary 11. Overall it is extensive in size & steeped in royal history. Outside are 60 acres of beautifully maintained gardens, plus the famous maze. Entry Cost: Adult £20.90, Concession £17.10 (Excluding voluntary donation). |
| Mon 20th | Poplars Garden Centre, Toddington | Garden Centre | 11.15 am | 3.00 pm | £11 | Poplars is an award winning independent family business claiming to one of Britain’s best Garden Centres having everything you could possibly need for your Garden. It has one of the largest gift shops in the country. Poplars Pantry offers a wide choice of home cooked foods. Wheelchair accessible location |
| Tues 21st | Gloucester and Warwickshire Railway | Railway | 9.15 am | 3.15 pm | £14 | Take a ride on a steam or diesel train through the Cotswolds. The GWR runs between Broadway and Cheltenham Race Course, with stops at Winchcombe and Gotherington. Various stations have tea rooms. Toddington has a small museum, a viewing area behind the loco sheds and a small display of classic vehicles. Various ticket options are available. **Return ticket is £16.20 adult, £15.30 over 60s.** **(Assuming we have a minimum of 10 passengers).** |
| Wed 22nd | Soho House | House/ Gardens | 10.00 am | 3.00 pm | £12 | Soho House is a Grade II\* listed 18th-century house in Handsworth, England. It was the home of entrepreneur Matthew Boulton from 1766 until his death in 1809, and a regular meeting-place of the Lunar Society of Birmingham **ENTRY: £7** |
| Thurs 23rd | Winchester | Historic City | 9.45 am | 3.15 pm | £17 | Winchester is a city world famous for its cathedral and other historic buildings, including The Great Hall & King Arthur’s Round Table. In addition there are a variety of museums, shops and parks all within a reasonably compact area. |
| Tues 28th | Nottingham | Historic City | 10.15 am | 3.30 pm | 15 | Nottingham is described as one of the top retail centres in England. The centre has extensive shopping including the Victoria Centre (with over 120 shops), The Exchange, Cobden Chambers and Broadmarsh Shopping Centre. In addition there are museums, a city centre tram system and extensive pedestrianised streets. |
| Wed 29th | Abbey House and Gardens  Salisbury, Wilts | House/ Gardens | 9.30am | 3.00 pm | £16 | With 1300 years of history, the first King of England buried somewhere in the garden, two saints thrown down the well, and now one of the great gardens of the world. The spirit of the place shines through and could be the best garden visit you ever make.  Where the Cotswold meets the West Country, featured on many TV programmes, this truly spectacular 5 acre garden beside the 12th century Abbey Church in the centre of Medieval Malmesbury and straddling the River Avon has brought praise from around the world. **ENTRY: £6.00** |
| Thurs 30th | Kathy Browns Gardens  Near Bedford | Gardens | 12.30pm | 4.00pm | £12 | The Manor House Garden extends to four and a half acre and has been developed and almost entirely looked after by owners Simon and Kathy Brownover the last thirty years. The garden has many different areas of interest including formal garden with clipped jury, cottage garden with honeysuckle, rose and clematis pergolas, wisteria and laburnum walk, alliums, various herbaceous borders, tree and herbaceous peony border, clematis displays in August, container garden displays, edible flower border, avenues of white stemmed birches, metasequoia, eucalypts and gingkos. Kathy will take the group on a guided tour round the garden. **Entry; £3.50 including Afternoon tea and cake.** |
| Fri 31st | Bicester Avenue / Village | Shopping | 11.15am | 3.15pm | £11 | Two very different shopping experiences in Bicester – you can choose which one you want to visit.   1. Bicester Avenue is a small avenue of shops (including Lakeland, Hobbycraft, Cotton Traders) and a large Wyevale garden centre that includes a restaurant and food hall. 2. Bicester village offers designer outlet shopping, with fashion and lifestlye boutiques, most offering savings of up to 60%. The village has been recently extended to take the number of outlets from 130 to over 160. |

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