

CORFE MULLEN GARDENING CLUB COACH HOLIDAY



3 Day Tour - Discover The Isle Of Wight **Departing Friday September 26th £375**

With a wonderful mild climate, shimmering waters and sixty miles of award-winning sandy beaches, the Isle of Wight has been a favourite coach holiday destination for generations. With elegant resort towns, spotless beaches, old-fashioned charm and miles of unspoilt coastline, the Isle of Wight is the perfect place to enjoy a relaxing few days away. A firm favourite of Queen Victoria in the 19th century, the island is one of the UK's most popular destinations and it's easy to see why. On this fantastic break, we enjoy the island's peace, tranquillity and natural beauty, as well as a nostalgic journey on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway and a visit to the fascinating Osborne House and Beautiful Ventnor Botanical Gardens.

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER – Depart from the local area and drive through the New Forest to Lymington. Here we board the Ferry to Yarmouth (Isle Of Wight). After some free time in Yarmouth to purchase lunch we make our way to Osborne House. We explore Queen Victoria's one-time residence on the island, Osborne House. Built as a holiday home and rural retreat in the late 1840s, the Italianate palace reflects Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's tastes and boasts spectacular views across the Solent. It is no wonder that Victoria herself once said, 'it's impossible to imagine a prettier spot.' Here we take an intimate glimpse of royal family life as we wander through the magnificent Royal Apartments and the walled gardens and grounds where we find the charming Swiss Cottage, used by the royal children to learn household management. Later we travel to our hotel in Shanklin with time to relax before dinner.

SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER – Leave the hotel after breakfast and travel to The Isle Of Wight Steam Railway - We journey back to a bygone era as we board the award-winning Isle of Wight Steam Railway at Havenstreet. Sit back and relax in beautifully restored Victorian and Edwardian carriages as we enjoy the rolling views of the glorious Isle of Wight countryside. We pass through quaint rural stations, quiet hamlets and ancient woodland on our journey.

Afterwards, we relocate to spend some time at leisure in Ryde with its long stretch of golden sand, pretty esplanade, marina and beautiful gardens. Take a stroll along the famous 19th-century pier, the oldest in England, or admire the many boats moored in the town's busy harbour before returning to the hotel.

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER – Leave our hotel for the last time and head to Ventnor Botanical Gardens, lying in the remarkable microclimate at the heart of the famous 'Undercliff.' This unique garden is protected from the cold northerly winds by chalk downs. Indeed, it holds the warmth from its southerly aspect so well that, combined with the moderating influence of the sea, frost is rarely known. When frost does occur it is usually of short duration and not great severity. The Garden is unrivalled for its collections of subtropical plants grown unprotected out of doors. Many of the plants are shown in representations of geographical regions, growing in association with each other as in the wild. There's an impressive collection of succulents and cacti including huge spiky agaves and flowering aloes. Sun-loving herbs, giant echiums, vibrant tender bedding plants and mature palm trees thrive here, as do many colourful South African treasures, Australian eucalyptus, bottlebrushes, tree ferns, and much more. Later we make a short visit to The Needles Park before rejoining our ferry and returning home after a fabulous few days away.

OCEAN VIEW HOTEL – SHANKLIN

Located in Shanklin, on the Isle of Wight, Ocean View is set on the south-east coast of the island. There is free Wi-Fi in public areas, including the bar and restaurant. Many of the rooms at Ocean View boast balconies with extensive sea views. Every room offers an en suite bathroom, a TV and tea/coffee making facilities. Ocean View features a piano lounge and a large restaurant. There are a collection of shops housed in traditional thatched cottages just 10 minutes' walk from the property, along with the start of a scenic coastal cliff walk.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TO BOOK

We include all entrances, as detailed on the above itinerary and 3 course Dinner, Bed and Breakfast each day at the hotel. You will travel on luxury Tour Coach with on board toilet and have the services of a professional Driver and Tour Manager.

For further information regarding the holiday please either speak to the Group Organiser – **Pat Eggelton on 01202 692526** or call **Crossways Travel on 01305 851697**.

All Bookings require a £75 Deposit, Per Person and the balance will be required 8 weeks before departure. To book call Crossways Travel on 01305 851697. Your booking will then be confirmed to you by email or post.

NOTE – Supplement Applies to All Single Occupancy Rooms £40 pp
Guaranteed Seaview Room Supplement £30 pp

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