

CORFE MULLEN GARDENING CLUB COACH HOLIDAY



3 Day Tour - Houses & Gardens In The Cotswolds

Departing Friday September 4th £375



Brighten up the quieter months with some of England's prettiest gems on this weekend trip. See Honey-hued buildings, cosy tea rooms surrounded by picturesque rolling countryside, enjoy our visit to Stratford-upon-Avon, perfect for fans of its most famous resident, William Shakespeare and enjoy our included relaxing cruise on the River Avon. The Tour features visits to Painswick Rococo Gardens, Sizincote House & Gardens and visits to Gloucester and Stratford. We also include hotel stay with Dinner, Bed and breakfast.

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER – After pickups we head towards the Cotswolds with a scenic drive through some of the picture perfect villages of the Cotswolds. We make our way to Sizincote House and Gardens, At the heart of a traditional, family-run estate covering 3,500 acres of rolling Cotswold countryside stands a 200-year-old Mogul Indian palace, set in a romantic landscape of temples, grottoes, waterfalls and canals reminiscent of the Taj Mahal. After time to enjoy the house and gardens we head towards our excellent hotel near Gloucester, with time to relax before our included evening meal.



SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER – After breakfast today we head one of the Cotswolds' best kept secrets, historic Painswick Rococo Gardens. In England, the 1700s were a time of joie de vivre among the upper middle classes. They loved to show off their wealth by indulging in the flamboyant and the frivolous, and their gardens became an elaborate playroom where they would entertain and party. Painswick Rococo Garden was fantastical in both its character and inspiration. Squeezed into a valley, with deceptive vistas juxtaposed with serpentine paths, the Garden is peppered with charming follies to surprise and delight. In 1748, Benjamin Hyett asked local artist, Thomas Robins to paint the garden. Little did he know that we would use this very painting as inspiration for our restoration of the Garden from the 1970s right up to today. This afternoon we head up to Stratford Upon Avon and enjoy some free time exploring this Historic Town and enjoy a relaxing, included boat trip on the River Avon before heading back to our hotel. We all associate Stratford upon Avon with Shakespeare but not everyone is aware of the town's central role in the busy waterways of the Industrial revolution. A River Cruise ensures that your experience leaves you with a deeper understanding of this rich heritage.

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER – After breakfast we leave the hotel for the final time and head into Gloucester for some free time to enjoy the City, with so much to do here, why not visit the Cathedral, one of the finest medieval buildings in the country and the burial place of royalty, or perhaps visit the quay or enjoy a relaxing lunch or enjoy some shopping. Later we make our way back towards home.

HOLIDAY INN GLOUCESTER

Experience a stay at the excellent Holiday Inn Gloucester-Cheltenham, an IHG Hotel. Unwind in the spa tub or enjoy fitness classes at the health club. With a rooftop terrace, on-site restaurant serving international cuisine. A smart, modern hotel less than 15 minutes' drive from Cheltenham, with top-of-the-line conference facilities, a bar, restaurant, swimming pool and more. Enjoy all the facilities you would expect from a good 4* Hotel.

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 Egelton 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 £60 pp

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