

Arts Society Wirral

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SALISBURY



WHAT'S INCLUDED

4 days / 3 nights' duration

Sunday 29th September—2nd October 2024

Return Executive Coach Travel

3 nights half board

4* Holiday Inn Salisbury Stonehenge

Excursion package as detailed overleaf + 2 Lunches

PRICES & SUPPLEMENTS

Minimum **35+** passengers **£599pp**-Two share

Sole use supplement **£79** (3nights) - max 15 rooms

Deposit **£150pp** (non-refundable/ non-transferable)

Balance due in full by the **16.08.24**

Optional Travel Insurance **£40pp**

No upper age limit (conditions apply) *Includes Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) @ 20%.*

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Salisbury Cathedral



Stonehenge



Sudeley Castle

HIGHLIGHTS

- Museum of Royal Worcester
- Salisbury's Cathedral + Museum
- Rifles Berkshire and Wiltshire Museum
- Mompesson House (NT)
- Old Sarum (EH)
- Bluestone Vineyard Tasting + Lunch
- Fisherton Mill Gallery & Studios
- Stonehenge (EH)
- Sudeley Castle + Lunch

HOW TO BOOK

Complete this booking form and return with your non-refundable deposit + Insurance premium if required to

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Royal Worcester



Bluestone Vineyard



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Proposed itinerary

Sunday Day 1 – Departing Heswall at **8am**, we travel south making a comfort break en route to the **City of Worcester** where a **'Behind the Scenes Talk'** at the **Museum of Royal Worcester**, which houses the world's largest collection of Worcester Porcelain, is included. Your visit here includes an opportunity to handle some of the items in the china and archive stores and to hear 'sound bites' from the exceptional audio history recordings, where past workers use their own words to describe their jobs on the factory floor. **Tea, coffee and biscuits** are included whilst here. There will be **free time** afterwards to purchase lunch. when you may choose to visit one of England's loveliest **Cathedrals (local cost)**. This is home to the **medieval Library** with one of the world's most important collections of medieval books and music along with **King John's Will**, the oldest remaining Royal Testament in England. It also houses the Royal tombs of King John & Prince Arthur and has medieval cloisters, an ancient crypt and Chapter House with magnificent Victorian stained glass. Continuing on to Salisbury and the hotel, a set 3 course dinner is included.

Monday Day 2 – Breakfast included. Today is dedicated to the historic **City of Salisbury**. Included is a visit to the **Cathedral** with its 800 years of history in one of the UK's most iconic medieval buildings. Discover the original 1215 **Magna Carta**, one of only four in the world, and explore its legacy in the accompanying exhibition. Learn about the world's oldest working mechanical clock and the fabulous stained glass. Also included is a visit to **Salisbury Museum located** opposite the cathedral. Lunch can be purchased locally before this afternoon's included visit to the **Rifles Berkshire and Wiltshire Museum**. Visit the galleries and see the unique collection telling the stories of those who served their Monarch and country. Themes include The Peninsular War, Crimean War, Boer War, First and Second World Wars and events since 1945 including Afghanistan. Due to capacity / building size, the group will split for the visit to **Mompesson House (NT)** an elegant and spacious 18th-century house in the Cathedral Close and featured in the award-winning film Sense and Sensibility. The tranquil atmosphere is enhanced by the magnificent plasterwork, fine period furniture and graceful oak staircase, the main features of this perfectly proportioned Queen Anne house. Hotel dinner included tonight.

Tuesday Day 3 – Breakfast included. Today begins at **Old Sarum (EH)**. Climb the mighty ramparts for views over the Wiltshire plains and imagine the once thriving town of Old Sarum. Stand in the footprint of Salisbury's original cathedral, conquer the royal castle which stood high on the motte, and discover the awe-inspiring Iron Age hill fort where it all began. With over 2,000 years of history from the Romans - Normans and Saxons, all left their mark on this impressive landscape. Our next visit is to **Bluestone Vineyard**. This boutique 10-acre vineyard is managed by brothers Nat & Toby McConnell, neighbouring the family's Cholderton rare-breeds farm. Included is a **Cheese and Charcuterie** platter lunch before **tasting of two of their sparkling wines**. Today concludes at **Fisherton Mill, Gallery & Studios** with its delightful displays of arts and crafts from over 200 local and British artists. These include affordable artworks, jewellery, paintings, pottery, ceramics, glassware, woodwork, prints, textiles, lighting, home furnishings and handmade cards. There are regular exhibitions for you to enjoy the best local and British artists. Returning to the hotel dinner is included.

Wednesday Day 4 – Breakfast included. Checking out of the hotel a visit will be made at the nearby famous **World Heritage Site of Stonehenge (EH)**. This must-see monument is a powerful testament to human ingenuity, imagination and creativity. Experience the unforgettable atmosphere of the Stone Circle and follow in the footsteps of the prehistoric people who lived here 4,000 years ago as you walk among the Neolithic houses and dig deeper in the world-class exhibition. Included is a **20-minute round-trip shuttle bus** journey to and from the **Stone Circle**. Continuing homeward a final visit is included at **Sudeley Castle** where a **2-course lunch** is included. This is the only private castle in England with a queen, Katherine Parr, buried in its grounds. During your visit here you will have access to: the recently refurbished exhibition rooms which tell the 1,000-year story of Sudeley; 10 award winning gardens including the Queens' Garden filled with many varieties of roses; St Mary's Church & the magnificent tomb of Henry VIII's 6th and final wife & The Rare Breed Pheasantry. Continuing north, a comfort stop will be made before returning to Heswall early evening.

*Please note that the 2 x English Heritage sites (EH) & the National Trust property (NT) are free for members.
Non-members to pay these locally.*

Simply Groups reserve the right to make minor changes to the itinerary due to circumstances beyond our control