



Canterbury and the Historic Houses & Heritage of Kent 29th Sept – 3rd Oct 2024

Registration of Interest

Join the the Travel Group on a trip exploring Canterbury and Heritage of Kent This 5 day, 4 night trip includes private executive coach throughout our journey and 4 nights half board accommodation at the 4* Bridgewood Manor Hotel on the outskirts of Chatham. All of our allocated Standard Rooms are ensuite and feature television, hair dryer and tea & coffee making facilities.



On our way down to Chatham we will visit the National Trust's Chartwell property, the family home of Sir Winston Churchill from 1924 until the end of his life. The rooms and gardens remain much as they were when he lived there and contain personal memorabilia, books and family photographs.

Day two will see us visiting two National Trust properties; Sissinghurst Castle Garden, developed around the surviving parts of an Elizabethan mansion, the gardens provide outstanding design and colour throughout the season. We then visit Scotney Castle. The house was designed by Anthony Salvin in Elizabethan style and built in 1837 for Edward Hussey III, while the romantic ruins of a medieval castle and moat are the focal point of the celebrated gardens



On day three we enjoy a guided tour at Canterbury Cathedral, dating back to 597AD when St Augustine, sent by Pope Gregory the Great as a missionary, established his seat in Canterbury. In 1170 Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in the Cathedral and ever since the Cathedral has attracted thousands of pilgrims, as told famously in Geoffrey Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales'. We then spend some time at leisure in Canterbury. This afternoon we visit Walmer Castle and Gardens, transformed from a Tudor castle into the elegant home and residence of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

Day four will see us visiting the Historic Dockyard Chatham this morning. Time is at leisure to explore the attraction, and you may choose to visit No. 1 Smithery: National Treasures Inspiring Culture, a joint project between The Historic Dockyard Chatham, the National Maritime Museum, and the Imperial War Museum. Later in the day we will make our way to the National Trust's Knole House and Deer Park. Set at the heart of a timeless deer park, Knole House has links with kings, queens and the nobility as well as literary connections with the novelists Vita Sackville-West and Virginia Woolf. Thirteen superb state rooms are laid out much as they were in the 18th century, and include world renowned rare furniture, paintings by Gainsborough and Reynolds

Our final day, day five, we will make our way back to Sheffield visiting the National Trust's Ightham Mote today, a superb moated manor house and garden, nestling in a sunken valley and dating from 1330. The main features of

the house span many centuries and include the Great Hall and Tudor chapel with a painted ceiling. and important 17th century

The cost for this trip is **£655.00pp** with a **£99.00** single supplement, subject to minimum numbers being met. All gratuities for coach, hotel and guides (Canterbury Cathedral) are also included. Please note for non National Trust members there will be additional entrance costs at all National Trust properties

All applicants should have their own travel insurance. Su3a cannot be responsible for any claims. This tour is arranged by Tailored Travel who provide travel insurance if needed. Moderate mobility is essential to enjoy this itinerary

Should there be sufficient interest an application form will appear in the Link's Open Group Supplement in August 2024

Please register your interest by **15th July** along with your membership number

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