



THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND

NATIONAL STUDY TOUR 2017

Thursday 18th May to Monday 22nd May 2017 Inclusive

THE HEART OF ENGLAND

(you'll love it!)

Share a charabanc to the Shires:
Shropshire, Hereford, Worcester & Warwick

- ❖ 5 Day coach tour from Edinburgh and Glasgow.
- ❖ Depart Edinburgh 8.30am; depart Glasgow 9.45am.
- ❖ Additional pick-up points can be made at Bothwell and Moffat.
- ❖ Visits to historic houses on both outward and return journeys, with additional comfort and refreshment breaks.
- ❖ Attractive and comfortable accommodation for four nights on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis in The Valley Hotel in historic Ironbridge - a World Heritage Site. The hotel is AA 3 star rated with an AA2 🌿 award winning restaurant. For full details see "Your Accommodation & Ironbridge".
- ❖ Prices from £585.00 per person.
- ❖ Single room supplements applicable.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

A varied programme including visits to industrial, architectural and ecclesiastical buildings, all with stunning interiors and all set within magnificent parks, gardens and landscapes.

Included in the tour are:-

- Hutton-in the Forest (outward journey).
- Guided tour of Ironbridge, Museums and Georgian house.
- Buildwas Abbey, ruin of Cistercian Abbey dating from 1135.
- Regency splendour of Attingham Park.
- Ancient Ludlow castle and its historic medieval town.
- St Laurence Ludlow*, fine Perpendicular style with lofty arcades.
- Croft Castle with pre-conquest, Georgian and gothic elements.
- Neo-classical Berrington Hall in Capability Brown landscape.
- Hereford Cathedral, home of Mappa Mundi & the Chained Library.
- Exuberantly baroque Hanbury Hall.
- Palladian Ragley Hall with impressive interiors.
- Malvern Priory* with Benedictine origins & outstanding 15th C glass.
- Perrycroft, an Arts & Crafts house by Voysey set in 10 acres of stunning Garden; a private tour by the owner.
- Blackwell, a Lakeland country house (return journey).

* Highly rated by Simon Jenkins in "England's Thousand Best Churches".

The tour itinerary details are still being finalised and accordingly the organisers reserve the right to make amendments to the places to be visited.

Remember Final Booking Date of Friday 13th March 2017

IMPORTANT BOOKING INFORMATION

All bookings must be made on the enclosed booking form.

Please refer to the attached Cancellation Policy for the tour.

We reserve the right to cancel the tour if by the Final Booking Date insufficient bookings have been received to ensure viability of the Study Tour or for any unforeseen circumstances.

Accessibility: attention is drawn to the fact that the tour involves a degree of walking. Due to the nature of the places we visit there may be entrance steps and access to upper levels may only be available via staircases. Surfaces may be uneven and there will be gradients to be negotiated on foot.

Accommodation: For further details please refer to the notes under the heading of "**YOUR ACCOMMODATION AND IRONBRIDGE**"

The Booking Form and a deposit of £100.00 per person must be returned to THE AHSS National Office, 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh EH1 2BE no later than Monday 13th March 2017.

Your initial deposit of £100.00 per person must accompany your booking form.

The final payment of the balance of the tour costs will be due for payment no later than Tuesday 18th April 2017.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION AND IRONBRIDGE

The Valley Hotel in Ironbridge is AA 3 star and is located within about 10 minutes walking distance of the famous Iron Bridge after which the town takes its name.

The hotel is a Georgian Grade II listed building with an interesting history and located within attractive grounds.

The hotel has comfortable bedrooms, all with en-suite facilities. Access to the hotel entrance is by 3 steps with a handrail. Alternative barrier-free access is available via the restaurant entrance. Most of the rooms are either twin or double. There is a limited number of single rooms available. A small number of twin/double rooms are available for single occupancy.

A single room supplement is applicable at an additional cost of £60.00 - refer to the booking form.

Due to its listed status there is no lift serving the upper floors. The majority of the bedrooms are located on the first and second floors. There is a limited number of rooms available at ground floor level and some rooms at first floor level which are accessible by a platform lift. Porterage facilities are available.

You can avoid the single occupancy supplement by sharing a twin room.

You must advise us at the time of booking if you have any dietary requirements.

Unless otherwise stated we hope to return to Ironbridge each day by approximately 6.00 - 6.30pm. Dinner will be at approximately 7.30pm each evening.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PER PERSON COST

- Travel by Luxury Coach.
- Four nights dinner, bed and full breakfast (incidental refreshments with meals not included).
- Morning coffee and lunch on the outward journey; lunch on each day and lunch and high tea on the return journey.
- If you hold National Trust for Scotland (NTS) and Historic Scotland (HS) membership cards admission will be free to National Trust (NT) and English Heritage (EH) properties.
- Entrance to privately owned properties is included in your tour price.

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WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- All incidental refreshments, drinks etc.
- If you are not a member of the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) and Historic Scotland (HS) you will have to pay the appropriate admission charges to The National Trust (NT) and English Heritage (EH) properties.
- If you not a member of NTS or HS, it could be worthwhile to join

CONFIRMATION OF BOOKING, PAYMENT OF BALANCE AND INFORMATION PACK

We shall write to you to confirm your booking as soon as practical after the Final Booking Date of 13th March 2017. This will be followed with a reminder of the final payment of the balance of the tour costs which must be received at the AHSS National Office no later than Tuesday 18th April 2017.

Confirmation of the departure times and pick up arrangements will be issued approximately two weeks prior to departure, plus details of telephone contacts for the hotel and the tour organisers.

The full Study Tour booklet will be distributed on the coach on Thursday 18th May 2017.

Any surplus from the event will be allocated to the AHSS funds.

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BOOKING CONDITIONS AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Due to the financial commitments being made by the AHSS in relation to the Study Tour to Ironbridge it has been necessary to introduce a strict policy in relation to any cancellations irrespective of the reason. The details are as follows:-

- (1) A booking will be considered as confirmed once the booking has been acknowledged and payment of the £100.00 deposit per person has been paid.
- (2) The final date for payment of the balance of the tour costs is Tuesday 18th April 2017.
- (3) Cancellations made prior to 18th April 2017 may result in the loss of your deposit dependent on the date of the cancellation and any costs which the AHSS has incurred prior to the date of cancellation.
- (4) If a cancellation is made after the 18th April 2017 a cancellation charge will be applicable. The amount of the cancellation charge will be dependent on whether or not your place on the tour can be filled by someone else and will take into account any costs, including hotel accommodation already incurred by the AHSS.
- (5) It should be noted that where you are sharing a room, cancellation by one person may incur a premium for single occupancy of a twin/double room by the remaining person.
- (6) All cancellation charges are at the discretion of National Office and only written notification of cancellation or of any changes to a booking will be accepted in any circumstance.
- (7) Bookings will only be accepted where you have read and agreed to the above and have ticked the relevant box on the booking form confirming your agreement to these terms and conditions in relation to cancellation of your booking.
- (8) You should advise us at the time of bookings if you have any special dietary requirements.
- (9) In the event that you need to cancel your booking you must notify this as soon as possible to:-

**The AHSS National Office: 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh EH1 2BE (Tel 0131 557 0019)
or Hamish Macbeth (Hon Treasurer: Tel: 0141 578 2280 (Day); 0141 339 1578 (Evening)).**

You are recommended to take out insurance to cover you in the event of having to cancel your booking.

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