The National Study Tour will be based in the historic town of Buxton in the Derbyshire Peak District and will visit some of the many ‘peak’ attractions in the area. Buxton is the highest market town in England and was developed in the 18th century by the Dukes of Devonshire as a Spa Town.

We shall be staying at the four-star Palace Hotel, built in 1863, Grade II listed, and located in the centre of Buxton. Accommodation will be on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis in double/twin or single bedrooms for four nights. The hotel is within walking distance of all the main attractions including the Opera House, Pavilion Gardens and Arts Centre, the Crescent, the Devonshire Dome. A tour of the architectural highlights in Buxton forms part of the itinerary.

The Peak District is designated as a National Park and within the area are some outstanding places of interest. The tour itinerary details are still in the process of being finalised and accordingly the organisers reserve the right to make amendments to the places to be visited but it is proposed to include the following:

• Chatsworth House, home of the Dukes of Devonshire, where we shall be having a special tour of the house and gardens prior to the normal public opening.
• Lyme Park (NT) as featured in “Pride & Prejudice”.
• St Michael’s Church Macclesfield(†) with Morris & Burne-Jones stained glass.
• Haddon Hall with its outstanding gardens: ancestral home of Lord Manners.
• Bakewell Church(†) with 15th and 16th Century memorials, misericords etc.
• Renishaw Hall and its Italianate Gardens: home to the Sitwell family for over 400 years and the notable artistic trio of Edith, Osbert and Sacheverell Sitwell.
• Bolsover Castle (EH) dating from the early 17th century.
• Hardwick Hall, dynastic architecture of 1590s built by Bess of Hardwick.
• Lea Gardens, Matlock, a rhododendron garden at an altitude of 700 feet, ideal in May.

† Both churches are three-star rated by Simon Jenkins in “England’s Thousand Best Churches”.

COST OF THE STUDY TOUR:
Price £580 per person with a Single Room Supplement of £70. Single rooms will be subject to availability.
HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE ON THE NATIONAL STUDY TOUR 2019

Before completing the booking form please refer to the Cancellation Policy for the tour.
All bookings must be made using the enclosed booking form which should be detached and completed on both sides. The remainder of the tour prospectus should be retained by you as it contains useful information.
The Booking Form and a deposit of £100 per person must be returned to The AHSS National Office, 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh EH1 2BE no later than Friday 30th November 2018.
Your initial deposit of £100 per person must accompany your booking form.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION AND BUXTON

We shall be staying at the four-star Palace Hotel, built in 1863. The hotel is a Victorian Grade II listed building and is located within five acres of landscaped grounds.
The hotel has comfortable bedrooms, all with en-suite facilities. Access to the hotel entrance is by 3 steps with a handrail and assistance is available. Most of the rooms are either twin or double rooms but some are available for single occupancy.
A single room supplement is applicable at an additional cost of £70 - refer to the booking form.
The hotel has a passenger lift but this does not serve all floors. Please indicate your preference on the booking form by ticking the appropriate box.
You can avoid the single occupancy supplement by sharing a twin room and you should fill in details of both parties on the booking form.
If you have any special dietary needs or requests you must advise us at the time of booking of your requirements.
Unless otherwise stated we hope to return to Buxton 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 FOR THE 5 DAY TOUR

• Travel by Luxury Coach
• Attractive and comfortable accommodation for four nights on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis in the Palace Hotel in Buxton (AA 4 star rated) – see “Your Accommodation & Buxton” for details.
• Morning coffee on the outward journey and light lunches each day.
• Entrance to privately owned properties is included in your tour price.
• If you hold National Trust for Scotland (NTS) or National Trust (NT) and Historic Scotland (HS) or English Heritage (EH) membership cards, admission will be free to National Trust and English Heritage properties respectively.
WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED

• All incidental refreshments, drinks etc.
• If you are not a member of the NTS, NT, HS or EH you may have to pay the appropriate admission charges to The National Trust and English Heritage properties.

ACCESSIBILITY

Attention is drawn to the fact that the tour involves a degree of walking. Due to the historic 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. Access for the coach to historic properties may be located at designated parking located a distance from the actual property. Refer also to the notes under the heading of “YOUR ACCOMMODATION AND BUXTON”.

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 30th November 2018. This will be followed with a reminder for the final payment of the balance of the tour costs which must be received at the AHSS National Office no later than Friday 5th April 2019.

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 tour organisers.

The full Study Tour booklet will be distributed on the coach on Thursday 9th May 2019

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

Please return the completed booking form no later than Friday 30th November 2018 along with your deposit to: The AHSS National Office, 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh EH1 2BE

BOOKING CONDITIONS AND CANCELLATION POLICY: CANCELLATION BY THE AHSS

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

Due to the financial commitments being made by the AHSS in relation to the Study Tour to Buxton it has been necessary to introduce a strict policy in relation to any cancellations:

1. Booking will be considered as confirmed once the booking has been acknowledged and payment of the £100 deposit per person has been paid.
2. Final date for payment of the balance of the tour costs is Friday 5th April 2019.
3. If for any reason you need to cancel your booking you must do so by notifying the AHSS National Office: 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh EH1 2BE (telephone 0131 557 0019).
4. Cancellations made prior to 5th April 2019 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.
5. If a cancellation is made after the 5th April 2019 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 it will also take into account any costs, including hotel accommodation, already incurred by the AHSS.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

It is recommended that you take out insurance to cover you in the event of having to cancel your booking.
BOOKING FORM
THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL STUDY TOUR 2019
– PEAK DISTRICT PEAK ATTRACTIONS
Thursday 9th – Monday 13th May 2019

Please complete both sides of the form in BLOCK CAPITALS and complete all the details requested. If booking a twin-bedded room to share please ensure both names are given.

Name (1): ..................................................................................................................................................
Address: ...................................................................................................................... Post Code:...................
Telephone: (Day)........................................................................................................(Evening).............................
Email: ..........................................................................................................................................................

Name (2): ..................................................................................................................................................
Address: ...................................................................................................................... Post Code:..................
Telephone: (Day)........................................................................................................(Evening).............................
Email: ..........................................................................................................................................................

Member of National Trust for Scotland (NTS or NT) YES □ NO □
Member of Historic Scotland or English Heritage (HS or EH) YES □ NO □

I confirm that I have read and agreed to the Cancellation Policy for Bookings □ (please tick the box)

Please reserve the following accommodation - please tick the appropriate boxes:

  Double Room □  2 people at £580 per person  Total Cost £1,160  £
  Twin Room □  2 people at £580 per person  Total Cost £1,160  £
  Single Room □  One person at £650  Total cost £650  £

  TOTAL COST OF BOOKING:  £

Please advise us if you have any special dietary needs or requests in the space below:


Please tick your place of departure: □ Edinburgh □ Glasgow

Do you require your room to be located on a floor served by the lift? □ Please tick box.

I enclose a cheque for the deposit of £100 per person. Refer to the Cancellation Policy for Bookings.
□ Total deposit enclosed £

Cheque(s) should be made payable to “The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland”

Please return the completed booking form no later than Friday 30th November 2018 along with your deposit to: The AHSS National Office, 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh EH1 2BE