

2 Day Taster Breaks

This year's programme of Taster Breaks in the following pages includes popular favourites, as well as a number of interesting new tours.

These two-day breaks are a great opportunity to try somewhere new for the first time or enjoy a refreshing change of scene. If you're new to PS Travel, or coach travel in general, then perhaps try a Taster Break to sample a taste of the professional and personal service we provide on all our tours!

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Snowdrops Splendours

Sunday 23rd February

Brighten up the winter days and celebrate the first signs of Spring as we visit two gardens renowned for their seasonal displays of snowdrops.

We visit two gardens on this tour; East Lambrook Manor and National Trusts Kingston Lacy Gardens.

A walk through Kingston Lacy's gardens at this time of year you will find carpets of brilliant white. The snowdrop walk stretches through the 40 acre garden for one and a half miles.

East Lambrook Manor Gardens is the iconic and quintessentially English cottage garden created by the celebrated 20th-century plantswoman and gardening writer Margery Fish.

The English Heritage Grade 1 listed garden is characterised by many winding paths through abundant borders and is renowned as the premier example of the English cottage garden style. It has noted collections of snowdrops.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Hallmark Hotel Bournemouth Carlton.

SUNDAY - We travel to East Lambrook Manor Gardens where you have time to wander around the gardens before continuing to our hotel where we are welcomed with a cream tea.

MONDAY - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and travel to Kingston Lacy. We then continue our journey home

£180 per person
£18.00 single room supplement

£9.50 reduction for
National Trust Members

Tutankhamun Final World Tour

Sunday 8th March

Commemorating the centenary of the discovery that captivated the world, the largest collection of King Tutankhamun's treasures ever to travel out of Egypt will be at the Saatchi Gallery in London for a limited run

TUTANKHAMUN: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh features more than 150 original artifacts from Tutankhamun's tomb, with 60 on their first journey outside Egypt.

Discover the legend of the golden king before the historic treasures return to Cairo to be permanently housed with Tutankhamun's full collection at the new Grand Egyptian Museum.

You also have a free day to explore London at your leisure whether it will be visiting more museums or perhaps some shopping.

We will be staying overnight with bed and breakfast at the Hilton London Kensington Hotel (Holland Park).

SUNDAY - We travel to London and our hotel where we drop you off and then you have the rest of the day free to explore London at your leisure.

MONDAY - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and travel to The Saatchi Gallery where we have a free flow visit of the Tutankhamun exhibition before we depart for the journey home.

£205 per person
£50 single room supplement

Mother Day Blooms in Cornwall

Sunday 22nd March

This Mother's Day join us for a great gardening getaway as we visit one of Cornwall's most inspirational gardens.

**MOTHER'S
DAY**

Experience a unique gateway to a fascinating world of plants as we visit Cornwall's famous Eden Project, a giant and dramatic global garden with enormous biospheres containing a temperate zone and a living rainforest - the largest and most spectacular plant house in the world! At this time of year, Eden is a riot of dazzling Spring colours as more than a million bulbs burst into flower. Beds of poppies and Mediterranean shrubs bloom in the Mediterranean Biome, and outside you'll find swathes of tulips and a wonderful selection of English wild flowers to admire.

Also, we are treated to a local cream tea on arrival at our overnight hotel.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the modern Esplanade Hotel, ideally located overlooking Fistral Beach in the Cornish seaside resort of Newquay. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi and sauna.

SUNDAY - We travel to Newquay and our hotel where you will have free time to explore the resort as well as enjoy a cream tea served at the hotel.

MONDAY - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and travel to the Eden Project where we have a free flow visit before our journey home.

£190 per person
£20 single room supplement

Thriplow Daffodils

Saturday 28th March

Join us on our tour to Thriplow where each year the village celebrates 'Daffodil Weekend'. Since the event began in 1969, thousands of visitors have been drawn from all over the UK to this much loved annual extravaganza.

You are free to explore the village and enjoy the festival which is a 'Celebration of Spring'. Step back in time walking the beautiful traffic-free lanes and footpaths with verges swathed in daffodils of differing varieties, visit residents open gardens, craft barns, marquees, stalls and demonstrations, and experience the warm and friendly atmosphere.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Mercure Letchworth Hall Hotel.

SATURDAY - We travel to St Albans Hertfordshire's oldest town. We have free time here to perhaps explore the Cathedral and wander through to the Roman Mosaic before continuing to our overnight hotel.

SUNDAY - After breakfast, we head to Thriplow where you have the full day to explore. Daffodil Weekend is a village community with around 450 residents working together. Virtually everyone in the village does something towards the event, be it baking cakes, helping serve teas, working in the car park or picking up the litter at the end of the day, to bring off one of the best-loved charity events in Cambridgeshire. We then depart for the journey home.

£175 per person

£20 single room supplement

Beautiful Llangollen

Friday 17th April

Nestled in the beautiful Dee Valley of North Wales, under the watchful gaze of the Dinas Bran Castle, lies ancient Llangollen. Set on the River Dee and surrounded by hills, this idyllic town is steeped in medieval history.

Experience some of the most splendid scenery this part of the world has to offer as we board the historic Llangollen Railway for a delightful train journey alongside the River Dee.

You will also be treated to a canal boat cruise on the Llangollen Canal, with a ploughman's lunch included on board. Sit back, relax and savour spectacular views as you enjoy two hours of cruising along the Dee Valley, gliding gently through the Vale of Llangollen and across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct - the largest of its kind and known as 'The Stream in the Sky'. This masterpiece of engineering is supported by 18 stone piers and towers 126 feet above the river.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Buckatree Hall Hotel Wellington.

FRIDAY - We travel to the village and station of Carrog where we have free time to enjoy the village and the station tea room before boarding the Llangollen Railway for our trip to Llangollen Station. We then continue to our overnight hotel.

SATURDAY - After breakfast, there will be free time to explore Llangollen at your leisure. We then embark on a 2-hour canal boat cruise, enjoying a ploughman's lunch on board with informative commentary throughout. We then re-board the coach for our journey home.

£199 per person

£20 single room supplement

Gower Peninsular & Cardiff Bay

Sunday 26th April

Join us for a nostalgic journey on this captivating new tour to Wales.

We start with a visit to the Gower Heritage Centre where we first enjoy a guided tour of the mill. We start from the Water Wheel moving to the Corn and sawmills then onto the Miller's cottage and the Blacksmith's shop. After this a light lunch before we re-board the coach for a guided tour of the Gower Peninsula incorporating the UNESCO Rhossili Bay.

We also head to Cardiff where we enjoy a return cruise around Cardiff Bay where you can enjoy the beautiful scenery including Cardiff Castle. Then plenty of time to enjoy the many sights of Cardiff at your leisure.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the prestigious Vale Resort nestled within a 650-acre estate.

SUNDAY - We travel to The Gower Heritage Centre for our guided tour, light lunch and the 2 hour guided coach tour of the Gower Peninsula. We then continue to our hotel.

MONDAY - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and head to Cardiff Bay for our hour-long boat cruise before free time in Cardiff. We then continue our journey home.

£219 per person

£43 single room supplement

Sezincote & The Cotswolds

Sunday 10th May

Join us again for a much-requested repeat trip to enjoy a glimpse into a quintessentially English region where time seems to stand still, as we journey into Shakespeare Country to explore the wonders of Warwickshire and the Cotswolds.

We uncover the charming Cotswold towns of Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water and their timeless beauty.

Nothing quite prepares you for the splendour of our main destination Sezincote.

Set in 4500 acres of rolling 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.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Mercure Warwickshire Walton Hall & Spa Hotel

SUNDAY - We travel into the Cotswolds. Where we begin with a visit to Bourton-on-the-Water, known as the 'Venice of the Cotswolds' for its delightful bridges crossing the River Windrush, we then continue to Stow-on-the-Wold, renowned for its craft and antique shops, art galleries and historic market square.

MONDAY - We depart the hotel for our excursion to Sezincote. We have included an out of hours private guided tour of the house followed by free time to explore the gardens. We then continue to Cheltenham for our lunchtime stop before our journey home.

£189 per person

£25 single room supplement

Settle-Carlisle Railway & Liverpool Mersey Cruise

Sunday 24th May

The highlight of the tour is a fantastic train journey onboard the historic Settle-Carlisle Railway, a line renowned as one of the most scenic in England.

Savour wonderful views as the gentle journey takes you through the lush rolling hills of the Eden Valley and the glorious Yorkshire Dales National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty.

See the best of the legendary city of Liverpool, as we enjoy a Merseyside River Explorer Cruise before having free time to enjoy many of the iconic UNESCO world heritage waterfront sights or walk in the footsteps of the legendary Beatles.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Hallmark Hotel in the cathedral city of Carlisle.

SUNDAY - We travel to Liverpool and join our Merseyside River Explorer trip before free time in this vibrant city. We then continue to our hotel in Carlisle.

MONDAY - After breakfast, we board the train at Carlisle station for a ride on the Settle-Carlisle Railway. The scenic journey takes you through the Eden Valley and through the longest tunnel on the line at Blea Moor, and over the 24 arches of the Ribbleshead Viaduct to arrive in Skipton North Yorkshire. You will have some free time before we meet our coach for the journey home.

£199 per person

£22 single room supplement



The Heart of England Belvoir Castle & Barnsdale Gardens

Sunday 7th June

Join us for this fantastic fun-filled break to the Heart of England.

Explore famous Barnsdale Gardens in Rutland, creation of the late Geoff Hamilton, Britain's best-loved television gardener, where he presented BBC's *Gardeners' World*. Discover the delightful eight-acre garden containing 37 individual gardens and take home a number of inspiring and practical ideas.

We also enjoy a visit to Leicestershire's magical Belvoir Castle and Gardens. The ancient ancestral home of the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, it occupies a commanding position with breathtaking views across the Vale of Belvoir and boasts extensive grounds with a beautiful selection of individual gardens to explore.

We will be staying bed and breakfast with an evening meal at the Olde Barne Hotel in Grantham.

SUNDAY - We depart for our visit to Belvoir Castle. Enjoy a free-flow visit at your own pace before we continue to our overnight hotel in Grantham.

MONDAY - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and make a short visit to the beautifully preserved riverside town of Stamford where you will have time to enjoy the charming cobbled streets and fine Georgian buildings. Our journey continues to Rutland, England's smallest county, for our visit to Barnsdale Gardens.

£185 per person

£18 single room supplement

War on the Line

Sunday 21st June

Another new tour for this year where you can transport yourself back in time to the 1940s, against the backdrop of a Second World War railway, to experience the 'Blitz Spirit'.

FATHERS'S
DAY

We travel on the Mid Hants Railway - Watercress Line where during this special event you can enjoy unlimited travel and mingle with civilian and military re-enactors. Hop off at each station to explore period displays, music, dancing and vintage vehicles.

We will also visit the unspoiled city of Winchester, England's ancient capital. Enjoy the various attractions at your leisure from the Great Hall or perhaps the famous Cathedral.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Winchester Royal Hotel a 16th Century hotel set right in the heart of this city.

SUNDAY - We travel to the Mid Hants railway where you have a full day to enjoy the attractions before we continue to our hotel in Winchester.

MONDAY - You have a free day today to explore the many sights of Winchester at leisure before the journey home.

£209 per person

£25 single room supplement

Severn Valley Railway 1940s Weekend

Saturday 4th July

On this particular weekend of the year, we turn the clock's back to the 1940s with this light-hearted journey back to wartime Britain.

This is one of Severn Valley railways most popular events which include costumed re-enactors at the stations and on the trains, performers and entertainers to create the mood, replica 1940's house complete with family, displays of historic civilian and military vehicles, air-raid shelter and a flypast by the "Battle of Britain Memorial Flight".

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Hallmark Hotel in Birmingham.

SATURDAY - We travel to the Severn Valley Railway 1940s event. You are free to travel the railway and visit the stations and events available throughout the day at your leisure before we continue to our overnight hotel.

SUNDAY - After an early breakfast, we head back to the Severn Valley Railway 1940s event. You are free to travel the railway and visit the stations and events available throughout the day at your leisure. We then depart for the journey home.

£225 per person

£20 single room supplement

Derbyshire Delights

Sunday 12th July

Join us for a nostalgic journey on this captivating new tour to Derbyshire.

Step back in time as we visit riverside Oxford, home to royalty and scholars for over 800 years.

We start with a visit to Wirksworth, known as the Gem of the Peak. This historic market town is a fascinating place to explore, with its narrow streets and maze of interesting alleyways where little has changed over the last 150 years. Later, relive the nostalgia of rail travel as we join The Ecclesbourne Valley Railway through one of Derbyshire's most lovely and unspoiled valleys from Wirksworth to Duffield.

We also visit Kedleston Hall. Set in historic parkland, the spectacular neoclassical mansion was designed specifically for lavish entertaining. Discover the wonderful historic interiors and learn more about the family history.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4* Hallmark Derby Mickleover Court Hotel.

SUNDAY - We travel to Wirksworth where we have free time before joining our train. We then continue to our hotel in Derby.

MONDAY - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and head to Kedleston Hall where we have a free flow visit before our journey home.

£195 per person

£20 single room supplement



BBC Countryfile at Blenheim Palace

Thursday 30th July

Join us on a new tour for this year.

This huge and exciting event combines the tradition of the UK's best county fairs with the quality editorial and presentation of one of the BBC's flagship programmes BBC Countryfile, held within the spectacular grounds of Sir Winston Churchill's birthplace Blenheim Palace.

Enjoy exciting live arena shows, talks, hands-on activities, Adam Henson's farm, animal displays, farming in action, Q&A with the Countryfile presenters, off-road experiences, shopping from more than 700 exhibitors including food, craft and luxury producers and even a great British pub garden.

Also step back in time as we visit riverside Oxford, home to royalty and scholars for over 800 years. Here you will find a delightful blend of historic buildings, splendid architecture, museums and great shopping, plus of course the world-famous university.

We stay overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Doubletree by Hilton Oxford Belfry Hotel.

THURSDAY - We travel to Oxford where you have a full day to explore at your leisure before we continue to our overnight hotel.

FRIDAY - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and travel to Blenheim Palace and BBC Countryfile. We have a full day here before we then depart for the journey home.

£209 per person

£25 single room supplement

West Midlands Sail & Tales

Sunday 2nd August

Join us as we visit the Dudley Canal & Tunnel Trust Cruise. The canal system passes through impressive limestone caverns made by man to access the raw materials that changed our world forever.

We also visit the beautiful Winterbourne House & Gardens which is a rare surviving example of an early 20th Century villa and gardens.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Hallmark Hotel Birmingham.

SUNDAY - We travel to the Dudley Canal Trust where we join our return canal boat cruise. After we then continue to our overnight hotel.

MONDAY - Today we travel to Winterbourne House & Gardens where we have a free flow visit through the house & gardens at your leisure. We then re-board our coach for the journey home.

£185 per person

£20 single room supplement

Bletchley Park & Waddesdon Manor

Thursday 3rd September

Bletchley Park was known as Station X in World War II and it was here that German secret codes were broken.

See one of the Enigma Machines, visit fascinating exhibitions, view the Churchill Collection and explore the ornate Victorian Mansion, headquarters to intelligence staff during the war. There is also a new 'Hut 11' exhibition, a restored and refurbished wartime hut, nicknamed the "Hell Hole" by the Women's Royal Naval Service who operated the Bombe machines, because it was so hot and noisy.

Discover the National Trust's magnificent Waddesdon Manor with us too, built in the style of a 16th-century French château for Baron de Rothschild in the late 19th century. Perched on a hilltop overlooking the Vale of Aylesbury, it boasts a world-renowned collection of French furniture, paintings and decorative arts. Outside you'll find a fine Victorian garden, famous for its exceptional seasonal displays, colourful shrubs, mature trees, beautiful panoramas, fountains and rose garden. There is also the opportunity to explore the wine cellars and aviary, which is home to a fantastic collection of exotic birds.

We stay overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Mercure Letchworth Hall Hotel in Hertfordshire. Dating back to 1625 this quintessential Olde English Manor house is set within 8 acres of gardens.

THURSDAY - We travel to Buckinghamshire for our visit to Waddesdon Manor, where you will have time to explore the house and gardens, browse the gift shop or visit the wine shop with its renowned Rothschild wines.

FRIDAY - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and travel to Bletchley Park. Our visit includes a self-guided tour, with use of their new and informative multi-media hand-held guides. We then depart for the journey home.

£199 per person

£20 single room supplement

£11 reduction for

National Trust Members

Journey Down Memory Lane

Thursday 10th September

Join us on our new tour to Brick Lane Music Hall.

Music Hall is a form of entertainment that emerged when the British working classes came together in the rapidly growing Victorian towns and cities across Britain.

In its heyday, there were more than three hundred music halls in London alone.

We enjoy a totally unique venue and performance of a "Cockney Sing-Song Show". Join in or just sit back and enjoy the good old "ding-dong".

We also enjoy a full day of sightseeing at your leisure in the beautiful Roman town of St Albans.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Marriott Cheshunt Hotel in Hertfordshire

THURSDAY - We head straight to Brick Lane for our afternoon performance of "Cockney Sing-Song Show" and we are served a mid-show mini afternoon tea. After the show, we continue to our overnight hotel.

FRIDAY - We travel to St Albans Hertfordshire's oldest town. We have free time here to perhaps explore the Cathedral and wander through to the Roman Mosaic. We then depart for the journey home.

£209 per person

£25 single room supplement

Powis Castle & The Black & White Villages

Friday 11th September

A new tour for this year as we visit the stunning setting of Powis Castle & Gardens. The World famous gardens with French and Italian styles still retains many of its original features including lead statues and an orangery on the terrace. Rising high above the gardens is the magnificent castle originally built circa 1200 being remodeled and embellished for over 400 years.

We also enjoy a scenic drive through the Black & White Villages including medieval Pembridge, Kington on the River Arrow and Weobley, the "Jewel in the Crown" of the trail.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Buckatree Hall Hotel near Wellington.

FRIDAY - We travel through the famous Black & White Villages before continuing to our hotel.

SATURDAY - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and travel to Powis Castle & Gardens. We have a free flow visit here for you to enjoy at your own leisure. We then depart for the journey home.

£185 per person

£20 single room supplement

£12 reduction for

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London & Classical Spectacular at The Royal Albert Hall

Friday 20th November

A great trip to London which includes an evening at the Royal Albert Hall, one of the most famous entertainment venues in the world, to see the sensational 'Classical Spectacular', the UK's most popular classical music show!

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra returns to play all the classics at this magnificent and unique event, which combines the best in classical music and state of the art technology, with multi-coloured laser displays, can-can dancers and dazzling special effects, bringing to life the scenes and moods evoked by each piece. A cast of over 200 musicians perform a superb programme, featuring some of the world's best loved classical music, including 'Rule Britannia', 'Zadok the Priest', the Grand March from 'Aida', 'Land of Hope and Glory', 'Ride of the Valkyries' and the famous '1812 Overture' with thundering cannons, muskets and indoor fireworks. Seats at The Royal Albert Hall are in the Grand Tier Boxes.

We will be staying overnight with bed and breakfast at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel in fashionable Kensington, ideally situated near Hyde Park, The Natural History Museum, The Victoria & Albert Museum and The Science Museum. It is also on a main bus route and just a short walk from the underground tube station.

FRIDAY - We travel to London, arriving early afternoon. You cannot check into your room until 3pm, but you may leave your luggage with concierge whilst you relax at the hotel or do some sightseeing. In the evening we depart by coach from the hotel and travel the short distance to the Royal Albert Hall, for the evening performance of the Classical Spectacular.

SATURDAY - After breakfast at the hotel, the day is yours to explore London at your own pace before we depart at 4pm for the journey home.

£269 per person

£65 single room supplement

Devonshire Splendours

Sunday 11th October

This new tour visits the heart of Devon and two of its stately homes.

We visit Buckland Abbey & Estate which was originally a Cistercian Abbey founded in 1278. It remained an abbey until 1541 by King Henry VIII. Now owned by the National Trust, you are able to explore the house where you can walk in the footsteps of monks and explore the great barn and gardens.

Our second stately home is Powderham Castle "The home of Devon" since 1391. You can discover over 600 years of the Courtenay family history and see magnificent architecture and splendid interiors as well as the 3500-acre garden estate.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Copthorne Hotel Plymouth, right in the heart of this vibrant city.

SUNDAY - We travel to National Trusts Buckland Abbey where we have a free flow visit before we continue to our hotel in Plymouth.

MONDAY - We depart after breakfast and head to Powderham Castle where you have a free flow visit before we continue our journey home.

£210 per person

£25 single room supplement

£10 reduction for
National Trust Members

Chatsworth at Christmas Time

Sunday 22nd November

Get into the festive mood with this popular break to visit grand Chatsworth House in the Peak District, home to the Dukes of Devonshire.

Experience 'The Palace of the Peaks' at its most magical time as the house is dressed for the festive season with stunning displays, sparkling lights and glittering decorations - a truly unique and memorable festive experience.

As a special treat, we have included a Christmas lunch in Chatsworth's converted 18th-century stables, one of the oldest buildings on the estate.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast in the vibrant Yorkshire city of Sheffield, at the 4* Copthorne Sheffield Hotel.

SUNDAY - We begin today with a short visit to Evesham Country Park in the picturesque Vale of Evesham, with time at leisure to explore the garden centre and browse for gifts in the courtyard shops. We then continue to Stratford-upon-Avon beside the River Severn, the birthplace of William Shakespeare and renowned for its beautiful black and white buildings, where we enjoy a lunchtime visit before continuing to South Yorkshire and our hotel in Sheffield.

MONDAY - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and travel into Derbyshire to reach Chatsworth House. You will have free time here to explore the beautifully decorated house, take a stroll around the gardens and browse the elegant gift shops for Christmas gifts. You are then treated to an included Christmas lunch before we depart for the journey home.

£210 per person

£20 single room supplement

Christmas at Kew & Stonor Park

Saturday 28th November

Discover the world's most famous garden, when twilight falls the magic begins as a seasonal illuminated extravaganza lights up the Royal Botanic Gardens. Wander between glowing waterside reflections, illuminated fountains and grand glasshouses as Kew's iconic architecture and unique tree canopies are brought to life drenched in Christmas colour.

Welcome also to Stonor Park home to the Stonor family for over 850 years. The house will be beautifully decorated for Christmas just as it is for the family each year, revealing all its grand and sparkling glory during this festive season.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4* Copthorne Slough Hotel. The hotel has leisure facilities including a swimming pool.

SATURDAY - We travel to Windsor before we continue to our hotel to check-in and for an early arranged dinner at the hotel. We then make our visit to Kew Gardens at twilight. This is an outdoor event with no covered areas and in some areas low-level lighting.

SUNDAY - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and travel to Stonor Park where you have free time before we depart for the journey home.

£209 per person

£25 single room supplement



Christmas at Leeds Castle

Thursday 10th December

Your first breathtaking vision of "The loveliest castle in the world" Leeds Castle you may never forget. Rising majestically from the moat as it has done for over 900 years.

With this tour, we step back in time to Christmas stories of old and see the magnificent rooms beautifully displayed with glittering decorations and fragrant pine trees. Also at this festive time there is a Christmas Market here. Our trip also visits Royal Windsor which at this festive time of year is beautifully decorated and ideal for present shopping with its quirky range of shops.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Tudor Park Marriott Hotel & Country Club Maidstone. The hotel has leisure facilities including a swimming pool.

THURSDAY - We travel to Windsor and our lunchtime stop with time to do that little bit of essential Christmas shopping. We then continue to our hotel in Maidstone.

FRIDAY - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and travel to Festive Leeds Castle Maidstone where we enjoy a free flow visit before we depart for the journey home.

£185 per person

£25 single room supplement

Christmas at Upton House 1920's style.

Tuesday 15th December

Join us for a glimpse into a quintessentially English region where time seems to stand still, as we journey into Shakespeare Country to explore the wonders of Warwickshire.

If you're looking for something a little different this Christmas, Upton House gives you the chance to see first hand how the new owners in the 1920s created a Christmas family home perfectly in keeping with the arrival of the jazz era. Art Deco highlights in the house include the crystal and silver dining room and a department store feature upstairs, complete with a 1920s Christmas window display.

You also have the opportunity for Christmas shopping in Stratford-upon-Avon with big named brands or unique little shops or perhaps visit many of the attractions here.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Mercure Warwickshire Walton Hall & Spa Hotel

TUESDAY - We travel to Stratford-upon-Avon where you have free time for shopping or perhaps visit one of the many attractions before we continue to our overnight hotel.

WEDNESDAY - We depart the hotel for Upton House & Gardens where we have included a guided tour and a 2 course lunch. We then continue our journey home.

£209 per person

£25 single room supplement



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