

The Arts Society Taunton presents

The Historic Houses, Heritage & Castles of Kent

6 days from £954 Departs 14th September 2025



FEATURES

- 4* hotel
- Half board accommodation
- All excursion travel & guided tours included
- Entrance fees to non-National Trust properties included
- Blue Badge guide on Days 2 to 5
- Executive coach throughout

WHAT WE WILL SEE

- Chartwell
- Canterbury Cathedral – guided tour
- Leeds Castle
- Dover Castle & Secret Wartime Tunnels
- Walmer Castle & Gardens
- Ightham Mote
- Knole House & Deer Park
- Rye
- Sissinghurst Castle Garden
- Hever Castle & Gardens

ACCOMMODATION

We stay five nights on a half board basis at the 4* Ashford International Hotel on the outskirts of Ashford (www.ashfordhotel.co.uk). Facilities at the hotel include a restaurant, bar, swimming pool, gymnasium, sauna, and a steam room. All of our allocated Classic Rooms are en suite and feature television, telephone, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. A set 3 course dinner without drinks is included in our hotel on the first night. A choice 3 course dinner without drinks is included in our hotel on the remaining four nights of our tour.

EXTRAS TO YOUR TOUR

- Insurance (including Covid cover) £34
- Single room supplement £149
- Entrance fees to National Trust properties (free to NT members)
- Gratuities
- Lunches
- Donations at the cathedrals visited

Price based on twin share. Minimum numbers required. Normal booking conditions apply.



Sissinghurst Castle Garden

For more information on this tour contact your Group Organiser

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Ightham Mote

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Canterbury Cathedral



Leeds Castle



Walmer Castle



Hever Castle

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Day 1

We board our private executive coach at our designated pick up points, and en route to our hotel we 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. We continue to the 4* Ashford International Hotel on the outskirts of Ashford for a five night stay on a half board basis.

Day 2

Our Blue Badge guide meets us at our hotel this morning and accompanies us throughout the day. This morning 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'. Leeds Castle is our destination this afternoon. Set in 500 acres of beautiful parkland and offering over 1,000 years of history, the Castle has Norman foundations, a mediaeval gatehouse, a Tudor tower and a 19th century country house - all of which were substantially refurbished in the 20th century by the last private owner of the castle, Lady Baillie, the heiress to an American fortune.

Day 3

With our Blue Badge guide we visit the English Heritage's Dover Castle and Secret Wartime Tunnels, dating back to 1066 and one of the mightiest of fortresses in Western Europe. Guarding the Straits of Dover, the Castle occupies a site that has witnessed more than 2,000 years of history. This afternoon we visit the English Heritage's Walmer Castle and Gardens, transformed from a Tudor castle into the elegant home and residence of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. The late HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother enjoyed many summers here.

Day 4

The National Trust's Ightham Mote is our destination with our Blue Badge guide this morning, 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. We then visit 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 and important 17th century tapestries.

Day 5

We spend the morning at leisure in Rye. Built on smuggled secrets and timeless tales, Rye has nooks and crannies to explore and distant views across Romney Marsh to ponder. The National Trust's Sissinghurst Castle Garden is our destination this afternoon with our Blue Badge guide. Developed around the surviving parts of an Elizabethan mansion, the gardens provide outstanding design and colour throughout the season.

Day 6

After checking out of our hotel, and en route home we visit Hever Castle and Gardens. Dating back to 1270 when the gatehouse, outer walls and the inner moat were first built, the Tudor manor house was constructed within the walls 200 years later by the Boleyn family, and this was the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife. Taking carefully selected comfort stops en route we return back to our original pick up points.

NB:- Please note we reserve the right to alter the above itinerary if required for operational reasons. Given the historic nature of the places visited, a certain degree of walking will be involved, and this holiday may not be suitable for those with mobility problems.

Booking Form

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Title	First Name	Surname	Date of Birth	Twin/Double/ Single Room	I Wish to Share	Require Insurance?	Are You A National Trust Member?
			DD/MM/YY		YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO
			DD/MM/YY		YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO
			DD/MM/YY		YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO
			DD/MM/YY		YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO

Address of First Named Passenger Above

Address _____

Postcode _____

Mobile Telephone _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Special Requests & Dietary Requirements

Next of Kin Details

Name _____

Relationship (eg son or daughter) _____

Telephone Number _____

Alternative Insurance Details

Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____

Telephone Number _____

Payment Details

I enclose Non Refundable Deposit @ £100.00 per person = **£**
 (Payable Immediately)

I enclose Full amount @ £954.00 per person = **£**
 (payable by 20th July 2025)

I enclose Single room supplement @ £149.00 per person = **£**
 (payable by 20th July 2025)

I enclose Insurance (including 20% Insurance Premium Tax)
 @ £34.00 per person = **£**
 (Payable immediately)

I enclose Cheques made payable to Tailored Travel and returnable with completed booking form to Helen Phillips, Westowe Stud, Westowe, Lydeard St. Lawrence, Taunton TA4 3SH £

Client Declaration

I warrant that I am authorised to make this booking and that I have read, understand and accept for myself and all others named above, the Booking Conditions, and other information set out in any brochure/leaflet relevant to my holiday. I am 18 years old or over (if under 18 years of age, this Booking Form may be signed by your Parent/Guardian)

For Credit or Debit Card Payments

Credit cards or Debit cards can be used for the deposit but only debit cards can be used for the final balance payment

I wish to pay my deposit by Credit Card Debit Card

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I authorise you to deduct the deposit for this holiday now and any outstanding balance eight weeks before departure

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