

HAMPSHIRE & WINCHESTER

WHAT'S INCLUDED

5 days / 4 nights' duration
Monday 16th- Friday 20th June 2025
 Return Executive Coach Travel
 4 nights half board
3* Chilworth Manor Hotel
 Excursion package as detailed overleaf

PRICES & SUPPLEMENTS

Minimum 30 passengers **£849pp** two share
 Minimum 25 passengers **£869pp** two share
 Sole use supplement **£99** (4 nights) max 20 rooms
 Deposit **£150pp** (non-refundable/ non-transferable)
 Balance due in full by the **25.04.25**
 Optional Travel Insurance – details tbc

HIGHLIGHTS

- Brockworth Court & Gardens + Light Lunch
- Salisbury Cathedral
- Arundells Guided Tour
- Mottisfont (NT)
- Historic Dockyard Portsmouth (+ Mary Rose)
- Winchester Great Hall
- Winchester Cathedral
- The Hospital of St Cross Guided Tour
- Bombay Sapphire Discovery Experience Tour
- Sudeley Castle + 2 Course Lunch

HOW TO BOOK

Complete the attached booking form and return with your non-refundable deposit to: **Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR.**
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Hospital of St Cross



Mary Rose



Mottisfont NT



Great Hall Round Table



Proposed itinerary

Monday Day 1 – Departing Knutsford approx. **9am**, we travel south making a comfort break enroute to **Brockworth Court & Gardens** in Gloucestershire. This is an atmospheric, part-timbered house dating from the 1290's, with additions in later centuries. A **House tour** of this property visited by Henry V111 and Anne Boleyn in 1535 is included. It has an informal tapestry style garden which beautifully complements the period manor house which it surrounds. There is a natural fish pond with Monet bridge leading to a small island with a thatched Fijian house and a kitchen garden, once cultivated by the monks when it belonged to a local Priory. A **cold buffet-style lunch** is included in the Tithe Barn before continuing on to Hampshire & your hotel, where dinner is included.

Tuesday Day 2 – Breakfast included. Today begins in the historic **City of Salisbury**. Included is a **free-flow visit** of the **Cathedral** with its 800 years of history in one of the UK's most iconic medieval buildings. Discover the original 1215 **Magna Carta**, one of only four in the world, and explore its legacy in the accompanying exhibition. Learn about the world's oldest working mechanical clock and the fabulous stained glass. Staying on Cathedral Green, next is a **guided tour** of **Arundells**, the former home of Sir Edward Heath KG MBE, Prime Minister and Statesman. With paintings by Churchill and Sargent, Chinese ceramics from Chairman Mao, David Lloyd George's writing desk and memorabilia from Nixon and Castro. There will be some **free time** to buy lunch before this afternoon's visit to **Mottisfont (NT)**. Ancient trees, bubbling brooks and rolling lawns frame this 18th-century house with a medieval priory at its heart. Maud Russell made Mottisfont her home in the 1930's, bringing artists here to relax and create works inspired by Mottisfont's past, including an extraordinary drawing-room painted by Rex Whistler. These artistic traditions continue today, with a permanent 20th-century art collection and major exhibitions in the top-floor gallery. There will be also be free time to explore the grounds. Hotel dinner included.

Wednesday Day 3 – Breakfast included. Today is dedicated to the **Historic Dockyard Portsmouth** with an **Ultimate Explorer Ticket** included. Begin with an included visit to the **Mary Rose Museum** to explore Henry VIII's favourite ship recovered from the seabed in one of the most challenging archaeological excavations of all time. See thousands of objects from large guns and surgeon's tools, to personal items including tankards and nit combs, which recreate life on board with an authenticity no other attraction can provide. Your ticket also gives access to **HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, HMS M.33, Explosion!, Submarine Museum, Action Stations, Harbour Tours and all other museums** – choose the ones of most interest to you. Returning to the hotel dinner is included.

Thursday Day 4 – Breakfast included. This morning's visit is to the nearby **City of Winchester**, which has a rich tapestry of history, culture, nature and vibrant atmosphere. Included is a visit to the **Great Hall**, originally part of the Castle built by William the Conqueror. Take in the majestic surroundings and historic architecture, watched over by the iconic **Round Table** of Arthurian legend, which takes pride of place. Next is an included free flow visit to **Winchester Cathedral**, a living place of worship for over 900 years. Discover one of the finest medieval cathedrals in Europe, with its captivating history and magnificent architecture. Visit the Kings and Scribes exhibition: The Birth of a Nation, which explores 1,000 years of history and reveals some of the Cathedral's greatest treasures. There will be a little free time afterwards to buy lunch before this afternoon's included visit to **The Hospital of St Cross**, where joined by a 'Brother' wearing his traditional gown and trencher hat, a **guided tour** is included. This **1-hour tour** covers the history and architecture of this superb medieval building complex. You may choose to explore the Norman church, the 14th-century Brethren's Hall with its Minstrels' Gallery, the Tudor Ambulatory and the Georgian Kitchen and Bread Room, hearing about the historical facts as well as the legends and the half-truths. There is also the beauty of the Master's Garden to enjoy. **Tea, coffee & cake are included** afterwards before concluding with a visit to **Bombay Sapphire** in Laverstoke, for an included '**Discovery Experience**' tour. This begins with a visit to the Turbine Bar where you can choose from 3 Bombay gins to make your own **complimentary gin & tonic** using self-serve gin dispensers, before heading to the Cinema Room to be immersed in all things Bombay Sapphire in preparation for your tour. With a guide, explore the distillery, discovering the 10 exotic botanicals infused into every drop of Bombay Sapphire Gin. You will visit the Botanical Dry Room; a sensory experience to uncover your flavour preferences and learn about the vapour infusion distillation process which makes Bombay Sapphire gin so exquisite. Hotel dinner included

Friday Day 5 – Breakfast included. Checking out of the hotel we retrace our steps making a final included visit to **Sudeley Castle** where a **2-course lunch** is included. This is the only private castle in England with a queen, Katherine Parr, buried in its grounds. During your visit, you will have access to: the recently refurbished exhibition rooms which tell the 1,000-year story of Sudeley; 10 award winning gardens including the Queens' Garden filled with many varieties of roses; St Mary's Church & the magnificent tomb of Henry VIII's 6th and final wife & The Rare Breed Pheasantry. Continuing north, a comfort stop will be made, returning to Knutsford early evening.

Simply Groups reserve the right to make minor changes to this itinerary due to circumstances beyond our control.