

Historic Coventry, UK City of Culture, Boughton House & Upton House & Gardens

Departs Thursday 19 May 2022

from **£285.⁰⁰**
per person

3 Days • 2 Nights

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Coventry Cathedral



Boughton House



Great Hall, Boughton House



Upton House & Gardens

May 2021 - May 2022

Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1 – We will depart from the Royal Well Coach Station, Cheltenham at 08.00hrs. and travel north, making an appropriate comfort stop with tea/coffee included at Coombe Abbey Hotel en-route for a private tour of Boughton House, Kettering known as ‘The English Versailles’. Boughton House is owned by the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry. We will enjoy a set lunch shortly after our arrival. During the afternoon, our house guide will unveil one of Britain’s grandest and best-preserved stately homes, where we will see one of Britain’s most outstanding collections of fine art, furniture, tapestries, porcelain and carpets. We’re booked for The King’s Tour which is specially designed for the enthusiast, it covers two floors and about 20 rooms. Amongst the highlights will be a magnificent range of paintings by great artists, including El Greco, Gainsborough, Van Dyck, and John Wootton, exceptional French furniture by the master cabinetmaker André-Charles Boulle, alongside delicate Sèvres porcelain and Mortlake tapestries. We will ascend the grand entrance staircase and we will be shown the High Pavilion and State Apartments created for the visit of William III. After what is sure to be a wonderful, insightful visit the coach will depart for our hotel, the recently opened Telegraph Hotel, which is situated in the centre of Coventry. Here accommodation is reserved for two nights on a half board basis.

Day 2 - After breakfast, we will walk to St. Mary’s Guildhall, which sits next to the Cathedral and dates back to 1352. It is home of the significant “Coventry Tapestry”. Mary Queen of Scots was held here in 1569, it was a theatre for Shakespeare and an inspiration to George Eliot and miraculously survived the blitz of 1940 which devastated much of the city centre and stands as a monument to the power and wealth of medieval Coventry. With magnificent interiors, collections of armour, historic furniture, artworks and internationally important tapestries, the Guildhall offers a window into Coventry’s glorious past. Group entrance and private guided tour are included.

After the visit we will have free time to visit some of Coventry’s many places of interest including the Cathedral, the Coventry Transport Museum and the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum. During the mid/late afternoon the coach will transfer us to just beyond the city’s ring road to visit Charterhouse, a Carthusian Priory of St Anne - a unique grade I listed 14th Century Carthusian Monastery and grounds, one of only nine ever built in Britain. The precinct walls and the Priors’ House and refectory survive, together with an outstanding 14th-century wall painting of the Crucifixion which originally decorated one wall of the double-height refectory. Group entrance and a private guided tour is included. *Please note, the order of the included visits are subject to change.

Day 3 – We check out of the hotel following breakfast and board the coach for our return journey, travelling via Upton House & Gardens near Banbury. Upton House, originally built in 1695, became the home of Walter Samuel 2nd Viscount Bearsted, the only son of Sir Marcus Samuel founder of the Shell Transport & Trading Co. The family, as well as being 1930’s millionaires and earning their money through the Shell Oil company, spent their fortune on a vast collection of tapestries,

paintings and porcelain which contains works by George Stubbs, Saenredam, Hogarth, Bosch, El Greco and Gainsborough. The collection is still hung as Lord Bearsted intended. This is a National Trust property, therefore those who are National Trust members will be entitled to free admission, for those who aren’t, the group rate of £11.70 per person will be added to their confirmation/invoice. Please indicate on the booking form. Tea/ coffee will be included upon arrival, after which there will be free time to explore the honey-coloured country house with dramatic terraced gardens and world-renowned art collection. After what is sure to be a wonderful visit, we will continue our journey back to Cheltenham, arriving during the late afternoon.

Price Includes:

- Return Coach Travel
- 2 nights dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation at Telegraph Hotel, Coventry
- Morning tea/coffee included on day 1 and 3
- Lunch along with group entrance & King’s Tour at Boughton House
- Group entrance & guided tour of St Mary’s Guildhall
- Group entrance & guided tour of Charterhouse
- Full ABTA financial protection.

Not Included:

- Personal expenditure, gratuities etc
- Single occupancy room supplement £50.00 (limited availability).
- Travel Insurance £20.00

**** Please note:** at the time of compiling this brochure we have been advised that the current restoration programme at both St. Mary’s Guildhall and Charterhouse should be finished by early 2022, however should our planned visits not be possible, we will either look for alternative places to visit or refund the group admission charge.

Accommodation - Telegraph Hotel, Coventry

Centrally located in the former premises of the Coventry Evening Telegraph newspaper. The hotel invokes the famed mid-century architecture of the city, and reflects the building’s former life as a thriving newspaper and print works. Newly-opened, the Hotel has a stylish restaurant, bar and lounge which brings back some authentic 1950s glamour.

Telegraph Hotel



Booking Conditions:

Harry Shaw/City Cruiser Holidays Limited - ABTA V1801
For full details see website harryshaw.co.uk.

Should we be unable to operate the tour due to any government restrictions at the time of travel, you will be entitled to a full refund of any monies paid.

BOOKING FORM

Historic Coventry - UK City of Culture Boughton House and Upton House & Gardens

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON MAKING BOOKING TO WHOM ALL CORRESPONDENCE IS TO BE SENT

Mr/Mrs/Ms Initials Surname

Full Address

County Postcode

Home ☎ Mobile ☎

Email

DETAILS OF ALL PASSENGERS TRAVELLING (INCLUDING LEAD NAME)

Mr/Mrs/Ms	Initials	Surname
1		Surname: NT Member <input type="checkbox"/> Non-NT Member <input type="checkbox"/>
2		Surname: NT Member <input type="checkbox"/> Non-NT Member <input type="checkbox"/>
3		Surname: NT Member <input type="checkbox"/> Non-NT Member <input type="checkbox"/>
4		Surname: NT Member <input type="checkbox"/> Non-NT Member <input type="checkbox"/>

PAYMENT & HOLIDAY INSURANCE

Holiday Insurance - It is strongly recommended that insurance is taken and paid for at the time of booking as cover against cancellation does not take effect until the premium is paid.

HOLIDAY ITEMS	No. of Persons	Price Per Person	Total Cost
Deposit (Non refundable) requested by 28 January 2022 or earlier would be greatly appreciated!	@	£ 50.00	£
Optional Adult Travel Insurance (to be paid with deposit if required)	@	£ 20.00	£
Single Occupancy Suppl.(Ltd. availability)	@	£50.00	£
Upton House & Garden non-National Trust member	@	£11.70	£
Full payments (required 6 weeks prior to departure - 07 April 2022)			£
TOTAL REMITTANCE ENCLOSED (Personal cheques cannot be accepted if booking/paying within 10 working days of departure)			£

PAYMENT DETAILS

Payment to City Cruiser Holidays Ltd. or by credit/debit card by filling in the section below. Harry Shaw Group travel will process the booking and send an individual booking confirmation/invoice direct to the lead name, showing the balance amount due and the date by which this should be paid. The final balance payment should then be paid direct to **City Cruiser Holidays Ltd.** Cash is not accepted.

Method of Payment (Please Tick): Cheque ☐ Credit/Debit Card ☐

CREDIT CARD NUMBER (Mastercard / VISA / Switch ONLY)

If paying by Credit Card, please complete the following section:

I authorise you to debit by Credit Card with the following amount: £

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On the reverse of your card, above the signature, is a 7 digit security number. In order to authorise your card transaction, we require the last 3 digits:

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Issue Number:

Expiry Date:

Valid From:

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS - Does any member of your party have any mobility issues/special dietary requirements - if Yes please state briefly below:

Whilst we will endeavour to satisfy your request, we cannot guarantee any "Special Requirements"

Price Per Person

from £285.00

Departure Date(s)

THURSDAY 19 MAY 2022

Duration

3 DAYS • 2 NIGHTS

Departure Point

CHELTENHAM

Royal Well Coach Station

Accommodation

Please indicate number and type of rooms required:

DOUBLE ☐ TWIN ☐

SINGLE ☐

I understand that the balance of monies due in full settlement will be paid by me no later than 06 weeks prior to departure -07 April. I accept on behalf of all persons mentioned above by whom I am authorised to enter into this agreement that this booking is subject to Harry Shaw/ City Cruiser Holidays Limited Booking Conditions.

Signature of client: _____

Date: _____

If above is under 18 years of age signature of parent/guardian

'ICE' - Please supply name and tel. no. of close relative/ friends who can be contacted in case of emergency:

Send your completed Booking Form to:

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