The Black Country Living Museum

Discover a fascinating world when you visit Britain's friendliest open-air museum. Historic buildings from all around the Black Country have been moved and rebuilt at The Black Country Living Museum to create a tribute to the traditional skills and enterprise of the people that once lived in the heart of industrial Britain. There is so much to see and do at the museum - you can meet the characters in the original shops and houses, ride on a tramcar or fairground swingboat, take a lesson in the old-fashioned school or explore the underground coal mine. This is an enjoyable day out for all ages.

Coventry, city of myth and legend is famous for Lady Godiva who rode her horse naked through the streets in protest at the high taxes imposed by her husband Earl Leofric. Coventry possesses a whole host of historic buildings and beautiful parks in the centre of the city. Attractions include the remains of Lady Godiva's church, the extensive collection of the Coventry Road Transport Museum (a must for all visitors).The medieval St. Mary's Guildhall and the world-renowned cathedral that combines the foundations of part of the 12th century priory cathedral, the ruins of the 14th century building destroyed in 1940 and the present cathedral. The city centre is pedestrianised and has three shopping centres.

St. John's Hotel

The St. John's Hotel is a lovely 4 * hotel situated in the centre of Solihull. The hotel offers comfortable en-suite accommodation with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities. There is a large restaurant with excellent choice of menu and a bar/lounge to relax in the evening. The hotel has an indoor swimming pool, sauna and spa bath and there is a lift to all floors

Departure date

July 4th	2 days	£79

Single supplement £15

Price includes

All coach travel
En-suite accommodation
Dinner, bed & breakfast
A visit to Coventry
Admission to The Black Country Living Museum

Brighton & The Bluebell Railway

Experience the magical world of Brighton's Royal Pavilion, home to three British monarchs. Decorated in the Chinese taste with an Indian exterior this Regency Palace is quite breathtaking. The famous seaside residence was built for King George IV, and was also used by his brother William IV and their niece Queen Victoria. Originally a farmhouse, in 1787 architect Henry Holland created a neo-classical villa on the site. It was later transformed into its current Indian style by John Nash between 1815 and 1922. Magnificent decorations and fantastic furnishings have been re-created in the recent extensive structural and interior restoration programme. Enter a fantasy world filled with mythical creatures, astonishing colours and superb craftmanship including many original furnishings and decorations on loan from HM The Queen.

Enjoy a journey through time on the scenic Bluebell Railway where you can travel from the Victorian age at Sheffield Park to the 1930's at Horsted Keynes and the 1950's at Kingscote. Laid out in the 18th Century by famous landscaper Capability Brown and added to in the 20th Century by its owner Arthur G. Soames, Sheffield Park Gardens contains 120 acres of beautiful lakes and gardens. The gardens are managed by the National Trust and are at their most colourful in the spring and summer with amazing displays of rhododendrons and azaleas. Visitors can enjoy walks amongst the lakes, cascades and waterfalls enjoying the many thousands of mature trees and shrubs.

Copthorne Hotel

Built around a 16th century farmhouse, this charming 4* hotel is set in 100 acres of tranquil woodlands and landscaped gardens. The hotel offers comfortable en-suite accommodation with tea/coffee making facilities, colour television and direct dial telephone. Indoor leisure facilities include a heated swimming pool, steam room and solarium. The hotel also has tennis courts, squash courts, a putting green, croquet lawn and boules area.

Departure date

August 28th	4 days	£189

Single supplement £45

Price includes

All coach travel
En-suite accommodation
Dinner, bed & breakfast
Return journey on the Bluebell Railway
Entrance to Sheffield Park Gardens
Entrance to the Royal Pavilion in Brighton

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