

*Kew Gardens &
Hampton Court*



The Royal Botanic Gardens of Kew is a magical place to spend a day. The gardens were given World Heritage status in 2003 and have world class collections of plants displayed in amazing greenhouses. Kew Botanic Gardens cover 300 acres and highlights include the unmissable Palm House, a multi-layered greenhouse designed by Decimus Burton that took four years to construct. On the opposite side of the Palm House lake, Museum No 1 houses the interactive Plants & People exhibition. In the Pagoda Vista Zone, Burton's Temperate House is the world's largest surviving Victorian greenhouse, home to Chilean Wine Palm, which is the biggest greenhouse plant in existence, and to the rarest plant at Kew, a cycad from South Africa. There are plenty of inspiring spots to discover, such as Queen Charlotte's Cottage and Gardens, dedicated to British wild flowers.

Hampton Court Palace was opened to the public in 1838 by Queen Victoria and it has been a popular attraction ever since. Henry VIII's State Apartments are the centrepiece of the interior. Outside, try to navigate the famous maze or wander along Chestnut Avenue to admire the Diana Fountain. The Maze is probably the most famous hedge maze in the world. It was planted as part of the gardens laid out for William of Orange between 1689 and 1695 by George London and Henry Wise.

Bull Hotel

This is an excellent 3* hotel owned by the Sarova Hotels Group. Built in 1688, this former Highwayman's Inn overlooks the picturesque village of Gerrards Cross, in leafy Buckinghamshire. Facilities include the Carriages restaurant, the Jack Shrimpton Bar, a conservatory lounge and beautiful landscaped gardens. All the en-suite bedrooms are comfortably furnished with satellite television, hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift.

Departure date

September 5th 2 days £85
Single supplement £11

Price includes

All coach travel
En-suite accommodation
Dinner, bed & breakfast
Admission to Hampton Court Palace and Gardens
Admission to The Royal Botanic Gardens of Kew

*Leeds Castle &
Dickens World*

Originally a Saxon royal manor built in AD 857, Leeds Castle, which in its present form was begun in 1120, became home of the Norman Crevecouer family and later a royal palace during the reign of Edward I. The castle, which rises fairytale-like from two small islands in a lake, has been the home of six medieval queens, and is a delightful place to visit. Described by Lord Conway as 'the loveliest castle in the world' the interior of this magnificent 12th century castle is graced with splendid works of art including statues, carvings and tapestries. Enjoy the 500 acres of glorious grounds surrounding the castle and its moat such as the aviary (home to over 100 species of endangered birds), the flowers and foliage abound in the formal gardens, the Culpeper and the Lady Baillie Garden. Finally, the maze with its secret underground grotto provides a challenging half hour or more!!

Dickens World is based on the works of the famous Victorian author Charles Dickens with a host of captivating attractions. Dickens World features one of Europe's largest dark boat rides, the haunted house of Ebenezer Scrooge and a state of the art animatronic show. A Victorian school room, 4D high definition show and Fagin's Den. Offering a unique showcase for one of the Worlds's best loved storytellers, Dickens World will truly offer visitors the 'day of a lifetime'.

Holiday Inn Rochester

This lovely 4* hotel offers comfortable en-suite accommodation with tea/coffee making facilities and colour television. The hotel boasts a stylish restaurant with an excellent choice of menu and a bar/lounge to relax in the evening. Indoor leisure facilities include a heated swimming pool, steam room, jacuzzi and sauna. There is a lift to all floors.

Departure date

October 9th 4 days £185
Single supplement £45

Price includes

All coach travel
En-suite accommodation
Dinner, bed & breakfast
Admission to Dickens World
Admission to Leeds Castle

