



Arts and Heritage for the Community

Autumn Heritage Tours 2012



Peckforton Castle

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Erddig & Wrexham

Saturday 29 September

Coach leaves Northwich Memorial Hall at 9.00am
£18.00 - other pickup points available

We start the day by stopping off at the picturesque village of Holt on the Welsh border to visit Holt Castle. Following the defeat of Llywelyn ap Gruffydd, the last independent Prince of Wales in 1282, Edward I gave John de Warenne, Earl of Surrey, the lordship of Bromfield and Yale. To secure his newly gained lands, John built Holt Castle, also known as Lion's Castle, to control a nearby strategic ford across the River Dee.

We then move on to the market town of Wrexham. Set in one of the town's landmark buildings, the County Museum displays collections telling the stories of Wrexham and its people from prehistory up to the present day. St Giles Church is known as one of the "7 Wonders of Wales". Just west of the tower is the grave of Elihu Yale, after whom Yale University in the USA is named.

We spend the afternoon at Erddig (NT). Widely acclaimed as one of Britain's finest historic houses, Erddig is a fascinating yet unpretentious early 18th-century country house reflecting the upstairs downstairs life of a gentry family over 250 years. The extensive downstairs area contains Erddig's unique collection of servants' portraits, while the upstairs rooms are an amazing treasure trove of fine furniture, textiles and wallpapers. Outside, an impressive range of outbuildings includes stables, smithy, joiners' shop and sawmill.



York

Saturday 20 October

Coach leaves Northwich Memorial Hall at 9.00am
£22.00 - other pickup points available

York Minster is one of the world's most magnificent cathedrals, with foundations rooted in the nation's earliest history. Explore a masterpiece in stained glass and stone, its vast spaces alive with the sanctity and tradition of



worship and heavenly music. Or quiet corners revealing unexpected stories and human inspiration.

Get up close to over 300 years of fascinating history in York's National Railway Museum. Explore the giant halls full of trains and railway legends including the majestic Duchess of Hamilton, step on to the futuristic, Japanese Bullet Train or marvel at the stunning opulence of the Royal Trains.

Housing some of the finest collections of archaeological and geological finds in Europe, the Yorkshire Museum is the ideal first port of call for any trip to York. From prehistory to the city's medieval splendour, this amazing place tells the whole story in its fantastic new interactive galleries and AV shows.

At Jorvik Viking Centre you are standing on the site of one of the most famous and astounding discoveries of modern archaeology. Thirty years ago the archaeologists from York Archaeological Trust revealed the houses, workshops and backyards of the Viking-Age city of Jorvik, as it stood 1,000 years ago.

Other attractions include Clifford Tower, Barley Hall, Fairfax House, Treasurer's House, Quilt Museum, Mansion House and The Shambles.

Liverpool

Saturday 17 November

Coach leaves Northwich Memorial Hall at 9.00am
£15.00 - other pickup points available

The Palm House in Sefton Park is a Grade II* three-tier dome conservatory palm house designed and built by MacKenzie and Moncur of Edinburgh which opened in 1896. The eight 'corners' of the Palm House are marked by statues by the French sculptor Leon-Joseph Chavalliaud. These include explorers Captain Cook, Christopher Columbus, navigators Gerardus Mercator and Henry the Navigator, botanists and explorers Charles Darwin, Carl Linnaeus and John Parkinson.

Liverpool City centre has many attractions to explore, including the two Cathedrals, Walker Art Gallery, World Museum, St George's Hall and Victoria Museum and Gallery.

After lunch we move to Speke Hall (NT). Speke Hall is a rare Tudor timber-framed manor house in a most unusual setting on the banks of the River Mersey. Restored and brought back to life in the 19th century, it is a unique and beautiful mixture of Tudor simplicity and Victorian Arts and Crafts' aesthetics.

Built by the devout Catholic Norris family - keen to impress visitors with the grandeur of their home and in particular the magnificent Great Hall - this beautiful building has witnessed more than 400 years of turbulent history. From the Tudor period when a secret priest hole was an essential feature, to years of neglect and decay in the 18th and 19th centuries (including a spell when it was used as a cow shed) and then being dragged into the Victorian era of improvement and technology, the Hall has seen it all.



Christmas Trip Peckforton Castle

Saturday 15 December

Coach leaves Northwich Memorial Hall at 9.00am

£40.00 - other pickup points available

Booking Deadline - Friday 23 November

Price includes morning coffee and 3-course Festive Lunch.

We start the day with a visit to the historic town of Nantwich, containing the largest collection of historic building outside Chester in the county. Much of the town was destroyed by fire in 1583, and Elizabeth I personally contributed to its rebuilding.

We will have a guided tour of St Mary's Church, containing a rare 14th Century stone pulpit, the splendid 14th Century Chancel with its "lierne" vaulting, exquisite Choir Stalls with intricate carvings and canopies, an unusual bread oven and strange stone carvings, followed by morning coffee.

After popping into Cheshire Workshops at Beeston to discover how candles are made, we arrive at Peckforton Castle for a 3-course Festival lunch in the Hexagonal Room (pictured below).

The Castle was completed in 1851 for John Tollemach in 13th Century style. The Castle only reopened in February following a devastating arson attack in June 2011.



Times and Booking Conditions

● The price of tours includes the coach fare but **not** entry fees to houses, museums and galleries, unless stated.

● Places marked NT/EH are free to National Trust/English Heritage members. Remember to bring your membership card.

● We stop for morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea, but feel free to bring a packed lunch.

Pick-up points

Winsford, Delamere Street	8.30am
Davenham Old Primary School	8.40am
Sandiway Church	8.45am
Weaverham Shops	8.48am
Hartford Crossroads	8.50am
Greenbank Hotel	8.55am
Darwin Street, Castle	8.58am
Northwich Memorial Hall	9.00am

● Brochure departure times are from Northwich Memorial Hall. Earlier times are shown above for the other pick-up points. Please be at your collection point in good time as the coach will not wait.

● Itinerary may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

● Sorry but no refunds on cancellations unless we can resell your ticket.

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