



LET'S UNPACK IN THE PEAKS

INCLUDING A DAY AT THE RHS FLOWER SHOW AT CHATSWORTH

MAY 31ST - JUNE 8TH 2019

The Peak District National Park covers 555 square miles right in the center of Britain straddling the Pennine Mountain range, known as the "Backbone of England." Created in 1951 it was the first National Park in the country and is remarkable not only for its natural beauty, but also because it exists in the midst of the country's industrial heartland.

We make our base for this tour at the charming Alderley Edge hotel, within easy striking distance of Manchester Airport. Legend has it that King Arthur and his knights lie sleeping under the "Edge," the red sandstone escarpment overlooking the village, and will awake in England's time of need.

We have included a fascinating array of visits, from a variety of stately homes spanning several centuries, to one of the country's foremost industrial heritage sites, the Quarry Bank Mill at Styal. We'll visit Roman Chester and the Wedgwood factory museum in the heart of the Potteries, and spend time in the city of Manchester. For many though, the highlight of this tour will be the day we spend at the home of Dukes of Devonshire - Chatsworth House, known as the Palace of the Peaks.

This spring come join us for an adventure in the heart of England and explore a region that sees few American tourists, but is dear to the heart of many a Brit!



HADDON HALL



PEAK DISTRICT

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED)	\$3680
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	\$ 780

Airfares are available from most U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 7 nights' accommodation in a first-class hotel including all taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Full breakfast daily, 5 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.

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FRIDAY, MAY 31ST - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST - Your arrival at Manchester Airport will be met for the transfer to our nearby country house hotel. There will be free time to unpack and relax before we meet up for an afternoon visit to the stunning Wyatt mansion of Tatton Park, just a few minutes from our hotel. We'll enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel this evening. **(D) OVERNIGHT: ALDERLEY EDGE**

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND - A day out today to two beautifully preserved historic properties. Our first stop this morning will be to Little Moreton Hall, a splendid example of a moated, half-timbered house from the Tudor period. Our next stop will be Rode Hall, parts of which date from 1708 and the estate has been in the Wilbraham family since 1669. We'll have afternoon tea and a private guided tour of the house before we return to our hotel for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ALDERLEY EDGE**

MONDAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD - This morning we depart by coach for a visit to Haddon Hall, home of Lord Edward Manners, brother of the Duke of Rutland. After time to stroll the grounds, we'll tour this 14th-century manor house which has been beautifully revived and exudes a wonderful aura of tranquility, with some exquisite tapestries on display and delightful gardens. After lunch we continue on to Hardwick Hall, built by the redoubtable Bess of Hardwick and possibly the finest example of an Elizabethan country house remaining today. We return to our hotel in time to freshen up before dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ALDERLEY EDGE**

TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH - Although the emphasis of our tour is on the natural beauty of the Peak District National Park, no visit would be complete without putting the Park in the context of the surrounding industrial cities. With this in mind, our first stop today will be to the Quarry Bank Mill at Styal, a living museum showing every aspect of the life of mill workers during the heyday of the industrial revolution. From here we'll continue into Manchester, where you will be free to shop, visit a local museum or two and have an early supper before we return to our hotel. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ALDERLEY EDGE**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH - A short drive this morning through the glorious Peak District National Park, brings us to Chatsworth House, "The Palace of the Peaks." Today is the first, members-only, day of the Royal Horticultural Society's recently-inaugurated, annual Chatsworth Flower Show. We'll have all day here to explore the show, the gardens and to visit the house. The House contains a boundless collection ranging from Old Master paintings to the geological specimens bought by the last Duke. We return to our hotel for dinner tonight. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ALDERLEY EDGE**



THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH - Departing our hotel this morning, we'll explore the northern Peak District. We'll enter the National Park through Glossop, known for its 19th-century cotton mills, and pass under the shadow of Kinder Scout, the highest peak in the Peaks (2087 feet). We stop in the town of Castleton, a center for the many walkers and hikers who enjoy the park, and visit Peveril Castle for the wonderful views down over the town and the surrounding countryside. After time for lunch in Castleton, we'll visit the Blue John Cavern, a source of the local Blue John Stone, for which the area is famous. We return to our hotel, where the evening is free to explore one of the local village pubs for dinner. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ALDERLEY EDGE**

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH - Our excursion today takes us to two very different cities in the area - both with enormous historical significance. Our first stop will be Stoke-on-Trent, the center of the pottery industry, where we'll visit the Wedgwood Museum. From here we drive close to the Welsh border to the ancient Roman city of Chester. We'll visit the city museum and have time to walk the ancient walls, view the Roman amphitheater and to shop along the Rows - Victorian covered shopping arcades built to look much older! We'll enjoy another dinner at the hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ALDERLEY EDGE**

Saturday, JUNE 8TH - Morning transfers to Manchester Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, D - dinner