# Day Trips & Holidays 2024



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# Swift Valley Coach Travel 25th Anniversary Year



2024

The team at Swift Valley is very proud to share with you that the 2024 season will see us enter into our 25th year providing coach travel. We are really looking forward to another year of great days out throughout the UK making wonderful memories with our valued customers.

Thank you..... for choosing to travel with us in 2024

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Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm



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#### **Holiday Bookings**

**Deposit:** confirm your booking with £75 deposit.

Balance: due 10 weeks before departure unless otherwise stated at the time of booking.

**Holiday travel packs** are sent out 7-10 days before departure giving you all the information you need about your holiday including departure points and pick-up times.

#### **Day Trip Bookings**

For day trip bookings payment is required in full at the time of booking and unless otherwise stated are non-refundable.

#### **Departure Points**

Lutterworth - Wycliffe Rooms

Market Harborough - Market Hall Bus Station

Rugby - North Street (outside New Look)

Rugby - Dunchurch Road Bus Stop (south) Sainsbury's

Broughton Astley - Red Admiral or Co-Op, Orchard Road

Cosby - Library

Narborough - Catholic Church

Whetstone - Memorial Hall

Blaby - Drop-In Centre, Welford Road



<sup>\*</sup>Some trips may have limited departure points please call to check if your departure is available for your booking.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Our drivers are only able to pick-up and drop-off at the designated departure points above for operational reasons.

## **DEVON & CORNWALL**



#### **Coast & Gardens**

The charming fishing villages, pretty harbours and rolling countryside of Devon and Cornwall is an attractive area to visit. Brightly coloured fishing vessels and lovely fisherman's cottages are emblematic of the Cornish coastline. In addition to visiting several of these beautiful little villages, our itinerary also includes the iconic Eden Project and the Lost Gardens of Heligan.

**Day 1** Travel to your hotel in Plymouth with comfort stops en-route.

**Day 2** A long but worthwhile day travelling to the world famous Eden Project. This unique regeneration project has transformed the barren landscape of a former clay mine into a beautiful global garden featuring two enormous glass Biomes. The Eden Project is always changing so even if you've visited before there is always something different to see.

Day 3 Today you can choose to spend some free time in Plymouth (travel costs not included) for a leisurely day exploring Plymouth Hoe, the Barbican and Sutton Harbour, with its quaint cobbles and independent retailers. Or you can join the coach on an excursion to the lovely coastal fishing villages of Looe and Polperro in Cornwall.

Day 4 Today's visit to the Lost Gardens of Heligan which was amazingly discovered in 1991 under a blanket of brambles following 70 years of neglect is sure to be a highlight. Here you will discover Europe's largest restoration garden in all its beauty. Visits to Mevagissey and Fowey will complete your time in beautiful Cornwall.

**Day 5** Homeward journey to the Midlands with comfort stops en-route.

## **Departs Mon 13th May 2024**







#### The Duke of Cornwall Hotel

The Duke of Cornwall is an imposing Grade II listed building, located close to Plymouth Hoe. The hotel offers a welcome in the traditional style, with elegant public areas and a sweeping staircase.

3 Star | 73 Bedrooms | Lift Porter Service | 4 nights HB 3 course dinner & tea/coffee Full cooked breakfast



#### £499pp

Sharing a double or twin room £91 single supplement

#### **Inclusions**

Luxury coach travel | Eden Project | The Lost Gardens of Heligan Looe | Polperro | Mevagissey | Fowey

## **IRELAND**



## **Killarney & The Ring of Kerry**

This scenic tour takes in beautiful Killarney and its stunning National Park, the fabulous Dingle Peninsula and the spectacular Ring of Kerry. Includes overnight stays in Llanberis and County Wicklow.

**Day 1** We travel to Wales to spend some free time in Llangollen before transferring to our overnight hotel in Llanberis at the foot of Snowden.



#### Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney



£935pp Double/Twin £100 single supplement

#### **Inclusions**

Luxury Coach Travel
Scenic Tour around The Ring of Kerry
Jaunting Car Horse & Carriage Ride
Harbour & Dolphin Cruise

The Gleneagle Hotel stands in its own grounds just outside the town of Killarney overlooking the mountains of the National Park.

4 Star
279 Bedrooms | Lift
Porter Service
3 Course Meal & Breakfast
Live Musical Entertainment
Indoor Pool, gym, sauna &
steam room

## **Departs Sun 30th June 2024**

**Day 2** After an early continental breakfast, we head for the ferry terminal at Holyhead for our crossing to Dublin and onward journey to the hotel near Killarney.

Day 3 Today we enjoy a scenic drive along the breathtaking Wild Atlantic Way to the colourful town of Dingle. With a stop to take in the stunning scenery at Inch Beach and its beautiful views over Dingle Bay and the mountains of Kerry. From the main pier in Dingle, we board a boat for a harbour and dolphin cruise, followed by some free time in Dingle where you can stroll around this authentic Irish town with its quaint shops and eateries.

**Day 4** Today we step back in time and the experience one of Ireland's most traditional modes of transport, a jaunting car horse and carriage ride, where you will see more of Killarney and the beautiful National Park from this unique perspective. The rest of the day can be spent at leisure in the hotel or exploring Killarney's town centre.

Day 5 Today, we experience a stunning drive around the mystical and unspoilt Ring of Kerry, one of the most spectacular circular driving routes in Ireland. The drive provides us with an insight into the area's ancient heritage and allows us to marvel at the fantastic views of its stunning scenery. During our journey, we spend time at leisure in the elegant seaside town of Kenmare, the jewel in the Ring of Kerry.

**Day 6** After departing the hotel we journey across Ireland to spend some free time in Dublin before heading to our hotel for the night.

**Day 7** After a continental breakfast, we commence the journey home with an early ferry crossing to Holyhead before heading back through Wales to the Midlands.

## **SUFFOLK & ESSEX**



## **Cruise, Coast & Gardens**

This tour combines exploration of the region's beautiful countryside and quaint villages, in addition to two lovely gardens, a river cruise and some free time in the seaside resorts of Frinton-on-Sea in Essex with its elegant esplanade and tree-lined avenues and Aldeburgh in Suffolk which boasts a charming promenade along its pebble beach.

**Day 1** Travel to the beautiful county of Suffolk with a stop en-route at the historic University city of Cambridge.

Day 2 Today we visit Beth Chatto Gardens which was once an overgrown wasteland transformed into a garden that is an inspiration for all visitors. We then continue to Waldringham for a river cruise along the beautiful Deben, followed by a visit to Woodbridge the largest market town on the river and home to one of only five tide-mills restored in the UK.

Day 3 Excursion to Lavenham, known as 'England's Finest Medieval Village' for a guided walking tour where you will learn about the history of this quaint village and its timber framed Tudor buildings. We then continue to Flatford, made famous by John Constable in his paintings. We complete the day with a visit to the delightful village of Dedham.

**Day 4** Today's excursion includes a visit to RHS Hyde Hall. An eclectic, yet fine garden with wonderful panoramic views over Essex before transferring to Frinton-on-Sea, for a stroll along the elegant esplanade and tree lined avenues.

**Day 5** After checking out of the hotel we visit the charming town of Aldeburgh before commencing our journey back to the midlands.

## **Departs Mon 23rd September 2024**







#### **Ufford Park Hotel Golf & Spa**

Ufford Park Hotel is encircled by 120 acres of pretty parkland. The public areas overlook the golf course and there is plenty of outdoor seating for balmy evenings.

4 Star | 90 Bedrooms | Lift Porter Service | 4 nights HB Indoor Swimming pool 3 course dinner & tea/coffee Full cooked breakfast



#### £539pp

Sharing a double or twin room £122 single supplement

#### **Inclusions**

Luxury coach travel | River cruise | Beth Chatto Gardens RHS Hyde Hall | Lavenham | Flatford | Frinton-on-Sea

## **KENT**



#### **Coast, Castles & Cathedrals**





The BW Burlington is a

charming Victorian hotel in Folkestone. Set in tranquil

the English Channel. The

surroundings and overlooking

Burlington Hotel was built in

the 1890s and still holds it's

of a contemporary hotel.

Full cooked breakfast

3 course dinner & tea/coffee

3 Nights HB

Victorian charm, whilst offering all the mod cons you'd expect



#### **Best Western Plus, Burlington Hotel**



£375pp Double/Twin

£70 single supplement

#### **Inclusions**

Luxury coach travel | Admission to Leeds Castle Excursions to Rochester, St Albans & Canterbury

#### **Departs Fri 29 November 2024**

This 3 night tour staying in the coastal town of Folkestone includes visits to the medieval city of Canterbury, Leeds Castle decorated for Christmas and the historic town of Rochester that boasts both a castle and a cathedral.

**Day 1** After departing the midlands we make our way to Kent with a stop along the way to explore the historic city of St Albans with its imposing cathedral and the longest nave in England. The cathedral has an extensive collection of medieval wall paintings and is rich in history.

Day 2 Today we follow in the footsteps of Dickens with a full day to visit Rochester, a city of 'Great Expectations' for a guided walking tour. Rochester with its Norman Castle has a history dating back centuries, the stunning Cathedral, founded in 604 is the second oldest in England.

Day 3 We visit the spectacular Leeds Castle decorated beautifully for Christmas with 'Nutcraker' as the theme.. This glamorous and historic castle will be transformed for an enchanting experience.

Day 4 - After breakfast we head to the medieval walled city of Canterbury where you can wind your way around the cobbled streets and historic sights or visit the breathtaking cathedral before making the journey home.



## **SHOWS**



# **Thursford Day Trip**

# **Christmas Spectacular Matinee Performance Fri 8th November 2024**

Escape back into the world of Thursford for Christmas 2024! The Thursford Christmas Spectacular is an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, humour and variety. It's a fast moving celebration of the festive season featuring an eclectic mix of both seasonal and year round favourites. With a cast of 130 this is the biggest show of its kind in Europe.

£90pp includes return coach travel and deluxe seats at the show

## **Torvill & Dean: Our Last Dance**

## 50th Anniversay Tour Fri 25th April 2025 @7.30pm Resorts World Birmingham

Don't miss out on your chance to see the world's most famous dancing duo, Jane Torvill and Christopher Dean perform together before they retire from skating for good. A tribute to their half-century legacy, see them in action as they reflect on their illustrious career, a truly remarkable story in British sport.



£79pp includes return coach travel and ticket for Torvill & Dean: Our Last Dance

# 2024 Day Trip Highlights



## **The Fleece Inn (National Trust)**

Join us for a sumptuous 2 course lunch at The Fleece Inn in Bretforton.

Owned by The National Trust and run with a love of tradition.

This historic medieval pub originally built in the early 15th century remains largely unchanged. Nigel, the landlord will delight you with a talk on the pub's history during your visit. The day includes some free time to explore in the medieval town of Evesham.

## **Tuesday 21st May**

£52

#### **RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival**

**RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival makes the summer!** 

This annual garden festival stretching across 31 acres is a celebration of gardening set in the historic grounds of the Palace. With glorious gardens, beautiful blooms, grow your own, talks, demos and music, this is a day out not to be missed. There is a good choice of delicious food and drink to enjoy from street food to a vintage tea room. This festival is a shopper's paradise with trade stands, a plant village and beautiful gifts and homeware.



#### **Thursday 4th July**

£66



#### **Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey)**

Highclere, the setting for the hit series Downton Abbey.

The home of the 8th Earl and Lady Carnarvon, Highclere has a long and fascinating history. In more recent history the castle was converted to a hospital for soldiers involved in the First World War. This day trip will allow you to explore the spectacular gardens, tour the main state rooms recognisable from Downton and enjoy the Egyptian Exhibition in the old staff quarters which celebrates the 5th Earl of Carnarvon's discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun.

## **Tuesday 27th August**

£55

#### **Buckingham Palace (State Rooms)**

Explore the State Rooms of The King's official residence in London

The State Rooms occupy the heart of Buckingham Palace. These were designed to act as the public rooms in which the Sovereign could receive, reward and entertain subjects and visiting dignitaries. These rooms contain some of the most outstanding works of art in the Royal Collection, providing a permanent and striking backdrop to the events that take place here. This day trip includes entrance to the Palace to view the magnificent nineteen State Rooms.



## **Thursday 5th September**

£65





Wednesday 6th March

Daffodil
Weekend
& Country Fair
Sunday 17th March

Thriplow Daffodils



March Mystery Includes 2 course lunch Wednesday 20th March









Wednesday 17th April





& Farmers Market

Saturday 27th April







Judith Mary II Cruise with Cream Tea
Tuesday 7th May







Thenford Arboretum
Lord Heseltine's Garden

Friday 24th May

£43









**Bicester Ave Garden Centre** 

Friday 7th June

£25
Cotswolds
Moreton & Broadway

Wednesday 29th May

Tuesday 11th June



























**Free to Explore** Sunday 25th August







London (Westminster) Free to Explore

Thursday 5th September





Includes admission
Saturday 14th September





Anderton Boat Lift includes boat ride
Wednesday 25th September



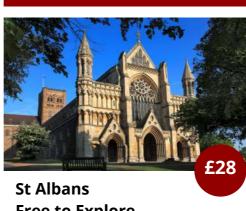






Saturday 28th September

**Free to Explore** Thursday 3rd October



**Free to Explore**Thursday 17th October



St Albans Free to Explore Wednedsay 30th October







**Fosseway Garden Centre** Tuesday 12th November









Tuesday 26th November

Thursday 5th December



Thursday 28th November





**Free to Explore** 





**Includes 2 Course Lunch** Wednesday 11th December





**Saturday 14th December** 

# 2024 Special Interest Day Trips



#### **Glossop Heritage Weekend (Saturday)**

#### **Special Heritage Anniversary of the Normandy Landings**

Glossop town centre will be dedicated to all things heritage with a special focus to commemorate the Normandy Landings. Enjoy the displays, entertainment, singers, dancers, morris men and the vintage fair. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than before. You can even join in the fun by dressing in heritage costume with a 1940s or WW2 theme.

#### Saturday 1st June

£34

#### **Shuttleworth Collection & Gardens**

#### At Shuttleworth there is a surprise around every corner!

Wander among a treasure trove of early 20th-century aircraft. Wonder at the bravery of the pilots who actually dared climb in to these structures of skinny struts and stretched canvas. Watch out for the drip drip of oil onto floor trays – those are the aircraft that have recently been out flying. Then take a stroll through ornate ironwork gates into a delightful Regency and Victorian layered garden and discover a green and pleasant idyll. Home to the resident peacocks.



#### Wednesday 10th July

£42



#### **Anderton Boat Lift & Visitor Centre**

#### **Cathedral of the Canals**

The Anderton Boat Lift is a giant three-storey-high iron edifice on the banks of the River Weaver Navigation. One of the 'Seven Wonders of the Waterways' . It still does what it was designed to do, lifting boats 50ft from the River Weaver Navigation into the Trent & Mersey Canal. This day trip includes a 50 minute boat ride and time to explore the Visitor Centre. The coffee shop offers refreshments and has full length glass with views over-looking the amazing boat lift.

## **Wednesday 25th September**

£45

#### Museum of the Moon at Southwell Minster

#### Museum of the Moon by UK artist Luke Jerram

This touring artwork installation of the moon is seven metres in diametre and features detailed NASA imagery of the lunar surface. The installation is a fusion of lunar imagery, moonlight and surround sound composition created by BAFTA and Ivor Novello award winning composer Dan Jones. You can experience this stunning artwork to be displayed inside the beautiful Southwell Minster. Includes admission to the exhibition.



**Tuesday 15th October** 

£32

# **Booking is Easy**

#### **Make Your Booking**

#### Call our Reservations Team on 01455 552414 Book online at www.swiftvalleycoaches.com

#### **Choose Your Seat**

Requests for particular seats on the coach can be made when booking and we will do our best to accommodate these requests, allocations are made on a first come first served basis, dependent upon customer mobility. We reserve the right to change your seat and allocate you a different one for operational reasons. On single bookings, we reserve the right to alter your seating to maximise the seating available. We accept no liability in the event of any such change.

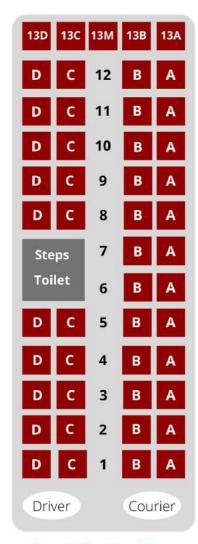
**Confirmation of booking** - in order to confirm your booking we require £75 deposit for overnight stays. Payment for day trips must be made in full at the time of booking.

**Methods of payment** - all normal methods of payment are accepted. **Book in good time** - our tours and excursions will only travel with at least 20 passengers. If we do not have the required numbers we may have no option but to cancel. All monies paid by passengers will be refunded if we cancel a trip.

**Tour Itineraries** - some elements of tours are subject to alteration/change therefore all tour itineraries are based upon a standard itinerary. Carriers such as ferries do not guarantee times and terminals and therefore changes may need to be made to ensure that tours run smoothly. We will inform you of any significant changes to your tour as a result as soon as we are made aware.

Cancellation by the passenger - you may cancel your holiday or short-break booking at any time and provided that we receive notice of cancellation in writing within 56 days (8 weeks) of the departure date (unless advised differently at the time of booking). We will refund you any monies paid less the deposit amount. Please see our terms and conditions for any cancellations made less than 56 days prior to departure. You may be able to claim back the cost of your holiday through your travel insurance. We are not able to offer refunds on day trips. Please see our terms and conditions for more information on cancellations. Credit cannot be offered for trips with tickets or admission costs.

**Travel insurance** - we highly recommend that you take out travel insurance for holidays and short breaks. We do not offer travel insurance at this time. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have adequate insurance to include Covid cover. The company is not responsible for any accommodation and repatriation costs should you become ill during your holiday.



#### Coach Seating Plan

Some layouts may vary

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