



Hughenden Allotment & Garden Association

Short Break in Chester

Monday 23 June to Thursday 26 June 2025

We will be staying in historic Chester in 2025. Although we usually have a short break from Friday to Monday, the 2025 break will be midweek as the cost of the trip is more favourable at this time.

As usual, Motts will be organising our coach and accommodation under their holiday branch, Crusader Holidays. HAGA will arrange the excursions.

OUR ITINERARY

Monday We will be leaving Hughenden Valley after breakfast pausing for coffee on the way. We then travel onto **Hanbury Hall and Gardens** in Worcestershire. This is a National Trust property that is a William and Mary style country house built by wealthy lawyer Thomas Vernon in the early 18th century. The crowning glory of Hanbury Hall is the magnificent painted staircase and the paintings, which were the main reasons for the National Trust acquiring the property.

We will then journey onto our hotel in Chester with plenty of time to settle in and familiarise ourselves with our surroundings before dinner.

Tuesday After breakfast, members can spend the day in **Chester**, exploring the various attractions, and wandering at leisure. Chester has the most complete city walls, the oldest racecourse, and the largest Roman Amphitheatre in Britain, plus a 1,000 year old cathedral and 700 year old shopping "rows". Explore the city aboard an open-top bus, or take a guided walking tour of the city or a leisurely sail up the river on one of Chester's pleasure cruisers. Return to the hotel for dinner.

Wednesday After breakfast our day will be spent in Llandudno. This is the largest seaside resort in Wales where you can experience the elegance and nostalgia of the Victorian era. By popular request, we will be spending the whole day by the sea in Llandudno – weather permitting. Llandudno has a lovely promenade and pier. You can take a cable car to the summit of The Great Orme headland for panoramic views. There is also the Hop-on, Hop-off sightseeing bus tour. Following our visit, we will return to the hotel for dinner.

Thursday After breakfast we head home, stopping on the way to visit Tatton Park in Cheshire. Tatton Park consists of a mansion - Tatton Hall, Tatton Park Gardens – formal and natural – a farm and a deer park. We will not have time to see it all but, as we are in the area, we are taking this opportunity to visit such a well-known venue. We aim to be back in Hughenden Valley by tea time.

HOTEL We are staying at the 4* Queens Hotel in Chester, part of the Best Western Premier Collection. The hotel is situated in a Grade 11 listed building, opposite Chester Station, about 10 minutes' walk from Chester city centre. Bed, breakfast and dinner, tea and coffee at dinner, and portage (coach-room-coach) are all included in the price. There is a lift to all floors. If you prefer flat access, please make this clear on the booking form.

COST OF THE HOLIDAY

We split the cost into two parts and this means we have full control over our itinerary.

Hotel and Coach. This is payable direct to Crusader Holidays. **Their deadline for receiving the booking form and deposit of £75.00 per person is Monday 24 February 2025, with the balance due by Monday 28 April 2025.** This cost includes executive coach travel and driver, 3 nights' accommodation with breakfast and dinner, portorage and full use of the coach on our excursions.

£545.00 pp	Sharing a twin/double room
£30.00 pp	Single supplement
£35.00 pp	Motts' travel insurance (optional)

Single passengers please note: We have been allocated 11 single rooms and these rooms are allocated in the order of deposits being received by Motts. If more than 11 of us wish to have a single room, we will need to negotiate the availability and cost of these extra rooms with Motts.

If you require a level-access shower, the extra cost is £23 per person per night, ie £69 in total. These rooms are in the newer King's block, with more modern facilities.

These prices are dependent on us having a minimum of 25 people. We will confirm the final price soon after the deposit deadline date.

If you'd like a copy of Crusader's terms and conditions let us know. Their cancellation details are attached.

Entrance fees, garden tours and gratuities. These are payable direct to HAGA. We will provide you with detailed information about the cost of fees, tours and tips and how and when to pay HAGA.

Please remember your National Trust membership cards. Some fees will be optional and some required for the cost of our scheduled stops on our journey to and from Chester.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION

1. Enter your name(s) on the **HAGA 2025 Holiday Booking List** at the HAGA Meeting (or contact Jo Keattch direct) so we know you wish to come on the holiday.
2. Collect a **HAGA 2025 Holiday Booking Form** (or contact Jo Keattch direct for a form).
3. Complete the booking form and send it with your deposit to Motts by 24 February 2025.
4. We will give you further information about the final cost and any extra entrance fees, etc. We have chosen two National Trust properties to visit on Monday and Thursday, free for National Trust members.

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