

EXPLORE THE HERITAGE AND ART OF... SHROPSHIRE AND THE POTTERIES

The Arts Society Grayshott
14th - 18th May 2019

£562 per person*



Brunel's Iron bridge

OUR TOUR 5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS

What's included

- Executive touring coach
- Half board accommodation
- Admission to Stokesay Castle
- Admission to and tour of Ironbridge
- Guided tour of Shrewsbury
- Admission to Shrewsbury Abbey and Castle
- Visit to Powis Castle
- Admission to World of Wedgwood and guided tour of Museum
- Admission to Gladstone Pottery Museum
- Guided tour of Wightwick Manor
- Dudley Canal Cruise
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Gratuities

Extras

- Single Supplement at £99.00 per person
- Travel Insurance at £25.00 per person
- Admission to National Trust properties for non-members

Shropshire has bustling market towns, quaint villages, impressive historical buildings and wonderful countryside. Shrewsbury is renowned for its spectacular black and white buildings and its magnificent Quarry Park, Abbey and Castle, while Ironbridge holds sway as the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Combining history, art and industrial heritage, our tour also allows us to visit several neighbouring highlights, including famous Potteries in Stoke-on-Trent and the stunning art collections and gardens at Powis Castle and Wightwick Manor.

Our hotel

A 300-year-old 4-star country house hotel near Shrewsbury, the **Mercure Shrewsbury Albrighton Hall Hotel & Spa** offers en suite rooms, a restaurant and bar, as well as a leisure club and spa. All rooms are decorated in a simple, modern style and have satellite TV, tea & coffee making facilities and a mini bar. The en suite bathrooms have a bath and shower. The hotel offers accessible rooms on the ground floor and via lift.



*Based on two sharing in a twin / double room with a minimum of 25 paying members

*The price will reduce to £527 per person should 30 or more members book



Wightwick Manor

OUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - On route to our hotel in Shropshire, we will stop in the charming market town of Ludlow for time to have lunch before our stop at the medieval manor house known as Stokesay Castle. Discover the impressive great hall and enjoy the spectacular views over the Shropshire Hills before continuing on to the hotel. Dinner will be served at the hotel each evening.

Day 2 - After breakfast we head to the World Heritage Site of Ironbridge to visit a selection of the museums and attractions including Blists Hill Victorian Town, a living museum which re-enacts life in the early 1700s through to the Victorian era. On arrival there will be an Ironbridge guide who will be with us for the full day to ensure we get the most from our visit.

Day 3 - This morning travel to Shrewsbury, for a guided tour of the town. Explore the tiny winding lanes and admire the churches which dominate the city skyline. No visit would be complete without a visit to Shrewsbury Abbey and Castle, which houses the spectacular collections of the Shropshire Regimental Museum Trust. In the afternoon we will visit Powis Castle (NT) with its rich art collection and celebrated garden.

Day 4 - Enjoy a special trip to the World of Wedgwood today. See craftsmen at work on the Factory Floor, learn more in a guided tour of the museum and shop for your own piece of Wedgwood at their flagship store. After lunch we will visit the coalfired Gladstone Pottery Museum, typical of those

once common in the North Staffordshire area from the 18th century.

Day 5 - After checking out of the hotel we will stop for a guided tour of Wightwick Manor (NT): the legacy of a family's passion for Victorian art and design. It houses a remarkable collection of Pre-Raphaelite and Arts and Crafts paintings and furnishings, as well as a rare garden by Thomas Mawson. A new gallery also now houses works by William and Evelyn De Morgan. In the afternoon we visit Dudley Canal, enjoying a 45 minute cruise through the Dudley Canal Tunnels into the spectacular limestone caverns under Castle Hill before continuing home.

The exact itinerary is subject to change.



How to book:
Please complete the booking form and return, with a £50pp deposit (payable to Success Tours) to:
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