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Speke Hall



Chatsworth House

Chatsworth, Chester & the Highlights of North Wales

NEW June 22 to July 3, 2027 ♦ From \$8,100* per person

Discover the charm of Chatsworth, the historic city of Chester, the breathtaking landscapes of North Wales and more on this relaxed journey. From the grandeur of Chatsworth House to the dramatic mountains and valleys of Snowdonia, each day unveils a memorable experience. Along the way, enjoy a stay at the enchanting Bodysgallen Hall, an atmospheric National Trust country house steeped in history, and experience the golden age of travel with journeys on heritage railways through some of Britain’s most spectacular scenery. A wildlife cruise off the coast of Anglesey adds another dimension and the chance to encounter seabirds, seals and perhaps even dolphins in their natural habitat.

What’s Included

- ♦ Arrival/departure airport transfers from Manchester*
- ♦ 4 nights at the Crewe Hall Hotel & Spa, Cheshire
- ♦ 5 nights at the Bodysgallen Hall & Spa, near Llandudno
- ♦ 1 night at Cottons Hotel & Spa, Knutsford
- ♦ Welcome drink & canapés at your first hotel
- ♦ Full English/Continental breakfast each day
- ♦ 3-course dinner, usually served *table d’hôte* style, on 10 nights at the hotels (with after-dinner tea & coffee)
- ♦ Any additional meals as listed in the itinerary
- ♦ Entrances to all excursions as listed in the itinerary
- ♦ Porterage where available
- ♦ Services of a tour manager

*Supplement applies for transfers from all other airports and all other locations.

Itinerary

June 22: Depart your home city and arrive the next day in Manchester

June 23: Arrival

Upon arrival at Manchester Airport, a private transfer will take you to our hotel, the Crewe Hall Hotel & Spa in Cheshire. In the evening, join the group for a welcome drink and canapés, followed by dinner.

June 24: Lyme Park & Chatsworth

We visit Lyme Park, a 1,400-acre estate near the Peak District, featuring woodland, formal gardens and landmarks like The Cage and Paddock Cottage. A house tour highlights its history while the gardens impress with symmetry and trimmed hedges. At Chatsworth House, we enjoy a buffet lunch and tour its grand interiors, art collection and Capability Brown-designed park. This magnificent estate is home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and famously appeared as Mr Darcy’s house in the 2005 adaption of *Pride and Prejudice*.

June 25: Dunham Massey & Tatton Park

Our visit to Dunham Massey includes the Georgian house, deer park and gardens, where we can explore the history, admire interiors and spot ancient trees and fallow deer. We then head to Altrincham on market day for free time among artisan stalls, street food and independents. Later, visit Tatton Park’s neo-classical mansion and seasonal gardens, enhanced with a guided history tour.

Plas Newydd

June 26: Speke Hall & Chester

We visit Speke Hall, a timber-framed Tudor house near the Mersey, built by the Norris family under Elizabeth I. Discover hidden features like a priest’s hole and whispering gallery, then explore the gardens. In Chester, admire black-and-white architecture, medieval two-tier shopping arcades and landmarks including the cathedral, Roman amphitheatre and historic Town Hall.

June 27: Brynkinalt Estate, Pontcysyllte Aqueduct & Llangollen

Today we discover Brynkinalt Estate, a Grade II-listed hall from 1612. The Trevor family has preserved this historic home, with roots tracing back to Severa, daughter of Emperor Maximus and Gwrtheyrn Gwrtheneu, an ancient British king. We enjoy a guided tour and refreshments, see the UNESCO-listed Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, a real marvel over the Dee, and explore Llangollen.

June 28: Llandudno & Bodnant Garden

Enjoy leisure time in Llandudno, the ‘Queen of the Welsh Resorts,’ known for its golden beach and Victorian charm. Take the chance to stroll the promenade or shop at the Victoria Center. Today’s highlight is Bodnant Garden in Snowdonia’s foothills. Established by Henry Pochin over 150 years ago, it features plants collected by renowned hunters like Ernest Wilson. We explore its National Collections on a self-guided tour.

June 29: Welsh Highland Heritage Railway & Caernarfon

We travel to Porthmadog to board the Welsh Highland Railway for a scenic journey to Caernarfon. Passing through Snowdonia National Park, we enjoy views of mountains, forests and coastline. In Caernarfon, there’s time to explore the royal town, known for Prince Charles’s investiture in 1969. The journey is enhanced by Gold Service aboard the *Snowdonia Star*.



Bodrhyddan Hall

June 30: Plas Newydd, Puffin Island & Penrhyn Castle

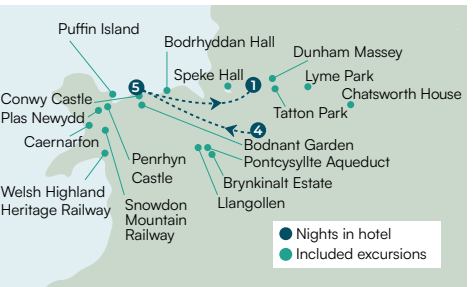
We cross the Menai Bridge to Anglesey to visit Plas Newydd, home of the Marquess of Anglesey, with Rex Whistler-inspired interiors and vibrant gardens. The wonderful sights continue with a memorable wildlife cruise around the nearby Puffin Island, taking in the coastal scenery while keeping watch for Atlantic gray seals and an array of seabirds. As the name suggests, puffins are a seasonal highlight, and with a bit of luck, we may even spot porpoises or dolphins playing in the waters. We then explore Penrhyn Castle, a neo-Norman 19th-century estate featuring grand interiors, art collections, restored kitchens and views of Snowdonia.

July 1: Snowdon Mountain Railway

The Snowdon Mountain Railway offers an unforgettable journey to Wales’s highest peak, Mount Snowdon (Yr Wyddfa). Departing from Llanberis, this historic railway has carried passengers since 1896. As the train climbs, enjoy stunning views of Snowdonia’s valleys and cliffs. On clear days, the summit offers panoramas across Snowdonia and the Irish Sea.

July 2: Conwy Castle, Conwy & Bodrhyddan Hall

We visit the walled town of Conwy to explore Conwy Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built by Edward I in the 13th-century conquest of Wales. Enjoy free time to stroll the quayside



and browse shops before visiting Bodrhyddan Hall, a long-held family home with gardens, fine portrait collections and a 3,000-year-old Egyptian mummy. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner together at the hotel.

July 3: Departure

A private transfer will take you back to Manchester Airport for your return flight home.

Please note: the order of excursions is subject to change and guided tours are subject to restrictions.

**Single supplement applies: \$1,050.*

Key Highlights

- ♦ Stay at one of the National Trust’s Historic House Hotels, Bodysgallen Hall
- ♦ Enjoy free time to explore and relax in Chester, Llangollen, Llandudno and Conwy
- ♦ Journey on two historic railways, including the Snowdon Mountain Railway, which takes us to the summit of Wales’ highest peak
- ♦ Take a wildlife spotting cruise off the coast of Anglesey, looking out for puffins, porpoises and more
- ♦ Discover the architecture and lavish interiors of Penrhyn Castle, with its outstanding art collection

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I make a booking?

Call National Trust Tours at 888-484-8785 to register by phone (preferred method) Monday - Friday from 9am to 5pm (EST) or register online at www.nationaltrusttours.com.

Please note: featured prices are inclusive of the National Trust membership discount. If you are not a National Trust Member, please visit savingplaces.org/membership-benefits to sign up. Thank you for your support.

When are payments due?

When you confirm your booking with us, a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to secure your place. The final balance payment must be paid to us no later than 120 days prior to the tour departure date. Of course, full payment can be made at the time of booking if you prefer and for bookings made less than 8 weeks before the tour departs this will be a requirement.

How can I pay?

We accept debit and credit cards for deposits and full payment.

What paperwork will I receive?

When your booking is confirmed, we will email you a booking confirmation document along with a copy of our full Terms and Conditions and the reading list. Approximately 28 days prior to the tour, we will prepare and send you our Travel Pack with your finalized information and tour itinerary details.

Do I need travel insurance?

Yes, this is essential; we can only accept a booking on the basis that you have taken out a full and comprehensive travel insurance policy to cover the full duration of your trip. We will ask you to confirm this to us. If you choose not to take out travel insurance, this is done so against our advice and at your own risk; we will ask you to sign a declination form indemnifying us from any responsibility or cost in the event of medical emergency or repatriation. National Trust Tours makes travel insurance available to its customers through USI Travel Insurance Services. Information will be sent to you upon request or with your confirmation letter from National Trust Tours.

Do I need a passport and visa?

It is your responsibility to ensure you have a full passport and we recommend that it is valid for 6 months after the return date of your trip. Tourist visas are not required for US citizens visiting the UK or Republic of Ireland, however for travel to the UK a new Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) will now be required.

Electronic Travel Authorisations (ETA) are being introduced for visitors to the UK who currently do not require a visa for short stays, they are digitally linked to a traveller's passport and ensure more robust security checks are carried out before people begin their journey to the UK, helping prevent abuse of immigration systems.

An ETA costs £10 and permits multiple journeys to the UK for stays of up to 6 months at a time and is valid for 2 years or until the holders passport expires — whichever is sooner.

An ETA does not permit entry to the UK — it authorises an individual to travel to the UK. British & Irish citizens do not need an ETA.

Apply for an ETA

Applications can done via a smartphone app — UK ETA app or on line at Apply for an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) — GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

This is a simple process, and decisions are usually communicated within 3 days.

It remains your responsibility to ensure you have the correct travel documentation for your trip.

Are there single traveler room supplements?

Yes, all our featured hotels charge single supplements and prices are shown on the tour pages. Please book early as single rooms sell fast.

Are room upgrades available?

All of the hotels on these tours have been handpicked for their high quality of accommodation and service. However, in some instances room upgrades are available and we would be happy to assist you to arrange these should you be interested.

Can you arrange extra hotel nights?

Yes, if you decide to arrive a few days before the start of the tour or leave a few days after the end of the tour, we are happy to arrange extra nights' accommodation. However, this service is only available at our featured hotels and a \$35 administration fee is charged.

Are meals included?

All breakfasts are included on all tours. Certain lunches and dinners are also included and you should study the tour itinerary in this brochure to determine what meals are included on your chosen tour. Meals not mentioned are not included and all beverages are at your own expense throughout the tour.

What do I do about any dietary requirements?

Please inform us at the time of booking, we will pass your information on to the hotel, property or restaurant who will do their best to accommodate your requirements.

How many passengers will be in the Albion Journeys tour group?

Typically, between 10 and 30.

What is the role of Tour Directors?

Our friendly Tour Director will meet you for a welcome dinner at the beginning of each tour. Their role is to facilitate the smooth organization of all operational aspects of the tour. If you have any queries or experience any issues during the tour, they are there to assist you.

Will the excursions change?

Please note that we plan our tours far in advance and the order and availability of excursions may be subject to change. In the event of a property not being available to visit, we will substitute with a similar visit,

and you will be informed of the full details. Note also that tours described as being led by property owners, curators and head gardeners are always subject to availability of the individuals concerned.

How much walking will there be on these tours?

Any included guided tours will operate at a fairly relaxed pace, but with many historic houses you may experience some uneven flooring along the way, and some rooms and levels may be inaccessible other than by stairs. You will, however, usually have the option to explore any venue by yourself at your own pace. Due to the distances covered, garden tours and guided city walking tours will often require slightly higher standards of mobility. It is essential that you inform us of any concerns at the time of booking, so that we can assess the suitability of your chosen tour in line with your specific requirements.

What are the arrangements for luggage?

The standard luggage allowance is one item of hand luggage and one suitcase per person restricted to a maximum weight of 20kgs (44 pounds). Unless stated otherwise we do provide portage at each of the hotels used on our tours, however, as with all things of a personal nature, it is your responsibility to ensure your suitcase is loaded onto the vehicles we use throughout the tour.

What clothing should I bring?

Comfortable leisurewear is recommended for the daytime. In the evening many participants prefer to wear smarter dress for dining. While gentlemen may choose to wear a jacket in the restaurant in the evening, at most hotels this is not obligatory, we will of course inform you if any hotel does have a dress code. It is advisable to bring layered clothing and a light waterproof jacket. We recommend sturdy footwear when visiting gardens as the ground may be soft underfoot. Many historic properties request ladies do not wear high heels which may damage flooring.

Can you arrange my flights to the UK?

Albion Journeys do not arrange your air travel for our tours; this is your responsibility and gives you the flexibility to decide on your own routing.

What should I budget for tipping?

While it is not compulsory, it is customary to tip the coach driver and Tour Director as well as offering a small gratuity to the transfer drivers to acknowledge the services they have provided. As a guideline we suggest a rate of £5 (about \$6.50 as of this printing) per day for your coach and transfer drivers and £10 (about \$13 as of this printing) per day for your Tour Director. Gratuities for hotel staff and the tour guides you may meet at properties are at your discretion.

All tours offered subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply. Errors and omissions except. All dates are subject to change.



Holkham Hall



Hever Castle



Bodnant Garden



Tower of London

Terms & Conditions Extract

It is important that you read the following booking conditions extract and the full booking conditions shown on our website at albionjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions. These online booking conditions form the basis of your contract with us. Please read them and the extract below carefully as they apply to all bookings you make with us unless otherwise specified.

1. VACATION PAYMENT: When you make a booking you must pay a deposit for every person named on the booking. Deposits per person and the balance due date (the period before the departure date on which your full balance normally becomes due) are:

Deposit	Balance due date
\$1,000 (USD)	120 days before departure

If you cannot make a payment by card at the time of booking, please speak to one of our Reservations staff to discuss other options. You can make payments against your balance anytime between making the booking and the balance due date. If the balance is not paid on time we reserve the right to treat your booking as canceled by you and apply cancellation charges as set out in clause 3 below. For bookings made after the balance due date, the full amount is due at the time of booking.

2. OUR AGREEMENT: A contract is formed when we issue to you the booking confirmation document and terms and conditions. It is important you read through these and any other documents you receive and advise us of any inaccuracy within 14 days of the document date. By accepting the booking is correct you agree to our terms and conditions.

We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracy in any document within 14 days of our sending it out. This contract and all matters arising out of it will be governed by English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

3. VACATION CANCELLATION BY YOU: If you want to cancel your booking after we have confirmed it with you either verbally, over the telephone or by email, you can do so over the phone or in writing. The following cancellation charges will apply:

121 days or more prior to departure	\$1,000 (USD)
120 days or less before departure	100% of the program cost is non-refundable

If any member of your party is prevented from traveling, that person may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you) providing we are notified no less than two weeks before departure.

Full terms and conditions will be provided with your booking confirmation. They are also available on request or via our website: albionjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions.

Bookings are accepted on the basis that you have read and understood them.