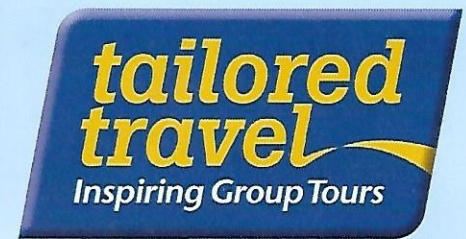


High Wycombe u3a presents

The Heritage & Historic Houses of the Peak District & Derbyshire

5 days from £799 Departing 16th June 2026



FEATURES

- 4* hotel
- Half board accommodation
- All excursion travel & guided tours included
- Entrance fees to non-National Trust properties included
- Blue Badge guide on Days 2 to 4
- Executive coach throughout

WHAT WE WILL SEE

- Kedleston Hall
- Bakewell
- Haddon Hall – guided tour
- Cromford Mills – guided tour of the Mill Yard
- Hardwick Hall & gardens
- Chatsworth
- Eyam
- Eyam Museum
- Crich Tramway Village

ACCOMMODATION

We stay four nights at the centrally located 4* Mercure St Paul's Hotel & Spa (<https://all.accor.com/hotel/6628/index.en.shtml>) at Sheffield. Facilities at the hotel include a restaurant, bar, indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, sauna, and a steam room. All of our allocated Classic Rooms are ensuite and feature television, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. A 3 course buffet dinner will be served in our hotel every evening.

EXTRAS TO YOUR TOUR

- Insurance (including Covid cover) £36
- Single room supplement £99
- Entrance fees to National Trust properties (free to NT members)
- Gratuities
- Lunches

Price based on twin share. Minimum numbers required. Normal booking conditions apply.



Chatsworth House

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Day 1

We depart by private executive coach from our designated pick up points. En route to our hotel we visit the National Trust's Kedleston Hall in Derbyshire, built between 1759 and 1765 for the Curzon family who have lived in the area since the 12th century. Kedleston boasts the most complete and least altered sequence of Robert Adam interiors in England. We continue to the centrally located 4* Mercure St Paul's Hotel & Spa at Sheffield for a four night stay on a half board basis.

Day 2

With our Blue Badge guide we visit Bakewell this morning, famous for the production of the 'tart', or Bakewell Pudding as it is known locally. This afternoon we visit Haddon Hall for a guided tour, a fortified manor house dating from the 12th century. This remarkable old house is surrounded by terraced Elizabethan gardens.

Day 3

This morning we enjoy a guided tour of the Mill Yard at Cromford Mills, the birthplace of the modern factory system. Built in 1771 by Sir Richard Arkwright, it is the world's first successful water-powered cotton spinning mill and a cornerstone of the Industrial Revolution. During our tour, we discover how Sir Richard Arkwright went from the humblest of beginnings to become the richest commoner in the country. We continue with our Blue Badge guide to Hardwick Hall and gardens, an Elizabethan treasure house and National Trust property dating from the 16th century. A magnificent statement of the wealth and status of its builder, Bess of Hardwick, Hardwick Hall is remarkable for being almost unchanged since she lived here and gives a rare insight into the formality of Elizabethan courtly life.

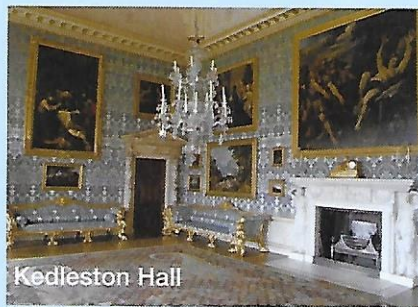
Day 4

Our Blue Badge guide meets us at our hotel this morning and accompanies us throughout the day. We firstly visit Chatsworth, one of Britain's best loved historic houses and estates, offering something for everyone to enjoy, from famous works of art and the spectacular fountains in the garden to the finest shopping, food and drink and many miles of free walks. The home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire is set in the magnificent landscape of Derbyshire's Peak District National Park, and is seen in the film of 'Pride and Prejudice'. This afternoon we visit Eyam. Struck by the Bubonic Plague in 1665 when a flea infested bundle of cloth was delivered to tailor George Vicars from London, the village of Eyam went into voluntary isolation. The Plague raged in the village for 14 months and it is stated that it killed at least 260 villagers with only 83 villagers surviving. During our guided tour we visit the Museum which tells the story of the Plague and its effects on the village sealing themselves off from the surrounding villages to prevent the spread of the disease.

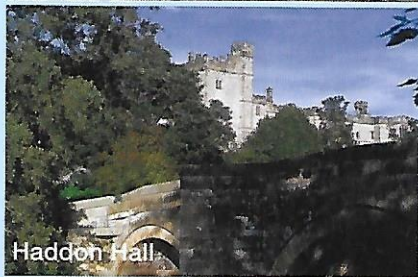
Day 5

After checking out of our hotel and before returning home we visit Crich Tramway Village today. Nestling high up in the heart of Derbyshire overlooking the famous Derwent Valley, Crich Tramway Village is a lovingly restored period village that is also home to the National Tramway Museum and its world-renowned archives. Taking carefully selected comfort stops en route, we return back to our original pick up points.

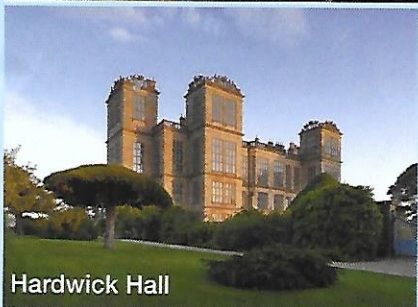
NB:- Please note we reserve the right to alter the above itinerary if required for operational reasons. Given the historic nature of the places visited, a certain degree of walking will be involved, and this holiday may not be suitable for those with mobility problems.



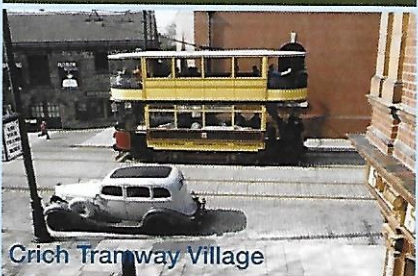
Kedleston Hall



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