

The Culture and the Stunning Scenery of **DEVON and CORNWALL**

A 5-day tour commencing 19th May 2024

Dear members,

My latest Bushey U3A offering of a tour will be May next year and will, hopefully, appeal to lovers of the Eden Project as well as those of Agatha Christie. The West Country counties of Devon and Cornwall are the most popular area in the UK for tourism. Cornwall with its Eden Project is one we haven't visited for 10 years but I think Devon also has a lot to offer. I have included a heritage train ride as usual and a boat ride which will interest lovers of Agatha Christie.

I hope this tour interests you.

Kind Regards

Denise



YOUR 5 DAY ITINERARY

Sunday After our usual pick-ups at Bushey and Watford, we will head towards Portishead Marina for a lunch stop before continuing to Plymouth and our stunning hotel the Duke of Cornwall.

Monday Today we spend some time in Dartmouth, before taking the return ferry along the river Dart to Greenway House where we can take a glimpse into the life of Agatha Christie at her former holiday home. The Georgian house, still set in the 1950s, is situated in a large and romantic woodland garden which sweeps down the hillside towards the River Dart.

Each room in the house is full of items collected by Christie and her family, and brought to Greenway from her childhood home or archaeological digs with her second husband Max.

A visit to Greenway isn't complete without a trip down to the Boathouse, scene of the crime in Poirot's *Dead Man's Folly* and one of the most tranquil spots at Greenway.

Tuesday This morning we will have a relaxing steam train ride from the historic Cornish town of Bodmin before we visit one of the highlights of our tour, the remarkable Eden Project with its million plants. It is hard to describe this unique visit which has won many international awards for both its world-wide plant conservation work and as an outstanding tourist attraction. There are three enormous biomes with the rainforest being the world's largest plant conservatory. There is a walkway above the steamy jungle and in the Mediterranean Biome they have grown the world's largest flower—at over 5 metres high.

Wednesday After breakfast today we will have a guided tour of Plymouth Synagogue which is the oldest Ashkenazi Synagogue still in regular use and within easy walking distance of our hotel. We will then have time to explore the Harbour, to see the Mayflower Steps from where the Pilgrim Fathers departed and the cobbled streets and galleries of the Barbican before taking a 1 hour Harbour Cruise.

Thursday Our journey home today will include a stop at Cleveland, a unique coastal Victorian town with a beautiful coastline and the only Grade 1 listed pier in England. There are plenty of places to have lunch before we head for home.



Beautiful walks around Greenway House

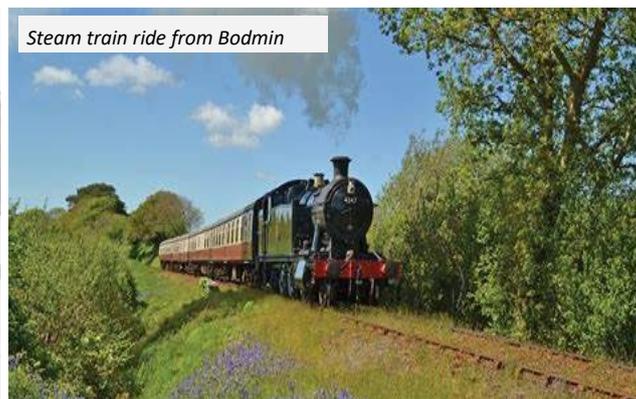


Plymouth Synagogue



Plymouth Harbour Cruise

THE Eden Project



Steam train ride from Bodmin

PRICE and GENERAL INFORMATION

PRICE per person: Minimum 40 persons—£ 575 Minimum 35 persons—£ 599 Minimum 30 persons—£ 629

Double room for SINGLE occupancy — £ 100 supplement 9 true single rooms available with no supplement.

Price includes: Executive Touring Coach, 4 nights half board accommodation, return ferry along the river to Greenway House, admission to Greenwood House, one way on the Bodmin & Wenford Railway, admission to the Eden Project, Guided tour of Plymouth Synagogue, Plymouth Harbour Cruise.

BOOKING PROCEDURES *The tour must have a minimum 30 persons to operate. Balance payment will be due by ??????. A deposit cheque of £75 per person, made out to **Success Tours Ltd**, should be sent to Denise Piddington as soon as possible. This will not be banked until we have the minimum number of bookings to operate the tour. Once your deposit has been banked it is non-refundable.*

This tour is being organised by Success Tours, a well established award winning UK tour operator. They meet the financial security requirements of the EU Consumer Protection Act by all payments held in a Trust Account until our tour has been successfully completed. Success Tours also hold a British Government Air Travel Operators License (Number 5114).

Passengers are expected to have their own travel insurance, particularly to cover possible cancellation costs. Late cancellations of less than 10 weeks may incur charges according to length of notice given prior to departure.

Bushey U3A cannot entertain financial claims should a member suffer any losses through the tour operator defaulting on their obligations.

Bushey U3A BOOKING FORM

Please reserve places on the Devon and Cornwall tour

ROOMS: Singles Doubles Twins

PASSENGER NAMES with titles and initials

SPECIAL REQUESTS Indicate any disabilities, diets etc

Special requests cannot be guaranteed.

Enclosed find £..... Cheque payable to **Success Tours Ltd** covering £75 deposits for persons

ADDRESS

Postcode.....Telephone..... Email.....

SIGNED.....**NAME**.....**DATE**.....