

ASHFORD PROBUS CLUB / 11th - 16th MAY 2025

THE PEAK DISTRICT

STAYING IN BUXTON

6-DAYS
£845
INC. EVENING
MEALS

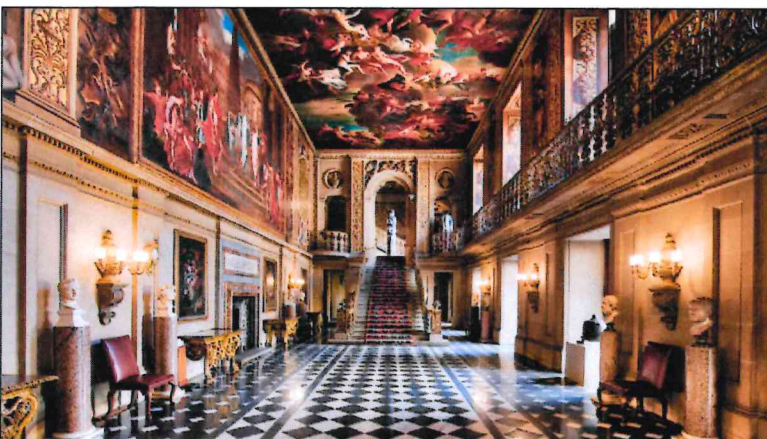


The Peak District was Britain's first National Park and boasts breathtaking landscapes and a rich historic and cultural heritage, amply evidenced by the holiday's varied sightseeing programme that covers a cross-section of the areas attractions along with the dramatically beautiful scenery of the Peak District.

This six-day holiday is based at the highly recommended, family owned 4* star Lee Wood Hotel in Buxton, which we have chosen for its personal management, high level of comfort and, above all, outstanding restaurant.

Buxton makes an ideal touring base, and the holiday offers a relaxed balance of free time and organised sightseeing, combining a good degree of autonomy while enjoying the benefits of traveling with a group.

In a way that is only possible in the UK, the holiday offers a variety of world-class sightseeing highlights that includes Chatsworth, Quarrybank, Haddon Hall, Jodrell Bank, Crich Tramway Village and the Heights of Abraham. Plus, on the way to Buxton, the group visit Kedleston Hall, while on the home there is an extended visit to the National Memorial Arboretum.





THE 4* LEE WOOD HOTEL

The Lee Wood, Buxton's only 4-star hotel overlooks Pavilion Gardens in the centre of town, around a 5-minute walk from Buxton Opera House.

The 40 bedrooms offer all the comforts one would expect of a 4-star hotel, including a multi-channel smart tv.

The hotel's 'Lazy Gardener' Restaurant, in which the group has their breakfasts and evening meals, is widely regarded among locals as the best place to eat in Buxton, using locally sourced ingredients whenever possible.

The hotel also offers a fitness rooms and a garden if the weather is fine.

But more that, the Lee Wood is a family run hotel, currently it is in the hands of the 3rd generation, and it is this personal touch that especially sets it apart from the other hotels in Buxton.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Luxury coach travel
5 nights 4* hotel accommodation
Buffet breakfasts each morning
3 course evening meals throughout
Service charges & taxes

Full sightseeing programme with £90 worth of entrances including

Chatsworth & Haddon Hall
Quarrybank (NT)
Jodrell Bank
The Heights of Abraham Chairlift*
Crich Tramway Village
Keddleston Hall (NT)
National Memorial Arboretum

Optional Supplements

Single room - £180
Up-grade to deluxe room - £120pp
* Heights of Abraham Chairlift ride - £19
All room types subject to availability

NT - National Trust - See booking form

YOUR ITINERARY

NB - Dinner will served in the hotel's 'Lazy Gardener Restaurant' each evening.

Sunday - After departing Wye at 07.45 and Ashford at 08.15, the coach starts its journey northwards to arrive in **Buxton** by around 16.30, allowing for a comfort break on the motorway and an extended stop at **Keddleston Hall**, the home of the Curzon family now owned by the National Trust.

Monday - After yesterday's journey, the morning is free until 11.30 when the coach will depart for **Chatsworth** and everyone will have a ticket for both the house and garden.

Tuesday - The programme today combines the **Heights of Abraham Chairlift** with a visit to the **Crich National Tramway Museum**, a cleverly recreated period village with a fine collection of over 80 trams built between 1874 and 1982, some still in working condition.

Wednesday - The coach heads westwards and crosses the county border into Cheshire for two contrasting visits at the opposite ends of the Industrial Revolution, first to the National Trust's **Quarrybank Mill**, and then to the **Jodrell Bank Observatory**.

Thursday - The programme today combines visits to **Haddon Hall**, ancestral home of the Dukes of Rutland. Smaller than Chatsworth, but attracting far fewer visitors, this makes a delightful visit and a great way to spend the group's final day in Derbyshire.

Friday - After a leisurely breakfast, the coach starts the homeward journey stopping for an extended break at the excellent **National Arboretum Memorial**. Subject to availability, we will book the group tickets for the land-train tour that provides a great introduction to what's a large site. The expected time of arrival back at the departure points is around 20.00 - 20.30.



Mitchellwood Group Travel

Please Note

- 1) The cost of the holiday is £845 per person. The number of places is limited and bookings will be taken on a first come, first serve basis - but your booking will only be confirmed when your deposit is received.
- 2) Although we recommend taking out travel insurance, this being a UK holiday the choice is yours. The main purpose of travel insurance for this tour would be to cover the risk of you having to cancel your holiday, or if you missed the departure.

Travel Insurance

IMPORTANT - Mitchellwood has relinquished its status as an 'insurance agent' and instead has become what's called a passive provider. Our customers can still insure themselves with Towergate as Mitchellwood will provide a website address or telephone number that the customer can use to make contact.

If you would like us to do that, simply ring us on 01962 735747 for details.

However, we also suggest that passengers look into obtaining their own insurance via someone like Saga, the Post Office, their local travel agent or online.

In brief, Towergate has woken up to the fact that for many years it has been losing thousands of pounds annually insuring our passengers. When we started working with Towergate, 30 years ago, the average age of our customers was probably somewhere between 40-50, now it's between 70-80 and, as you can imagine, this fact has resulted in a disproportionate number of claims made by our customers. Against this background, our remaining as an agent would have meant us either watering down the policy conditions, or levying a premium that would have made insurance purchased through us significantly higher than the market average.

PROTECTION FOR THE TRAVEL CONSUMER

The Package Travel Directive of 2018 makes it a legal requirement that all tour companies provide their customers with protection against their financial failure.

There are three ways a tour operator can do this: membership of a bonding organisation like Abta, the use of a trust account overseen by a trusted intermediary (normally but not always an accountant or solicitor) or Mitchellwood's method whereby we purchase Financial Failure Insurance for our passengers.

This insurance protects our passengers against our financial failure, and will either obtain full refunds for everyone of all monies paid (excluding travel insurance) or, if you are actually away on a trip, will allow you to finish your holiday and be returned to your point of origin.

The insurance is arranged by Towergate Chapman Stevens through the Evolution Insurance Company PLC. Your group leader will have the full details, including how to make a claim, although of course, we are not envisaging you ever having to make one.