

LENTUNE PROBUS CLUB / 19th - 23rd JUNE 2022

5-DAYS
£450
4-STAR
HOTEL



BEAUTIFUL KENT THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND

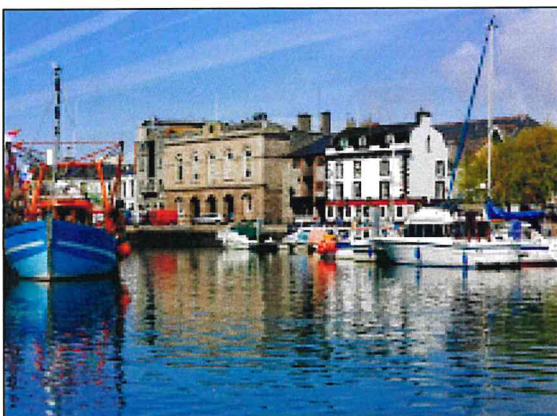
England's oldest county has long been referred to as the Garden of England. It is an area abundant in woodlands, undulating countryside, winding country lanes, orchards, vineyards, oast houses, quintessential country cottages, pretty villages and bustling market towns.

With just four days we have had a difficult job deciding what to include and in the end we settled on Canterbury, so that the group could visit the cathedral, Leeds Castle, and two National Trust visits, the stunning garden at Sissinghurst and Scotney Castle. The holiday also features Whitstable, a ride on the RH&D Railway, while allowing for some free time in Folkestone - *see the green panel immediately to the right.*

REVITALIZED FOLKESTONE

Folkestone has undergone an incredible renaissance in recent years, in large part due to a £1.4b regeneration project lead by the De Haan family, owners of the Saga Holiday & Insurance Group that is based in the town.

The creation of a 'Creative Quarter' in the characterful streets around the old harbour, along with the award-winning regeneration of Lower Leas Coastal Park and the extensive restoration of the town's Victorian architectural heritage have all combined to create the 'buzz' of a town that is heading confidently on an upward trajectory.





THE 4* BURLINGTON HOTEL

The 4* Burlington is an imposing Victorian building overlooking Folkestone's attractive clifftop gardens and the English Channel beyond.

Its recent upgrade by the AA from 3 to 4-star provided evidence that the hotel, like the town of Folkestone, is clearly on an upward trajectory.

As you would expect, all the bedrooms offer a high standard of comfort with private facilities, multi-channel tv, hospitality tray and free wifi.

The hotel also has its own restaurant in which the group will eat on all three nights of its stay, and a bar that provides an ideal place for everyone to get together for an aperitif or an after dinner drink later. There's also a terrace for fine weather.



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

luxury coach with toilet, fridge & dvd
4 nights hotel accommodation
3 course dinners in the hotel each evening
full English breakfasts in the hotel throughout
entrance to Leeds Castle
visits to Canterbury, Whitstable & Sissinghurst (NT*)
ride on the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway*
return journey via Rye & Scotney Castle (NT*)

Optional supplements
travel insurance £30 / single room £60

*** see itinerary below*

THE ITINERARY

NB - Dinner is included in the hotel's restaurant on each night of the holiday.

Sunday - After departing Lymington at 09.30 the coach starts the journey to the hotel in Folkestone, stopping en route to visit **Leeds Castle** that boasts a 900 year old history and styles itself as the 'loveliest castle in the world'. Here there will be time to visit castle, tour the gardens and have lunch before continuing to the hotel to arrive by late afternoon.

Monday - Keeping things relaxed the morning features a visit to **Canterbury**. From here the group will visit the increasingly stylish town of **Whitstable** before returning to the hotel by late afternoon.

Tuesday - This will give everyone some **free time in Folkestone** where we especially recommend a visit to the **rivitalized harbour** area and neighbouring '**Creative Quarter**'. In the afternoon the group has a trip on the **Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Railway** across the expanse of the sombre Romney Marsh.

Wednesday - Still keeping things relaxed, the coach takes a wonderfully scenic route through the Weald to visit the National Trust's **Sissinghurst Garden***, created in the 1930s by Vita Sackfield-West and her husband the diplomat Harold Nicholson and surely one of the most beautiful gardens in England.

Thursday - After a leisurely breakfast the group will take a scenic route through Kent via the picturesque town of Rye and **Scotney Castle*** before re-joining the motorway system for the journey back to The expected Lymington where the expected time of arrival is around 17.00.

At National Trust properties entrance is free for members. Non-members pay the standard group entrance fees on the day. The ride on the RH&D Railway is included in the tour price on the proviso of there being at least 36 passengers. If fewer than 36 travel £10 will be added to your final balance invoice although, should you prefer, you can opt out and make the journey by coach.