

Tour
Information



Anarchy in the UK





The tour commences and concludes at the **Holiday Inn, Telford.**

St Quentin Gate

Telford

Shropshire

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Transport

Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Northbound on the M6:

Join the M54 at M6/J10A. Travel west to M54/J4. Take the second exit follow signs to The International Centre. Holiday Inn Telford-Ironbridge is situated next door to The International Centre off St Quentin Gate roundabout.

Southbound on the M6:

Leave the M6 at J12. Take the A5 west for 1 mile to Gailey Island. Take first left on to A449. Travel 3 miles to M54/J2. Travel west on M54 to J4. Take second exit and follow signs to The International Centre. Holiday Inn Telford-Ironbridge is situated next door to The International Centre off St Quentin Gate roundabout.

If you are travelling by train:

There are regular services from Birmingham New Street, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury. Holiday Inn Telford-Ironbridge is situated just over a mile from Telford Central Station and are only two minutes' drive by taxi. Alternatively, there is a regular bus service. Visit National Rail for train times and fares.



Accommodation

Holiday Inn, Telford

Located in the heart of Shropshire, this comfortable hotel offers a restaurant and leisure club which includes a gymnasium, indoor pool, spa pool, sauna and steam room. All contemporary designed bedrooms boast private bath/shower, air-conditioning, TV, hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. Free car parking is available at the hotel.

More information can be found via the hotel's website:

<http://hitelfordhotel.com/>

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 14.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

Please note that your rooms may not be ready at 14.00, reception will arrange to store your luggage.

On the last day, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on dinner, bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 12:00.

Dining

On the first night, a private 3-course dinner with wine is served, and the second evening meal will be served in the main restaurant – both are included in the price of the tour. Breakfast on all days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.



Places Visited

Shrewsbury Abbey

The Abbey Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Shrewsbury (commonly known as Shrewsbury Abbey) is an ancient foundation in Shrewsbury, the county town of Shropshire, England.

The Abbey was founded in 1083 as a Benedictine monastery by the Norman Earl of Shrewsbury, Roger de Montgomery. It grew to be one of the most important and influential abbeys in England, and an important centre of pilgrimage. Although much of the Abbey was destroyed in the 16th century, the nave survived as a parish church, and today serves as the mother church for the Parish of Holy Cross.

<http://www.shrewsburyabbey.com/>

The Battle of Shrewsbury

The Battle of Shrewsbury was a battle fought on 21 July 1403, waged between an army led by the Lancastrian King Henry IV and a rebel army led by Henry "Harry Hotspur" Percy from Northumberland. The battle, the first in which English archers fought each other on English soil, demonstrated the effectiveness of the longbow and ended the Percy challenge to King Henry IV of England.

Part of the fighting is believed to have taken place at what is now Battlefield, Shropshire, England, three miles north of the centre of Shrewsbury. It is marked today by Battlefield Church and Battlefield Heritage Park.

Ludlow Castle

Ludlow Castle was built in the late eleventh century by Roger de Lacy alongside a planned town. The castle was besieged during the Anarchy, attacked by Edward II and sacked by the Lancastrians during the Wars of the Roses. Later it hosted the 'Council of the Marches', effectively serving as the capital of Wales until the late seventeenth century.

<http://www.ludlowcastle.com/>

Stokesay Castle

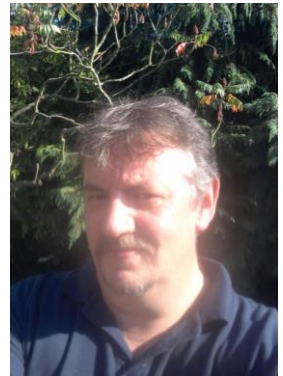
One of the finest and best-preserved fortified medieval manor house in England. Discover the great hall, unchanged for over 700 years. Spot characters carved in the timbers of the 17th-century gatehouse and climb to the top of a fairy-tale tower for breathtaking views of the Shropshire Hills.

Stokesay Castle was constructed at the end of the 13th century by Laurence of Ludlow, who at the time was one of the richest men in England. It remains a treasure by-passed by time, one of the best places to visit in England to experience what medieval life was like.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stokesay-castle/>

Your Guide

Mike Ingram is a medieval historian, author and lecturer. He regularly leads tours around medieval battlefields and is also chairman of the Northampton Battlefields Society. His book *Battle Story: Bosworth 1485* was published in 2012.



Mike will give the following talks:

'The Welsh Marches - A bloody history.'

'Henry IV and his rebellions.'

Practical Information






Tour manager - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping –To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services.

Walking Content – This tour has been graded a 4 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key below for an explanation of the footprint symbols:

Very little walking involved	
Relaxed easy pace, mainly walking from coach to site	
Some walking between sites, good, flat walking surfaces	
Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewings	
On your feet all day, uneven terrain (cobblestones etc)	



Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

07841 023807 or

020 7987 5910 or

07831 133079 or

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