



Tour Information



Discover the North West Waterways





The tour commences and concludes at the **Hilton Manchester Airport Hotel**.

Manchester Airport

Outwood Lane

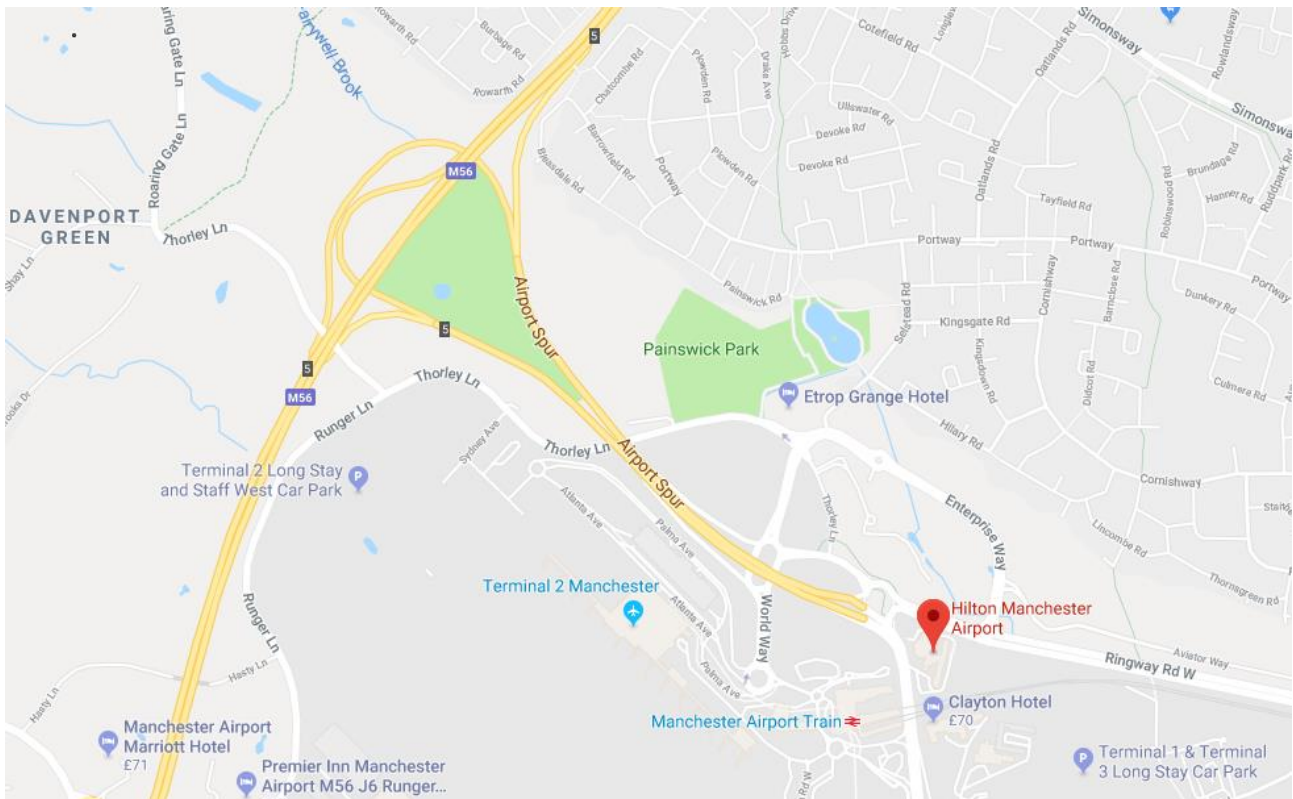
Manchester

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



Transport

If you are travelling by car: Follow the M6 both north and south bound until you reach Junction 20, exit and follow signs for M56/Manchester Airport/Manchester S and merge onto M56. On M56 exit at junction 5 towards Manchester Airport. Continue onto Airport Spur and Outwood Lane.

If you are travelling by train: The nearest train station is at Manchester Airport.



Accommodation

Hilton Manchester Airport

Modern four-star hotel well located for the places visited on this tour. Well-appointed and comfortable, facilities include bar, restaurant and fitness room. Bedrooms are modern with all modern amenities, such as bath/shower, TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Car parking is available at the hotel costing £10 per night for Travel Editions clients, payable directly to the hotel.

More information can be found via the hotel's website: <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/hilton-manchester-airport-MANHITW/index.html>

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 15.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

Please note that your rooms may not be ready at 15.00, reception will arrange to store your luggage.

On the last day, the tour will finish at approximately 17.00 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 a dinner and bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 12.00.

Dining

On the first night, dinner with wine is provided at the hotel and included in the price of the tour. For the second evening, dinner is also provided in the hotel. 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

National Waterways Museum

With its dramatic location on the banks of the Mersey and the Manchester Ship Canal in Cheshire, extensive in-door displays, boat trips and historic buildings, the museum offers a great day out where time slows down and history comes to life. Designed by Thomas Telford under the direction of William Jessop, the docks at Ellesmere Port were still in use as late as the 1950s. They were a marvellously self-contained world and when you visit the museum today you can still walk round its locks, docks and warehouses and visit its forge, stables and workers cottages.

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/national-waterways-museum>

Anderton Boat Lift

It was built by Edwin Clark in 1875 to lift cargo boats the 50 feet from the River Weaver to the Trent & Mersey Canal. The concept is simple: two huge water tanks, each with watertight sealable doors carry boats up and down. The original counter-balanced system was replaced in 1908 by electric operation, but the lift now works hydraulically again. No description can adequately convey the sheer scale of this engineering feat. The lift worked until 1983 when serious deterioration of the structure was discovered. Some £7m was raised to fund the restoration, which was completed in 2002.

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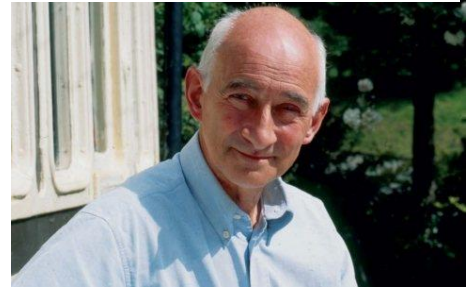
Manchester Ship Canal

The highlight of the weekend will be a cruise along the length of the Manchester Ship Canal from Salford to Liverpool, with a live commentary by your Blue Badge guide as the ship passes through five locks and open swing bridges and under bridges on this wonderful and historic journey. (Please note this is not a private cruise). On arrival in Liverpool, you will be greeted by the iconic Three Graces building. The Manchester Ship Canal is a 36-mile-long inland waterway linking Manchester to the Irish Sea. Starting at the Mersey Estuary near Liverpool, it generally follows the original routes of the rivers Mersey and Irwell through the historic counties of Cheshire and Lancashire. Several sets of locks lift vessels about 60 feet (18 m) to the canal's terminus in Manchester. Landmarks along its route include the Barton Swing Aqueduct, the world's only swing aqueduct, and Trafford Park, the world's first planned industrial estate and still the largest in Europe. Construction began in 1887; it took six years and cost £15 million (equivalent to about £1.65 billion nowadays). When the ship canal opened in January 1894 it was the largest river navigation canal in the world, and enabled the new Port of Manchester to become Britain's third-busiest port despite being about 40 miles inland.

<http://www.merseyferries.co.uk/cruises/Manchester-Ship-Canal-Cruises/Pages/default.aspx>

Your Speaker

Well-known TV personality, antiques expert and inland waterways enthusiast **Paul Atterbury** will be your speaker for this tour. Paul is a steam and canal enthusiast who has been a member of the Antiques Roadshow's team for over 20 years.



Paul will give the following talk:

"The History of Britain's canals"

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 3 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 (cobble 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:

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

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