



Tour Information



Great British Transport Through the Ages

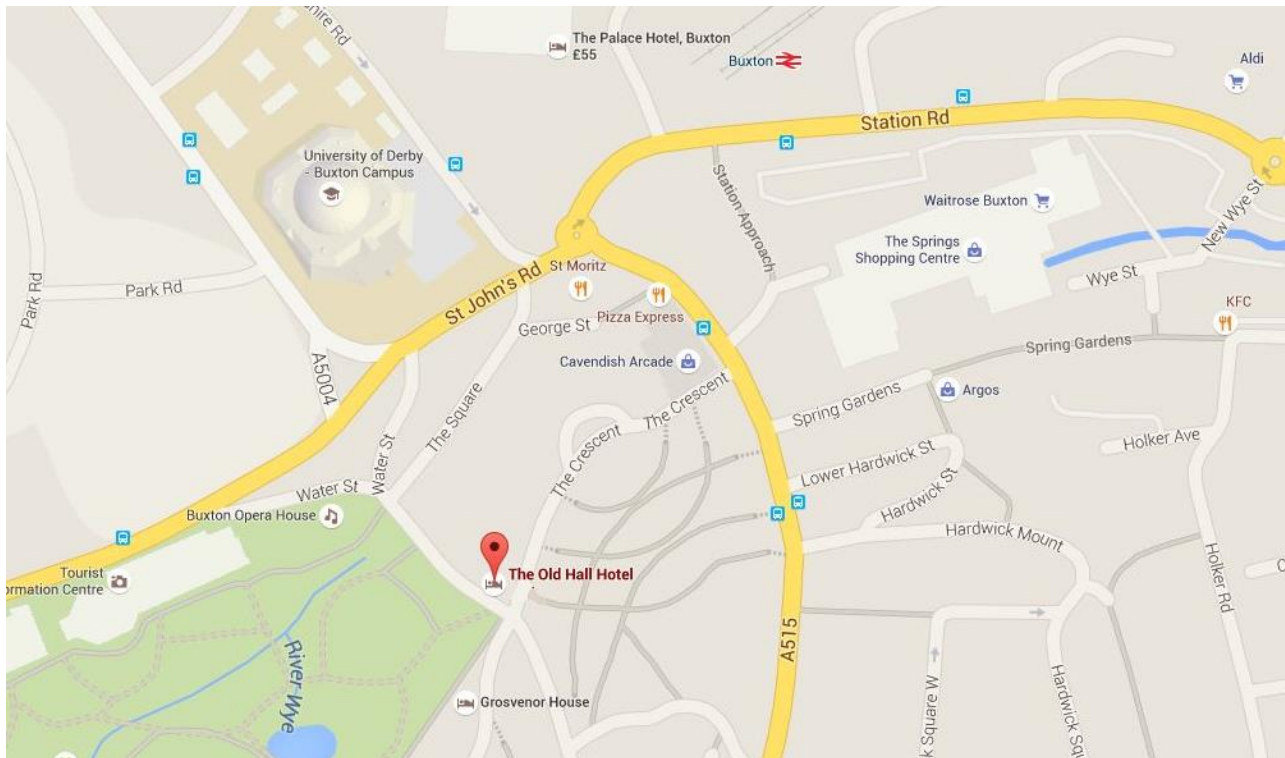




The tour commences and concludes at the **Old Hall Hotel, Buxton**. The hotel is situated in the centre of Buxton opposite the Pavilion Gardens and Opera House. The hotel is also located within 5 minutes' walk of the town centre.

The Old Hall Hotel
The Square, Buxton
Derbyshire, England
SK17 6BD
Tel: 01298 22841

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



Transport

If you are travelling by car:

Buxton is easily accessible by road with many of the major motorways less than an hour away, including:

- 40 minutes, M1/J24 Derby-Ashbourne-Buxton
- 40 minutes, M1/J28 Matlock-Bakewell-Buxton
- 40 minutes, M6/J19 Knutsford-Macclesfield-Buxton
- 30 minutes, A6 Stockport-Buxton

If you are travelling by train: There is a regular train service direct to Buxton via Stockport or Manchester, the hotel is an 8-minute walk from Buxton Train Station. There is a direct train service from London to Macclesfield, Macclesfield is only 20 minutes by car/taxi from Buxton.



Accommodation

Old Hall Hotel, Buxton

Reputed to be the oldest hotel in England, the Old Hall Hotel is located in the heart of the market town of Buxton and offers a restaurant, wine bar and comfortable bedrooms with en-suite bathroom with bath/shower, TV, telephone and hairdryer.

Parking outside the hotel: Hotel has no car park. There are public parking spaces opposite the hotel, but they are not guaranteed. The hotel can provide a voucher for the value of £3 for 24 hours parking to be use on the public spaces area, but spaces are not guaranteed.

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

<http://www.oldhallhotelbuxton.co.uk/>

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.

On the last day, the tour will finish at 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 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 restaurant, and on the second night dinner is provided in the hotel restaurant and 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

Peak Rail

The Midland Railway route linking Derby and Manchester across the Derbyshire Peak District must rate as one of the most spectacular lines ever to have existed in the country. Whatever the merits and claims of other lines, the railway, which carved through Derbyshire's great limestone hills, has been described as the most scenic line in Britain. Because of the terrain, numerous tunnels and other impressive civil engineering features including the magnificent viaducts at Millers Dale and Monsal Dale had to be constructed. In 1968 the last of the direct St. Pancras-Manchester express service was transferred away from the Peak Line and the track quickly lifted, it seemed like the days of rail access to the Peak District had gone forever. Rail enthusiasts on their own initiative got together to form the "Peak Railway Society". After an initial meeting, membership quickly grew to over a thousand people and then later a commercial operating company "Peak Rail Operations" was formed with the aim of restoring the Peak Line for recreational and community use. The long uphill struggle then began to convince local authorities of the viability of restoring and maintaining a 20-mile railway. Shops were opened at Buxton and Matlock and members attended many fund-raising and publicity events to inform the public of the society's aims. In 1981 the former Buxton Midland site was purchased and turned from what was derelict ground into a thriving Steam Centre. In 1986 P.R.S. and P.R.O. merged to form Peak Rail Limited.

<https://www.peakrail.co.uk/>

British Car Journey Museum

The museum features over 100 British Classic cars, from the days of the Austin Seven up to the latest McLaren. The heroes of our journey are the cars: NOT a random selection of old vehicles but a carefully chosen selection of cars made in Britain which changed the world for good. Many of the cars have their own story: a 55-year-old Mini with 7,700 miles on the clock, the last MG Metro ever produced showing less than 400 miles and one of the 360 Morris Minor "Millions" produced in 1961 to celebrate a production record and sent to every Morris dealer in the UK. The journey is a timeline which starts in 1921 when Austin very nearly went bust and ends in the present when we all take the car completely for granted. It features success and failure both mechanical and human and charts the rise and demise of an industry which was once vital to our economy. We will also visit the Drive Dad's Car Experience, with over 30 British cars on offer with the opportunity to enjoy a drive in two different vehicles.

<https://www.greatbritishcarjourney.com/>

You will need to bring your driving licence if you want to drive a car, or you can opt for an instructor to take you on a drive if you prefer.

Crich Tramway Village

Step back in time along the recreated period street including pub and shops and experience a ride on one of the vintage trams, from the collection of 80 vehicles. With trams from Blackpool, Glasgow and also The Hague, Johannesburg and New York. The Great Exhibition Hall takes you on a fantastic journey through one hundred years of tramway development, from 1860 – 1960, with horse, steam and electric trams on show.

<https://www.tramway.co.uk/>

Cromford Mills and Canal Cruise

Cromford Mill, the world's first successful water powered cotton spinning mill, was built in 1771 by Sir Richard Arkwright. From then until around 1790, he continued to develop the mills, warehouses and workshops, which now form the Cromford Mills site. Sir Richard Arkwright's invention of the water frame to spin cotton transformed the manufacture of cotton into England's major industry and created a system of factory production that spread throughout the world. The cotton industry was a cornerstone of the industrial revolution. Arkwright took out a patent for his water frame in 1769 and moved from Preston to Nottingham to set up a horse powered mill to run his machines. Driven by the need for more power he searched for a site to build a water powered mill and settled upon Cromford, using the Bonsall Brook and the Cromford Sough, building the first mill here in 1771.

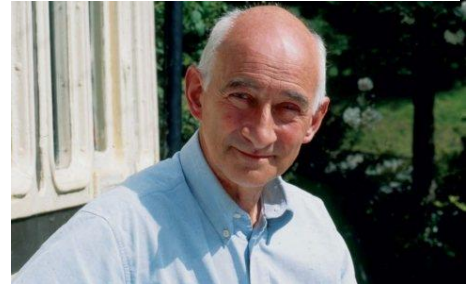
Birdswood is the historical narrow boat belonging to The Friends of Cromford Canal. Enjoy a peaceful journey along the Cromford Canal and get up close to the fabulous wildlife and take in the amazing scenery.

<https://www.cromfordmills.org.uk/>

<https://www.birdswood.org/>

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 a talk on the first evening of your tour.

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 (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:

020 7251 0045

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07841 023807

PLEASE USE THESE NUMBERS ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A GENUINE EMERGENCY.

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