

Tour
Information



Jane Austen in Hampshire





The tour commences and concludes at the **Crowne Plaza, Basingstoke**.

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Black Dam

Basingstoke

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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:

Close to the town centre and just 40 minutes from Heathrow Airport.

If you are travelling by train:

The nearest train station is Basingstoke – 2 miles away



Accommodation

Crowne Plaza, Basingstoke

The Crowne Plaza is the perfect base for exploring Hampshire's most popular attractions. Enjoy contemporary accommodation, with complimentary access to our health and leisure facilities. Their standard guest rooms are modern and spacious, decorated in cool, calm tones and include a desk, internet access and TV. A minibar and complimentary tea and coffee making facilities are also available in the rooms e at the hotel.

The Health and Leisure facilities include a new gym with cardio and strength equipment, steam and sauna rooms and treatment facilities.

More information can be found via the hotel's website: <http://cpbasingstoke.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 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.

Dining

On the first night, a three-course dinner with wine is provided at the hotel and included in the price of the tour. For the second evening, dinner will be provided in the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on all days of your stay is included in the price and one lunch at Cassandra's Cup Tearooms, but meals other than these stated are not included.

Extra nights

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

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

St Nicholas Church, Steventon

The church of St Nicholas lies nearly half a mile from the centre of Steventon village. The Rectory where Jane Austen was born and spent her first 25 years was pulled down by her brother Edward in favour of a grander house on an eminence overlooking the village.

The church dates from the twelfth century and remains a small simple building despite some restoration in Victorian times which included the addition of stained glass windows and a steeple on the tower. Memorials to the Austen family, some of whom were Rectors of Steventon, can be seen in the church and the churchyard.

<http://janeausten200.co.uk/st-nicholas-church-steventon>

Chawton House

Chawton House is over four hundred years old. It was built by the Knight family in the 1580s following the acquisition of the estate by Nicholas Knight in 1578. There was already a manor house on the estate prior to this, first recorded in 1224. The house's most famous association is with Jane Austen, whose brother Edward, inherited the house when distant family members Thomas and Catherine Knight, made him their heir. Edward offered the bailiff's residence, five minutes' walk from Chawton House, to his mother and sisters, Jane and Cassandra, and it was there, now the Jane Austen's House Museum, where Jane enjoyed the most prolific period of her writing life.

<https://chawtonhouse.org/>

Chawton House Museum

Jane Austen's House Museum in Chawton, Hampshire, is the house where Jane Austen lived and wrote. It is the most treasured Austen site in the world. It was here that Jane's genius flourished and where she wrote, revised and had published all her major works: Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice, Mansfield Park, Emma, Northanger Abbey and Persuasion.

<https://www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk/>

Cassandra's Cup Tea Room

Nestled in the heart of the beautiful and quaint village of Chawton, opposite Jane Austen's House Museum, Cassandra's Cup is a traditional English tea room. They offer an extensive range of traditional and specialty teas and coffees as well as scones, home-made cakes, light snacks, hearty home-cooked meals and, of course, traditional English Afternoon Tea and Cream Teas.

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

Winchester Cathedral

Explore more than 1000 years of history in Europe's longest medieval Cathedral. Discover the beautiful illuminated Winchester Bible, 12th-century wall paintings, medieval carvings, contemporary art and the awe and wonder of this magnificent building.

Your Guide

Jane Tapley will be your guide during the trip. Jane has been a Blue Badge Guide for over thirty years and regularly accompanies groups of all kinds from students to senior citizens around Bath and the West Country. In addition she has worked as an adviser and guide for several TV companies in Bath when they have been filming period dramas. Her earlier career and the reason for moving to Bath in the late 60's was as a Home Economist with a particular interest in period food and dining habits. As a result she recreates Georgian meals in her Regency home during the annual Jane Austen Festival which attracts visitors from around the world.

Jane Tapley will give two lectures during the tour:

'Austen's Arcadia - The Life and Times of Jane Austen'


'Rummaging Through the Reticule'

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 (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:

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