



Tour Information



Three Choirs Festival





The tour starts and finishes at **The Abbey Hotel. Great Malvern**

Address: Abbey Rd,
Great Malvern
WR14 3ET
Tel: 01684 892332

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



Transport

Travelling by car:

From the South: Exit junction 8 of the M5 and take the M50 to junction 1. Take the A38 for three miles and turn left onto the A4104. At Upton-upon-Severn, turn right at the mini roundabout towards Great Malvern and after about two miles turn left onto the B4211, marked Great Malvern. Once through Barnards Green, take the third exit at the roundabout up the hill into Barnards Green Road. Turn left at the next traffic lights and then as the road bends sharply to the left, turn right into Abbey Road. The Abbey Hotel is at the top end of Abbey Road adjacent to The Abbey Gateway. Please unload in front of the main entrance, as the car park is at the rear of the hotel.

From the North: Exit junction 7 of the M5 and follow the signs for the A449 marked Malvern. After approximately eight miles you will pass the Malvern Link Common on your left. Turn left at the traffic lights into Graham Road, marked Malvern Theatres. Go straight over two sets of traffic lights, pass Malvern Theatres on your left, then as the road bends sharply to the left, turn right into Abbey Road.

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By Train: The nearest railway station is Great Malvern.



Accommodation

The Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern

A 4-star hotel in Great Malvern with landscaped gardens and spectacular views over the Vale of Evesham and the Malvern Hills. With a restaurant and a bar, the hotel offers a comfortable base for exploring the splendours of England's Three Counties: Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms include hairdryer, TV, free Wi-fi, telephone and tea and coffee making facilities. The hotel has free car parking.

For more information, additional details can be found on the website: <https://www.sarova-abbeyhotel.com/>

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. The tour will start in the evening when your tour manager will meet you at the welcome reception.

On the last day of the tour, 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 will include an early evening supper at Hereford Cathedral followed by a concert and coach transfers to the hotel. 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.

Dining

On the first night a 3-course dinner with wine is provided at the hotel 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.



Places Visited

The Three Choirs Festival, held every year since the early eighteenth century, and rotating between the three great cathedral cities of Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester, is one of the world's oldest classical choral music festivals. This heritage has long established the Festival as a firm fixture in the British music calendar and a must-visit for lovers of the great choral works from across the world.

Hereford Cathedral

The current Hereford Cathedral, located at Hereford in England, dates from 1079. Its most famous treasure is Mappa Mundi, a medieval map of the world dating from the 13th century. The Chained Library at Hereford Cathedral is a unique and fascinating treasure in Britain's rich heritage of library history.

<http://www.herefordcathedral.org/>

Ledbury

Ledbury is a market town with a timeless, unhurried quality about it. Rich in history it existed as an early Saxon settlement before being described as Liedeberge (Leadon Hill) in the Domesday Book.

It has excellent examples of Norman, Tudor, Georgian and Victorian architecture and a history that includes the Battle of Ledbury (1645) and the Turnpike Riot (1735).

<http://www.visitledbury.co.uk/home.html>



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, but for your guidance about £2-3 per person per day for the tour manager is the norm. We would like to reiterate that tipping is an entirely optional payment and this information is given purely to answer any questions you may have about it.

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:

07841 023807

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