

Chester and North Wales



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Arranged with Travel Editions Group Travel for The Arts Society Dorking

Chester

27th September – 1st October 2023 - 5 days from *£899pp

Chester is one of England's most beautiful and historic cities with a wealth of sights dating back to Roman times. It is very well situated as a base for a fascinating short tour, exploring some of the art and architecture of the North West in Liverpool and the Wirral and into North Wales to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Llangollen Canal, described as "a masterpiece of creative genius". Based in the heart of Chester the traditional Macdonald New Blossoms Hotel, this lovely short tour includes a wealth of scenic, cultural and architectural interest.



Wightwick Manor



Powis Castle

This holiday is operated by Travel Editions Group Travel

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*Based on 30 passengers and shared occupancy of a twin/double room. Deposit of £150 per person due by 30th April 2023 to secure your place.



Port Sunlight

Itinerary

Day 1 Wednesday 27 September 2023

Dorking to Chester with en-route stop at Wightwick Manor

Depart Dorking by Private Coach and travel to Chester with stop at Wightwick Manor (NT) near Wolverhampton en route (free flow visit included) and time for lunch (not included). Continue to Chester and the Macdonald Blossoms Hotel and check in for four nights. Welcome drink and dinner with wine included this evening at a local restaurant.

Day 2 Thursday 28 September 2023

Chester walking tour and Port Sunlight

The best way to explore Chester is on foot, especially when you are based right in the centre of town. A two hour guided walking tour will show you the main sights including the Roman walls and the city's beautiful cathedral. After the tour we will head to the nearby Wirral and the 19th century factory workers' model village of Port Sunlight. Arguably the finest surviving example of early urban planning in the UK, it has remained largely intact since its foundation by William Hesketh Lever in 1888 and is home to more than 900 Grade II listed buildings set in 130 acres of parkland and gardens. Here we will visit the Port Sunlight Museum and the Lady Lever Art Gallery with its superb collection to Pre-Raphaelite paintings and Wedgwood Jasperware.

Day 3 Friday 29 September 2023

Llangollen and Plas Newydd

This morning we head into Wales and

the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Llangollen Canal and the impressive Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. Here we will enjoy a journey on the stunning steam railway as well as free time in the lovely town of Llangollen. After lunch (not included) we head to Plas Newydd, the stately home of the Marquess of Anglesey, which enjoys spectacular views over the Menai Straits. Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4 Saturday 30 September 2023
Liverpool

Liverpool, one of England's most famous yet least known cities, renowned throughout the world as birthplace of The Beatles, but with a history and architectural heritage what offers a wealth of interest. A guided walking tour will show us the two famous cathedrals, linked by the aptly named Hope Street – the austere majesty of the Anglican Cathedral contrasting with the Art Deco exuberance of the RC Metropolitan Cathedral, reflecting the city's diverse population. We'll also enjoy the collection at the city's excellent Victoria Art Gallery and no visit is complete without a boat trip on the Mersey to see the famous skyline. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 5 Sunday 1st October 2023

Chester – Powis Castle and return to Dorking

All good things must come to an end and today we head for home with an en-route stop at the NT's Powis Castle and Garden near Welshpool, with its medieval castle rising dramatically above the celebrated tiered garden. Time for lunch will also be allowed (not included) before returning to Dorking with arrival early evening.



Pontcysyllte Aqueduct



RC Metropolitan Cathedral

Where you stay

Macdonald New Blossoms Hotel

A traditional four star hotel located in the very heart of the lovely city of Chester. Hotel facilities include a bar and comfortable, stylish rooms with all modern amenities. The hotel does not have a restaurant so we have booked dinners at welcoming restaurants within a short walk of the hotel.

Included in the price

- Return coach transfers from Dorking to Chester and throughout the tour
- Four nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as specified
- Welcome drink on Day 1 and wine with dinner on Day 1
- Four dinners at local restaurants
- Full Tour itinerary as detailed and entrance fees
- Tour manager throughout
- Gratuities (coach driver, local guides, and Tour Manager)

Not included

- Holiday insurance
- Double for sole use supplement £276
- Personal items such as meals (other than those mentioned) drinks, laundry, telephone calls etc
- Entrance fee to Wightwick Manor, Plas Newydd and Powis Castle for non-NT members
- Portage and Gratuities not specified

