

NEW TOUR!



CITIES IN CIVILISATION

ANGLO-SAXON AND MEDIEVAL WINCHESTER INSCAPE SUMMER RETREAT

Monday 29 July - Thursday 1 August 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

Following the astonishing 'Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms' exhibition at the British Library, we offer an 'Inscape Retreat' to Winchester, effectively Anglo-Saxon Capital of England in the reigns of Alfred the Great and Athelstan. Here survive: Alfred the Great's city plan; Bishop Ethelwold's 10c town drainage system; the thrilling 10c manuscript illuminations of the 'Winchester School'; Bishop Walkelin's muscular and emphatically assertive Norman cathedral, longest in England, whose diocese stretched from London's Thames to the Channel Islands; the largest surviving area of 13th century medieval tiles in the country; elaborately-carved choir stalls for the monks, still with their magnificent gabled canopies, flowers and plants, owls and monkeys, dragons, knights and green men; soaring chantry chapels flanking the nave immortalising powerful and nationally-renowned bishops; William of Wykeham's 12c Winchester College and Great Hall of the Bishops Palace; the 13c Deanery, birthplace of Arthur Prince of Wales; and the superlative 15c Buttercross. We hear mid-morning lectures on Winchester architecture and illuminated manuscripts before taking delicious lunch in our exceptional 17c country house hotel and sallying out for private tours of Winchester College, the Cathedral, the medieval Hospital of St John and the Pilgrims School.

COST:

All lectures, tuition and 'pastoral care', private visits, entries, and transportation during the tour, three nights' accommodation with all breakfasts, coffees, lunches, teas, and dinners with wine, VAT and service: £1395 members, £1445 non-members, £195 single room supplement, deposit £250. Please note that this cost excludes travel to and from Winchester.



HOTEL

A charming 17th century country house hotel standing elegantly in 63 acres of Hampshire parkland. Delicate archways and loggias frame the picture-perfect entrance and a small amble reveals a beautiful 12th century chapel ruin and pretty dovecote amidst copious countryside. This stunning hotel offers luxurious and individually designed bedrooms as well as the fine dining restaurant, The Avenue, which takes its name from the magnificent mile long avenue of lime trees viewed from your table. Produce from the hotel's gardens is evident on the superb menus.

MONDAY 29 JULY

- 10.05 Suggested train leaves London Waterloo.
- 11.04 Suggested train arrives Winchester. Minibus to hotel
- 11.30 Arrive hotel for coffee and short introductory talk
- 12.30 Lunch in hotel
- 2.00 Visit Cathedral exterior, then special tours of Cathedral interior.
- 4.00 Tea

TUESDAY 30 JULY

- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 Lecture 'Winchester from King Alfred to William of Wykeham'
- 12.30 Lunch in hotel
- 2.00 Visit Winchester College
- 3.30 Tea
- 4.00 Visit Pilgrims School

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY

- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 Lecture : The Winchester School of manuscript illumination.
- 12.30 Lunch in hotel
- 2.00 Visit Winchester Hall
- 3.00 Visit Hospital of St John
- 4.00 Tea

THURSDAY 1 AUGUST

- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 Lecture: later Medieval Winchester
- 12.30 Lunch in hotel
- 2.00 Walkabout in medieval Winchester
- 3.30 Return to hotel
- 4.30 Trains to London.