



Tour Information



The Making of the Tudor Dynasty





The tour commences and concludes at the **Hilton Puckrup Hall Hotel, Tewkesbury.**

Puckrup Lane
Tewkesbury
GL20 6EL
England
Tel: 01684 296200

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



Transport

If you are travelling by car:

From the M5: Exit the M5 at J8, then join M50. Exit at J 1, signposted Malvern. At roundabout take a left and you will see the Hilton Puckrup Hall on your right. Drive down the driveway and you will see the entrance to the hotel and golf reception.

If you are travelling by train: The nearest train station is Ashchurch for Tewkesbury – 8 miles away



Accommodation

Hilton Puckrup Hall Hotel

Set on the edge of the Cotswolds near Tewkesbury amid 140 acres of private grounds, the four-star hotel offers features Schmoo Skincare Spa, an indoor pool, whirlpool and the Living Well health club. All the comfortable bedrooms include TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. Complimentary on-site parking is available at the hotel.

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

https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/hilton-puckrup-hall-tewkesbury-BHXPHHN/index.html?WT.mc_id=zELWAKN0EMEA1HI2DMH3LocalSearch4DGGenericx6BHXPHHN

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 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 and second night, dinner is provided at the hotel and included in the price of the tour. Breakfast on all days of your stay is included. 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

Ludlow Castle

Ludlow Castle was a significant royal residence during the Tudor period, home of Prince Edward (later Edward V), Prince Arthur (eldest son of Henry VII), and Catherine of Aragon. We gain a glimpse into the lifestyle of medieval and Tudor society as we walk through the Castle grounds and take in the superb views over the Shropshire countryside.

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

Worcester Cathedral

Worcester Cathedral is known for being the burial site of Prince Arthur Tudor, the eldest son of Henry VII, his chantry located to the right of the High Altar and features heraldic carvings representing the Houses of York, Lancaster, Beaufort, and even the pomegranate, symbolizing Catherine of Aragon. This rich display of Tudor symbolism highlights the political alliances of the time. The cathedral is a stunning example of Gothic architecture and continues to attract visitors for both its beauty and historical significance.

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

Raglan Castle

Raglan Castle is renowned for its impressive design, featuring a dramatic gatehouse, a grand tower, and a series of ornamental gardens. Raglan Castle was a symbol of power and prestige during the Tudor era. Originally built in the 15th century by Sir William ap Thomas and later transformed into a luxurious residence by his son, Raglan Castle hosted important figures and events before being partially destroyed during the English Civil War.

<https://cadw.gov.wales/visit/places-to-visit/raglan-castle>

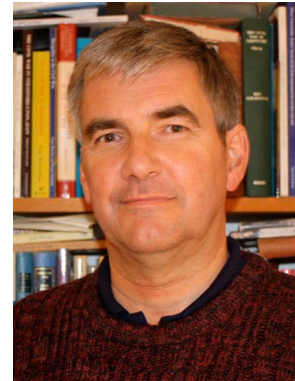
Tewkesbury Abbey

Tewkesbury Abbey is an active place of worship and a popular destination for visitors interested in its rich history and architectural beauty. It is a stunning example of Norman architecture and one of the best-preserved medieval abbeys in England. Built in the 12th century, the abbey is renowned for its impressive Romanesque design, featuring a grand nave, beautiful stained-glass windows, and a remarkable vaulted ceiling. The abbey is historically significant, as it was the site of the 1471 Battle of Tewkesbury, a pivotal conflict during the Wars of the Roses.

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

Your Guides

Julian Humphrys will be your guide/lecturer throughout the tour. After reading history at the University of Cambridge, Julian has had a long and impressive career relating to the themes and issues explored throughout this trip. He is now a trustee of the Battlefields Trust and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, an experienced battlefields guide, an author of a number of books on English battles and a regular contributor to BBC History Magazine. Julian's input aims to enhance and develop your understanding of this fascinating subject and exciting period of history



Dr Nicola Tallis is an independent historian and researcher, who has also worked as a curator and lecturer. She received her doctorate from the University of Winchester in 2019, and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. Nicola has worked with Historic Royal Palaces and the National Trust, and has appeared on BBC's Countryfile, Who Do You Think You Are? and Booktalk. She is also a regular contributor to history magazines and radio. Nicola has given talks at the Emirates Literature Festival, Hampton Court Palace, the Tower of London, the National Archives, and the British Library to name but a few. She is the author of four critically acclaimed books: Crown of Blood: The Deadly Inheritance of Lady Jane Grey, Elizabeth's Rival: The Tumultuous Tale of Lettice Knollys, Countess of Leicester, Uncrowned Queen: The Fateful Life of Margaret Beaufort, Tudor Matriarch, and All the Queen's Jewels, 1445-1548: Power, Majesty and Display.



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.

Grading – This tour has been graded as **Moderate**: Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewing.

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 or 07441343850

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