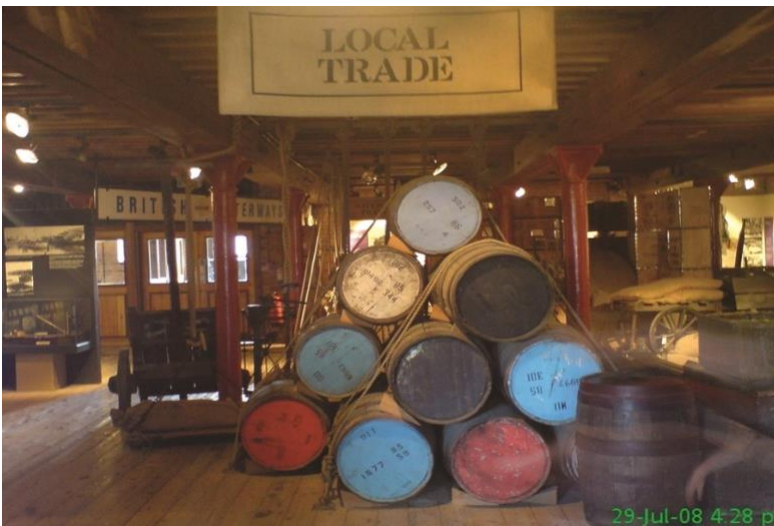


Tour
Information



Discover the North West Waterways





The tour commences and concludes at the **Holiday Inn Ellesmere Port**

Centre Island Waterways

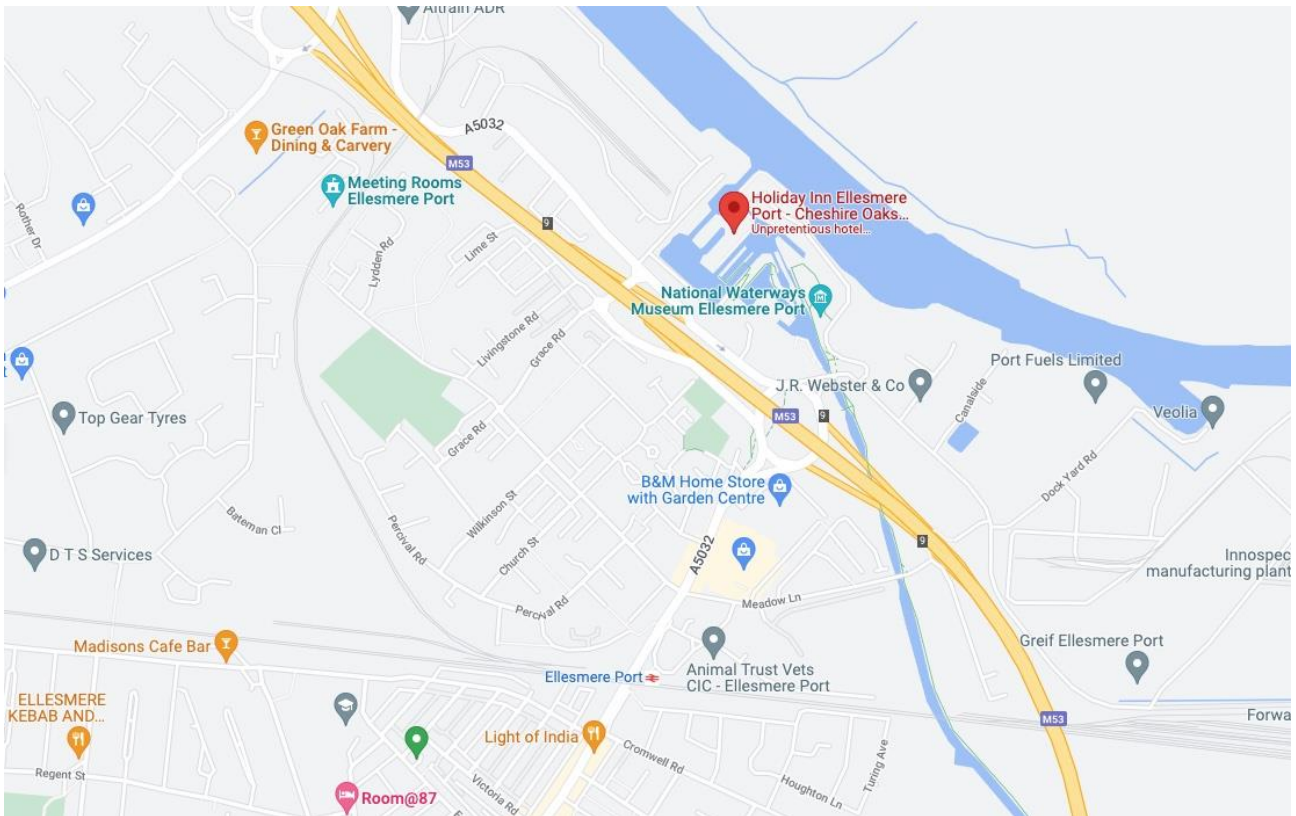
Lower Mersey Street

Ellesmere Port

CH65 2AL

Tel: 0151 356 8111

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



Transport

If you are travelling by car: Take the M40, M42, M6 and M6 toll and then the exit to M56 following signs for Wales/Chester/Runcorn. At junction 15, use the left two lanes to merge onto M53 towards Ellesmere Port/Birkenhead. At junction 9, take the A5032 exit to Ellesmere Port Centre.

If you are travelling by train: The nearest Train Station is Ellesmere Port which is a short taxi ride from the hotel. There are links with MerseyRail from here.



Accommodation

Holiday Inn Ellesmere Port

Located alongside the canal side at Ellesmere Port the hotel provides a great base for the sites visited on this tour. The hotel is located 8 miles from Chester with the closest railway station at Ellesmere Port Station. The hotel has a restaurant, bar and lounge, fitness centre, heated swimming pool and comfortable bedrooms with en-suite bathroom, TV, telephone and wifi.

Complimentary car parking is available at the hotel.

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

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/ellesmere-port/elluk/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--HI--GB--ELLUK

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.

Please note that your rooms may not be ready at 15.00, reception will arrange to store your luggage.

On the last day, the tour will not finish at approximately 16.30 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 a bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 11:00.

Dining

On the first night, dinner with wine is provided at the hotel and included in the price of the tour. For the second evening, dinner is also provided in the hotel. Breakfast on all days of your stay is included in the price but 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

National Waterways Museum

With its dramatic location on the banks of the Mersey and the Manchester Ship Canal in Cheshire, extensive in-door displays, boat trips and historic buildings, the museum offers a great day out where time slows down and history comes to life. Designed by Thomas Telford under the direction of William Jessop, the docks at Ellesmere Port were still in use as late as the 1950s. They were a marvellously self-contained world and when you visit the museum today you can still walk round its locks, docks and warehouses and visit its forge, stables and workers cottages.

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/national-waterways-museum>

Anderton Boat Lift

It was built by Edwin Clark in 1875 to lift cargo boats the 50 feet from the River Weaver to the Trent & Mersey Canal. The concept is simple: two huge water tanks, each with watertight sealable doors carry boats up and down. The original counter-balanced system was replaced in 1908 by electric operation, but the lift now works hydraulically again. No description can adequately convey the sheer scale of this engineering feat. The lift worked until 1983 when serious deterioration of the structure was discovered. Some £7m was raised to fund the restoration, which was completed in 2002.

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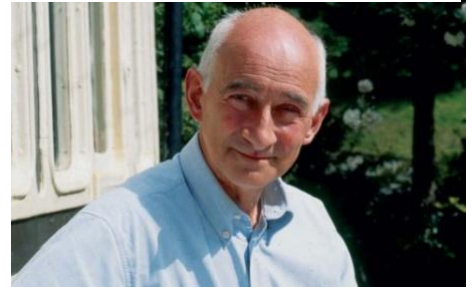
The Danny

The highlight of the weekend will be a full day cruise aboard “The Danny”, an historic steamship dating from 1903. The Daniel Adamson, known affectionally as “The Danny” will take us on an historic and scenic six-hour cruise from Acton Bridge to the National Waterways Museum at Ellesmere Port via Eastham Lock – highlights include the Dutton Horse Bridge, a Grade 2 listed structure, impressive Dutton Viaduct, Sutton Locks and a ten-mile stretch of the Manchester Ship Canal. This atmospheric ship was saved from being scrapped in 2004 and has been restored to its 1936 Art Deco splendour through a campaign assisted by the guest lecturer on this tour, Paul Atterbury, who is the Patron of the Preservation Trust and has a great affection for the ship. On board, there is a bar/café to sustain you through the day and the cruise will be accompanied by a commentary about the route and the ship’s history from the captain of the ship, Dan Cross (who started the Daniel Adamson Preservation Society).

www.thedanny.co.uk

Your Guide

Well-known TV personality, antiques expert and inland waterways enthusiast **Paul Atterbury** will be your guide for this tour. Paul is a steam and canal enthusiast who has been a member of the Antiques Roadshow's team for over 20 years.



Paul will give the following talk:

"The History of Britain's canals"

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 **Gentle**: Some walking between sites and standing for viewing, good flat walking surfaces.



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.



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