



Tour Information



Stately Homes of Derbyshire

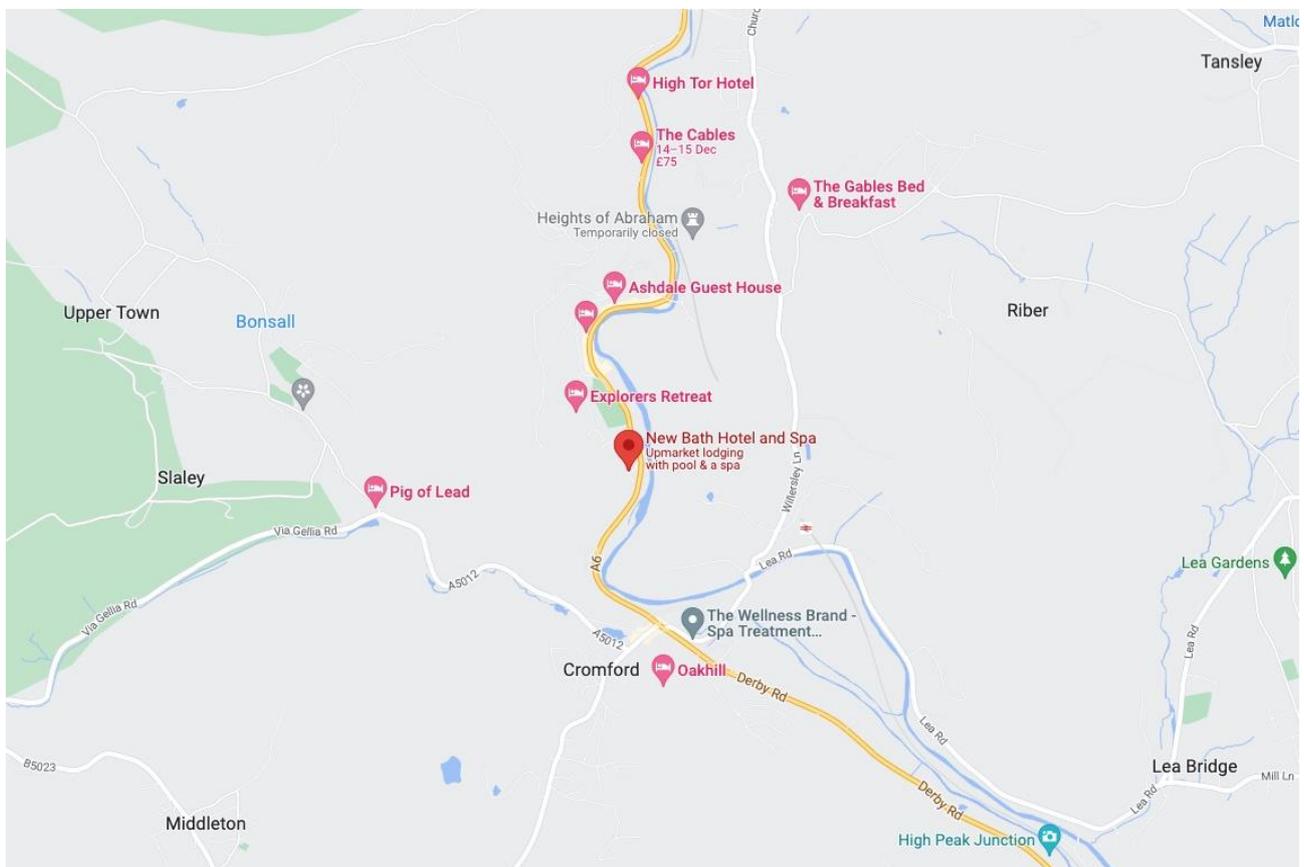




The tour commences and concludes at the **New Bath Hotel, Matlock**. The hotel is situated on the edge of Matlock Bath, overlooking the breath-taking Derwent Gorge and Tor and bordering the Peak District National Park.

New Bath Hotel,
Matlock Dale, Matlock,
Derbyshire, England.
DE4 3PX
Tel: 01629 340340

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



Transport

If you are travelling by car:

Matlock is easily accessible by road with the nearest motorway junction being J28 on M1, then A38 westbound to [Alfreton](#), then A615 westbound to Matlock.

If you are travelling by train: Matlock is the terminus station on the Derwent Valley branch railway from Derby, from where connections can be made to all major cities in the UK. The hotel is a 10 minute drive from Matlock Train Station.



Accommodation

New Bath Hotel, Matlock

The New Bath Hotel is an 18th century property set within 5 acres of landscaped gardens. It is on the border of the Peak District National Park and overlooks Derwent Gorge. The hotel offers a restaurant, bar, health club and spa and comfortable bedrooms with modern amenities.

Parking at the hotel: The hotel has free parking for guests staying at the property.

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

<https://newbathhotelandspa.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, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day, 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 is on bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 11:00.

Dining

On the first, second and third night, dinner 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, as well as a cream tea on arrival on day one, 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

Chatsworth House

Chatsworth is home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, and has been passed down through 16 generations of the Cavendish family. The house architecture and collection have been evolving for five centuries. Chatsworth has one of Europe's most significant art collections. The diverse collection has grown with each generation to live here, and the Devonshire Collection encompasses Old Masters, contemporary ceramics, artefacts from Ancient Egypt, modern sculpture and computer portraits to name but a few. The Old Master Drawings Cabinet opened in 2012 to showcase selections from over 3000 pieces within the collection, many of which have not been publicly displayed within living memory.

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

Hardwick Hall

Hardwick Hall, in Derbyshire, is an architecturally significant Elizabethan country house in England. Built between 1590 and 1597 for the formidable Bess of Hardwick, it was designed by the architect Robert Smythson, an exponent of the Renaissance style of architecture. Hardwick Hall is one of the earliest examples of the English interpretation of this style, which came into fashion having slowly spread from Florence.

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hardwick/>

Renishaw Hall

Renishaw Hall has been home to the Sitwell family for nearly 400 years and is still very much a family home which adds to its unique atmosphere. Over 115 years ago Sir George Sitwell created what is today one of the most important classical Italianate gardens in Britain.

Ornamental ponds, a spectacular fountain, secret garden rooms, classical statues, overflowing borders and long vistas all feature strongly in these totally unique gardens.

In the Stable Block you can visit the Sitwell Museum, featuring an exhibition about The Literary Trio and the history of the gardens.

<https://renishaw-hall.co.uk/>

Kedleston Hall

Completed under the watchful eye of famous architect Robert Adam, Kedleston Hall was built for Sir Nathaniel Curzon in 1765 as a house to rival Chatsworth. Intended as a 'temple of the arts' and as the location of grand entertainments, the main house was never meant to be a family home, but show palace in which to showcase the finest paintings, sculptures and furniture. The State Floor reflects the austere grandeur of a show palace. It was purposely designed to showcase the family's wealth and power and to display their collection of art and fine furniture. From the moment you ascend the Grand Staircase to the State Floor you are transported back to 18th Century opulence. Painstakingly restored over the last 30 years, it reflects Robert Adam's original vision of luxury.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kedleston-hall>

Tissington Hall

Tissington Hall was built in 1609 by Francis FitzHerbert to replace the moated fortification that guarded the Norman Church of St Mary's in the centre of the village. For over 400 years the Hall has presided over this picturesque Estate Village which is five miles north of the delightful market town of Ashbourne at the southern tip of the Peak District. Sir Richard inherited the estate and hall in 1989. He lives there with his wife Fiona and it is a home to the four children. Tissington, with its rich history dating back to the eleventh century, is unique in that it is one of only 300 homes in the country that can boast that fact that the descendants of the original builder still live there, 400 years later.

<http://www.tissingtonhall.co.uk/about.html>

Your Guide

Nicholas Merchant will be your guide/lecturer throughout the tour. Nicholas is an antique expert who has worked for some of London's major auction houses during his career.

Nicholas will give the following talks during the tour:

"The 6th Duke of Devonshire and the building of Chatsworth"

"The Indomitable Bess of Hardwick"



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

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020 7251 0045

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