



# Tour Information



# Three Choirs Festival





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

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Tewkesbury  
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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=zELWAKNOEMEA1HI2DMH3LocalSearch4DGGenericx6BHXPHHN](https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/hilton-puckrup-hall-tewkesbury-BHXPHHN/index.html?WT.mc_id=zELWAKNOEMEA1HI2DMH3LocalSearch4DGGenericx6BHXPHHN)

## Check-in and departure from the hotel

You can check-in at the hotel from 15.00. The tour will start in the evening when the tour manager will meet you for the welcome reception along with our expert speaker Naomi Belshaw.

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 dinner bed and breakfast basis including the concert, cathedral supper and coach transfers. Check out from the hotel is at 12.00.

## Dining

On the first night, a private dinner with wine 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, 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

The Three Choirs Festival, held every year since the early eighteenth century, and rotating between the three great cathedral cities of Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester, is one of the world's oldest classical choral music festivals. This heritage has long established the festival as a firm fixture in the British music calendar and a must-visit for lovers of the great choral works from across the world. In 2024 the festival is based in Worcester.

<http://www.3choirs.org/>

### Worcester Cathedral

Worcester Cathedral has been a place of Christian worship and prayer for fourteen centuries. The present building was begun in 1084 and is dedicated to Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since the eighteenth century, the cathedral has been famous for its part in the annual Three Chors Festival, the oldest choral festival in existence.

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

### The Firs – Elgar's Birthplace

Edward Elgar was born on the 2 June 1857 at The Firs Cottage located in Broadheath. He was born to parents William Henry Elgar, who was an itinerant piano tuner and had a music business, and Ann Greening, who was a farmer's daughter and had a great love of literature and the natural world. Edward was their fourth child, but the only one to be born at The Firs. It was here at the cottage that Elgar was introduced to music with visits from his father's musical friends. Elgar only spent the first two years of his life at the cottage as the family left in 1859 to return to Worcester due to his father's expanding business. He would continue to return to Broadheath during the summer holidays as a child and also later in life. Although Elgar only spent the first two years of his life at the cottage he expressed to his daughter before his death in 1934 that he desired to be remembered here and the cottage was turned into the Elgar Birthplace Museum filled with memorabilia relating to the great artist.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/worcestershire-herefordshire/the-firs>



## Your Speaker

### Naomi Belshaw – Chair of the Three Choirs Festival

*Naomi will give a talk on the first night before dinner.*

Originally trained as an archaeologist, 15 years ago Naomi swapped her hobby in music for her career. Taking up roles across the music industry, including at PRS for Music, PRS Foundation, and WildKat PR. She has a wealth of experience within the arts, particularly in contemporary music. In 2019 Naomi set up her own consultancy to be able to offer composers and artists more formally help in their careers, drawing on her uniquely broad perspective in funding, festival curation, publishing, licensing, royalties, PR, marketing and more.

Naomi is also currently the Chair of the Three Choirs Festival, thought to be the oldest classical Festival in the world. In her spare time Naomi is a keen fan of single malt whisky hosting [a blog](#) pairing whisky with classical music and also plays violin in Progressive Rock Band [The Wood Demons](#).



## 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, but for your guidance about £2-3 per person per day for the tour manager is the norm. We would like to reiterate that tipping is an entirely optional payment, and this information is given purely to answer any questions you may have about it.

**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.



## 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 07831 133079

**PLEASE USE THESE NUMBERS ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A GENUINE EMERGENCY.**

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