



Highclere Castle

Highclere Castle New Tour

Experience the architectural splendour and beautiful landscaped gardens of Highclere Castle, where the popular drama series *Downton Abbey*® is filmed. Follow in the footsteps of the aristocratic Crawley family and servants who work with them in Edwardian England. Highclere Castle is surely the finest occupied Victorian Castle in England and has been home to the Caernarvon family since 1679.

ITINERARY

- Day 1** Travelling to Newbury via Castle Combe, one of the prettiest villages in rural England.
- Day 2** Today we visit Highclere Castle. The present day Castle was designed in 1842 by Sir Charles Barry, the architect also responsible for building the Houses of Parliament in Westminster. Visitors can take a look through the magnificent Gallery bedrooms, which remain today as they were in Edwardian England and as used by Cora, Countess of Grantham in the hit television drama: 'Downton Abbey'.
- Day 3** A full day visiting Winchester and Salisbury. Winchester, England's ancient capital is steeped in history and packed with historic buildings. From legend and lore to awe inspiring architecture Winchester is a treasure trove of English heritage. We continue to the magnificent medieval city of Salisbury with its historic streets and alleyways, charming half-timbered buildings, traditional English eating houses and character shopping streets, not to mention the UK's finest medieval cathedral. We return via Stonehenge, now designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Day 4** Return to South Wales via Bath.

OUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Executive coach travel
 - ✓ Dinner, bed and full English breakfast
 - ✓ Porterage
 - ✓ Entry to Highclere Castle
 - ✓ *Half price bar throughout your stay
 - ✓ Excursions as described in the itinerary
- Entry fees not included unless otherwise stated

*Applies to house beers, lagers, spirits, wines and soft drinks

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Outskirts • En-suite bedrooms • Television • Telephone • Tea, coffee-making facilities • Hairdryer • Restaurant • Piano bar • Living Well fitness centre. www.hilton.co.uk/newburycentre

Departure Dates

Monday	7th May	4 Days	£209
Monday	4th June	4 Days	£209
Tuesday	24th July	4 Days	£209
Tuesday	14th Aug	4 Days	£209

Single room supplement £45.



Saul Junction

English River Cruises

Welcome to a full board holiday which is truly different cruising through the Severn Vale with stunning views of the countryside and visits to local heritage sights. There are also opportunities for walking, bird watching, shopping, friendly socialising or just quiet relaxation.

4 DAY CRUISE

- Day 1** Board the Edward Elgar, relax and settle in to your cosy cabin before dinner followed by a table quiz.
- Day 2** The ship sails to Slimbridge. Lunch is served before taxis arrive to take you to the Slimbridge Wildfowl Centre. Return to the ship for the Captain's Cocktail party followed by Dinner.
- Day 3** The ship sails to Sharpness and Purton. We include a guided tour of the Purton Hulks before sailing to Frampton-on-Severn. We then leave for a coach tour to Berkeley Castle and our interesting guided tour. We return to the ship for dinner followed by live entertainment.
- Day 4** Our final morning's sailing is to the picturesque Saul Junction for a brief stop to explore the marina before enjoying lunch on board as the ship sails back to Gloucester.

5 DAY CRUISE

- Day 1** Board the Edward Elgar Riverboat Hotel in Gloucester Docks on Sunday at 6pm, unpack and enjoy dinner. We run a table quiz after dinner - a good opportunity to meet other passengers.
- Day 2** We cruise to the picturesque town of Upton-upon-Severn, passing through two huge and historic locks on the way. After lunch you can take a short stroll to visit the 'Pepperpot' church tower Heritage Centre, the Tudor House Museum, or a longer walk alongside the river on the Severn Way. In the evening enjoy the Captain's cocktail party.
- Day 3** The cruise continues through some beautiful countryside with views of the Malvern Hills all the way to our mooring in the shadow of the Cathedral at Worcester. In the afternoon you can visit Worcester Cathedral, go to the civil war Commandery or walk into the extensive main shopping centre.
- Day 4** This morning we head back south to Tewkesbury where you may enjoy a leisurely walk to the 12th Century Abbey or a longer walk around Tewkesbury Ham. Tonight's final dinner together is followed by memorable live entertainment.
- Day 5** We cruise back to Gloucester. After breakfast, there is plenty of time to take in the views and enjoy a thrilling ride up through Gloucester Lock from the river to the main docks before disembarking around 11 am.

OUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Coach transfers from South Wales Gloucester
 - ✓ Twin bedded en suite cabins, Porterage
 - ✓ Full board accommodation plus complimentary tea, coffee and fresh water.
 - ✓ Excursions as described
- Entry fees not included unless otherwise stated

The Edward Elgar

The Edward Elgar boat has three decks. The lower deck carries the passenger cabins served by two easy-rising staircases. The main deck offers comfortable restaurant seating, a cosy lounge and a licensed cash bar. The open top deck has seating, with a commanding view of the countryside. Each cabin has a window, twin beds with soft pillows and an en-suite shower, washbasin and toilet, air conditioning / heating. www.englishholidaycruises.co.uk

Departure Dates

Tuesday	3rd Apr	4 Days	£349
Sunday	1st July	5 Days	£529
Sunday	19th Aug	5 Days	£529
Friday	26th Oct	4 Days	£349

Single room supplement 4 day cruise £195, 5 day cruise £329.