



Ironbridge

## OUR PRICE INCLUDES



- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ Dinner, bed and full English breakfast
- ✓ Porterage, Welcome hot beverage
- ✓ Evening talk from a local historian
- ✓ Piano player one evening,
- ✓ Quiz and Bingo evening
- ✓ Entry to the Ironbridge Gorge Museum
- ✓ Entry to Coalport China Museum
- ✓ Entry to Blists Hill Victorian town
- ✓ Single journey on the Severn Valley railway

Excursions as described in the itinerary

Entry fees not included unless otherwise stated

# Ironbridge

The spectacular and beautiful Ironbridge Gorge offers a unique chance to step back in time to an age when the pounding of steam hammers and the clatter of horse hooves was commonplace. Its series of museums, spread along the banks of the River Severn, pay tribute to what happened in this great valley two hundred and fifty years ago.

## ITINERARY

**Day 1** Depart South Wales travelling to Telford via Malvern and Worcester.

**Day 2** Ironbridge. A fascinating insight into the regions historical past. We start the day with a visit to the Museum of the Gorge and a short introduction into the region's history. We then travel to the Coalport China Museum and Tar Tunnel. Displayed in the restored buildings of the old Coalport china works galleries show the beautiful china and explore the hardships of factory life. We then continue to the Blists Hill Victorian Town, one of the largest Open Air Museums in Britain. A small Victorian town has been created above 30 acres of woodland walks on the banks of the Shropshire Canal. The top of town has a bank, grocer's shop, chemist, printing shop, bakers and sweetshop, while the back streets are busy with small offices, works and factories including a

working foundry and iron rolling mill. Cottage gardens and smallholdings thrive and refreshment is always available at the New Inn Victorian pub and the Forest Glen Pavilion tearooms. Costumed staff offer a warm welcome and an insight into how life was lived in Victorian times.

**Day 3** Today we visit the County town of Shrewsbury, almost an island caught in a loop of the River Severn. The town features breezy black and white timbered houses so typical of the Welsh marches. The town has a wide selection of shops, Olde style inns, traditional pubs and modern restaurants. We continue to Llangollen before returning to the hotel.

**Day 4** Depart after a leisurely breakfast for a wonderful day travelling on the Severn Valley Railway between Bridgnorth and Kidderminster. Your historic train journey will take you back in time to a more leisurely age.

**Day 5** Return to South Wales via the historic town of Ludlow.



Buckatree Hall

## Buckatree Hall ★★EE

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## Departure Dates

Sunday	27th May	5 Days	£309	→F
Monday	18th June	5 Days	£309	
Friday	27th July	5 Days	£309	
Sunday	2nd Sept	5 Days	£309	→F

Single room supplement £40.



Severn Valley Railway