

# Oxfordshire New Tour

## and it's television locations

Oxford and Oxfordshire make an excellent destination with varied landscapes and rural heritage. Oxford, the City of Dreaming Spires, is famous the world over with its exquisite architecture and ancient University. Follow in the footsteps of the city's celebrated TV detective and his successor Lewis by joining our Inspector Morse Tour and thankfully, the Midsomer Murders are fictional, but the villages and market towns seen in each episode are not, the period properties in locations full of character and charm, the real stars of the show.

### ITINERARY

**Day 1** Depart South Wales travelling to Oxford via Cirencester and Lechlade.

**Day 2** After a leisurely breakfast we drive to Oxford. The morning is at leisure before our included guided tour where we follow in the footsteps of the city's celebrated TV detective and his successor, Lewis, created by Oxford author Colin Dexter. Visit the scenes of their best-known cases with lots of lively anecdotes along the way. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure before the coach returns to the hotel for evening meal.

**Day 3** A full day tour passing through the towns and villages used as filming locations within the Midsomer Murders TV series. At the heart of Midsomer Murders is the town of Causton, aka Wallingford. Period architecture typifies the market town set on the banks of the River Thames. Immerse yourself in the set (and extras) and visit the Corn Exchange, Barnaby's home. We then travel to Mapledurham House. We drive to Caversham where we have booked a boat to take you to the house which has a history of filming, having caught the eye of location managers with The Eagle has Landed, Inspector Morse, Miss Marple and, recently, the new series of Midsomer Murders. We include entry to the House and watermill and we end the day with a cream tea. The scones that form the cream tea are made from flour milled in the Watermill. The tour is only meant as a taster, and not a definitive guide to the television series.

**Day 4** We return to South Wales via Bourton on the Water in the Cotswolds and Cheltenham.



Peak District

## Peak District

The Peak District National Park was the first National Park to be set up in Britain in 1951. Nowhere in Britain will you find an area with such varied landscapes, richness of wildlife and wealth of cultural heritage. The magic is just waiting to be discovered.

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**Day 1** We depart South Wales travelling to Buxton.

**Day 2** We travel to Bakewell and visit the Original Bakewell Pudding shop. It is said that in about 1860 a cook at a local hotel was making a jam tart, but instead of putting the egg mixture in the pastry he accidentally spread it on top of the jam, the rest is history. Spend a few hours leisure time in Bakewell before we depart for an afternoon tour to the picturesque village of Castleton.

**Day 3** We depart for Chatsworth House on the River Derwent and visit the home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. Chatsworth is one of Britain's most impressive stately homes. It has beautifully landscaped gardens designed by Capability Brown.

**Day 4** Today we travel to Matlock Bath and the Crich Tramway Museum. Matlock Bath became an instant tourist resort for the wealthy when warm springs were discovered back in 1698. We continue to the Crich Tramway museum nestling high up in the heart of Derbyshire overlooking the famous Derwent Valley. Here you will find a lovingly restored period village that is also home to the National Tramway Museum and its world renowned archives.

**Day 5** Return to South Wales.



Barceló Hotel Oxford

### OUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Executive Coach Travel
  - ✓ Dinner, bed and full English breakfast
  - ✓ Porterage
  - ✓ Guided walking tour of Morse's Oxford
  - ✓ Boat trip Caversham to Mapledurham House\*
  - ✓ Entry to Mapledurham House with cream tea
  - ✓ Excursions as described in the itinerary
- Entry fees not included unless otherwise stated

\*No boat available on August date.

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Friday	11th May	4 days	£289
Friday	29th June	4 days	£249
Friday	24th Aug	4 days	£249
Friday	26th Oct	4 days	£249

Single room supplement £66.

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- ✓ Executive coach travel
  - ✓ Dinner, bed and full English breakfast
  - ✓ Excursions as described in the itinerary
  - ✓ Porterage
  - ✓ Entry to the Crich Tramway Museum & Village
  - ✓ Entry to Chatsworth House and Gardens
- Entry fees not included unless otherwise stated



Barceló Buxton Palace Hotel

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Monday		21st May	5 days	£319
Monday		25th June	5 days	£319
Monday	ww	2nd July	5 days	£319
Monday		20th Aug	5 days	£319
Sunday		23rd Sept	5 days	£319

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