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Summer in the Garden of England - Kent
Friday 11th-Sunday 13th June 2010

The Bridgewood Manor Hotel 4*

Situated on the edge of historic Rochester and Chatham, a modern hotel with a classic feel throughout. All bedrooms en-suite and equipped with satellite T.V. Telephone, hairdryer and tea and coffee making facilities. The Squires Restaurant serves excellent cuisine and the extensive bar is well stocked with beers, spirits and fine wines. The Reflections Health and Fitness Spa feature an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, spa bath, all-weather tennis court, gym and relaxing beauty and treatment rooms.



Friday 11th June – Day one:

We depart Nottingham area this morning and travel to Hall Place and gardens situated on a beautiful estate by the banks of the river Cray at Bexley. The house was built for Sir John Champney's, a wealthy merchant and former Lord Mayor of London in 1537, an extension was then added to the house by Sir Robert Austen in the 17th Century. The award winning gardens surrounding the house feature magnificent topiary, a herb garden, a secret garden, an Italianate garden, a grass maze and inspirational herbaceous borders. There is a shop and numerous exhibitions, a licensed restaurant and café for refreshments. This afternoon we visit Rochester probably best known for its connections with the Victorian novelist, Charles Dickens. The town has retained one of Britain's most picturesque High Streets with craft shops, restaurants, cafes and wealth of buildings of historical interest. The skyline is dominated by the Great Keep of Rochester Castle, one of the tallest and finest examples of Norman architecture in England and the magnificent Cathedral, founded in 604AD.



We continue to our hotel and after checking into our room's time to relax before dinner.

Saturday 12th June – Day two:

This morning after breakfast we travel to Canterbury, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with centuries of history and heritage for you to discover. The town rose in importance becoming the centre of the Christian Church in England with the building of the magnificent Cathedral and the martyrdom of Thomas À Becket. The Cathedral, St Augustine's Abbey and St Martins Church form a trio of World Heritage Sites. The Canterbury Tales, a popular visitor attraction provides an excellent introduction to this amazing city by stepping into medieval Canterbury, accompanied by Geoffrey Chaucer's colourful characters on their magical pilgrimage from London to the shrine of St Thomas À Becket in the Cathedral.



This afternoon we visit Mount Ephraim Gardens, set in the heart of a vast estate, with magnificent views over the Swale and Thames estuary. These enchanting gardens feature terraces of

fragrant roses which lead to a small lake and woodland area with a grass maze, a Japanese rock garden and an arboretum. There is a restaurant and tea garden offering hot and cold refreshments.

Sunday 13th June – Day three:

We leave our hotel this morning and travel the short distance to the Historic Dockyard Chatham a unique, award-winning maritime heritage attraction. Set in an 80 acre estate with stunning Georgian and Victorian architecture, the exciting maritime galleries are brought to life by costumed guides. Exhibits include historic warships, the RNLI's national collection of lifeboats, the Museum of the Royal Dockyard, a working Ropery using traditional methods and Woodland Walls gallery incorporating The Road to Trafalgar exhibition. River cruises are available on the paddle steamer the, Kingswear Castle. The licensed, Wheelwright's Restaurant offers a selection of hot and cold beverages, sandwiches, snacks and hot and cold meals.



As an alternative, adjacent to the dockyard is, the Dockside Outlet Shopping Centre, home to over 40 retailers including M&S, Thornton's and Clarks.

Next door to the centre is the exciting indoor attraction of Dickens World; take an enchanting journey around Dickensian England celebrating the life, work and times of Charles Dickens. The Porters Bar and Restaurant offers a varied menu light bites including, soup, sandwiches, jacket potatoes, salads, all day breakfast, fish and chips and a Sunday roast. (This is an optional visit not included). If you would like a traditional pub Sunday lunch the Ship and Trades is a short walk from the Historic Dockyard and Dickens World.



Later this afternoon we rejoin our coach for our journey home to the Nottingham area arriving in the evening.

Tour includes: All executive coach travel with hostess service, 2 nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Bridgewood Manor Hotel Chatham, a full excursion programme including admission to Mount Ephraim Gardens and Chatham Historic Dockyard.

Tour Cost from: £ 184.50 per person

Single room supplement: £18.00 per night

Deposit: £60 per person

