



Coach Trips from London Ltd

## *Lavenham and the best of Suffolk*

**Tuesday 31 March 2026 for 3 days**

**Coach supplied by Bessway Travel Ltd of North Wembley**

Suffolk is a county rich in beautiful unspoilt villages and this springtime short break will feature some of the loveliest. We shall stay for 2 nights in the charming and picturesque village of **Lavenham** which has a wealth of colourful timber framed buildings. We shall be staying at the famous 4-star **Swan Hotel** which dates from the 15th century and has all the charm of a timber framed building. The bedrooms are traditional in style and well appointed whilst the hotel's attractive lounges have plenty of cosy corners in which you can enjoy a drink and relax. As for the programme of visits this will remind us of the artistic genius of both **John Constable** and **Thomas Gainsborough**. We also hope to see inside England's only Regency playhouse when we visit **Bury St Edmunds** - this will be subject to rehearsals or get-ins not taking place. There will also be the added bonus of springtime daffodils wherever we go.

### ITINERARY

**Day 1 (Tuesday)** We shall depart West London (Acton, Ealing, Greenford, Northolt, Hillingdon etc) and travel north eastwards into Essex. Following a break for **coffee in Brentwood** we shall travel to the area on the Essex / Suffolk border that John Constable featured in many of his paintings. A visit to the church at **Dedham** will be followed by **Flatford Mill** on the River Stour at **East Bergholt**. You will be able to obtain a light lunch here in the National Trust tea room. Finally we shall travel to **Lavenham** where we plan to check in at the **Swan Hotel** at about 4.45pm. **Dinner** here this evening.

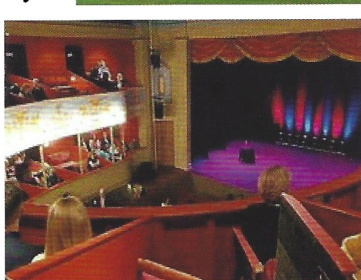
**Day 2 (Wednesday)** After breakfast you will have time to explore charming **Lavenham at leisure**. The interesting Guildhall dates from 1592 and the Grade 1 parish church built in 1529 was paid for by the town's wealthy wool merchants and is a beautiful building. This afternoon we shall take you to nearby **Sudbury** where we shall visit the artist **Gainsborough's House**. **Dinner** at the Swan Hotel this evening.

**Day 3 (Thursday)** Our final day will see us visiting Long Melford and passing through Clare and Cavendish prior to us arriving in **Bury St Edmunds**. Here we are hoping to visit the stunningly beautiful Grade 1 listed **Theatre Royal** which was designed by William Wilkins, architect of London's National Gallery. Before we leave Bury St Edmunds there will be time for you to obtain some lunch and also visit the cathedral and the colourful abbey gardens if you wish. **Dinner** awaits us this evening at 6.30pm at **Da Remo's** in Denham Village. Traffic permitting we expect to be back in West London by 8.30pm at Hillingdon, and slightly later at our other set-down points.

**NB:** As on all short breaks, our **home pick-up service** will be available (for a small extra charge) to return you to your home from the first of our coach setting-down points at Hillingdon Station. This service is also available at the commencement of the tour to collect you from your home and bring you to Hillingdon to board our coach there. The charge is £8.50 per person each way.

### How to Book

A deposit of **£90 per person** will secure your place on this tour. Please send your deposit cheque (made payable to **Coach Trips from London Ltd**) to Graham Jenkins at 2 Wood End Gardens, Northolt, Middlesex UB5 4QH or phone Graham on **020 8422 2751** to pay your deposit by debit card or credit card. Balances fall due eight weeks prior to departure. Please read the booking conditions that apply to this short break tour.



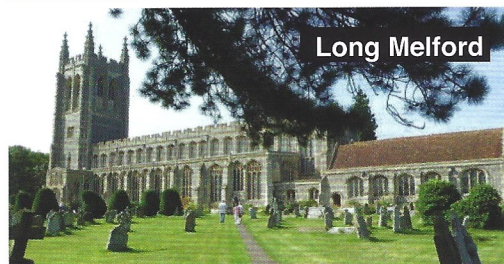
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**Lavenham**



**Flatford Mill**



**Long Melford**

*Pictured right:*

*The abbey gardens in Bury St Edmunds*

*Below: Cavendish and the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds, a Regency gem dating from 1817.*



**This is what the tour price of £695 includes:**

- ❖ Travel throughout the tour in a comfortable modern coach supplied by Bessway Travel Ltd.
- ❖ Two nights' Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.
- ❖ Entry fees at places of interest visited by our group as a whole.
- ❖ Morning coffee on Day 1 as well as dinner in Denham travelling homewards on Day 3.
- ❖ The services of our tour manager throughout.

**NOT INCLUDED:** lunch on any day nor bar drinks or wine if you order any.

**Single Supplement: £95**

a double room for sole use in most cases