



Coach Trips from London Ltd

Norfolk in Summer at the Maid's Head

Tuesday 9 July 2024 for 3 days

Coach supplied by Bessway Travel Ltd of North Wembley

It is ages since we offered a summertime holiday to Norfolk so we are pleased to remedy this. This historic county has a wealth of rewarding attractions and some of the best are featured in this 2-night / 3-day short break. Our base will be the 4-star **Maid's Head Hotel** which is just a stone's throw away from the attractive cathedral close and the shops. Dating back 800 years this hotel is reputed to be England's oldest. It has seen extensive refurbishment in recent years and has won awards. As for the restaurant it has earned itself 2 AA rosettes for its cuisine. In Norwich there can be nowhere better to stay.

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Day 1 (Tuesday) We shall depart West London (Acton, Ealing, Greenford, Hillingdon etc) and travel into Hertfordshire for our morning coffee break. (Home pick-ups will be available to bring you to Hillingdon Station if you live in Stanmore, Harrow, Pinner, Northwood, Ruislip etc). The highly colourful **Bressingham Gardens** near Diss await us, acres and acres of plants, more than 8000 species. Here you will be able to enjoy the gardens, see the collection of preserved railway locomotives and take a ride on the miniature railway if you wish. You will also be able to obtain a light lunch. In addition there is a Dad's Army exhibition here. **Dinner** and a 2-night stay in the centre of Norwich at the 4-star Maids Head Hotel.

Day 2 (Wednesday) Norwich and the Norfolk Broads or the Circus

After breakfast you will have free time to enjoy Norwich at leisure. A visit to the immensely beautiful romanesque cathedral is a must. Nurse Edith Cavell is buried here. You must also explore the quaint narrow streets, some of them dating from medieval times. The museum and art gallery at **Norwich Castle** may also interest you as well as **Dragon Hall**, a medieval merchants trading hall. This afternoon you can choose between a leisurely cruise on the **Norfolk Broads** (commencing at Wroxham) or paying a visit to **Great Yarmouth** on the coast to attend a matinee at the highly acclaimed **Hippodrome Circus** which dates from 1903. The performance will be at 2.30pm. In the second half the arena will be flooded to a depth of 4ft enabling the circus dancers to become swimmers who will perform a delightful water ballet. The fountains and lighting effects add to the overall spectacle and provide each performance with a memorable finale. (NB: this circus does not feature any animals). **Dinner** at our hotel this evening.

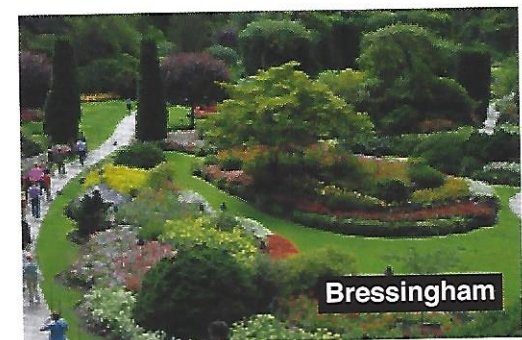
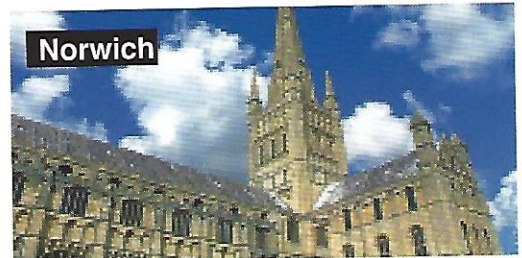
Day 3 (Thursday) Norwich at leisure and Blickling Hall

Our final day will begin with more free time in Norwich. If you missed the Broads cruise yesterday (because you went to the circus) you can enjoy one today at 10.30am. This afternoon we shall visit **Blickling Hall** (National Trust) a very fine Jacobean mansion near Aylsham. You will be able to obtain a light lunch here. On the homeward journey there will be a stop for an **early dinner**. We expect to be back at Hillingdon Station by 8.45pm when licensed cars will meet our coach to return you to your home (if you have booked our home pick-up service). Otherwise the coach will drop off passengers in Northolt, Greenford, Hanwell, Ealing, Acton etc.

NB: Please request the booking conditions that apply to this tour.

How to Book

A deposit of **£80 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. As usual, balances will fall due eight weeks prior to departure.



This is what the tour price of £499 includes:

- ❖ Travel throughout the tour in a comfortable modern coach supplied by Bessway Travel Ltd.
- ❖ Two nights' Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.
- ❖ Dinner on Day 3 also provided.
- ❖ Entry fees at Bressingham and the cruise on the Broads. (Circus option £20 extra)
- ❖ The services of our tour manager throughout

NOT INCLUDED: Lunch on any day, nor bar drinks or wine if any are ordered. Blickling Hall will be free to National Trust members otherwise an entry fee will apply. Please pay on the day for this. (It was £11.00 in 2023).

Single Supplement: £98