



IWA CHILTERN BRANCH WEEKEND EXCURSION TO SOMERSET

Featuring the Grand Western Canal, the West Somerset Railway, the River Parrett and the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal.

17th September to the 19th September 2021

NAME(S) (Block capitals and including forenames please)

ADDRESS

POST CODE

TEL.NO

E-MAIL

Please book me places for adult(s)

I enclose a deposit of £75 per person. Cheques should be made payable to The Inland Waterways Association, Chiltern Branch.

The hotel accommodation required is

*Double Bedded Room

*Twin Bedded Room

*Single Room

Any special dietary requirement?



COACH PICK-UP POINTS

The coach pick-up points are currently The Handy Cross Park and Ride, High Wycombe, the Gore Hill bus stop Amersham, The Broadway Chesham and Watford Junction Railway Station.

However, our drive to Tiverton to join the trip boat is quite lengthy. We need to stop en-route to give our coach driver a legally required 45 minute break. This will also allow us to stretch our legs and enjoy a tea or coffee.

We are keen therefore, if at all possible, to reduce the number of pick-up points to allow more time for the journey. The ideal default position is to have two pick-up points – Watford and High Wycombe. This would mean that those who would normally join in Chesham or Amersham would board at the High Wycombe Handy Cross Park and Ride.

Parking at Handy Cross over the weekend is free and has the great advantage of being not much more than 150 yards from the pick-up point. It was trialled for the 2019 Weekend Away and found most successful. Would the Chesham and Amersham joiners consider boarding at High Wycombe for a 09:00 departure? It would help enormously.

So, here is the choice for your pick-up point.

My/Our preferred pick-up point is

I/We would be happy to join the coach at the High Wycombe Handy Cross Park and Ride.

*YES/NO

THE COST

The cost of the Weekend Away will be £325 per person based on two people sharing a double or twin bedded room. The single supplement is £55.

The cost includes

1. All coach travel
2. Two nights accommodation on a half board basis (bed, breakfast and a two course dinner) at the four star Castle Hotel in Taunton.
3. A two and a half hour cruise aboard the horse drawn trip boat 'Tivertonian'.
4. A snack picnic lunch aboard the 'Tivertonian'.
5. A return excursion ticket from Bishops Lydiard to Minehead aboard the West Somerset Railway.
6. Lunch at the 'Admiral's Landing' on the Bridgwater Docks waterfront.
7. Donation to an appropriate waterway cause in the west country.



8. Coach Driver's gratuity.

The cost does not include

1. Travel insurance
2. Coffees and teas if taken and teas/coffees/drinks taken aboard the 'Tivertonian'.
3. Alcoholic beverages
4. Lunch on Saturday 18th September
5. Items of a personal nature
6. Gratuities to hotel staff
7. A third course at dinners if taken. A £10 surcharge will be made per course.

The cost noted above is applicable to a party of 20 members and guests. It should be possible to reduce this cost if more than 20 members and guests participate.

This booking sheet and deposit should be mailed to Colin Bird at 11, Hillrise, Manor Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, KT12 2PE. Tel. 01932-248178. **Deposits by 10th August please.**

An early return of this booking sheet and deposit would very much help the administration.

*Delete as appropriate

Chiltern Branch reserves the right to amend any details of the Weekend Away should circumstances so demand.