

## Holiday in Torquay Sunday 10th to Thursday 14th August 2008

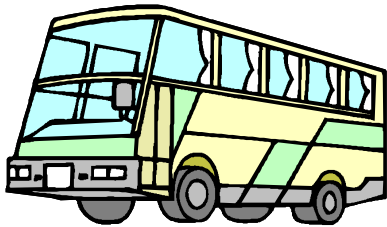
### Where

We will be staying at the Palace Hotel on the Babbacombe Road. The hotel has extensive grounds with Italian garden, swimming pool, golf course, tennis courts, a croquet lawn and woodland areas. Inside there is a further pool, four lounges and indoor sports facilities. The 32 bus from St Marychurch and Babbacombe to Torquay passes every 12 minutes and the Coast paths and Kents Cavern are within walking distance.



### Outings

We will have coach outings arranged each day to National Trust and other places of interest.



**Sunday** We hope to reach Stourhead (NT) at noon after a coffee stop at Strensham.

**Monday** Compton Castle (NT) or Tuckers Maltings a.m. and Coleton Fishacre (NT) p.m. We will pick up/drop off in Torquay and then Brixham at lunch time if you only want to come on one of these trips.

**Tuesday** A choice of Exeter or Killerton (NT) but we will **all** have a 1hr coach tour of Exeter with a 'red guide' on route.

**Wednesday** A choice of Plymouth/Saltram (NT) or Buckfast Abbey /Totnes. There is a steam railway (next to the river Dart) between Totnes and Buckfastleigh. Those going to Saltram can choose to have a brief drive around The Hoe when we drop off some people for a morning visit to Plymouth. For those spending the morning in Plymouth there is a circular bus service round the Barbican, The Hoe and Royal Parade - free for those with concessionary passes.

**Thursday** We should arrive at Montecute House in time for coffee. We hope to be there for 3 ½ hours, and be back at Selly Oak around 6:00 pm after a stop at Strensham.

### How much

The price is £316 per head. No single supplement. We have an allocation of 30 twin rooms for single occupation, and 10 twin rooms for double occupation. The coach size will limit the numbers who can come!

### What's included

We have half board at the Hotel from dinner on Sunday evening to breakfast on Thursday morning. All coach journeys are included in the price but lunches and entrance fees to houses, museums etc are not included. We assume everyone will have their National Trust membership cards with them and their Centro passes (if old enough!). The Exeter tour guide cost is included.

S.C.Entrance to Tuckers Maltings is £4.95. Entrance to Buckfast Abbey is free, Single OAP fare on railway is £5.60, return is £8.60,return plus butterflies and otters by Buckfastleigh station is £13.10, return plus 'rare breeds' at Totnes is £11.10

Most of the arrangements for this holiday are being handled by the Woodlands Travel Club. Send completed forms to the Woodlands Travel Club.(**with S.A.E.**)

The choice of venues and the booking of venues is being handled by BNTA. Further details from Membership Secretary 22, Weoley Hill, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 4AD Phone 0121 244 0837

## Further information about the holiday

### Pick up points

We will probably pick up at 8.00a.m. in the town centre at TKMaxx and New Street Station car entrance on Smallbrook Ringway and at Selly Oak on the Bristol Road by Blockbusters at 8.15a.m. We will stop at the Strensham services for a 30min coffee stop so we could pick up there if requested. Please ring during the week before the holiday to confirm these times.

Coming back we will leave Montacute House mid afternoon and hope to arrive in Selly Oak about 6.0p.m. We will ring for taxis from the coach for anyone who requests it.

**Seats** on the coach will be allocated in order of booking. Remember that choosing a specific side may put you further back than someone who books later.

### Forms

Most of the arrangements for this holiday are being handled by the Woodlands Travel Club. You need to fill in an **application form** and a **choice form**. Send the completed forms and **deposit** and an **S.A.E.** to **The Woodlands Travel Club** as soon as possible. Please note that it is a condition of booking that you have travel insurance.

The choice form does not have to be posted immediately but we need it as soon as possible. It can be sent with your application form to the Woodlands or directly to The Membership Secretary

### Walking

Several of the properties have extensive Parkland or Gardens. The coast path is accessible near the hotel and from several places you can reach easily by bus. There will be information in the coach folders.

### Disabled Access

The information I have managed to find out so far is in the accompanying letter.

### The houses

You can find out about the NT houses in your National Trust handbook. We will have guidebooks and folders on the coach.

### Doing your own thing

We will have bus information available if you wish to plan a trip to nearby towns. There will be plenty of information in the coach folders and copies for anyone who wants it.

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To Membership Secretary , 22, Weoley Hill, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 4AD

Please send details of the 2007 holiday to

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