



The Best of Buckinghamshire

Monday 29th August to Thursday 1st September 2022– 3 nights, 4 days

Our August tour this year will take us to Buckinghamshire with its chocolate box villages, historic towns and lots of wonderful places to explore. We will be doing just that! Exploring and singing!

We have a varied programme from singing in a Tree Cathedral to singing in caves to singing in the marble saloon at Stowe House, the gardens at Cliveden, the gardens of Waddesdon Manor and at the home of the World War Two Codebreakers, Bletchley Park plus a few things in between!

We are staying in the market town of Buckingham which is almost in the centre of England!

Our itinerary also includes a full day out with a blue badge tour guide across the Chiltern Hills.

<p>Stowe House</p> 	<p>Waddesdon Manor</p> 	<p>Bletchley Park</p> <p><small>© Copyright David Martin and licensed for reuse under this Creative Commons Licence.</small></p> 
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Accommodation and Food

We are staying in the four star 18th century Villiers Hotel, 3 Castle St, Buckingham MK18 1BS, located centrally in the historic market town.

Our accommodation is on a half board basis with bed, breakfast and evening meal included.

Travel

You will make your own way to and from the train station at Peterborough, and there will be a coach from there to and from the hotel, or you can make your way directly to our singing locations and to/from the hotel on the first and last day. Please let us know if you are making your own way there and back and do not need a seat on the coach to and from the railway station.

We will have a coach for touring each day which will include everyone.

Music

The programme will be a mixture of music drawn from our existing library together with some new songs.

The rehearsals will take place on the following days;-

Saturday 9th July 2022 – 12.30 to 5.30 pm - Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church, Ramilies Ave, Cheadle, SK8 7AL

Saturday 13th August 2022 – 12.30 to 5.30 pm - Salendine Nook Baptist Church, Moor Hill Road, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD3 3SF

Saturday 27th August 2022 – 12.30 to 5.30 pm - Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church, Ramilies Ave, Cheadle, SK8 7AL

You will receive your music and CD electronically.

Our rehearsals will be recorded and if there is a suitable signal at the venue they will be live screened and if not they will be recorded and put up on line afterwards.

Our musical director for the tour will be Mitchell Wright and we will sing from books on the tour.

Itinerary

Day 1 – Monday 29th August 2022 – Travel to Buckinghamshire, en route Tree Cathedral, Milton Keynes and Bletchley Park

Make your own way to Peterborough Railway station or to our singing location and on to Villiers Hotel.

11.30 pm Coach pick up from Peterborough Railway Station and transfer to The Tree Cathedral, Milton Keynes

12.45 pm Visit and sing at the Tree Cathedral, a unique cathedral in Milton Keynes, not made of bricks and mortar but made of bark and leaves! It is based on the outline of Norwich Cathedral.

1.30 pm Depart The Tree Cathedral

1.45 pm Visit and sing at the fascinating Bletchley Park, the country house and estate in Bletchley which was the home of the WW2 Codebreakers, and once Britain's best kept secret

5.00 pm Depart Bletchley Park

5.30 pm Arrive Villiers Hotel

7.30 pm dinner in the hotel.

Day 2 – Tuesday 30th August 2022 – Hellfire Caves, Cliveden House and Gardens, Marlow, River Thames

Breakfast in the hotel.

08.30 am Depart Hotel

09.30 am Visit and Sing at the Hellfire Caves, a network of man-made chalk and flint caverns which extend 260m underground!

11 am Depart Hellfire Caves

11.30 am Visit and sing in the gardens at Cliveden. We have a tour of the house followed by exploration and singing in the gardens. Cliveden is the former home of the Astor family and now a 5 star luxury hotel.

2.00 pm Depart Cliveden

2.30 pm Visit Marlow - Free time for late lunch

4.00 pm A trip down the Thames River on a boat with guided commentary on the outward journey and us singing on the way back!

5.00 pm Depart Marlow

6.00 pm Arrive Hotel

7.30 pm Dinner in the Hotel

Day 3 – Wednesday 31st August 2022 – A tour of Midsomer Murders country

Breakfast in the hotel

9.00 am Depart from the hotel to meet our Blue Badge Tour Guide Graham Horn who will give us a coach tour through the delightful lanes and villages of the Chiltern Hills (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). This is the area where long-running TV series Midsomer Murders is filmed. Fans of the series will recognise many locations. But don't worry if you have never seen it, you will all be able to sit back and enjoy some of the best scenery in Southern England.

There will be some singing stops along the way – including Dorchester Abbey (Dorchester on Thames and we are awaiting confirmation from St Mary the Virgin Church, Turville, the Vicar of Dibley Church – guess what we are hoping to sing there?!

4.45 pm Arrive back at Hotel

7.30 pm Dinner at the Hotel

Day 4 – Thursday 1st September 2022 – Waddesdon Manor and Stowe House and Gardens

9.15 pm We check out of the hotel and board the coach bound for Waddesdon Manor

10 am Arrive at Waddesdon Manor for our visit to the house and gardens and singing in the gardens. It is a French Renaissance château, inspired by châteaux in the Loire valley, built by a Rothschild in the 19th century and filled with exceptional French furniture and English paintings. It is one of the most visited properties in the country!

12.30 Depart Waddesdon Manor

1.15 pm Arrive at the amazing Stowe House, classed as one of Britain's finest 18th century gems, for our house tour and singing in the Marble Hall, under the domed ceiling inspired by the ancient Pantheon in Rome

2.45 We make our way to Stowe Gardens, one of the finest of Georgian landscape gardens with more than 30 temples and monuments, for our visit and singing.

4.45 pm Depart Stowe Gardens

6.30 pm Arrive at Peterborough Railway station for our fond farewells.

Timings

The above itinerary timings may be adjusted nearer the time, but the arrival and departure times at the station will remain the same.

Covid 19

The arrival of covid 19 in 2020 brought widespread uncertainty and disruption to everyone and everything. Travel, tourism and singing were all hugely affected. All our 2020 tours were rescheduled but we were delighted to get out and about in 2021 and enjoy some fabulous tours and we look forward to our tours in 2022 with some amazing singing venues. Going forward we will follow guidelines and conduct supplier audits as necessary as close to the tours as possible to take on board the prevailing government information at the time.

For up the most up to date information as to covid precautions and preventions we recommend you visit the Public Health England website - <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Prices and Booking

The singing fee is £95 payable either with your application or by Monday 9th May 2022. For the package prices please see the booking form below.

Please complete the booking form below and return it to us by **Friday 26th November 2021** so we can secure your accommodation. Once we get sufficient numbers, we will keep the bookings open thereafter for as long as we can, but prices cannot be guaranteed.

Please refer to our terms and conditions on our website or request a copy directly from us.

Please ensure you supply us with an up to date e-mail address for yourself so that we can correspond with you through email. Please advise us if you are unable to receive emails and we will post things out to you.

Please tick this box to give your consent to us using your data to keep you informed of news, events, rehearsal details and schedules for UVT. Please see privacy statement on our website.

Please note once we have sufficient numbers we will confirm your application to you.

Please make sure we have confirmed your place before you book your transport.

Please return your application forms as soon as possible to:- The Best of Buckinghamshire 2022, Unlimited Voices Travel, 92 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 1PL.

The Best of Buckinghamshire 2022– Booking Form - 29th August to 1st September 2022

Lead Name

Address

Post Code

Home Phone No.

Mobile No

Email address

Please note that all correspondence relating to the payment for this trip will be forwarded to the lead name only as our system does not enable us to duplicate it. PLEASE THEREFORE MAKE SURE YOU PASS IT ON TO EVERYONE ON YOUR FORM. With regard to other information relating to the trip if you wish us to send it to everyone on your form please include their email address below.

Individual names of all participants including lead name	If singing please indicate voice type including 1 or 2	Age/DOB	**E-mail address

Room Requirements - Please circle - **Single** **Double** **Twin**

The Full Package – 3 Nights/4 days – as per the above itinerary	Price Per Person
Single – Price per person	£740
Double/Twin – Price per person	£665

Special Requirements (i.e. Mobility) and dietary requirements

Coach Transportation from Peterborough Railway Station out and back

YES NO

Please ensure you fill in this section by circling your choice to let us know if you require coach transport on the first and last day.

Please note an administration fee of £10 will be applied to all changes after the initial booking and to any late payments.

Deposit & Balance Due

Deposit on Application - £125 per person, Balance due Monday 27th June 2022.

Please pay by bacs (details below) or alternatively send a cheque payable to **Unlimited Voices Travel**, noting on the back of the cheque what the payment is for. Please note that all monies are strictly non-refundable once the trip has been confirmed.

By applying and paying a deposit you agree to our terms and conditions which are available on our website. If you are unable to obtain access to these please request a copy directly from us.

Please make sure you have valid and adequate travel insurance to cover this trip. Once the trip is confirmed all monies are strictly non-refundable and the full balance is due whether you or your party travels or not. Unlimited Voices Travel can take no responsibility for changes in the economic climate that might affect the services of the suppliers.

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Please note that our system only allows us to generate receipts to the lead person. Please therefore help us by sending in just one payment each time an instalment is due, eg if you are sharing a twin room please just send in one deposit payment to cover both people, and the same for the interim payment and final balance. However, with regard to the singing fee we can accept payments individually.

Please note once we have sufficient numbers we will confirm your application to you. Wherever possible we will send all correspondence by e-mail. If however you prefer to receive things by post, please send us 2 self addressed, C5 stamped envelopes.

The Best of Buckinghamshire 2022– Bacs Payments

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS – please quote **The Best of Buckinghamshire** and send an email to confirm transfer to teresa@unlimitedvoices.uk **Remember to tell us if any of your personal details have changed**

Account Name: Unlimited Voices Travel Ltd **Sorting Code:** 20 61 46 **Account No:** 23999343

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