

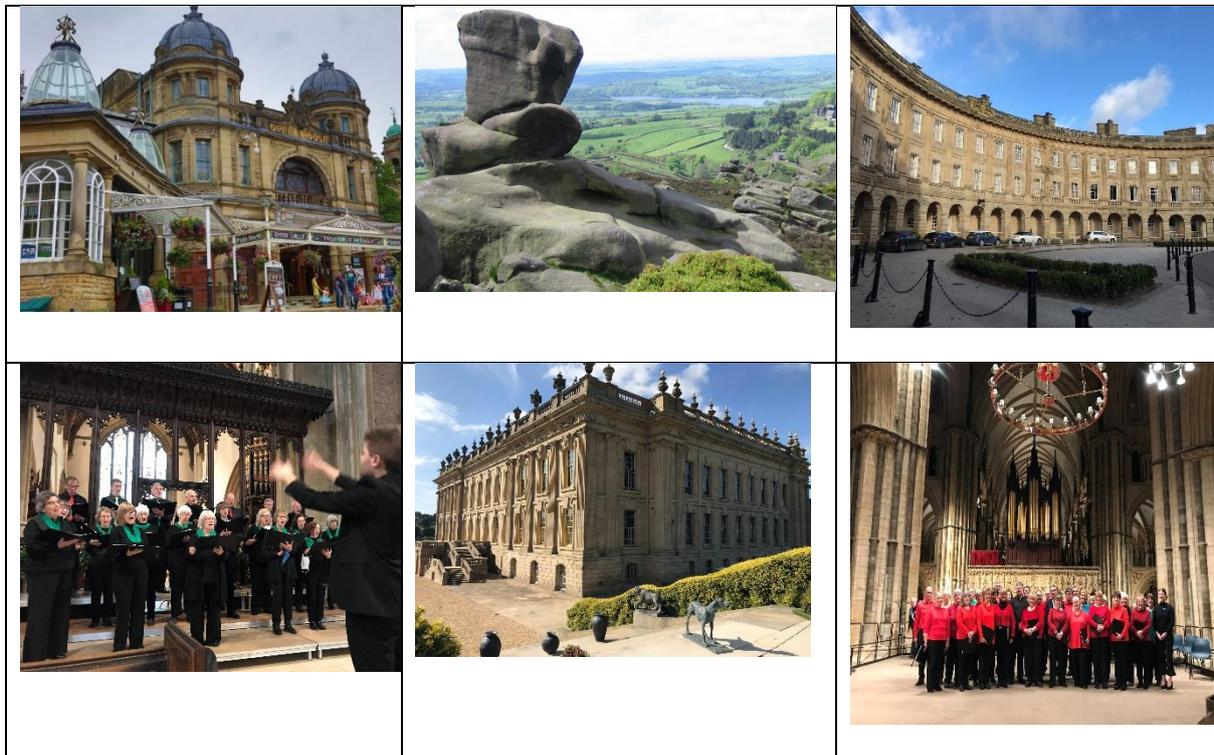


## Christmas Delights in Derbyshire

**Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th December 2022– 3 Nights, 4 days**

It was January 2022 when I started to write up this tour, but looking back I started it in May 2020! It was one of my lockdown projects only to be left on the shelf when our 2020 festive tour was postponed to 2021! So whilst it seems early to be thinking about December 2022, I have actually been thinking about this tour for nearly 2 years! I am therefore delighted to put this out and look forward to visiting an area familiar to many of you, but exploring the delights of Derbyshire together as a singing family with all the bonhomie and festive spirit which pervades our Christmas choral tours.

I'm told that *"Christmas is a wonderful time in the Peak District and Derbyshire; the air is fresher, hot chocolate in a village café tastes better, country pubs seem cosier and the shops and markets are filled with potential presents and festive cheer!"* Who are we to argue with that?!



We have a wonderful itinerary for you with more singing than ever before on a festive tour. We have a visit to the Peak District's most popular tourist attraction – Chatsworth House, adorned for the festive season, two days with a local blue badge tourist guide (of course!), a

visitor experience in Buxton and walking tours of Matlock, Matlock Bath and Bakewell with time enough to get Bakewell Pudding!

In Buxton we are singing in the amazing grade I listed Assembly Room, the Octagon in the Pavillion Gardens in the heart of the town and in a two-million-year-old cavern underground! We are singing in the Cathedral of the Peak in Tideswell, the 'plague church' at Eyam and the grade I listed All Saints Church in Bakewell. We indulge in mince pies and mulled wine and sing at the Barrel Inn at Bretton where we have ordered a clear day so we can see 5 counties! We entertain the visitors on the Peak Railway Santa Special and we take part in the Sunday morning service at St Mary and All Saints Church – The Crooked Spire Church in Chesterfield.

### **Accommodation and Food**

We are staying at the family run Lee Wood Hotel in Buxton, Park Road, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6TQ.

Buxton is right in the heart of the Peak District National Park. Three quarters of Buxton is surrounded by the Peaks.

Our accommodation is on a half board basis with bed, breakfast and evening meal included. We are also invited to join in the hotel's Christmas parties after our dinner if we wish to do so!

### **Travel**

You will make your way to and from Buxton

We will have a coach for our visits on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

### **Music**

Joe Diggle is to be our musical director for this tour and he will be taking two of the three rehearsals. We will sing from books on the tour.

Our programme will be a festive one drawn from our existing library together with some new songs.

The rehearsals will take place on the following days from 12.30 to 5.30 pm;-

Saturday 17th September 2022 – Garden Studio, Midlands Art Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham, B12 9QH - 12.30 TO 5.30 pm

Saturday 15 October 2022 – Salendine Nook Baptist Church, Moor Hill Road, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD3 3SF – 12.30 to 5.30 pm

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – - Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church, Ramilies Ave, Cheadle, SK8 7AL -12.30 to 5.30 pm

You will receive your music and CD electronically where possible. Where this is not possible you will receive them at the first rehearsal.

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.

## Itinerary

### **Day 1 – Thursday 1st December 2022**

Today we sing in Buxton - in the Octagon at the Pavillion Gardens and in the Buxton Assembly Room.

You will make your own way to Buxton and to the hotel

11.45 am Meet at the hotel for rehearsal

12.45 pm Depart hotel on foot to Buxton Pavillion Gardens

1.15 pm Arrive at the Octagon at Buxton Pavillion Gardens

1.30 to 2.30 pm Singing on stage at the Octagon at the Christmas Market

We make our way on foot to Buxton Crescent

3 to 4.30 pm Buxton Visitor Experience

4.30 to 5.30 pm Singing in Buxton Assembly Room

We return on foot to the hotel

7.30 pm Dinner at the hotel

### **Day 2 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Today we are accompanied by a local blue badge tourist guide as we visit Bakewell, Eyam and Tideswell where we sing in the Churches

9.00 am Depart Hotel and travel to Bakewell

10 to 11 am Recital in All Saints Parish Church, Bakewell

11 to 12 am Walking tour of Bakewell

12 to 1.30 pm free time for lunch in Bakewell to make sure you get your Bakewell pudding!

1.30 pm Depart Bakewell and head to Eyam

1.45 pm Arrive at St Lawrence's Parish Church, Eyam, sometimes referred to as the 'plague church' for our recital at 2 pm

3 pm we head to the Barrel Inn at Bretton for mince pies, mulled wine and singing at the highest pub in Derbyshire, It has panoramic views of the Hope Valley and the Peak District National Park and on a clear day you can see views over five counties.

4 pm to 4.15 pm We depart the Barrel Inn and head to St. John the Baptist Parish Church in Tideswell, known as the Cathedral of the Peaks for a recital. It is known to be one of the largest and the most perfect churches in the area.

4.15 to 4.30 pm Arrive at St John The Baptist Church, Tideswell for a recital – departing around 5.15 to 5.30 pm

5.15 to 5.30 pm We head back to the hotel expecting to arrive around 5.30 to 6.00 pm

7.30 pm Dinner at the hotel

### **Day 3 – Saturday 3rd December 2022**

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Today we head to Matlock with our blue badge guide for a ride and some singing on the Peak Railway Santa Special through Darley Dale! Then on to Matlock Bath. We finish our day singing in Pooles Cavern in Buxton.

9.15 am Depart the hotel by coach bound for Rowsley and the Peak Railway

10 am Serenade the visitors on the platform at Rowsley Station

10.30 am board the Santa Special travelling to Matlock Riverside and sing on board. The train will stop at Darley Dale where we will get off and sing on the platform to the entire train!

11.15 to 11.30 am Arrive in Matlock – short walking tour with our guide followed by free time to explore and have lunch

1 to 1.30 pm Depart Matlock and head to Matlock Bath for a short walking tour with our guide and free time to explore

3.15 pm Depart Matlock Bath

4 pm to 5.30 pm Visit and singing at Pooles Cavern in Buxton a two-million-year-old natural limestone cave. We will make our own way back to the hotel on foot.

7.30 pm Dinner at the hotel

### **Day 4 – Sunday 4th December 2022**

Breakfast at the Hotel

Today we take part in the service at the Church of the Crooked Spire and finish our tour with a visit to Chatsworth House.

9.15 am We check out and depart the hotel by coach to travel to Chesterfield

10.30 am We take part in the morning service at St Mary and All Saints - the Crooked Spire Church in Chesterfield

12 noon Depart Chesterfield and head to Chatsworth House

12.30 pm We visit Chatsworth House - the most popular Peak District visitor attraction. We cannot come to this area and miss this stunning country house which sits in over 1000 acres

of beautiful parkland and formal gardens. It will be transformed for Christmas into a festive wonderland.

3.30 pm We depart Chatsworth House and return to the hotel expecting to arrive around 4.00 and 4.15 pm

On arrival back at the hotel we will bid our fond farewells and make our own way home.

### **Prices and Booking**

The singing fee is £100 payable either with your application or by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022. For the tour prices please see the booking form below.

Please complete the booking form below and return it to us by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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:- Festive Tour 2022, Unlimited Voices Travel, 92 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 1PL.**

### **Festive Tour 2022 – Booking Form - Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th December 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	Are you a National Trust Member Insert Yes or No	**E-mail address

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

The Package – As detailed above	Price Per Person
Single – Price per person	£655
Double/Twin – Price per person	£580

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

Please note an administration fee of £20 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 3rd October 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.

**Please return as soon as possible to: Festive Tour 2022, Unlimited Voices Travel, 92 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 1PL.**

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.

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**Festive Tour 2022 – Bacs Payments**

**BANK TRANSFER DETAILS** – please quote **Derbyshire Festive Tour 2022** and send an email to confirm transfer to [teresa@unlimitedvoices.uk](mailto: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

**REF: Derbyshire Festive Tour 2022**