



## Norfolk Weekend Break 22nd, 23rd & 24th April



Denny Abbey & Farm  
RAF Neatishead  
Bressingham Steam & Gardens  
Long Shop Museum  
Strumpshaw Steam Museum  
Ramsey Rural Museum

with  
Hodge's Coaches

## Friday

After leaving our pickup points of Sandhurst and Pinkneys Green, we shall then head north-east with bacon butties on-route.



Denny Abbey and Farmland Museum, an independent museum, tells the 850-year story of farming and life in the Cambridgeshire Fens, with hands-on and interactive exhibits, in addition to being the location of Denny Abbey, the beautiful former Benedictine monastery managed on behalf of English Heritage.

RAF Neatishead opened in 1941 and has been used as a radar station over the last sixty years. It is the longest occupied radar station in Britain and probably the world. The site was of paramount importance during the Cold War and includes the last Cold War radar assembly in Britain. The site is now partly used as a museum. The development of the site from World War Two through the Cold War is visible on a sequence of aerial photographs.



We will then travel to the New Beach Hotel to book into our rooms. After which you can freshen up and then have a stroll along the promenade or a drink in the bar before dinner.

## Saturday

After breakfast we shall board the coach for our first visit of the day.



Bressingham Gardens and Steam Experience is a unique combination arising out of the passions of founder Alan Bloom, whose profession of nurseryman and gardener and hobby of a steam powered collection of trains and traction engines led to the leisure destination of Bressingham Gardens and Steam Museum. Here you can enjoy train rides into the Waveney woodland and valley and around Alan Bloom's Dell Garden, ride on the Victorian Roundabout, the Gallopers or visit the Dad's Army reconstruction of Warmington on Sea as shown in the ever popular TV series Dad's Army.

The Long Shop Museum was founded in 1984. An accredited museum, it is housed in a cluster of historic buildings in the Suffolk town of Leiston. These form part of the original 19th century works site of Richard Garrett and Sons. Garretts were world-famous manufacturers of steam engines and other agricultural machinery.



We shall then return to our hotel and you can go for a walk or a drink in one of the many pubs before dinner.

## Sunday

After a leisurely breakfast we will leave our hotel and head for our first visit of the day.



Stumpshaw Hall Steam Museum was started privately by Wesley Key, he eventually opened his collection to the public, initially on open days and latterly as a museum. The museum is presently owned by Wesley's grandson Jimmy Key. The main collection is housed in an extended area of the former farm on the estate and a specially developed extension. There is a diverse collection of mobile & stationary industrial and agricultural engines, mostly powered by steam alongside some early internal combustion engines.

Ramsey Rural Museum is situated in open countryside on the edge of a small Fenland town. Housed in renovated 17th century farm buildings, the museum is full of items and exhibits kindly donated by local companies and the public. There are many areas showing a variety of machinery, implements and vehicles spanning 200 years of rural life. A history of the drainage of the Fens can be found in the Pump Room along with tools used for hedging, ditching and turfing.



After leaving our final visit of the day we will be stopping for a late Sunday lunch and then head home.

## Hotel



Superbly situated in Great Yarmouth's most central and lively location, directly opposite Britannia Pier and a short walk from the shops.



Great Yarmouth was described by Charles Dickens as '...on the whole, the finest place in the universe'. Today it has wide sandy beaches, dry sunny weather, excellent shopping and a lively promenade set amongst otherwise tranquil surroundings.

Great Yarmouth boasts 15 miles of safe golden sands which have won several awards for cleanliness. The attractive Anchor Garden, so called because of its huge anchor shaped flowerbed and St Georges Park both provide seating for a quiet moment of rest and relaxation

## **Details of the weekend**

Included in the price:

- ⇒ Executive coach travel.
- ⇒ Free tea and coffee.
- ⇒ Bacon butties.
- ⇒ Port, Baileys, wine & soft drinks.
- ⇒ On-board toilet.
- ⇒ Two nights bed, breakfast and evening meal at the New Beach Hotel, Great Yarmouth.
- ⇒ Lunch on Friday.
- ⇒ Sunday carvery on the way home.
- ⇒ Admission to:-
  - ◇ Denny Abbey & Farm.
  - ◇ RAF Neatishead.
  - ◇ Bressingham Steam & Gardens.
  - ◇ Long Shop Museum.
  - ◇ Strumpshaw Steam Museum.
  - ◇ Ramsey Rural Museum.

**Other refreshments and admissions are not included.**

**Cost of the weekend - £210**