

MARCH 2026 - TRAVEL BULLETIN

Your Travel Bulletin for March 2026.

It seems a long time ago since December and our fabulous trip to Chatsworth House, Belvoir Castle and Hardwick Hall, staying at the beautiful Whitley Hall Hotel. We set a high standard to follow on that holiday. Now there are signs of Spring in the air with daffodils popping up and camelias starting to bloom, so maybe it's time to think about a Spring getaway?

If so, the Travel Group have a couple of lovely holidays lined up for you!

The first, on April 20th for just three nights, is to Hampshire and West Sussex. We're staying at a 4* Georgian Manor-House Hotel, Avisford Park, which is set in beautiful grounds not far from Arundel. We're booked on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis which, together with all the venues we are visiting and by luxury coach from Mill Hill, makes this a good value trip.

Included are visits to Chichester, Winchester, Beaulieu, Buckler's Hard, Arundel (with its castle and cathedral), Guildford, Petworth House and the Bignor Roman Villa.

If you have not travelled with us before, this short break would make an ideal starter with its varied itinerary. We have a couple of double / twin rooms available and are starting a reserve list for single rooms.

Our second holiday is to the west of Cornwall, a beautiful and sometimes rugged area of England. This is in June, from 10th – 15th, and we are staying near Truro, the County Town of Cornwall, at the 4* Alverton Park Hotel, again on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Included on this holiday are The Eden Project, St Michael's Mount, Bodmin Goal, Lanhydrock House and Gardens, the Wheal Martyn Clay Works, Falmouth and St Ives.

Please take a look at the brochures and, if interested, read the Travel Undertaking before contacting the Travel Group at: travelmhu3a@gmail.com

Seeing as single occupancy rooms are at a premium and require hefty supplements, do consider sharing with a U3A friend or relative. They do not necessarily have to belong to Mill Hill U3A but **must be a current U3A member**.

We have a reputation of being friendly and welcoming, so please do get in touch with any queries you may have. travelmhu3a@gmail.com

Wishing you all the best for March 2026,

Liz Driscoll and The MHU3A Travel Team.

PROVISIONAL 2026 GUIDE* TO MHU3A TRAVEL

N.B.* subject to change Travel Website <https://millhillu3a.co.uk/group/travel/>

<u>2026</u>	<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
Mon 20 th – 23 rd APRIL	Discovering Hampshire & West Sussex (3 nights.)	3 wonderful cathedral cities, New Forest and so much more! A few places remaining.
Wed, 10 th JUNE	6 DAYS IN CORNWALL	Explore the wonderful south-west of England, based in the splendid 4* Alverton Hotel, Truro. A few double / twin rooms remaining.
SEPTEMBER	Possibly THE ALSACE , 5 nights. Colmar, Riquewehr, Strasbourg and Heidelberg	Colmar is often called "Little Venice" for its canals, while Riquewehr is a charming medieval village with half-timbered houses. Strasbourg is the capital of Alsace, known for its impressive cathedral and historic centre, and Heidelberg is a jewel set on the Neckar River.
LATE NOVEMBER:	A FESTIVE WINTER BREAK! Any ideas of where you might like to go for 3 nights in late Nov / early Dec 2026 ?	

Discovering Hampshire & West Sussex

Departs Monday 20th April 2026

4 Days • 3 Nights

from
£495.00
per person

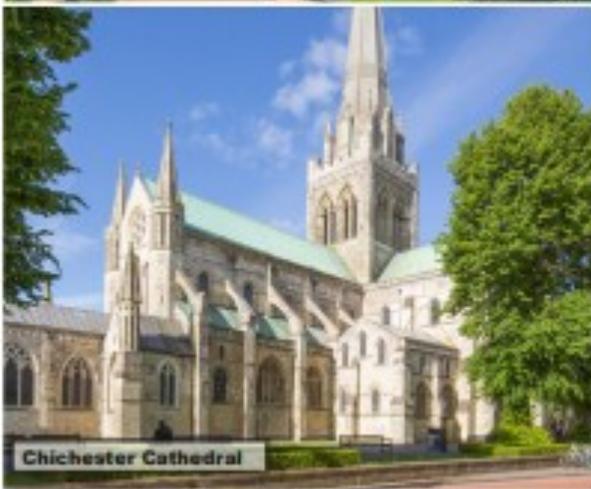
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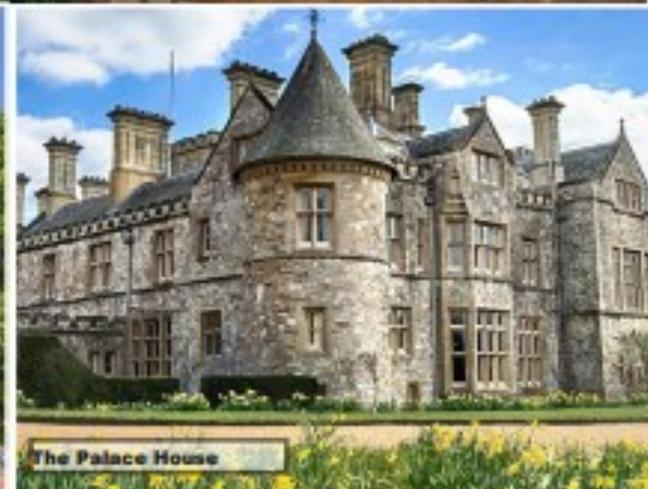
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Arundel Castle



Chichester Cathedral



The Palace House



Petworth House





Bignor Roman Villa Mosaic Floor

Your itinerary

Day 1

Depart by coach (approx. 09.15hrs.) and travel south, making a comfort stop en route, to Winchester - a city steeped in history, once England's ancient capital and the seat of King Alfred the Great. There will be free time, before we depart in the early afternoon, for the journey to Chichester where a group entrance and guided tour of the Cathedral are included. After the visit we will continue to the 4* Avisford Park Hotel near Arundel, where accommodation is reserved for three nights on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis.

Day 2

After breakfast the coach will depart for a full day visit to Hampshire and Beaulieu - an award-winning visitor attraction at the heart of the New Forest National Park. Our visit will include a private guided tour of The Palace House after which you will have free time to visit the many attractions Beaulieu offers including the National Motor Museum, Secret Army Exhibition, Beaulieu Abbey, grounds and gardens. During the afternoon the coach will depart for the short journey to Buckler's Hard, an unspoilt haven which remains untouched by the passage of time; you will have time to visit the Museum prior to a 30-minute cruise on the River Beaulieu.

Day 3

This morning the coach will depart for the short journey to Arundel Castle - whose story began in 1067 and continues to the present day, with many of the original features, such as the Norman Keep, medieval Gatehouse and Barbican surviving. Our Group booking includes a private guided tour will show us the finely preserved interior with its fascinating furniture, tapestries and rare collection of paintings by renowned artists including Van Dyck, Gainsborough and Canaletto. After the visit, board the coach for the very short journey to Arundel Cathedral for a brief visit, please note: the Cathedral doesn't charge a group entrance fee, however, they would welcome any donations. From here we will continue to Bignor Roman Villa where you will see the stunning remains of a Roman home with world-class mosaic floors in a spectacular Downland setting - one of the largest villas open to the public in Great Britain. After our visit, the coach will return to the hotel.

Day 4

Check out of the hotel after breakfast and make our way to Petworth House. Inspired by Baroque palaces of Europe, the 17th-century house displays one of the finest art collections in the care of the National Trust. See the state rooms which feature paintings and sculptures, including works by Van Dyck, Turner, Reynolds and Gainsborough. This is a National Trust property, therefore anyone who is a NT member will gain free entrance, for those who aren't members the group rate is £19.50 per person.

N.B Can all passengers state their membership on the booking form. After the visit, the coach will continue to Guildford - set in the heart of Surrey, this charming riverside town perfectly blends history, culture and modern living, there will be free time prior to continuing the journey back to your local area, arriving during the late afternoon/early evening.

Price includes:-

- Return coach travel.
- Three nights' accommodation on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis.
- Group entrance and guided tour of Chichester Cathedral. Combined group entrance to Beaulieu & Buckler's Hard, including private tour of the Palace House, and river cruise.
- Group entrance and guided tour of Arundel Castle
- Group entrance to Bignor Roman Villa.
- Excursions as detailed.
- Full ABTA financial protection.

Not Included:-

- Single Occupancy Supplement £120.00 per person

4* Avisford Park Hotel

This beautiful Georgian manor house is set on 89 acres of beautiful Sussex parkland between historic Chichester and Arundel. All en-suite rooms are equipped with hairdryer, free toiletries, tea/coffee making facilities, ironing facilities, flat screen TV, telephone and desk area. Hotel features include restaurant, lounge bar, 24hr. front desk, indoor pool, garden area, outdoor terrace and free wi-fi access throughout the hotel.



Booking Conditions:- Harry Shaw/City Cruiser Holidays Limited
For full details see website www.harryshaw.co.uk.

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Highlights of South West Cornwall

Staying at 4* Alverton Park Hotel, Truro

Departing Wednesday 10th June 2026
6 Days • 5 Nights

from

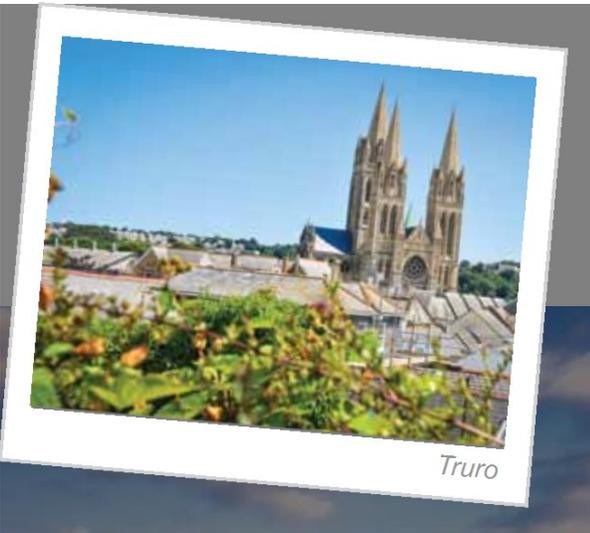
£1150.00*

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Truro



Eden Project



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Falmouth



Your Itinerary:

Day 1 - Depart by coach (approx. 09.00 hrs) and travel southwest making several appropriate comfort stops en route to the 4* Alverton Park Hotel, Truro, where accommodation is reserved for five nights on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis.

Day 2 - After the long journey from London, we have decided to keep today a more relaxing day, which will include a visit to Falmouth where you will have free time to perhaps visit the likes of the National Maritime Museum (admission not included). We plan to return to Truro during the early/mid afternoon for free time in Cornwall's only city before returning to the hotel.

Days 3-5

During the remainder of the tour, the following days are planned, but the actual days of operation will be advised closer to the departure date:

- A full day visit to include group entrance to the Eden Project – what used to be a barren landscape, a former clay mine with no soil or plants, was transformed into a beautiful global garden, which sets the stage for an extraordinary visit. We will also include group entrance to the nearby Wheal Martyn Clay Works – based within two Victorian china clay works, now a Scheduled Ancient Monument. It tells the story of this fascinating industry and the people who worked and lived in the shadows of Cornwall's iconic 'white pyramids'.
- A full day visit towards the south of the county and Marazion which offers great views across to the impressive St. Michael's Mount. There will be free time here, and for those more mobile, there will be the opportunity to visit St. Michael's Mount. This stunning

tidal island features a medieval castle, church, and subtropical gardens, connected to the mainland by a 500 metre causeway passable at low tide or by boat at high tide, offering a rich history, natural beauty, and iconic views. The island is managed by the National Trust, therefore anyone who is a NT member will gain free entry to the island, which includes the gardens and castle. For those who aren't members, the group rate for entry to the Gardens is £14 and to the Castle, another £18. To access the island you must either have N.T. membership or pay the minimum group rate of £14 (which only allows entrance to the Gardens). Once on the island, the path up to the Castle is steep and the hillside gardens are terraced. Please think carefully whether you are fit enough to undertake this part of the trip as, if not, you can always while away a couple of hours in the village of Marazion on the mainland, opposite the Mount, where there are cafes, galleries, craft shops, a beach and a lovely little church. You won't be alone!

Due to tide times, and as the causeway closes at 11.40 (or if you don't wish to do the 15 mins walk across to the island), you will need to take the boat (which costs £3.20 or £6.40 return and which you pay for locally.) Can all passengers wishing to visit St Michael's Mount please tick the appropriate box on the booking form. Following our visit to Marazion / St Michael's Mount the coach will continue to St Ives, the dazzling jewel in Cornwall's crown, a picturesque fishing harbour and seaside town.

- A full day visit to include group entrance and a guided tour of Bodmin Jail – built in 1779. Bodmin Jail reveals the gripping tales of Georgian and Victorian crime and punishment. We will also include a visit to Lanhydrock – a quintessential country house and estate, which has the feel of a wealthy but unpretentious family home. After a devastating fire in 1881 the Jacobean house

Marazion



was refurbished in high-Victorian style, with the best in country house design and planning, and the latest mod-cons. This is a National Trust property, therefore anyone who is a NT member will gain free entrance; for those who aren't members, the group entrance fee is £22.80 per person which must be paid in advance.

Please can all passengers state their National Trust membership status on the booking form.

Day 6 - After breakfast, we will check out of the hotel and make our way back to London, again making several appropriate comfort stops en-route, arriving during the late afternoon/ early evening.

Price Includes:

- Return coach travel
- 5 night's accommodation on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis at the 4-Star Alverton Park Hotel, Truro
- Group entrance to the Eden Project
- Group entrance to Wheal Martyn Clay Works
- Group entrance and guided tour of Bodmin Jail
- Excursions as detailed
- Full ABTA financial protection

* The price of £1150.00 per person is based on obtaining a minimum of 30 paying members, which we hope to achieve, however should our numbers fall below this figure, the price may increase.

Not Included:

- Personal expenditure, gratuities etc.
- Any charges the hotel may make for use of facilities
- Supplement for single occupancy of a double room : £250.00
- Boat access to St Michael's Mount - £6.40 pp return - to be paid locally.
- Any charges for **Non** National Trust members
- Travel insurance

Please make cheques payable to **City Cruiser Holidays Ltd** or complete your credit/debit card details in the space provided on the Booking Form.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note: It may take several weeks from handing over your completed booking form before it is received and processed by the tour operator. For those who intend to pay by either a debit or credit card, a member of staff from the tour operator will call the lead name on the booking to ask for the card holder's expiry date and 3-digit security number in order to process the payment. The payment will show as being taken by City Cruiser Holidays Ltd.

Booking Conditions: Harry Shaw/City Cruiser Holidays Limited - ABTA V1801
For full details visit www.harryshaw.co.uk

St Ives



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Booking a MHU3A Travel trip is confirmation that you have read, understood, and accepted the following:-

By committing to a trip you are declaring that you are a current u3a member, are in reasonable health and fit to travel, that you can mount and alight from the coach unaided, that you can carry your own luggage; also that you are **aware of the itinerary and can keep up with the group**. Mill Hill u3a does not accept any responsibility for your fitness to undertake the trip, itinerary or journey and you are responsible for your own health and safety throughout the tour.

The Travel Group Team volunteers are just that, ordinary members who have volunteered to help, and, like yourselves, are paying the full cost of the trip! They are not paid tour guides, so please be aware that it is their holiday too. Obviously, in an emergency they will do their best to assist you.

INSURANCE: when travelling with The MHU3A Travel Group, it is a condition for booking foreign holidays, and highly recommended for UK trips, that you take out suitable travel insurance cover. We recommend you do this at the time of booking so that your non-refundable deposit (less any applicable excess) is recoverable in the event of a cancellation covered by the policy. Please provide us with details of the insurance company, the policy number and the 24-hour emergency telephone number when requested. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you purchase is adequate for your individual needs.

Travel insurance is not included in the cost of any Mill Hill U3A Travel trips.

Coach drivers are not insured to assist passengers alighting from the coach or to carry passengers' luggage, other than loading it in and out of the hold of the coach. It is therefore a passenger's responsibility to carry their own cases and to check that the driver loads them from the pavement into the coach.

If a hotel offers portage, this will be stated clearly in the brochure.

By booking a MHu3a trip you confirm that you have accepted the above.