

MELBOURNE ARDENLEA HOTEL

Suggested itineraries for groups.

Arts & Crafts

Times are approximate

09.45 Depart Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel
Countryside drive via Godshill & Calbourne

10.35 Arrive Chessel Pottery (Freshwater).

Chessel Pottery.

Picturesque converted stone barn.
Porcelain-making and decorating studios.
Exhibition showrooms and factory shop.
Coffee Shop.

11.30 Depart Chessel.

Coastal tour passing Brighstone Bay, Chale Bay & Blackgang.

12.00 Arrive The Buddle Inn.

The Buddle Inn.

Good for pub meals, stands on a terrace looking out to sea
with a stream ('buddle') running through its gardens.

13.30 Depart St Catherine.

Take top road via Whitwell and Ventnor to:

13.50 Arrive St Lawrence

Isle of Wight glass

Founded in 1973 by International Glass Maker, Michael
Harris

Workshop and Gift Centre

14.45 Depart St Lawrence

Countryside drive to:

15.15 Arrive Arreton.

Arreton Barns Craft Village.

Craft village comprising of many traditional craft
workshops, including dried flowers, jewellery,
leatherwork and ironmongery.

16.30 Depart Arreton.

Return to Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel

Chessell Pottery 01983 531248

The Buddle Inn 01983 730243

Isle of Wight Glass 01983 853526

Arreton Crafts 01983 867022

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for further information on opening dates, times and prices, etc.

Classic Coastal

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After Breakfast, explore the historic Old Village of Shanklin

Shanklin Old Village.

Picturesque old thatched cottages and shops.
Traditional craft shops.
Tea Rooms and Gardens.

Shanklin Chine.

Rare Plants.
Waterfalls.
Heritage Centre.
Gift Shop.
Victorian Tea Rooms and Gardens

11.30 Depart Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel.

Travel via Ventnor, Whitwell and Niton to either Blackgang Chine
or The Wight Mouse Inn for lunch

13.30 Depart Lunch stop.

13.45 Arrive Isle of Wight Pearl.

Isle of Wight Pearl.

Demonstration of jewellers art.
Creation and production of the largest collection of pearl
jewellery in the island.
Coffee shop.

14.45 Depart Isle of Wight Pearl.

15.00 Arrive Alum Bay for Tea stop.

Alum Bay.

World famous multi-coloured sand cliffs
Spectacular chair lift.
Breathtaking views of The Needles and lighthouse.
Restaurants and landscaped picnic area.

16.15 Depart Alum Bay.

Travel via Yarmouth and Carisbrooke.

17.15 Arrive at Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel

Shanklin Chine 01983 866432

Isle of Wight Pearl 01983 740352

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English Heritage

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10.30 Depart Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel.

11.15 Arrive Carisbrooke.

Carisbrooke Castle.

Prison of Charles I.
Set in 7 acres of grounds.
Isle of Wight museum.
Donkey pulled water wheel.
Cafe and gift shops.

12.30 Depart Carisbrooke.

13.00 Lunch stop.

14.00 Arrive East Cowes.

Osborne House.

Holiday Home of Queen Victoria.
Victorian Carriage Service.
Swiss Cottage and Gardens.
Cafe and Gift Shops

16.30 Depart Osborne house.

Drive via Barton Manor and Whippingham church.

17.30 Arrive Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel.

Carisbrooke Castle 01983 522107

Osborne House 01983 200022

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National Trust

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10.00 Depart Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel

Picturesque drive to Bembridge.

11.10 Arrive Bembridge National Trust.

Bembridge Windmill.

Explore this 17th-century windmill.

Take the five minute stroll into the village visiting the various shops, busy harbour or walk along the beach to the working lifeboat station.

12.15 Depart Bembridge.

Coastal drive via Sandown and Shanklin.

13.15 Arrive at Niton.

St Catherine's Point & Lighthouse.

The southern-most tip of the island providing island wide views and visit the 19th-century lighthouse.

The Buddle Inn

Good for pub meals, stands on a terrace looking out to sea with a stream ('buddle') running through its gardens.

15.00 Depart Niton.

Drive past Compton and Freshwater Bays and over Tennyson Down.

15.30 Arrive at The Needles

Needles Old Battery & Tea Rooms.

Built in 1863, as part of Lord Palmerston's plans to defend Portsmouth, this headland commands spectacular coastal views.

16.30 Depart The Needles.

17.30 Arrive Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel.

Bembridge Windmill 01983 873945

The Buddle Inn 01983 730243

Needles Old Battery 01983 754772

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Old World Charm

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10.30 Depart Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel.

11.00 Arrive Godshill.

11.15 Mid-Morning Tea - Godshill.

The Old Smithy & Gardens.

Enchanted Gardens & Grottos.

Tropical Bird Aviaries.

Cottage Herb Garden.

Original Blacksmiths Forge.

Tea/Coffee Rooms.

The Model Village.

One and a half acres of beautiful gardens.

1/10 scale models.

Gift Shop.

12.15 Depart Godshill.

Countryside drive through Chale Green, Brighstone and Shorwell.

12.45 Lunch - Calbourne.

Calbourne Water Mill.

17th-century working water mill.

Museum of country life.

Café and gift shops.

Set in landscape valley, ponds, streams and woods.

Hand-tamed birds and peacocks.

Winkle Street.

Thatched Cottage and Shops.

15.30 Depart Calbourne.

15.45 Arrive Chessel Pottery.

Chessel Pottery and Workshops.

Porcelain-making and Decorating Studios.

Exhibition Showroom.

16.30 Depart Chessel Pottery.

Coastal Drive via Picturesque Compton and Freshwater Bay.

17.00 Arrive Yarmouth

17.30 Depart Yarmouth.

18.05 Arrive Lymington

The Old Smithy 01983 840364

Calbourne Water Mill 01983 531227

The Model Village 01983 840270

Chessell Pottery 01983 531248

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Victorian Memories

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09.30 Depart Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel

10.15 Arrive Osborne House - Lunch Stop

Osborne House

One of the most visited historic houses in Britain.

Enjoy the grandeur of Queen Victoria's Holiday home built in the style of an Italian villa.

Set in acres of beautiful grounds with ornamental rose gardens, it is easy to see why this house was one of Queen Victoria's favourite places.

It was 100 years ago that she died in the home that was designed by her beloved Prince Albert.

Take a horse and carriage ride to the Swiss Cottage - the playground for the children of the royal household. It is crammed with objects and crafts from around the world.

13.30 Depart Osborne House

14.15 Arrive Ventnor Botanical Gardens - Afternoon Tea

Ventnor Botanical Gardens

The haunt of the young Queen Victoria still retains a strong atmosphere of its Victorian heyday.

Reputed to be have been the healthiest places to live in Britain, it soon gained a large population of people seeking the healthy properties of this pure air and tranquil resort.

The rows of Victorian villas can still be seen on the Ventnor skyline.

Due to its position on the island with a sub-tropical climate, Ventnor has a beautiful Botanical Gardens with many rare plants that fail to grow anywhere else in England plus 100 year old palms, medicinal herb garden and the Temperate House, containing many exotic plants.

16.15 Depart Ventnor Botanic Gardens

16.40 Arrive Melbourne Ardenlea Hotel

