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Heart of England Tour

The Heart England and the Welsh Border Marches Tour. This sightseeing tour covers some critical historic places, Shakespeare country with its literary heritage. Ironbridge, considered the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Mappa Mundi the guide to exploration and the New World. Warwick castle and Marcher Lord's strongholds that provided military strength



Day-1

Arrival day.

Arriving at Heathrow or Birmingham airport, we will head first of all to the town of Warwick, a walking tour will take in the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Lord Leycester's Hospital and Warwick Castle, the largest medieval castle in northern Europe. After free time to enjoy all the castle has to offer, we will continue to Stratford Upon Avon where we will stay for 2 nights.

Day-2

Meeting Shakespeare.

A walking tour of Stratford, with visits to Holy Trinity Church and a back stage tour of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre included. Also included is a ticket that gives you entrance to all five Shakespeare Birthplace Trust properties so during your afternoon at leisure, you have the option of visiting any or all of them. Subject to availability at time of booking, dinner and theatre evening.

Day-3

The Cotswolds.

Today a leisurely drive through the Cotswolds, with its charming, picturesque villages and market towns. We visit Hidcote gardens en route to our hotel at Winchcombe. Visit to Sudely Castle.

Day-4

Cider country.

Drive through the Vale of Evesham to Worcester and a visit to the Commandery Museum peeling back the layers of history and hear about its connections with the Sealed Knot society – who re-enact English Civil war Battles, before continuing on to Shrewsbury, where we will stay for two nights.



Day-5

The industrial revolution.

This morning we visit the many historical sites in and around Shrewsbury which was one of the main strongholds for controlling the rebellious Welsh to the west. In the afternoon we'll head along the Severn to the Ironbridge Gorge - cradle of the Industrial Revolution. As well as the famous Ironbridge itself, spanning the Severn at Coalbrookdale, there are several fantastic museums covering many of the manufacturing processes for which this area was famous in the 19th century.



Day-6

Border March.

Today we drive through the Border March, the area along the English Welsh borders which was once a lawless and dangerous area, domain of the Marcher Lords, who considered themselves above the Law, and in many ways they were. The many castles along the route attest to the dangerous medieval times, but the beauty of the landscape and the prettiness of the famous 'black & white village trail' tell of a more prosperous and peaceful period that followed. We arrive in Ludlow, with its castle – now in ruins - from which the Principality of Wales was governed for centuries. Today Ludlow is famous as a gastronomic destination with produce markets, delis and seven Michelin Star restaurants in such a small town. We will of course take full advantage of these wonderful eateries on both evenings that we stay here!

Day-7

Mappa Mundi.

We visit another great Cathedral City today – Hereford - with the famous 'Mappa Mundi' dating from the early fifteenth century – before the 'New World' was discovered. Hereford is the centre of the cider industry and we will visit the Cider brewery for a tasting. Then on to Croft Castle, another of the many castles that controlled this border region, but it has also been the family home of the Croft family for centuries. The Crofts have been one of our leading aristocratic families in Britain – often at the centre of historic events and the Castle is a fascinating insight into their way of life. Returning to Ludlow for the evening and dinner.



Day-8 Departure Day.

Our tour ends today after breakfast and we transfer to your departure airport.

Price: Herat of England Tour.

Duration 8 days 7 Nights	No of Persons	No of Persons	No of Persons
Three Locations – Stratford-upon-Avon, Shrewsbury and Ludlow	4	6	8
Credit Card Price Per person based on two people sharing a twin or double room on a B&B basis's	\$2,400.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,000.00
Cash Price Per person based on two people sharing a twin or double room on a B&B basis'	\$2,280.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,900.00
Airport	London Heathrow or Birmingham, Pick-up at 11.00 Drop-off 12 Noon.		
Type of Tours	Sightseeing		

All prices are subject to change without notice, early deposit will secure your price and tour dates. Premium accommodation, where available, please add \$40.00 per person per night. The more family and friends in your booking the more you will each save.

Tour includes:

- Guide services and transportation.
- Airport transfer from London Heathrow or Birmingham.
- B&B accommodation with full British breakfast.
- Entrances included where appropriate.

Dates:

For tour dates please call 717 243 5112 or email us simplynicetours@comcast.net



We reserve the right to change the sequence of days, or itinerary due to weather, or other unforeseen circumstances.