

GROUP VISITS GUIDE 2017



ADDITIONAL ROOMS NOW OPEN!

Beaulieu

NATIONAL MOTOR MUSEUM | PALACE HOUSE & GARDENS

BEAULIEU ABBEY | WORLD OF TOP GEAR

PLUS, UNLIMITED MONORAIL & VETERAN BUS RIDES

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WELCOME TO BEAULIEU

“There are over eight hundred years of history to be seen on the Beaulieu Estate which has been in my family’s ownership since 1538. Visitors have been exploring the medieval abbey ruins since 1912 and in 1952 my father opened our family home Palace House to visitors, making it one of the first stately homes to be opened to the public.

In 1956 he added a motor museum in the grounds as a memorial to my grandfather, a leading pioneer motorist. The car collection, which started as a small display in the front hall of Palace House, is now the National Motor Museum with over 250 historic and modern vehicles. Beaulieu counts itself as one of Britain’s leading visitor attractions and I hope you enjoy your visit.”

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu

YOUR INCLUSIVE BEAULIEU ADMISSION TICKET OPENS

THE NATIONAL MOTOR MUSEUM

Over 250 vehicles tell the story of motoring in Britain from its pioneering origins to the present day. From the earliest motor carriages to classic family saloons, displays include historic sporting motors, modern rally cars, F1 racers, a rustic 1930s country garage and *Wheels* – a fascinating pod ride through motoring history.



PALACE HOUSE

Home of the Montagu family since 1538, Palace House was built around the Great Gatehouse of Beaulieu Abbey. Explore this fantastic Gothic styled Victorian country home as costumed guides give you a flavour of life ‘below stairs’ and share with you the fascinating history of the house and the generations who have lived there.





THE DOOR TO ALL THESE ATTRACTIONS...

BEAULIEU ABBEY & EXHIBITION

This once thriving Cistercian Abbey was destroyed on the orders of King Henry VIII in 1538 having been founded by King John three centuries before. The conserved ruins of this once vast medieval Abbey include an exhibition on its history and the monks who once lived and worked here.



GROUNDS & GARDENS

Lose yourself in Beaulieu's gardens, from the formality of the Victorian Flower Garden to the picturesque serenity of the Mill Pond Walk. The Victorian Kitchen Garden still supplies the house with seasonal vegetables and in spring the Wilderness Garden is carpeted with a colourful mass of snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils and bluebells.



...AND MUCH MORE!



SECRET ARMY EXHIBITION

Uncover Beaulieu's World War Two history as a top secret 'finishing school' for members of the Special Operations Executive, where hundreds of agents completed their training before embarking on dangerous missions in enemy territory.



WORLD OF TOP GEAR

The *Top Gear* Enormodrome recreates the feel of the *Top Gear* studio and features unique behind-the-scenes footage from *Top Gear* HQ. In the Challenge Gallery, you'll see the challenge cars in the condition they were left after filming.



ON SCREEN CARS

The car's the star in this ever changing exhibition of TV and Film favourites. Includes Mr Bean's Mini, Del Boy's van, and the Jaguar XKR from the Bond film, *Die Another Day*.



MONORAIL AND VETERAN BUS

Enjoy unlimited rides around the park on the open top Veteran Bus and Britain's oldest Monorail, which is complete with sweeping views and informative commentary.



GROUP DINING - SPECIAL OFFERS

THE BRABAZON RESTAURANT

The Brabazon Restaurant offers a wide range of hot or cold food and drinks, from light snacks to complete meals. Morning coffee, lunches and afternoon teas can be booked in advance for your group. The following group dining special offers are available when booked in advance as part of your group booking (subject to availability).

SET TWO COURSE LUNCH £15 PER PERSON

Choose one main course and one dessert with either tea or coffee for all your party to enjoy when you book your visit. Request our full menu to see an extensive range of local dishes made with fresh ingredients and mouth-watering desserts to complete your meal.



VINTAGE HIGH TEA £12 PER PERSON

Enjoy tea and coffee with a selection of homemade sandwiches and a variety of homemade cakes. Add a flute of Prosecco for £6.50 per person. Request a menu for more information.



BEAULIEU ABBEY CHRISTMAS LUNCH £18 PER PERSON

Join us for a sumptuous two-course Christmas meal in the magical surroundings of the Beaulieu Abbey Domus on selected dates during November and December. For a full menu, and availability during 2017, please contact us.



Please note that these offers are only available to groups visiting weekdays during school term-time or as specified.

GUIDED TOURS

Priced per group of 20 or part thereof

THE GRAND TOUR

An in-depth tour taking in the buildings and history of Beaulieu; the Abbey founded in 1204 and Palace House, the intimate family home of the Montagus. History, romance, fact, anecdote, rare artefacts and picturesque buildings combine to inform and enlighten those with a feeling for the romance of times past.

2 hours **£40**



These tours are among our most popular; bringing together more than 60 years of experience in welcoming group visits.

PALACE HOUSE TOUR

Find out about life above and below stairs in the ancestral home of the Montagu family. Learn of its history; from its monastic origins to the present day, and the lives of past generations who have lived and worked here. See exquisite paintings, antique furniture and stunning architecture as you explore a fine example of a Victorian styled country house, now including the late Edward, Lord Montagu's library opened to the public in 2016.

1 hour **£30**



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BEAULIEU ABBEY TOUR

Discover what life was like in the Cistercian Order at Beaulieu Abbey as the monks and lay brothers went about their daily tasks. Find out why the Abbey was founded in the New Forest, how it was built and its importance to the local community for providing food, clothing, sanctuary and even health care.

1 hour £30



Our expert guides are eager to share their passion for the 800 years of history and heritage on show at Beaulieu.

MOTORING HISTORY TOUR

The ultimate tour for those wishing to get to grips with the story of motoring on the roads and circuits of Britain. Hear the stories of motoring pioneers, motor sport champions and land speed record breakers. Enter a garage from the 1930s and wander through a period street scene before exploring our new displays.

1 hour **£30**



SPECIAL TOURS

Priced per group of 20 or part thereof

DRIVING CHANGE

In a new exhibition we examine the stories behind the innovations and technologies that gave rise to the essential features we take for granted in today's vehicles.

1 hour £30



TO THE CHEQUERED FLAG

Tour through motor racing history, from its inception in the early 1900s, with vehicles such as the iconic 1903 'Gordon Bennett' Napier, through to Graham Hill's Lotus 49 and more recent F1 cars.

1 hour £30



FOR BRITAIN & FOR THE HELL OF IT

Experience the triumph of British land speed record attempts as we tell a story of British pluck, technological mastery and national pride in an inspiring tribute to the pioneers of speed.

1 hour £30



THE MOTORCYCLE STORY

From the early days of motor sport to 1960s youth culture, be immersed in a journey through motorcycling history, the human quest for freedom and the desire to win.

1 hour £30



These tours are designed to inform and entertain, for those who'd like to know more about a particular theme.

THE VICTORIAN KITCHEN

Meet the Kitchen Maid and hear stories of long hours and hard work in the kitchens of Palace House, from where the organisation of the Victorian household revolved.

1 hour £30



PALACE HOUSE SOIREEs

On weekdays in November and December be greeted with a glass of homemade fruit punch and you will be entertained by house staff with traditional songs around the piano. A seasonal menu is available in the Brabazon Restaurant.

1 hour £30



EXPLORING BEAULIEU'S GARDENS

Available only during the summer months, accompany our Victorian Gardener to find out how the Victorian gardens once fed the family and staff living in Palace House. Plant maturity subject to seasonal variation.

1 hour £30



THE VINEYARD TOUR

Grapes have been grown at Beaulieu since medieval times. Between April and October, take a guided tour of the vineyard and find out how the vines are grown before sampling the wine they produce.

45 minutes £100



GUIDED & SPECIAL TOURS

Tours must be booked and paid for one month in advance of your visit. The **Vineyard Tour** must be booked three months in advance. Please note: appropriate footwear must be worn in the vineyard as ground is uneven. There are no lavatory facilities on this tour.



VISITOR INFORMATION

Beaulieu is an award winning day out with something for everyone. All on site attractions are included in one great value ticket and pre-booked groups of 15+ can take advantage of generous group rates, starting at:

ADULT: £15.25	SENIOR: £14.00
YOUTH: £9.30 (13-17yrs)	CHILD: £7.90 (5-12yrs)

AVERAGE VISIT
4-5
HOURS

FREE
PARKING

OPENING TIMES

Open daily from 10am (except Christmas Day). Closes 6pm (May-Sept), 5pm (all other times).

SOUVENIR GUIDE BOOKS

Pre-order 10 or more Souvenir Guidebooks for your party to receive 1/3 off the normal retail price – just £2.00 per copy.

FOOD & DRINK

Group dining must be booked in advance. Request the menu to make your selection. Please note that group offers are only available on weekdays during school term-time unless otherwise stated.

ACCESS

Beaulieu is committed to a policy of accessibility, providing excellent access in and around the site with lifts, ramps and broad pathways where possible. We regret that it is not possible for wheelchairs to access the Monorail, Veteran Bus, or the first floor of the Domus and Palace House. Manual and powered wheelchairs can be booked in advance for use free of charge. Please contact us to discuss your individual requirements and the viewing alternatives available for visitors with mobility impairment.

THE
TREASURE
HOUSES OF
ENGLAND

Beaulieu is proud to be one of The Treasure Houses of England. One of ten of the most magnificent palaces, houses and castles in England.

Members include Blenheim Palace, Burghley House, Castle Howard, Chatsworth, Harewood House, Hatfield House, Holkham Hall, Leeds Castle and Woburn Abbey.

For more information visit treasurehouses.co.uk



COACH DRIVERS

- Free admission
- Ample free coach parking on site and near to entrance
- Dedicated Group Admission Desk for minimum fuss on arrival
- Driver's restroom with refreshments and TV facilities
- Free vouchers for coach drivers, redeemable in restaurant or gift shop

TO BOOK

Bookings can be made by phone, post or email. When booking please provide us with the following information:

- Name of group/organisation
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- Correspondence address
- Telephone number and email address
- Date of visit and approximate arrival time
- The number of adults, seniors, youths and children in your party
- Your options for food and drink (if any)
- The number of tours (if any)
- Number of guide books (if any)



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Combine your visit to Beaulieu with a great value joint ticket to include a visit to Buckler's Hard. Ask for details.

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BUCKLER'S HARD

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Woodland Trail | Tea Rooms | Cruise the Beaulieu River

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On the now tranquil and picturesque banks of the Beaulieu River, Buckler's Hard was Today, it remains unspoilt by the passage of time.

MARITIME MUSEUM & BUCKLER'S HARD STORY

Discover the fascinating story of the village and the ships it built, including *HMS Agamemnon*, described by Nelson as his favourite warship. Listen in on conversations between villagers of the past in the 18th century New Inn and follow the stories of the 19th and 20th century residents in an exhibition about village life. Learn about the wartime role of the Beaulieu River and, in a special exhibition, we reveal the surprising links between the 1915 sinking of the P&O liner *SS Persia*, the Montagu family and motoring history.





once a hive of shipbuilding activity, providing ships for Nelson's victory at Trafalgar.



WOODLAND TRAIL

Buckler's Hard was ideally sited for its proximity to an abundant source of quality wood. Follow the Buckler's Hard Woodland Trail to find out how timber was sourced and used to construct ships for the Royal Navy.



ST MARY'S CHAPEL

Once the village school, this quaint chapel seats just 40. Peer through a viewing window near the altar to see where excavations revealed a secret cellar believed to have been used by 18th Century smugglers.



COTTAGE DISPLAYS

Step through the doors of a worker's cottage and back in time to the 18th century. Find out about the home life of the villagers and their families.



ENHANCE YOUR VISIT

Tours are priced per group of 20 or part thereof

BEAULIEU RIVER CRUISE

Between Easter and October, this tranquil 30 minute cruise wends its way along the Beaulieu River, accompanied by commentary which reveals the history and wildlife that inhabits its picturesque banks.

30 mins [See prices](#)



HEARTS OF OAK THEMED TOUR

Step back in time to the 1790s to meet an inhabitant of Buckler's Hard. As they delve into the shipbuilding history of the village, you'll find out how the ships they built bolstered Nelson's fleet.

1 hour [£30](#)



IT'S A 'HARD' LIFE TOUR

During its heyday Buckler's Hard was a hive of industry, with a wide range of professions and tradesmen living side by side with their families in a tight knit community. What was daily life really like for those at the top – the Shipwright – and those less well off – like the Labourer?

1 hour [£30](#)





DON'T MISS...

THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN TEA ROOMS

Offering a wide range of refreshments, all day snacks and light lunches either inside the tearoom or on the terrace. Why not pre-book a cream tea for your group and take advantage of a special discount? Group of 24 or under.



GIFT SHOPS

From preserves and sweet treats to nautical and nostalgic memorabilia, you will find the perfect gift or souvenir from the gift shops situated in the Maritime Museum and in the Captain's Cabin Tea Rooms.



ACCESSIBILITY

Due to the historic nature of Buckler's Hard, some areas are less accessible to visitors with mobility impairments. The site includes gravel pathways, narrow doorways, a steady descent to the riverside and stairs inside the buildings. Please contact us to discuss your needs before you book.

Combine your visit to Buckler's Hard with a great value joint ticket to include a visit to Beaulieu. Please ask for details.



VISITOR INFORMATION

Buckler's Hard is a peaceful and historic village on the banks of the Beaulieu River with a museum recounting its shipbuilding heritage. Pre-booked groups of 15+ can take advantage of our generous group rates:

Buckler's Hard Village & Maritime Museum

ADULT: £5.95	SENIOR: £4.80	CHILD: £3.95 (5-12yrs)	YOUTH: £4.20 (13-17yrs)
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Buckler's Hard Village & Maritime Museum with River Cruise

Easter to October Only

ADULT: £9.45	SENIOR: £8.20	CHILD: £6.80 (5-12yrs)	YOUTH: £7.40 (13-17yrs)
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Buckler's Hard Village & Maritime Museum PLUS Beaulieu

Visit Buckler's Hard and Beaulieu

ADULT: £18.95	SENIOR: £16.85	CHILD: £10.70 (5-12yrs)	YOUTH: £12.35 (13-17yrs)
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Buckler's Hard Village & Maritime Museum with River Cruise PLUS Beaulieu

Visit Buckler's Hard and Beaulieu - Easter to October Only

ADULT: £19.75	SENIOR: £17.75	CHILD: £11.85 (5-12yrs)	YOUTH: £13.35 (13-17yrs)
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Souvenir Guidebook

Pre-order 10 or more for your party to receive 1/3 off the normal retail price – just £2.00 per copy.

Guided Tours

Tours are available for a surcharge per group of 20 or part thereof. Tours must be booked and paid for four weeks in advance.

Hearts of Oak: £30 - 1hr

It's a 'Hard' Life: £30 - 1hr



Opening Times

Open daily from 10am (except Christmas Day). Closes 5.00pm (Easter-Sept) 4.30pm (all other times).

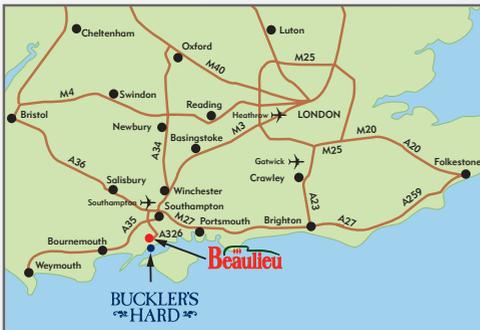
Coach Drivers

- Free admission for coach drivers
- Ample free coach parking on site
- Free hot drink and slice of cake for coach drivers, available in the Captain's Cabin Tea Rooms.

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- Number of guidebooks (if any)



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from Beaulieu

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