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# SHROPSHIRE & THE WELSH BORDERS



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012

£325 per person

Price incl: 4 night's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation at the 4 star Macdonald Hill Valley Golf & Country Club Hotel, Whitchurch, Shrewsbury, plus a visit to Blists Hill Victorian village, Ironbridge, the Ewe-Phoria Sheepdog Training Centre at Corwen, a train ride from Carrog to Llangollen followed by a cruise through the Welsh borderlands, visits to Shrewsbury and Ludlow.

Not Incl: Single room supplement £60 per person

**MONDAY** - We depart Bretonside at 8am, making a coffee stop en route, we then make our way to the market town of Shrewsbury, often referred to as the "Town of Flowers", the beautiful displays of flora throughout the town have won an array of awards. We continue our journey onto our hotel arriving late afternoon.

**TUESDAY** – Today we will travel by steam engine from Carrog to Llangollen, passing through the borderlands and entering the Welsh glens. We then board a narrowboat for a cruise on the Llangollen canal, taking us to the spectacular Chirk Aquaduct which is over 1000ft long and transporting water 137ft above the valley floor, this engineering miracle is over 200 years old and is being nominated for World Heritage Site status (duration 2 hours).

**WEDNESDAY** – We travel to the Ewe-Phoria Sheepdog Training Centre this morning. Meet the sheepdog puppies, see a working sheepdog demonstration and a ram parade where you meet the different breeds of sheep and learn about the technique of shearing. This visit includes tea / coffee and fresh scones at the bistro.

**THURSDAY** – A day out to Ironbridge. This morning we visit Blists Hill Victorian village. Costumed staff give a warm welcome and a fascinating insight into how life was lived in Victorian Times. Exchange your money in the Bank; admire the goods in the Grocers, Bakery and Sweetshop. Find out about curious remedies in the Chemist and see the printer and candle-maker in action. This afternoon we travel further down the gorge to the town of Ironbridge. Once described as "the most extraordinary district in the world", a tribute to what happened in this great valley almost 300 years ago. This area is complemented by many restaurants & shops nestled around the world famous Iron Bridge.

**FRIDAY** – After breakfast we begin our journey home. We will pay a visit to Ludlow – known as the food capital of the midlands. The town has a reputation for excellent food and many Michelin starred restaurants and was awarded the "Great Town Award" in 2006. We continue our journey home arriving back into Plymouth around 8pm.