



Forest of Dean Group Travel

Suggested Itineraries

The Maritime Tour

The Forest of Dean has its very own harbour area in Lydney. A beautiful dockland area that provides access by a pedestrian pathway that is suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

In Gloucester the dock area has been well developed, with an award winning museum located in the listed Victorian warehouse. There is also the opportunity to take a cruise along the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal.

Alternatively, if water is not your thing take a steam train ride through the Forest of Dean!

Lydney Harbour Gloucester Docks Dean Forest Railway, Lydney

Suggested Lunch Stop: The Ugly Duckling, Kaplan's Café and Bistro, National Waterways Museum

The Three Choirs Tour

Incorporating both Gloucester Cathedral and Three Choirs Vineyard. Gloucester Cathedral is host to the internationally famous Three Choirs Festival, it rotates to being hosted in Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire. In August 2010 the festival returns to Gloucester!

Three Choirs Vineyard is the largest of its kind in the West of England growing and producing quality prize winning English wine. Guided tours (with wine-tasting! are available).

Gloucester Cathedral Three Choirs Vineyard

Suggested Lunch Stop: The Chase Hotel and The George Hotel

The Arts & Crafts Tour

The Forest of Dean is not just a naturally beautiful area, there are many talented crafts people. There are many galleries and workshops throughout the Dean, with venues hosting exhibitions. There is often the opportunity to 'have a go'!

Harts Barn Taurus Crafts Nature in Art The George Gallery Dean Heritage Centre

Suggested Lunch Stop: Nature in Art, Taurus Crafts, Dean Heritage Centre

Film & TV Location Tour

To find out more about "Forest Fame" why not take a Film and TV location tour through the area, with local Blue Badge Tour Guide Anne Bartlett. Visit the website www.tourandexplore.com or www.visitforestofdean.co.uk for further details.

Puzzlewood Clearwell Caves

Suggested Lunch Stop: The Wyndham Arms, Chatterbox Café

The Heritage Trail Tour

The Forest of Dean has a wealth of history and heritage and is one of the few remaining Royal forests in England. The Dean has a remarkable history of forestry, mining and quarrying and iron and coal have been mined for centuries.

The symbols of the Forest's industrial past have, over time integrated into the landscape. Why not unravel the mysteries of the Forest of Dean?

Dean Heritage Centre Clearwell Caves
Hopewell Colliery *(Will take groups but with advanced bookings only. Tel: 01594 810706.)*

Suggested Lunch Stop: Dog & Muffler Inn, Tudor Farmhouse Hotel , Angel Hotel

The Wye Valley

The Wye Valley is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and forms the Western border of the Forest, separating England from Wales. This unique area offers an array of opportunities for outdoor activities in stunning surroundings.

Tintern Abbey Abbey Mill Chepstow Castle Chepstow Museum

Suggested Lunch Stop: Cider Barn Coffee House & Restaurant (Abbey Mill), The Abbey Hotel, Lindors Country House Hotel Restaurant

The Nature & Gardens Tour

The Forest of Dean is a captivating place all year round, each season brings its own unique perspective to the area. Spring sees the Northern part of the district carpeted with daffodils and in May many parts of the ancient forest woodland is covered in a blanket of bluebells. In Autumn the Forest of Dean is seen in its most spectacular and the forest is turned into a riot of colour. Winter provides the opportunity to wrap up and experience the delights in the crisp, fresh air!

In addition to the natural beauty, there are beautiful and unusual gardens to be seen in the area.

Lydney Park Gardens How Caple Court Gardens Westbury Court Garden

Suggested Lunch Stop: Taurus Crafts, The Blacksmiths Arms, The Ugly Duckling

Tour Guides:

Forest of Dean & Wye Valley Tour Guides

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Tours and walks can be any length from one hour to all day.

Talks are normally one hour long.

Our trained guides all live in the area and can provide coach commentaries, guided walks and talks for your group.

- Local guides with local knowledge
- Coach tours
- Guided walks in countryside or towns
- Spring and autumn colours are special but come any time
- Forest, valleys, rivers, market towns, heritage and more...

We charge by the hour. Discounts for longer periods or regular bookings. Coach tours and talks between 8 and 50. Walks between 8 and 20.

