

# Jane Austen's Hampshire

## Legendary tales for a modern-day adventure

Get set for an idyllic adventure through the English countryside in search of the landscapes and locations that inspired Jane Austen. Your Hidden Britain tour guide will take you directly to key sites relating to the beloved author, along the way painting a heart-warming portrait of her personality with fascinating stories based on her own letters. You'll also learn much about the gorgeous Hampshire countryside as you weave through the impressive scenery to get to your destinations.

### One-day example itinerary



Jane Austen Information Centre, Steventon

#### MORNING: DEPART FROM LONDON

**By road:**

Leave London from Victoria Coach Station: 08:00 am

Arrive at Basingstoke coach drop-off: approximately 09:20 am

#### 9:30AM: MEET YOUR GUIDES

To begin your day, meet your Hidden Britain tour guide in Basingstoke for your journey through the rolling hills and picturesque countryside of Hampshire. You will visit The Vyne, a former historic Tudor palace now owned by the National Trust. Explore the grandly decorated rooms of this 16th century house, which was once visited by Tudor kings such as Henry VIII. In the estate's vast gardens take a walk by the river, venture into the woods, or admire the 17th century summerhouse.

#### USEFUL INFORMATION

- Transport not included
- Journey time by road is estimated on travelling from London Victoria Coach Station
- Price quoted is a tour guide only fee. Entrance to attractions is an additional charge
- Lunch (not included) can be taken at The Vyne in the Brewhouse tea room, at one of the beautiful country pubs on route, or upon arrival in Chawton. Hidden Britain can recommend based on your requirements
- This is an adapted tour for large groups. Hidden Britain's regular Jane Austen touring route, for independent travellers and small groups, allows additional visits to small villages that cannot accommodate coaches
- The regular touring route is available to book with driver guide options
- Regular direct trains between London Waterloo and Basingstoke are operated by South Western Railway



Chawton House Library



Jane Austen's House Museum

## AFTERNOON: JANE AUSTEN'S CHAWTON

Following lunch and a scenic 40-minute drive, you will find yourself in the truly picturesque village of Chawton. Explore the cottage and gardens where Jane Austen spent the final years of her life. Now Jane Austen's House Museum, this Grade I listed cottage has been authentically recreated to reflect the 19th century home in which Jane lived. The charming atmosphere is accompanied by lots of information and interactive activities alluding to the beloved writer's life and works.

Take a leisurely ten-minute walk to this quintessentially English manor house which was once owned by Austen's brother Edward Austen Knight. Set on 275 acres of breathtaking Hampshire countryside, Chawton House Library is a haven for female literature and features many treasures by women writers of the past. Along with many curious and ornate features of the house to discover, you can browse current exhibitions, explore the tranquil gardens, and enjoy tea and cake in the Old Kitchen Tea Room.

## COACH PARKING

### The Wyne

Coach parking is available by prior arrangement.

### Chawton

Coaches are advised to enter from Selborne Road (A339/B3006) and exit at the Chawton Roundabout, using the stretch of road by the Village Hall for dropping off and picking up passengers. Coach parking is available in the nearby town of Alton.

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Dining room, Jane Austen's House Museum

## PRICES AND HOW TO BOOK

**£300 tour guide fee. Hidden Britain tour guide only fee is chargeable at a nett rate. Please contact:**

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## TOUR DATES

Tours operate throughout the year and are available to book Monday through Sunday by arrangement.

*Note: The Wyne is not open for group parties at the weekend. Alternative arrangements can be made for Saturday and Sunday visits.*



The Old Kitchen Tea Room, Chawton House Library



Rural Hampshire