



### Tour Highlights

- Guided tour of Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich
- Visit to the Historic Dockyard, Portsmouth
- Visit to Sherborne and guided tour of Sherborne Castle
- Tour of Buckland Abbey and Plymouth
- Tudor themed dinner
- Visit to Southampton

### 2012 Dates

17-23 June 2012

23-29 Sept 2012

7 days for £1550pp

#### Day 1

#### Greenwich

Arrival and transit, by coach, to your four star heritage hotel in Greenwich. You will have time to relax after your flight before welcome drink dinner and overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 2

#### National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

We have organised a Tudor themed tour of Old Royal Naval College, the centrepiece of Maritime Greenwich and a world heritage site. After lunch there will be plenty of free time to explore the Maritime Museum or stroll through the Park to the Observatory before dinner and overnight.



Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich

#### Day 3

#### The Historic Dockyard, Portsmouth

After breakfast at you will leave by coach to Portsmouth for a tour of the Historic Dockyards. After lunch, we will then continue our journey to our country house hotel in the nearby New Forest where there will be ample time to relax before dinner and overnight

#### Day 4

#### Sherborne Castle

We will be picked up by our coach for the journey to Sherborne Castle. Sir Walter Raleigh erected a house on the site in 1594. After his execution Sherborne was purchased by Sir John Digby, an ancestor of the present owner. Our private tour of the house will be followed by a light lunch before we board our coach for the onward journey to our hotel in Exeter for dinner and overnight.



Sherborne Castle

#### Day 5

#### Buckland Abbey and Plymouth

After breakfast we will board our coach for a tour of Buckland Abbey and Plymouth. Buckland Abbey is where Sir Richard Grenville was born. He sold the Abbey to Sir Francis Drake in 1581. During our guided tour we will see a collection of artefacts including the famous 'Drake's Drum'. After lunch, the coach will take us on a short sightseeing tour of Plymouth before returning to Exeter for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 6

#### New Forest

We will leave by coach for our next overnight stay. On our way, we will stop for a traditional West Country pub lunch before continuing the journey to our luxurious country house hotel in the picturesque New Forest. You will have plenty of time to unwind, before your Tudor themed dinner and overnight stay.

#### Day 7

#### Southampton

After breakfast we will leave by coach for the nearby port of. You will be free to wander round the historic old town or simply take advantage of the excellent shopping facilities. After lunch your coach will transfer you to the airport for your journey home.

### What's included

- Duration 7 days. 6 nights in hotels.
- Services of 2 experienced tour managers.
- First class, air-conditioned coaches with experienced drivers.
- 6 night's accommodation in four star or heritage hotels.
- Hotel portage (one bag per person)
- Meals. 6 nights in hotels on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. Tudor banquet on the evening of day 6. Lunches on days 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.
- Welcome drink and reception on day 1.
- All entrance fees and tour guide fees at the destinations visited.