



## Federation of Local History Societies

# Visit to Bath

**Date: Monday 15th April to Friday 19th April, 2013**

This visit is a follow up to our very successful trip to York last year. The trip is open to members of both the Federation of Local History Societies and the Federation for Ulster Local Studies. This year we have chosen another of England's most beautiful and interesting cities. Although Bath is vibrant and modern it is a masterpiece of historical architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site with 2000 years of experience. There will also be an opportunity to journey into Wiltshire and see the 5000 year old ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, medieval Salisbury with its magnificent Cathedral and explore Wilton House the home of the Earls of Pembroke. We also plan to travel into the southern Cotswolds through its quintessentially English countryside steeped in history, visit the 12th century Berkeley Castle, lunch in the unique stone village of Tetbury and explore the peace and tranquillity of Lacock Abbey and village.

### Package:

The package includes coach hire for 5 days, return ferry crossing Rosslare/Fishguard, 4 nights (B&B + dinner) in the Bristol Hotel in the centre of Bristol city. Admission charges for organised visits to places of interest and cost of tour guides are included.

Cost is €410 PPS, (€100 single supplement). (**Note:** Lunch and incidentals are not included)

### Itinerary:

**Monday:** All intending travellers must be at Rosslare ferry at 8.00 a.m. at latest to ensure boarding for 9 a.m. sailing. Coach will leave Heuston Station, Dublin, at 5.30 a.m. for those wishing to avail of it. We will travel by ferry and road to Bristol with one comfort stop including a historical interlude in Wales. Arrive at Bristol Hotel about 5.30 p.m. Dinner in Hotel at 7.30 p.m. followed by a short after dinner talk by the local historical society.

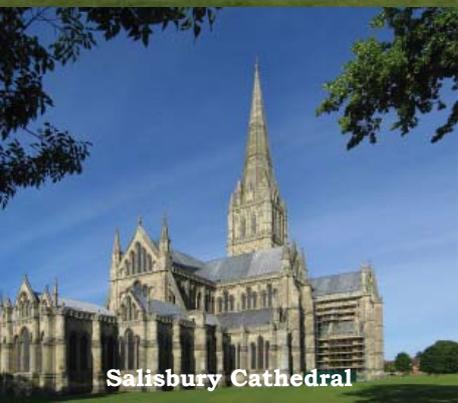
**Tuesday: Day Trip.** Travel by coach through the Salisbury Plains into the ancient county of Wiltshire and visit the Ancient Stone Circle at Stonehenge. Self guided tour of the site and interpretive centre. Then journey through the spectacular Woodford Valley to the town of Salisbury. Lunch in Salisbury followed by a guided tour of its magnificent cathedral and then some free time. The cathedral is home to finest of the four surviving original Magna Carta. We will then travel on to Wilton House, the fine Tudor Home of the Earls of Pembroke. We will return to Bristol via the Wylde Valley. Diner in hotel about 7.30 p.m.

**Wednesday: Bath City.** The morning will be organised with a guided walking or coach tour of the city incorporating the historical, architectural, social and literary highlights. We will then have a guided tour of Bath Abbey followed by a break for lunch. In the afternoon we will be free to explore Bath as we please. Some points of interest include the Roman Baths, the Jane Austen Centre, the Georgian House No.1 the Crescent, the Holburne Museum in Sydney Gardens, the Fashion Museum and Assembly Rooms, Sally Lunn's, the American Museum, the many more. Leave Bath at around 6.00 p.m. and travel back to Bristol. Dinner in hotel at about 7.30 p.m.

**Thursday: Day Trip.** Travel by coach into the Southern Cotswolds with its distinctive village architecture, gently rolling hills, ancient churches steeped in history and grand country houses in one of the most enchanting areas of England. Visit the 12th century infamous Berkeley Castle, location of the murder of a king. Explore and relax in the



Stonehenge



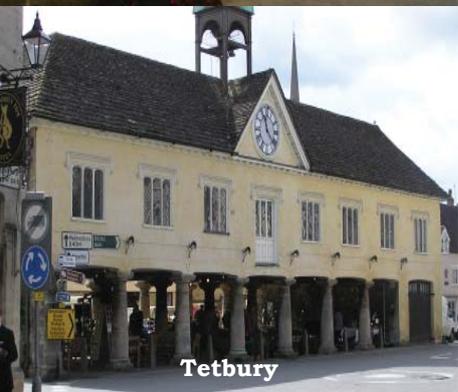
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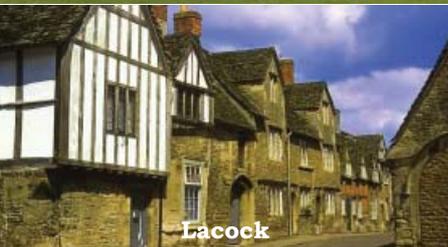
Roman Baths, Bath



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Tetbury



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Pulteny Bridge, Bath

unique village of Tetbury where we will have lunch. Travel to Lacock Village and Abbey and museum of photography. Lacock Abbey is a country house with monastic roots, once home to William Henry Fox Talbot, inventor of the photographic negative. Lacock was the setting for the village of Meryton in the BBC T.V. adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. It was also used as a location for a number of other film and TV productions such as *Harry Potter*, *Cranford* and *The Other Boleyn Girl*. Return to Bristol. Dinner in hotel at about 7.30 p.m. and maybe a farewell evening stroll in Bristol.

**Friday:** Leave Bristol by coach at about 9.00 a.m. Travel to Fishguard with a comfort stop along the way. Ferry leaves Fishguard at 2.30 p.m. arrives Rosslare about 6.00 p.m. Coach will leave for Dublin and arrive at Heuston Station about 8.45 - 9.00 p.m.

**Information:**

**Hotel:** The Bristol Hotel, The Harbour Side, Prince Street, Bristol, BS1 4QF.

Tel. +441179230333 Web: [www.doylecollection.com/BristolHotel](http://www.doylecollection.com/BristolHotel).

**Coach:** Will depart from Heuston Station, Dublin, at 5.30 a.m. sharp. Route to Rosslare will be confirmed based on those travelling and possible pick-up points when bookings complete. All passengers must be at the terminal in Rosslare for boarding at 8 a.m. Timing is critical.

**Detailed Itinerary:** Finalised itinerary with times etc. will be issued to all those travelling at least a week before the event.

**Booking:**

The coach can seat 52 people.

**Booking is on a first come first served basis.**

**NOTE:**

**Early booking is advisable but PAYMENT IN FULL must be received by Monday, March 11, at the latest.**

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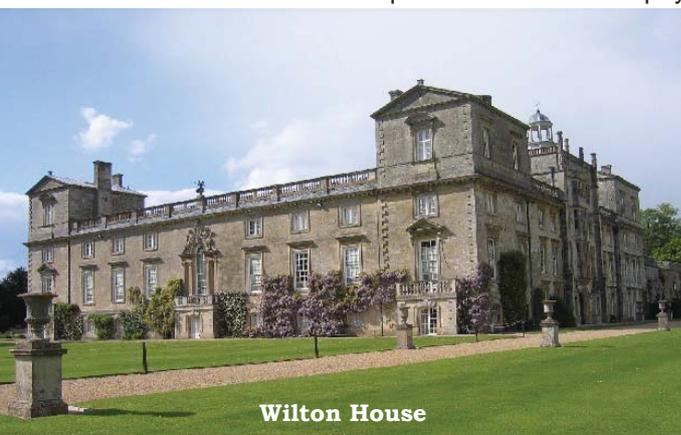
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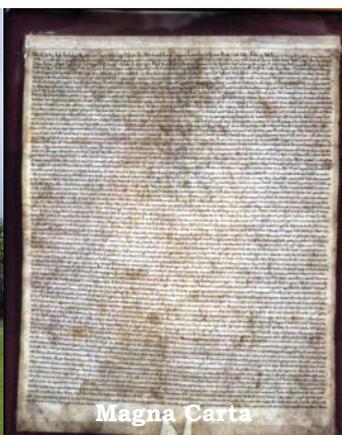
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Bookings and payment should be made through Larry Breen, 8 The Paddocks, Naas, Co. Kildare.  
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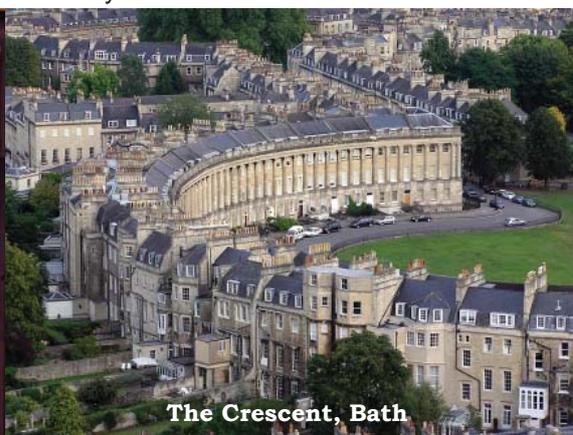
Cheques should be made payable to the Federation of Local History Societies.



Wilton House



Magna Carta



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