

£880 per person*

15th June 2026

5 Days 4 Nights

Deposit per person: £90

Due no later than 16/01/2026

Single Room Supplement: £182

The final balance is due not later than 21/03/2026

Your tour includes

- 4 nights' accommodation on a half board basis at The Heights Hotel, Isle of Portland (3 *)
- 5 days' executive coach hire with Pulhams Coaches
- Porterage on arrival and departure
- Admission to Westbrook House and Gardens with guided tour and tea/coffee/cake
- Admission to Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens
- Admission to Abbotsbury Swannery
- Visit to Kingston Lacy (National Trust – no cost included)
- 1h Weymouth and Portland boat trip
- Admission to Compton Acres
- Admission to Walled Gardens of Cannington

Your tour excludes

- Travel Insurance
- Additional entrance fees to places of interest other than those detailed in the itinerary
- Lunches and refreshments, other than those detailed in the itinerary
- Gratuities



Isle of Portland

The mild climate of Dorset makes it the perfect location for horticultural masterpieces to thrive. Our tour takes us to a range of beautiful locations across the area - from unique subtropical gardens to themed ornamental displays, as well as the chance to enjoy the coastal scenery on a relaxing boat trip and explore the fascinating Isle of Portland, our base for the tour.



Compton Acres © Paul Gillett



Abbotsbury Swannery © Laura Harrison

Accommodation - The Heights Hotel, Isle of Portland (3*)

Set at the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage Coastline on the summit of the Isle of Portland, this 3* hotel offers spacious accommodation and makes the ideal base for exploring Dorset and the Jurassic Coast. Each bedroom has an en suite bathroom, hypoallergenic bedding, television, hairdryer and telephone. Breakfast and evening meals are taken in the on-site Bar and Bistro, which offers stunning panoramic views over Weymouth, Chesil Beach, Lyme Bay and Portland Harbour.



Your itinerary

Monday 15 June – Westbrook House and Gardens

We set off from our local pick-up points in Cheltenham to begin our journey to Dorset. We enjoy an en-route stop at Westbrook House and Gardens. The layout and planting here began in 2003 with the combined efforts of a garden designer and painter. The result is 4 acres comprising of 3 distinct gardens, each with their own theming and design – exuberant mixed herbaceous and shrub borders, species roses, lilacs and even an orchard make up just some of the delights to be found here. We then continue on to Glastonbury, where we enjoy lunch at leisure and some time to explore the town. We then travel on to The Heights Hotel on the Isle of Portland, our base for the duration of our stay.

Tuesday 16 June – Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens and Abbotsbury Swannery

Our first stop today is Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens. These gardens are world famous for features such as its camellia groves, magnolias, rhododendron and hydrangea collections. As well as its displays of formal and informal flowers, the Gardens also house, display and conserve plants from across the globe – a notable highlight is the collection of Mediterranean plants, one of the largest in the UK. We then make the short journey over to Abbotsbury Swannery, home to over 600 mute swans. We arrive with time to explore before catching the mass swan feed at 16:00, accompanied by commentary with information about this quirky colony.

Wednesday 17 June – Compton Acres

This morning we travel to Compton Acres. Originally constructed in 1920, it is still acknowledged as one of the finest privately owned gardens in England today. 5 distinct themed gardens are featured in a circular layout, much like the jewels on a necklace. The Italian Garden boasts luscious water features and topiary, creating a true spectacle, whilst the Japanese Garden has displays of draping Japanese wisteria, gingko and acer as well as a koi pond, providing a true snapshot of the

country. Following this, we travel back to the Isle of Portland. Joined to the mainland by Chesil Beach, Portland is steeped in maritime history, heritage and folklore, with tales of pirates and smugglers abound. There are museums, castles and even 3 lighthouses, making for an exciting afternoon at leisure discovering everything this fascinating island has to offer.

Thursday 18 June – Kingston Lacy and Weymouth/Portland Boat Trip

Today we visit Kingston Lacy. Created by William John Banks between 1834 and his death in 1855, this opulent house was built to resemble a Venetian Palace. Today, visitors can explore the lavishly decorated interiors, with remarkable paintings by renowned artists as well as a collection of Banks' ancient Egyptian artefacts. There is plenty to discover outside such as the Philae Obelisk on the South Lawn, the Japanese Garden, originally conceptualised over a century ago by Henrietta Banks and brought to fruition in 2005 by the garden team, and the Parterre, an example of classic Victorian bedding updated for the 21st century. This afternoon, we enjoy a cruise around Weymouth and Portland. Full commentary throughout by the skipper will ensure we don't miss any of the highlights, including the historic Georgian seafront in Weymouth, views along the Jurassic coastline, Portland harbour with its visiting shipping, local wildlife, breakwaters, forts and castles.

Friday 19 June – Walled Gardens of Cannington

This morning we check out of our hotel and begin our journey back to Cheltenham. We enjoy a midday stop at the Walled Gardens of Cannington. Set within the grounds of a medieval priory, the Gardens have undergone extensive redevelopments and were officially opened by the Duke of Edinburgh in 2009. Featuring both classic and contemporary highlights such as the Hot Border, Blue Garden, Rose Walk and Victorian-style Fernery, there is something to delight every horticulturalist here. We then travel into Cannington for lunch at leisure before rejoining the coach for the remainder of our homeward journey.

How to book

You can obtain booking forms from your group leader. Please send completed booking forms and payments (cheques payable to Norman Allen Group Travel LTD) to your group organiser:

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