

## ITINERARY

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May 12, 2025 - Arrive Scotland

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 10:00

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### Coach to meet at Glasgow International Airport

 Glasgow, Scotland PA3 2ST, Glasgow, United Kingdom -

Meet coach and guide for the day

 10:00

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### Fairfield Heritage

 1048 Govan Rd, Govan, Glasgow G51 4XS, United Kingdom -



Some of the world's fastest, largest and most beautiful ships were built at Glasgow's greatest shipyard. We delve into the fascinating history of shipbuilding and how the pride of the Clyde lives on in Govan.

<https://www.fairfieldgovan.co.uk/visit>

Private visit

 10:00

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### The Falkirk Wheel

 Lime Rd, Falkirk FK1 4RS, United Kingdom -



🕒 1 hour 30 minutes 🧑 15 Adults

The Forth & Clyde and Union Canals were linked by a flight of 11 locks which took nearly a day to transit. These were dismantled in 1933.

Enjoy the full 60 minute Falkirk Wheel Experience as you sail through the sky before travelling along the aqueduct to the Union Canal and back.

🕒 **Start at 12:00**

## Lunch

📍 Glasgow Scotland, Glasgow, United Kingdom -

Lunch stop to be confirmed

🕒 **Check-in 15:00**

## Voco Grand Central Glasgow, an IHG Hotel

📍 99 Gordon St, Glasgow G1 3SF, United Kingdom -



🕒 2 nights 🛏 1 Unspecified 🧑 15 Adults

2 nights Bed and Breakfast

Dinner on first evening.

May 13, 2025 - **Tuesday**

 **10:00**

## New Lanark

 New Lanark, Lanark ML11 9TG, United Kingdom -



New Lanark is an exceptional example of a purpose-built 18th century mill village. Thanks to an ongoing process of conservation and rehabilitation spanning almost half a century, the appearance of the village today is close to that of the early nineteenth century, when the mill buildings formed one of the largest industrial groups in the world. At New Lanark, David Dale and Robert Owen created a model for industrial communities that was to spread across the world in the 19th and 20th centuries, establishing a milestone in social and industrial history, and having lasting influences on society, even two hundred years on.

May 14, 2025 - **Wednesday**

 **Check out 08:00**

## Voco Grand Central Glasgow, an IHG Hotel

 99 Gordon St, Glasgow G1 3SF, United Kingdom -

 **14:00**

## People's History Museum - meet your Blue Badge Guide Jonathan Schofield

 Left Bank, Manchester, England M3 3ER, United Kingdom -



The **People's History Museum** (the **National Museum of Labour History** until 2001) in Manchester, England, is the United Kingdom's national centre for the collection, conservation, interpretation and study of material



relating to the history of working people in the UK. It is located in a grade II-listed, former hydraulic pumping station on the corner of the Bridge Street and Water Street designed by Manchester Corporation City Architect, Henry Price.

The museum tells the story of the history of democracy in Great Britain and about people's lives at home, work and leisure over the last 200 years. The collection contains printed material, physical objects and photographs of people at work, rest and play. Some of the topics covered include popular radicalism, the Peterloo Massacre, 19th century trade unionism, the women's suffrage movement, dockers, the cooperative movement, the 1945 general election, and football. It also includes material relating to friendly societies, the welfare movement and advances in the lives of working people.



**Check-in 17:00**

## Kimpton Clocktower Hotel

📍 Oxford St, Manchester M60 7HA, United Kingdom -



🕒 2 nights | 🛏 1 Unspecified | 👤 15 Adults

2 nights x Bed and Breakfast

May 15, 2025 - **Thursday**



**Start at 09:30**

## Join your Jonathan Schofield for a walking tour of Ancoats

📍 Manchester England, Manchester, United Kingdom -

The heart of Manchester's industrial heritage.



**12:00**

## Quarry Bank Mill

📍 Styal Road, Styal, England SK9 4HP, Styal, United Kingdom -



**Quarry Bank Mill** in Styal, Cheshire, England, is one of the best preserved textile mills of the Industrial Revolution and is now a museum of the cotton industry. It is recorded in the National Heritage List for England as a designated Grade II\* listed building.

Rare surviving eighteenth-century cotton mill, built by the industrialist Samuel Greg, with working heritage machinery.

May 16, 2025 - **East Wales**



**Check out 08:00**

### Kimpton Clocktower Hotel

📍 Oxford St, Manchester M60 7HA, United Kingdom -



**10:00**

### North East Wales

📍 Froncysyllte, Llangollen LL20 7RU, United Kingdom -



### Chirk Aqueduct and the Darkie tunnel and the Viaduct.

Walk onto the Aqueduct and view look at its construction, the only World Heritage site to straddle to countries. View the Chirk Tunnel (Darkie).

The Chirk Viaduct and railway station. Along side the station is the old station for the **Glyn Valley Tramway**, now in the process of being restored.

Travel along Telfords' A5 towards Froncysyllte. A brief explanation of the building of the road as we travel.

## “The Stream in the Sky”.

Travel to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, hopefully via the Bont (as it is called locally). Stop for photo shoot of the Aqueduct from the field below, this gives the visitor an appreciation of the height and size of the structure.

Park up the bus and walk onto the Aqueduct, look at the construction and from the underside to appreciate the ironwork, which was produced locally and Plas Kynaston Foundry.

Travel to Llangollen.

Points of interest along the way include **Castell Dinas Bran**, The **Eglywsig Rocks** (old Limestone quarry workings).

**Llangollen Railway** (journey time one hour forty-five minutes).

Brief talk about the history of Llangollen, the old Bridge and the Mill.

Pick up the 12.50pm train to Carrog, returning on the 2.00pm train. This will allow for a 40-minute stop in Carrog and will arrive back in Llangollen at 2.35pm. (*timings might change*)

On returning to Llangollen walk up to the Llangollen Wharf.

Pick up the coach and travel out of Llangollen to the Horseshoe Falls, the start of the canal and the Chain Bridge. (approx. one hour).

Some free time in Llangollen for lunch



**Start at 18:00**

## Hawkstone Hall

📍 Hawkstone Hall, Weston, Shrewsbury SY4 5UZ, United Kingdom -



Dinner Bed and Breakfast x 1 night

May 17, 2025 - **Ironbridge - Blue Badge Guide Victoria Nailor**

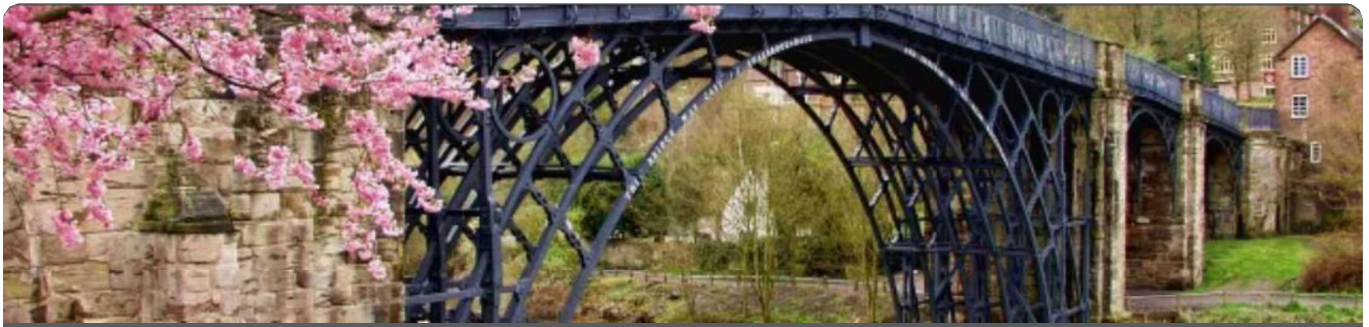


**End at 09:00**

## Hawkstone Hall

📍 Hawkstone Hall, Weston, Shrewsbury SY4 5UZ, United Kingdom -





## Ironbridge - UNESCO World Heritage Ironbridge Gorge and its Museums

[.More\\_info](#)



Start at 18:00

### The Cow Dalbury

📍 The Grn, Ashbourne DE6 5BE, United Kingdom -



Dinner, Bed and Breakfast x 2 nights

Tel: 00 44 (0) 1332 824397

[www.cowdalbury.com](http://www.cowdalbury.com)

May 18, 2025 - Birmingham - Blue Badge Guide Victoria Nailor



### The Cow Dalbury

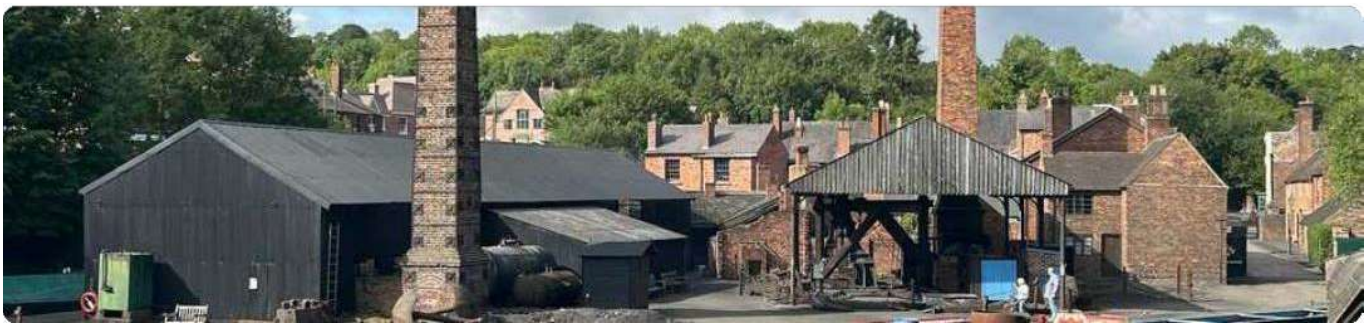
📍 The Grn, Ashbourne DE6 5BE, United Kingdom -



00:00

### Black Country Living Museum

📍 Discovery Wy, Dudley DY1 4AL, United Kingdom -



11am Voyage underground and discover 428 million years of history..... So, what is it like to take a boat trip into caverns and tunnels that are hundreds of years old? Explore 428 million year old limestone, journey through tunnels handmade by thousands of Black Country folk from years gone by and be amazed by the awe-inspiring caverns that the industrial revolution left behind here. It's a boat trip like no other!

Experience the Black Country of yesteryear as you explore over 250 years of history, from the Industrial Revolution to post-war prosperity, through living interpretation at Black Country Living Museum in Dudley in the West Midlands.

May 19, 2025 - **The Potteries**

 **End at 09:00**

### The Cow Dalbury

 The Grn, Ashbourne DE6 5BE, United Kingdom -

 **10:00**

### Etruria Industrial Museum

 Stoke-on-Trent, England ST1, United Kingdom -



The **Etruria Industrial Museum** is located in Etruria, Staffordshire in England. The Museum is a typical and well-preserved example of a nineteenth century British steam-powered potter's mill. It is situated between the Trent and Mersey Canal and the staircase locks flight of the Caldon Canal. The museum has a modern entrance building, leading into a Grade II\* listed building which was formerly the Etruscan bone and flint mill. The mill is also a scheduled monument.



*Discover how they put the 'bone' in bone china at the last working steam-powered potters mill in Britain. Visit when the mill is 'in steam', when the 1903 boiler is fired, and the 1820s 'Princess' beam engine powers the historic machinery.*



10:00

## Middleport Pottery

📍 Middleport, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 3RB, United Kingdom -



***THIS FASCINATING TRAIL OF MIDDLEPORT POTTERY'S HERITAGE INCLUDES OFFICES, STEAM ENGINE, GRADE II LISTED BOTTLE KILN, BATH HOUSE,, EUROPE'S LARGEST CERAMIC DESIGN ARCHIVE AND "HOW WE LIVED AT HARPER STREET"***

Learn all about Middleport Pottery as you explore its unique heritage site. Explore the original Victorian offices and learn about the people and events which have shaped the Pottery. Step back in time as you explore our mould store, housing Europe's largest collection of ceramic moulds, and take an inside look at the Pottery's huge bottle kiln, one of the few remaining in Stoke and an iconic reminder of the city's great industrial heritage. Then cross the road over to Harper Street to visit the 1950's Lodge Keeper's house "How we lived at Harper Street."

[www.re-form.org/middleportpottery/](http://www.re-form.org/middleportpottery/)



Start at 11:00

## Gladstone Pottery Museum

📍 Uttoxeter Rd, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 1PQ, United Kingdom -



### 1770s-1869 Growth of an industry

Land larger than the current Gladstone site was bought from the Lord of Longton Manor by two brothers, Thomas and Michael Shelley, who operated two factories jointly. They produced creamware, the typical Potteries product of that time. In 1815 the site split and the Gladstone Portion had a house, small workshops

and one bottle oven, maintaining a separate history from that point. It had one owner until 1857, but was let out to a succession of tenants who made bone china in step with the trend of that time. For this change it expanded from a small one-oven works dependent on other factories to a self contained three oven factory. An entrepreneurial tenant, later owner, Thomas Cooper expanded the workshops in the 1850s, and built an imposing main road frontage in the classical style. This replaced the old fashioned master's house, providing warehouse space and a main street frontage for which could generate rental income from smaller retail businesses. The boundaries of the Historic Factory were established.

### **1869 – 1939 – A family concern**

The site was owned by successors of one family, who called their works Gladstone Pottery, presumably after the well known Prime Minister. The 'mill' current engine house was built about 1875, as a two storey building with a pitched roof, in the typical Potteries style. It housed a steam engine which powered grinding pans on the first floor for grinding raw materials. It also would have powered steam jiggers and jolleys on site. Steam engines were introduced in the 1870s when child labour was becoming less available. Few other changes were made to the site, the pottery industry went through booms and slumps, little money was available for investment and the workshops behind the grand frontage were ageing, and in a poor state of repair. A detailed inventory of the site in 1910 gives a snap shot of uses and fittings for that date, which oral histories tell us had changed very little up to 1939.

### **1939 – 1971**

The factory closed down production during the war period being 'concentrated' with Thomas Poole (Longton) Ltd, members of the Poole family being Directors of Gladstone China. After the war repairs were needed to get the factory operational again and much repair work was done to the kilns. Thomas Poole (Longton) Ltd took over the factory in 1950 which was a boom time for the industry and prepared to expand purchasing the buildings of the Doctor's House, White House, and the company Salisbury China.

The Clean Air Act forbidding the use of coal fired bottle ovens, probably led to investment being concentrated on Thomas Poole's main factory – the Cobden Works. In March 1960 the bottle ovens were fired for the last time, but decorating and then only despatch departments were active until May 1970 when Thomas Poole and Gladstone China Ltd put the works up for sale.

### **1971 – 1974 Saved and reborn**

During the 1960s when so many of the old pottery factories and bottle ovens were being demolished there was a group of local people, centred on the Trustees of the Cheddleton Flint Mill, who were interested in saving part of the traditional distinctive Stoke-on-Trent landscape. Many sites were considered but the Gladstone site was considered the best example of a medium sized typical potbank. When the factory was due to be demolished to make the site more attractive to purchasers, a local businessman, Derek Johnson of H&R Johnson the tile manufacturers, bought the site and transferred ownership to the Staffordshire Pottery Industry Preservation Trust to be run as a museum opening in 1974.

The city of Stoke-on-Trent took ownership of the site in 1989, and took over management of the museum in 1994.

<https://www.stokemuseums.org.uk/gpm/>



**Check-in 17:00**

## **Kimpton Clocktower Hotel**

📍 Oxford St, Manchester M60 7HA, United Kingdom -



🕒 1 night 🛏️ 1 Unspecified 👤 15 Adults

Final night Bed and Breakfast

May 20, 2025 - **Return to the US**



**Check out 09:00**

**Kimpton Clocktower Hotel**

📍 Oxford St, Manchester M60 7HA, United Kingdom -



**Depart 10:00**

**Flights to the USA**



👤 15 Adults

🕒 May 20, 2025, 10:02

🕒 May 20, 2025, 10:03

**Manchester Airport**

**John F. Kennedy International Airport**

Coach transfer to airport.





# Industrial Heritage Tour: 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## What's included

### Accommodations

May 12	Voco Grand Central, Glasgow, 2 nights BB
May 14	Kimpton Clocktower, Manchester, 2 nights BB
May 16	Hawkstone Hall or similar, Shropshire, 1 night DBB
May 17	The Cow, Dalbury, 3 nights BB
May 20	Kimpton Clocktower, Manchester, 1 night BB

Porterage both ways included at each hotel, where available.

### Meals

May 12	Light lunch on arrival, TBC
May 12	Dinner at hotel
May 13	Two course lunch, New Lanark
May 16	Dinner at hotel
May 17	Dinner at hotel
May 18	Dinner at hotel

### Transportations

Comfortable coach transfers and touring throughout the tour with experienced local drivers.

### Attractions

As set out in the itinerary.

May 12	Private visit to Fairfield Heritage
May 12	Falkirk Wheel
May 13	New Lanark, specialist tour
May 14	People's History Museum
May 15	Quarry Bank Mill
May 16	Llangollen railway, return journey
May 17	Ironbridge Visits
May 18	Dudley Boat Trip
May 18	Black Country Living Museum
May 19	Etruria Industrial Museum
May 19	Middleport Pottery
May 19	Gladstone Pottery

### Guiding

Specialist step on guides.

5 x full day  
2 x half day

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### Taxes

All taxes currently chargeable in the UK at rates anticipated for May 2025.

## What's NOT included