

A Step Back in Time



Shropshire has some real hands-on heritage attractions too - the 10 museums in the Ironbridge Gorge attract visitors from all over the world. The Victorian Town of Blithfield with its bygone shops and period-costumed locals all adds to the experience. The Severn Valley Railway offers a leisurely steam-hauled journey through 16 miles of beautiful Shropshire countryside with a guide to meet the group as they disembark the train. And find unmissable history at the award winning National Cold War Exhibition at the RAF Museum in Cosford.

Acton Scott Historic Working Farm and setting for the BBC Victorian Farm programme, shows how things used to be done down on the farm - the old fashioned way. Some visitors may still recognise many of the implements used in the farm kitchen and in the yard today.



To make your planning easier you will also find itinerary ideas, details on coach parking, set down and pick up points, toilets, town maps and blue badge guides on www.shropshireforgroups.co.uk or contact our Group Travel Advisor:



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Visitor Information Centres in Shropshire

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Ironbridge

The Toll House, Ironbridge, Telford, TF8 7JP

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Ludlow

Castle Street, Ludlow, SY8 1AS

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**Planning a group visit?
Then make sure Shropshire
is top of your itinerary.**

Set within some of the most beautiful and varied countryside in England, Shropshire has the amazing Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site, an abundance of castles, stately homes, museums, farm attractions, nurseries and gardens as well as historic market towns packed with independent shops and eateries.



This leaflet gives you a taster of what Shropshire has to offer your group. The Shropshire for Groups website gives you details of where to find all the practical information you need to help you plan your trip such as entertaining group itineraries, town maps, coach parking details and, of course, the very best attractions, restaurants and accommodation.

Welcome to Shropshire!

Historic Homes & Houses



In Shropshire, historic buildings abound. You'll find over 32 castles throughout the county: some ruins and others more complete. Stokesay

is amongst the finest moated manor houses in England and Whittington and Ludlow were once the seats of Kings and Princes.

There are few homes more stately than Attingham and Weston Park, both with outstanding Regency interiors, acclaimed art collections and furniture. Both are set in splendid parks which provide an ideal day out for visiting parties. Smaller houses like Boscobel and Sunnycroft also welcome groups.

A County of Market Towns

Quintessentially English, Shropshire's market towns are unspoilt by time. With character shops and traditional British tea rooms set amongst magnificent historic buildings with true old fashioned country charm. A warm welcome comes naturally throughout the county.



Every town has a character of its own. Explore the narrow medieval streets and black and white buildings of Shrewsbury, take a trip to marvel at Ludlow's spectacular setting amongst the hills of South Shropshire or visit Oswestry where England and Wales meet. Travel between high and low town in Bridgnorth via the splendid Victorian Cliff Railway or take in the tranquil lake that gave Ellesmere its name.

Shropshire in Bloom



The Shropshire countryside is really astonishingly beautiful – some say Shropshire is five counties in one – with breathtaking mountains on the Welsh border, gently rolling pastures further east, meres and mosses in the north, the towns on the River Severn and our Blue Remembered Hills in the south - it's easy to see why.

But throughout this lovely landscape you'll find examples of man's attempt to improve upon nature – for we pride ourselves on having some of the finest gardens in England - formal, informal, grand or intimate and several have national collections.

Many of these gardens welcome large parties, offering excellent on site shops and facilities among their natural delights.

