

## The H Boutique Hotel 7-day Itinerary



### **Day 1 - Bakewell**

Relax and explore Bakewell...

Browse in specialist shops, selling everything from high fashion and outdoor clothing to handmade chocolates and rare whiskies. Savour a light snack, lunch, or dinner at a host of cafés, restaurants, pubs and tea rooms. Why not take a brewery tour and sample world-beating craft beers at Thornbridge Brewery? Not forgetting to try the famous Bakewell Pudding (residents of the hotel receive 10% off in the Bakewell Pudding Parlour).

### **Day 2 - Chatsworth House & Gardens**

Chatsworth House is home to the Devonshire family and has been passed down through 16 generations.

Explore over 25 rooms in the stately home including the Painted Hall, State Rooms, Sculpture Gallery and discover its art, history, and family. Plus, learn how succeeding generations have made their mark on one of Derbyshire's finest country houses.

Chatsworth Garden, the ever-evolving garden surrounding one of Derbyshire's most popular country houses. The 105-acre garden is the product of nearly 500 years of careful cultivation and includes an arboretum, rock garden, fountains, sculptures and more. Marvel at the historic and modern waterworks, discover hidden gems or find your own favourite spot – the historic garden has something for everyone.

### **Day 3 - Monsal Trail**

Head along the spectacular Monsal Trail over viaducts and through well-lit tunnels calling at the former stations along the way. The trail runs along the former Midland Railway line for 8.5 miles between Blackwell Mill, in Chee Dale and Coombs Road, at Bakewell. Traffic free and incredible views.

You can join the trail not far from the hotel, either by heading up Station Road, or alternatively drive to Hassop Station and join from there. Cycle hire is also available at Hassop Station.

Refreshments can also be purchased from Hassop Station to eat in or take away.

The Iconic Monsal Head is where the impressive Headstone Viaduct is located and is one of the most famous and photographed viewpoints in Derbyshire. It forms part of the Monsal Trail, directly above Monsal Dale. At the Monsal Head viewpoint there are benches where you can sit and enjoy the view and watch the sunset, or at a nearby pub the Monsal Head Hotel.

#### **Day 4 - Thornbridge Hall**

Thornbridge Hall is a large English country house, Grade II listed building, situated in Ashford-in-the-Water near the village of Great Longstone and is surrounded by 13 acres of quirky and quintessentially English gardens.

The gardens first opened to the public in the 1930's and there are many distinct areas including the Italian garden, 30m (100ft) Herbaceous border, Water Garden and Koi Lake, as well as terraced lawns overlooking the beautiful Derbyshire countryside. Visitors will also come across three temples, numerous statues, 46 urns and two grottos, all of which were incorporated into the garden in the 1890's. Some of the statuary came from Clumber Park and Chatsworth, while some were gifts from the Greek Government.

Why not sit back, relax, and enjoy Traditional Afternoon tea within the Orangery overlooking the Kitchen Garden or book the Grand Afternoon Tea, this includes a private tour of the Hall, complete with all day garden entry and guidebook.

#### **Day 5 - Castleton and The Mines**

Castleton is just a short drive from Bakewell and is home to the picturesque caverns of the Peaks. Accessible through the dramatic Winnats Pass, you are sure to appreciate the breath-taking views which this area of the Peaks has to offer. Towering over the town is Mam Tor, a popular climb that is suitable for all abilities. Peveril Castle has a Norman story to discover, whilst Treak Cliff Cavern, Peak Cavern and Speedwell Cavern all have different qualities, fascinating heritage, with very interesting interiors.

#### **Day 6 - Matlock Bath, Heights of Abraham & Matlock**

Matlock Bath, home to The Heights of Abraham Park, Gulliver's Kingdom theme park and Matlock Bath Aquarium. The original railway station also exists, and this still brings visitors in their thousands. The village portrays a 'seaside' resort image with plenty of fish and chip shops and arcades. Since first opening its gates to visitors in 1780, the Heights of Abraham has become one of the Peak District's most popular destinations. The site offers several activities to enjoy, including cable cars, children's play areas and breath-taking viewpoints, as well as caverns to explore several heritage walking routes.

Once famed for its hydro and spa treatments, Matlock's central location, scenic surroundings and public transport links make it a popular base for exploring the best of the Peak District and Derbyshire.

Pioneering industrialist John Smedley developed the attractive market town as a fashionable spa in the 19th century, and his legacy lives on in buildings such as Smedley's Hydro (now the offices of Derbyshire County Council) and the Gothic-style Riber Castle.

Crown Square and the river Derwent lie at the heart of Matlock, and the gateway to award-winning Hall Leys Park with its boating lake, riverside walks, tennis courts and skateboard park. Hall Leys is the first of five beautifully restored public parks stretching along the Derwent to Matlock Bath - a scenic option for a leisurely stroll.

Small independent shops, cafés, pubs, and restaurants cluster around Crown Square and along the A6, whilst the rail link and bus services operate to Derby, Manchester and other towns and villages in the area, for visitors wanting to explore further afield.

## **Day 7 - Haddon Hall & Peak Village**

Haddon Hall is probably the finest example of a fortified medieval manor house in existence.

Present-day Haddon Hall dates from the 12th Century to the early 17th Century, whereupon it lay dormant for over two hundred years from 1700 until the 1920s, when the 9th Duke and Duchess of Rutland restored the house and gardens, and once again made it habitable. Enjoy a tour around the house and grounds and bask in the romance and history of this Derbyshire treasure.

Why not stop off at Peak Village? This shopping outlet is nestled in the small, picturesque village of Rowsley, just a stone's throw from Haddon Hall. The atmosphere is relaxed, and a Derbyshire friendly welcome awaits from staff and fellow shoppers. You can enjoy browsing a range of national and independent stores offering great choice in fashion, accessories, homeware, gifts, outdoor clothing and equipment.