

# Beaulieu

## Group Visits Guide 2018



National Motor Museum | Palace House & Gardens  
Beaulieu Abbey | World of Top Gear

New Forest, Hampshire  
[beaulieu.co.uk](http://beaulieu.co.uk)

# Welcome to Beaulieu

“There are over eight hundred years of history to be seen on the Beaulieu Estate, in the heart of the New Forest National Park, which has been in my family’s ownership since 1538. Visitors have been exploring the medieval abbey ruins since 1912 and in 1952 my father opened our family home Palace House to visitors, making it one of the first stately homes to be opened to the public.

In 1956 he added a motor museum in the grounds as a memorial to my grandfather, a leading pioneer motorist. The car collection, which started as a small display in the front hall of Palace House, is now the National Motor Museum with over 250 historic and modern vehicles. Since my father’s death in 2015, we have opened more areas of the house, including his study and a new fully restored Victorian Kitchen. Beaulieu counts itself as one of Britain’s leading visitor attractions and I hope you enjoy your visit.”

*Montagu of Beaulieu*



## YOUR INCLUSIVE BEAULIEU ADMISSION

### The National Motor Museum

Over 250 vehicles tell the story of motoring in Britain from its pioneering origins to the present day. From the earliest motor carriages to classic family saloons, displays include historic sporting motors, modern rally cars, F1 racers, a rustic 1930s country garage, Land Speed Record Breakers and *Wheels* – a pod ride through motoring history.



### Palace House

Home of the Montagu family since 1538, Palace House was built around the Great Gatehouse of Beaulieu Abbey. Explore this fantastic Gothic styled Victorian country home as costumed guides give you a flavour of life ‘below stairs’ and share with you the fascinating history of the house and the generations who have lived there.





## TICKET OPENS THE DOOR TO ALL THESE ATTRACTIONS...

### Beaulieu Abbey & Exhibition

This once thriving Cistercian Abbey was destroyed on the orders of King Henry VIII in 1538 having been founded by King John three centuries before. The conserved ruins of this once vast medieval Abbey include an exhibition on its history and the monks who once lived and worked here.

### Grounds & Gardens

Lose yourself in Beaulieu's gardens, from the formality of the Victorian Flower Garden to the picturesque serenity of the Mill Pond Walk. The Victorian Kitchen Garden still supplies the house with seasonal vegetables and in spring the Wilderness Garden is carpeted with a colourful mass of snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils and bluebells.



# ...AND MUCH MORE!



## Secret Army Exhibition

Uncover Beaulieu's World War Two history as a top secret 'finishing school' for members of the Special Operations Executive, where hundreds of agents completed their training before embarking on dangerous missions in enemy territory.



## World of Top Gear

With vehicles from every era of the Top Gear challenges, World of Top Gear is now up to date with a brand new studio in the Enormodrome and fresh new exhibits from filming with Matt LeBlanc, Chris Harris and Rory Reid.



## On Screen Cars

The car's the star in this ever changing exhibition of TV and film favourites. Includes Mr Bean's Mini, Del Boy's van, and the Piaggio from *Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie*.



## Monorail and Veteran Bus

Enjoy unlimited rides around the park on the open top Veteran Bus and Britain's oldest Monorail, which is complete with sweeping views and informative commentary.



# ALL IN ONE PLACE



# GUIDED TOURS

Priced per group of 20 or part thereof

## The Grand Tour

An in-depth tour taking in the buildings and history of Beaulieu; the Abbey founded in 1204 and Palace House, the intimate family home of the Montagus. History, romance, fact, anecdote, rare artefacts and picturesque buildings combine to inform and enlighten those with a feeling for the romance of times past.

Maximum group size of 20 people **2 hours** **£45**



**These tours are among our most popular; bringing together more than 60 years of experience in welcoming group visits.**

### **Palace House Tour**

Find out about life above and below stairs in the ancestral home of the Montagu family. Learn of its history; from its monastic origins to the present day, and the lives of past generations who have lived and worked here. See exquisite paintings, antique furniture and stunning architecture as you explore a fine example of a Victorian styled country house, now including the late Edward, Lord Montagu's library opened to the public in 2016 and the newly restored Victorian Kitchen.

Maximum group size of 20 people **1 hour** **£35**



# GUIDED TOURS

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## Beaulieu Abbey Tour

Discover what life was like in the Cistercian Order at Beaulieu Abbey as the monks and lay brothers went about their daily tasks. Find out why the Abbey was founded in the New Forest, how it was built and its importance to the local community for providing food, clothing, sanctuary and even health care.

Maximum group size of 20 people **1 hour** **£35**





**Our expert guides are eager to share their passion for the 800 years of history and heritage on show at Beaulieu.**

### **Motoring History Tour**

The ultimate tour for those wishing to get to grips with the story of motoring on the roads and circuits of Britain. Hear the stories of motoring pioneers, motor sport champions and land speed record breakers. Enter a garage from the 1930s and wander through a period street scene before exploring our new displays.

Maximum group size of 20 people **1 hour** **£35**



# SPECIAL TOURS

Priced per group of 20 or part thereof

## Chief Engineer Tour **NEW FOR 2018**

With over 40 years' experience as Museum Workshop Engineer, and 28 as Chief Engineer, hear interesting stories associated with the Museum Collection, and get exclusive behind the scenes access to the workshop. Limited availability – book early.

Max group size of 20 people **1½ hours** **£200**



## Museum Highlights

Hear the history of a selection of key vehicles in the Museum collection, including the 1930 Blower Bentley, 1983 Audi Quattro A2 rally car, 1935 Auburn 851 Speedster, Graham Walker's 1928 Rudge Whitworth and 1981 Volkswagen Golf GTI.

Max group size of 20 people **1 hour** **£35**



## For Britain & For The Hell Of It

Experience the triumph of British land speed record attempts as we tell a story of British pluck, technological mastery and national pride in an inspiring tribute to the pioneers of speed.

Max group size of 20 people **1 hour** **£35**



## Motorsports

Tour through motor racing history, from its inception in the early 1900s, with vehicles such as the iconic 1903 'Gordon Bennett' Napier, through to Graham Hill's Lotus 49 and more recent F1 cars.

Max group size of 20 people **1 hour** **£35**



**These tours are designed to inform and entertain, for those who'd like to know more about a particular theme.**

### **The Motorcycle Story**

From the early days of motor sport to 1960s youth culture, be immersed in a journey through motorcycling history, the human quest for freedom and the desire to win.

Max group size of 20 people **1 hour** **£35**



### **The Luxury of Motoring**

**NEW FOR 2018**

Have a tour of the new Museum display following the development, design and social history of luxury motoring, featuring a collection of over 25 stunning Lalique mascots.

Max group size of 20 people **1 hour** **£35**



### **The Victorian Kitchen**

Meet the Victorian Cook, Mrs Hale, in the newly restored Palace House kitchen, and hear stories of long hours and hard work in the kitchens, from where the organisation of the Victorian household revolved.

Max group size of 20 people **1 hour** **£35**



### **The Vineyard Tour**

Grapes have been grown at Beaulieu since medieval times. Between April and October, take a guided tour of the vineyard and find out how the vines are grown before sampling the wine they produce.

**45 mins** **£100**



*Tours must be booked and paid for one month in advance of your visit. The Vineyard Tour must be booked three months in advance. Please note: appropriate footwear must be worn in the vineyard as ground is uneven. There are no lavatory facilities on this tour.*

# CHRISTMAS AT BEAULIEU



Bring your group to Beaulieu from November to mid-December to celebrate Christmas in the unique surroundings of Palace House and Beaulieu Abbey.

## Palace House Soirees

Be greeted with a glass of homemade mulled punch and you will be entertained by house staff with traditional songs around the piano. The perfect Christmas day out when combined with the **Palace House Tour**

Max group size of 20 people **1 hour** **£35**

## Beaulieu Abbey Christmas Lunch

Join us for a sumptuous two-course Christmas meal in the magical surroundings of the Beaulieu Abbey Domus. Available on selected weekdays during November and mid December, book early to avoid disappointment. See website for dates.

**£18 per person**



# GROUP DINING - SPECIAL OFFERS

## The Brabazon Restaurant

The Brabazon Restaurant offers a wide range of hot or cold food and drinks, from light snacks to complete meals. Morning coffee, lunches and afternoon teas can be booked in advance for your group. The following group dining special offers are available when booked in advance as part of your group booking (subject to availability).

### Set Two Course Lunch

Choose one main course and one dessert with either tea or coffee for all your party to enjoy when you book your visit. Request our full menu to see an extensive range of local dishes made with fresh ingredients and mouth-watering desserts to complete your meal.

£15 per person



### Soup & Sandwich

Perfect for grabbing a quick bite to eat allowing more time to explore. The Soup of the Day is made using produce from Palace House gardens and the wider Beaulieu Estate, served together with a selection of homemade sandwiches.

£10.50 per person



### Finger Buffet

Enjoy a selection of homemade sandwiches and wraps, hand cut crisps, crudités and dips.

£9.50 per person

### Cream Tea

Take a break and enjoy one of our popular cream teas, including a pot of tea with a homemade scone, Fruits of the Forest jam and Dorset clotted cream.

£4.50 per person



*Please note that these offers are only available to groups visiting weekdays during school term-time.*



## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Beaulieu is an award winning day out with something for everyone. All on site attractions are included in one great value ticket and pre-booked groups of 15+ can take advantage of generous group rates:

**Adult: £15.50    Senior: £14.25**

**Youth: £9.50    Child: £7.90**

(13-17yrs)

(5-12yrs)

Children under 5 yrs are admitted free of charge

**Open daily from 10am**  
(except Christmas Day)

**Closes 6pm** (May-Sept)  
**5pm** (all other times)



### Souvenir Guide Books

Pre-order 10 or more Souvenir Guidebooks for your party to receive 1/3 off the normal retail price – just £2.00 per copy.

### Food & Drink

Group dining must be booked in advance. Request the menu to make your selection. Please note that group offers are only available on weekdays during school term-time unless otherwise stated.

### Shops

Our main shop in visitor reception offers a selection of gifts and souvenirs including a wide range of model cars, books and motoring gifts. Alternatively, in the Palace House Kitchen Shop you can buy homemade cakes, biscuits and preserves traditionally prepared in the Victorian Kitchen or treat yourself from a quality range of gifts including silverware, china sets and more.

### Access

Beaulieu is committed to a policy of accessibility, providing excellent access in and around the site with lifts, ramps and broad pathways where possible. We regret that it is not possible for wheelchairs to access the Monorail, Veteran Bus, or the first floor of the Domus and Palace House. Manual and powered wheelchairs can be booked in advance for use free of charge. Please contact us to discuss your individual requirements and the viewing alternatives available for visitors with mobility impairment.



[treasurehouses.co.uk](http://treasurehouses.co.uk)



## Coach Drivers

- Free admission
- Ample free coach parking on site and near to entrance
- Dedicated Group Admission Desk for minimum fuss on arrival
- Driver's restroom with refreshments and TV facilities
- Free vouchers for coach drivers, redeemable in restaurant or gift shop

## To Book

Bookings can be made by phone, post or email. When booking please provide us with the following information:

- Name of group/organisation
- Name of group organiser
- Correspondence address
- Telephone number and email address
- Date of visit and approximate arrival time
- The number of adults, seniors, youths and children in your party
- Your options for food and drink (if any)
- The number of tours (if any)
- Number of guide books (if any)



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**Combine your visit with a great value joint ticket to include a visit to Buckler's Hard. Ask for details.**

**Terms & Conditions:** Regrettably, we cannot offer refunds following a cancellation. Beaulieu Enterprises Ltd reserves the right to withdraw or amend the content or time of tours without notice as circumstances dictate. All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT at the current rate of 20%. Beaulieu Enterprises Ltd reserves the right to amend gross prices at the time of payment following any subsequent changes in the rate of VAT.

# BUCKLER'S HARD

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# WELCOME TO BUCKLER'S HARD

“Situated just three miles from Beaulieu on the banks of the Beaulieu River, Buckler’s Hard lies within the Beaulieu Estate. It was originally planned as a sugar port in the 1720s but flourished as a naval shipbuilding centre, providing ships for Nelson’s victory at Trafalgar. After 100 years as a shipyard, the village became a sleepy backwater until its charms were discovered by Edwardian tourists. Despite the interruption of two World Wars, in which the river played its part, tourism gave Buckler’s Hard a new lease of life. Today a popular visitor attraction, the Maritime Museum & Buckler’s Hard Story tell the history of the village from its earliest days to the present time. I hope you enjoy your visit here.”

*Montagu of Beaulieu*

**With themed tours, tea rooms and a tranquil river cruise (seasonal), Buckler’s**

## **MARITIME MUSEUM & BUCKLER’S HARD STORY**

Learn how warships were built for Nelson’s Navy, including HMS *Agamemnon*, described by Nelson as his favourite warship. See models of the Buckler’s Hard ships which took part in the Battle of Trafalgar and view Nelson artefacts, including his baby clothes. Listen in on conversations between villagers

of the past in the 18th century New Inn and follow the stories of the 19th and 20th century residents in an exhibition about village life.

Find out about the wartime role of the Beaulieu River and, in a special exhibition, we reveal the surprising links between the





Hard is an ideal destination for your group visit to the New Forest.

1915 sinking of the P&O liner *SS Persia*, the Montagu family and motoring history. See an exhibition about the voyage of Beaulieu River mooring holder, Sir Francis Chichester, who became the first person to sail single-handedly around the globe in his yacht *Gipsy Moth IV*.





## THE VILLAGE

### COTTAGE DISPLAYS

Step through the doors of a worker's cottage and back in time to the 18th century. Find out about the home life of the villagers and their families.



### ST MARY'S CHAPEL

Once the village school, this quaint chapel seats just 40. Peer through a viewing window near the altar to see where excavations revealed a secret cellar believed to have been used by 18th century smugglers.





### **THE DUKE'S BATH HOUSE**

Built by Duke of Montagu in 1760 for his son John, who suffered from arthritis. It was believed that salt water would relieve his condition, and therefore a pool was created in the garden, filled with water from the Beaulieu River.



### **RIVER CRUISE**

Originally granted to the monks of Beaulieu Abbey by King John in 1204, the rights and responsibilities of caring for the Beaulieu River later passed to the Montagu family. An engaging commentary will reveal the fascinating history of this unique river.





## ENHANCE YOUR VISIT

### BEAULIEU RIVER CRUISE

Between Easter and October, this tranquil 30 minute cruise wends its way along the Beaulieu River, accompanied by commentary which reveals the history and wildlife that inhabits its picturesque banks.

30 mins [See prices](#)



### HEARTS OF OAK THEMED TOUR

Step back in time to the 1790s to meet an inhabitant of Buckler's Hard. As they delve into the shipbuilding history of the village, you'll find out how the ships they built bolstered Nelson's fleet.

Max group size of 20 people [1 hour](#) [£35](#)



### IT'S A 'HARD' LIFE TOUR

During its heyday Buckler's Hard was a hive of industry, with a wide range of professions and tradesmen living side by side with their families in a tight knit community. What was daily life really like for those at the top – the Shipwright – and those less well off – like the Labourer?

Max group size of 20 people [1 hour](#) [£35](#)





## DON'T MISS...

### THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN TEA ROOMS

Offering a wide range of refreshments, all day snacks and light lunches either inside the tearoom or on the terrace. Why not pre-book a cream tea for your group and take advantage of a special discount? Available to groups of 24 or under.



### GIFT SHOPS

From preserves and sweet treats to nautical and nostalgic memorabilia, you will find the perfect gift or souvenir from the gift shops situated in the Maritime Museum and in the Captain's Cabin Tea Rooms.



### ACCESSIBILITY

Due to the historic nature of Buckler's Hard, some areas are less accessible to visitors with mobility impairments. The site includes gravel pathways, narrow doorways, a steady descent to the riverside and stairs inside the buildings. For further information on accessibility, visit the website

[www.bucklershard.co.uk/plan-your-visit](http://www.bucklershard.co.uk/plan-your-visit)

Please contact us to discuss your needs before you book.

**Combine your visit to Buckler's Hard with a great value joint ticket to include a visit to Beaulieu. See details overleaf.**



## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Buckler's Hard is a peaceful and historic village on the banks of the Beaulieu River with a museum recounting its shipbuilding heritage. Pre-booked groups of 15+ can take advantage of our generous group rates:

### Buckler's Hard Village & Maritime Museum

ADULT: £5.95	SENIOR: £4.80	CHILD: £3.95 (5-12yrs)	YOUTH: £4.20 (13-17yrs)
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### Buckler's Hard Village & Maritime Museum with River Cruise

Easter to October Only

ADULT: £9.45	SENIOR: £8.20	CHILD: £6.80 (5-12yrs)	YOUTH: £7.40 (13-17yrs)
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### Buckler's Hard Village & Maritime Museum *PLUS* Beaulieu

Visit Buckler's Hard and Beaulieu

ADULT: £18.95	SENIOR: £16.95	CHILD: £10.70 (5-12yrs)	YOUTH: £12.45 (13-17yrs)
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### Buckler's Hard Village & Maritime Museum with River Cruise *PLUS* Beaulieu

Visit Buckler's Hard and Beaulieu - Easter to October Only

ADULT: £19.85	SENIOR: £17.85	CHILD: £11.85 (5-12yrs)	YOUTH: £13.45 (13-17yrs)
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### Souvenir Guidebook

Pre-order 10 or more for your party to receive 1/3 off the normal retail price – just £2.00 per copy.

### Guided Tours

Tours are available for a surcharge per group of 20 or part thereof. Tours must be booked and paid for four weeks in advance.

**Hearts of Oak:** £35 - 1hr

**It's a 'Hard' Life:** £35 - 1hr



## Opening Times

Open daily from 10am (except Christmas Day). Closes 5.00pm (Easter-Sept) 4.30pm (all other times).

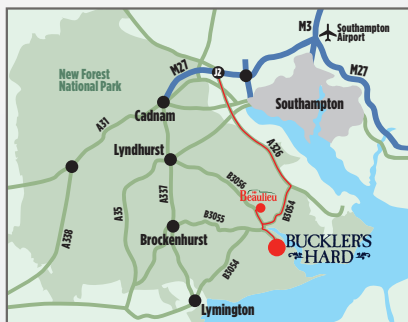
## Coach Drivers

- Free admission for coach drivers
- Ample free coach parking on site
- Refreshment voucher for use in the Captain's Cabin Tea Rooms.

## To Book

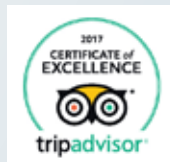
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- The number of tours (if any)
- Number of guidebooks (if any)



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