

Beaulieu

Group Visits Guide 2020



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

**New Forest, Hampshire
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 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

NEW FEATURES FOR 2020

THE ART OF BELINDA, LADY MONTAGU This new exhibition in Palace House celebrates the painting, drawing and needlework of Lord Montagu's mother. It will be extended from Easter 2020 to include family costumes.

ART RUSSE IN THE CLOCKHOUSE GALLERY Following its restoration in 2019, the Clockhouse Gallery is now home to a collection of Russian art, part of Art Russe's collection in the UK.

MORE LIVING HISTORY Discover more of Beaulieu's history through an enhanced programme of story-telling by our living history characters in 2020.



Find out more at beaulieu.co.uk

YOUR INCLUSIVE BEAULIEU ADMISSION TICKET OPENS THE DOOR TO ALL THESE ATTRACTIONS...

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, and Land Speed Record Breakers.



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.



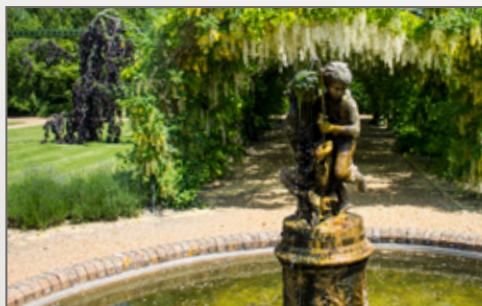
BEAULIEU ABBEY & EXHIBITION

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.



GROUND & 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. Watch the new film in the Enormodrome and see fresh exhibits from the latest season featuring Paddy McGuinness, Freddy Flintoff and Chris Harris.



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 Doctor Who's favourite car, Bessie.



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.



GROUP GUIDED TOURS

PRICED PER GROUP OF 20 OR PART THEREOF

With a range of attractions guaranteed to satisfy a variety of interests, Beaulieu is an ideal group-friendly destination for visits to the New Forest.

Select from one of our fascinating guided or special tours, available to groups of a maximum of twenty people.

The Brabazon Restaurant caters for groups, whether that be a simple soup and a sandwich or a two course meal.

Our Group Sales & Business Development Executive will happily work with you to create a tailored programme for your group, regardless of size or needs.

"I am just writing to let you know how very much our group enjoyed their visit to Beaulieu last week. So many of them commented to me how very impressed they were by the general organisation, the fun aspect of the monorail and the bus, the welcoming attitude of staff, all in addition to the lovely house, gardens, museum and abbey, etc."

Pat, Group Organiser



ALL IN ONE PLACE

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. See exquisite paintings, antique furniture and stunning architecture as you explore a fine example of a Victorian styled country house, including the late Edward, Lord Montagu's private library, the restored Victorian Kitchen and *The Art of Belinda, Lady Montagu*, a new exhibition.

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



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PALACE HOUSE

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, including the late Edward, Lord Montagu's private library and the restored Victorian Kitchen.

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



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BEAULIEU ABBEY

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

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**



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SPECIAL TOURS

PRICED PER GROUP OF 20 OR PART THEREOF

CHIEF ENGINEER'S TOUR

With over 40 years' experience as Museum Workshop Engineer, and 30 as Chief Engineer, hear interesting stories associated with the Museum Collection, and get exclusive behind the scenes access to the Workshop.

Limited weekday availability – book early

Max group size of 20 people

1 hour £200



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



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



SPECIAL TOURS

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NEW FOR 2020

WOMEN IN MOTOR SPORT & SOCIAL HISTORY

A specialised tour encompassing women in motor sport and their social history spanning 100 years from the 1880s. Discover early adventures along with their competitive zest for speed, complete with fashions of the day.

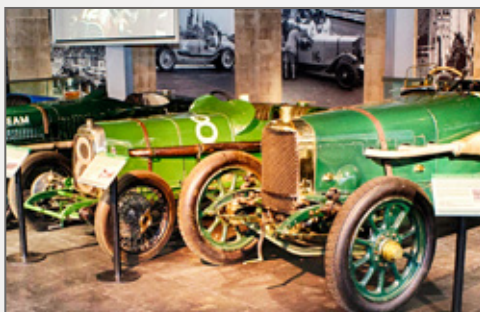
Max group size of 20 people **1 hour** **£35**



ROAD, RACE, RALLY

Tour through motor racing history with the stories of iconic vehicles from across the disciplines of road, track and rally.

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



FALCONRY

Meet Lord Montagu's official falconer and discover the history of falconry at Beaulieu that can be traced as far back as the 11th century. The tour finishes with a demonstration of the birds of prey in flight in the grounds of 13th century Beaulieu Abbey. Limited availability—book early.

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



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Whatever your area of interest, these tours are designed to inform and entertain.

NEW FOR 2020

THE ART OF BELINDA, LADY MONTAGU

Join Mary Montagu-Scott, Lord Montagu's sister for a special tour of *The Art of Belinda, Lady Montagu – her story in stitches*. This latest exhibition in Palace House celebrates the painting, drawing and needlework of their mother, an accomplished member of the Embroiderers' Guild. It features pieces previously unseen, as well as work for her family, the Beaulieu attraction and ecclesiastical commissions.

Limited availability – book early

Max group size of 20 people **1 hour** **£275**



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

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.

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.

£16.50 per person



SOUP & SANDWICH

Perfect for grabbing a quick bite to eat allowing more time to explore. The Soup of the Day is often 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.

£10.50 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.

£5.50 per person



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

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN STYLE



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 SOIRÉES

After being greeted with a glass of homemade mulled punch you will be entertained by house staff with traditional songs around the piano. For the perfect Christmas day out combine a soirée 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 weekdays during November and mid December, book early to avoid disappointment. See website for dates.

£18.50 per person





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: £16.00	Senior: £14.75	Open daily from 10am (except Christmas Day) Closes 6pm (May-Sept) 5pm (all other times)
Youth: £9.50 (13-16yrs)	Child: £8.25 (5-12yrs)	
Children under 5 yrs are admitted free of charge		

Free Parking

**Average Visit
4-5 Hours**

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.





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)

To book special tours, it is preferable to book at least two weeks in advance.



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

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BUCKLER'S HARD

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Maritime Museum & The Buckler's Hard Story
Historic 18th Century Cottages
Tea Rooms | Cruise the Beaulieu River

New Forest, Hampshire
bucklershard.co.uk



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

"We really appreciated the warm welcome and helpful presence of everyone we met. A special thank you to Pam for an excellent guided tour which was so friendly and informative....and also the boat crew who rounded off a delightful day with an enjoyable river cruise"

Christine, Group Organiser



Find out more at Bucklershard.co.uk



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 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*.



Find out more at bucklershard.co.uk



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





THE VILLAGE

COTTAGE DISPLAYS

Step through the doors of a worker's cottage and be transported back in time to the 18th century as you find out all 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 the 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 September, 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



Find out more at bucklershard.co.uk



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

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: £6.20	SENIOR: £5.00	CHILD: £4.00 (5-12yrs)	YOUTH: £4.35 (13-16yrs)
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Buckler's Hard Village & Maritime Museum with River Cruise

Easter to September only*

ADULT: £9.85	SENIOR: £8.60	CHILD: £7.00 (5-12yrs)	YOUTH: £7.40 (13-16yrs)
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Buckler's Hard Village & Maritime Museum *PLUS* Beaulieu

Visit Buckler's Hard and Beaulieu

ADULT: £19.60	SENIOR: £17.50	CHILD: £11.00 (5-12yrs)	YOUTH: £13.00 (13-16yrs)
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Buckler's Hard Village & Maritime Museum with River Cruise *PLUS* Beaulieu

Visit Buckler's Hard and Beaulieu - Easter to September only*

ADULT: £20.60	SENIOR: £18.60	CHILD: £12.30 (5-12yrs)	YOUTH: £14.00 (13-16yrs)
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*River cruise bookings for October may be possible by prior arrangement.

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

Find out more at bucklershard.co.uk



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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