



CLASSIC
GRAND TOURING

XK75 Tour

Celebrating 75 years of the Jaguar XK

13-23 September 2023

A tour for the Jaguar XK Club and fellow classic XK owners to explore the Cotswolds, Wales and Yorkshire. The 11-day tour will be based at four 4-star hotels with day trips exploring the local area, driving some very scenic routes and exploring the beautiful countryside. The trip will end with the opportunity to join the XK75 weekend at Whittlebury Park.

The Jaguar XK engine is one of the most successful engine designs in motoring history. It was produced for 43 years and was the backbone of Jaguar Cars through their XK 120, 140 and 150 models. This continued with their iconic C-, D- and E-type range and then into the 1960s and 1970s in every saloon car the company produced right up until the Jaguar XJ6 in 1987 and the Daimler Limousine in 1992. Renowned for its raw power, smoothness and unmistakable sound, it powered their racing cars to victories around the world but most notably, no less than five wins at famous Le Mans 24-Hour race. It was hardly surprising then that when they transferred these engines into their road cars, they sold like hotcakes and the XK Legend was born.

Itinerary

13 September

Billesley Manor Hotel and Spa

The first day of our tour where we meet at Billesley Manor Hotel and Spa, Stratford-upon-Avon for mid-afternoon check-in.

You will then have the chance to settle into your rooms prior to a welcome drinks reception and dinner of three courses with paired wines.

The first of three nights at this wonderful country hotel.

14 September

Cotswolds Tour

100 miles / 3hrs

We will head out for our first day tour, which will include a mid-morning coffee stop at Classic Motor Hub at Bibury. This will be a chance to have a look around their museum.

After lunch we will visit the Cotswold Distillery, nestled in the

heart of the Cotswold countryside, and take part in one of their award-winning experiences before returning to Billesley Manor.

Dinner tonight will be a free choice in Stratford, including an option to book a pre-theatre dinner and theatre production at the famous Royal Shakespeare Theatre. You can book your tickets direct with the theatre from February 2023.

Alternatively, you can make your own reservation and dine in the hotel.

Billesley Manor is 4.5 miles outside the centre of Stratford-upon-Avon.

15 September

Stratford-upon-Avon Experience

Today is your Experience Day, with the opportunity to explore the local area at your leisure. Some of the highlights you can visit are:

- Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway (advance booking with us essential)
- Shopping in Stratford-upon-Avon or Broadway / Chipping Campden
- Visit Wappenbury Hall, the former home of Sir William Lyons (advance booking with us essential)
- Visit the British Motor Museum at Gaydon



A super collection at the Classic Motor Hub museum



Enjoy an award-winning experience at the Cotswolds Distillery



A relaxing and elegant start to the Tour at Billesley Manor



Soak up the literary history with a visit to Shakespeare's birthplace



Titterstone Clee Hill, the third highest hill in Shropshire



A touch of opulence at the Grosvenor Pulford Hotel, Chester



The mountains and lakes of Snowdonia, from the Llanberis Pass

Alternatively, you may stay at the hotel and relax enjoying the facilities and the Spa.

Dinner tonight will be at the hotel.

16 September

Stratford-upon-Avon to Chester

Today we will drive 120 miles from Warwickshire to the Grosvenor Pulford Hotel and Spa in Chester for three nights.

The route we take comprises some wonderful country roads skirting the ancient salt and brine town of Droitwich Spa, then through Shropshire and the Shropshire Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

We then thread our way north along the Welsh/English border to Chester.

Lunch along the way will be of your own choosing, but we will make some suggestions closer to the time.

We can also arrange a slightly different route to allow you to go through the town of Bridgnorth and visit Classic Motor Cars, the world-class specialists in classic cars and in particular, Jaguar! They have a fantastic facility that is well worth a look!

Arriving at the Grosvenor Pulford hotel, there will be time to park the cars, unpack for the next three nights and then meet for a drink before having a BBQ supper together in the hotel.



The famous Italianate village of Portmeirion in Snowdonia

17 September

Tour of Wales

160 miles / 5h30

Today we will have an incredibly scenic driving loop through North Wales.

Leaving from the hotel, we head to Ruthin, Betws-y-Coed, then up to Tregarth so we can drive the world-famous Llanberis Pass.

We will then head South into the Snowdonia National Park before cutting across Wales in an easterly direction to drive the Horseshoe Pass on our way back to the hotel.

This is a 160-mile route that will take us the best part of 5h30 including lunch in Beddgelert.

This evening is open to you to go out and explore the restaurants of Chester.

Alternatively, you can make your own reservation and dine in the hotel.

18 September

Experience Day

Today is your Experience Day, with the opportunity to explore the local area at your leisure. Some of the highlights you can visit are:

- Visit Portmeirion
- Visit Chirk Castle
- Shopping in Chester
- Visit the North Wales coastline and Conwy Castle

Alternatively, you may stay at the hotel and relax enjoying the facilities and the Spa.

Dinner tonight will be at the hotel.

19 September

Chester to Harrogate

+/- 140 miles / 4h30

Today we will drive from the Grosvenor Pulford Hotel to The Majestic Hotel in Harrogate.

We leave Chester and travel east into the Peak District National Park before heading north, threading our way through some lovely countryside avoiding the cities of Manchester and Sheffield, before looping around the top of Leeds to take us to the beautiful town of Harrogate and The Majestic Hotel.

Lunch along the way will be of your own choosing, but we will make some suggestions closer to the time.

We are staying in the centre of Harrogate, so dinner tonight will be open to your choice. There are lots of wonderful restaurants within a 5-10 minute walk of our hotel. Alternatively, you can make your own reservation and dine in the hotel.

20 September

Scenic Drive – North Yorkshire Moors

137 miles / 3h45

Today's scenic drive will be through the North Yorkshire Moors via York, Malton, Pickering, Goathland, Danby, Kirkbymoorside and Coxwold.

Lunch is included today in Goathland and dinner tonight will be at the Hotel.



Enjoy some fine driving through the Peak District National Park

21 September

Experience Day or Scenic Drive of the Yorkshire Dales

Today is your Experience Day, with the opportunity to explore the local area at your leisure. Some options include:

- Holmfirth, setting for *Last Of The Summer Wine*. Visit the museum and take a vintage bus tour of the film locations
- Holmfirth vineyard
- Pennine helicopter pleasure flights
- Visit the 'Carding Shed' at which there are classic car displays, nostalgia, I.K Sport Classic. Afternoon tea is available here
- Harrogate for shopping, Royal Pump Room museum (sulphur wells), Turkish baths

For those wishing to tour further afield, we have a Scenic Drive of the Yorkshire Dales which is about 4h33/152 miles and includes Wensleydale Creamery, Buttertubs Pass, The York Arms, and Ripley.

Dinner tonight will be in the hotel.

22 September

Majestic Hotel to Coombe Abbey Hotel

The Final Leg – 165 miles / 4h15

We leave The Majestic Hotel and head to our final stop to the spiritual home of Jaguar, Coventry.

Lunch today will be en route and will be of your own choosing,



The stunning Buttertubs Pass in the North York Moors

but we will make some suggestions closer to the time.

Our final evening will be at Coombe Abbey Hotel with a 1940s-themed final Gala dinner, Champagne reception, music and dancing. So don't forget your outfit!

23 September

Check out and head home or on to the XK75 weekend at Whittlebury Park.



Coombe Abbey Hotel, in the heart of 'Jaguar Country'!



Magnificent cars in their natural habitat...

What is included?

- Accommodation for ten nights in 4-Star hotels
- Breakfast each day of the tour
- Three lunches
- Seven dinners with paired wines and Champagne receptions on two evenings
- 1940's themed Gala dinner on Friday 22 September at Coombe Abbey Hotel
- Carefully selected driving routes for three stunning driving loop days
- Excursion visits to local places of interest
- Comprehensive Roadbook
- Technical support following the tour throughout
- Two experienced Tour Managers to support the event throughout



TOUR PRICES

£2,995.00

per person based on two sharing accommodation

£3,850.00

per person based on single occupancy accommodation



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