

## “R.L.C. Holiday Club”, Holiday to IOW 25 to 29 September 2018

### Outline Itinerary 1

#### Tuesday 25 September

Leave Farnham 09.00 to travel to Southampton to catch the 1200 Hrs Red Funnel Ferry to East Cowes IOW. 02380 019192 <http://www.redfunnel.co.uk> This afternoon we will visit Osborne House (EH) 01983 200022 <http://www.osborne.house@english-heritage.org.uk> Queen Victoria's retreat on the island. The 450 acre site overlooks the solent. Look for the Royal apartment's, dolls house, and the queen's bathing machine. Later we continue past Whippingham church on our way to 4 nights half board at the Shanklin Beach Hotel. 01983 862611. <http://www.shanklinbeachhotel.com>

#### Wednesday 26 September

09.30 we travel to Haven Street to catch the 10.00 Hrs train for a one hour ride on the IOW Steam Railway. Have a look at the wagon works and possibly lunch in the café. 01983 882204. <http://www.iwsteamrailway.co.uk> Our next move is to Godshill possibly the most beautiful village on the island. With a magnificent church, old smithy, antique shops and a model village 01983 840270. <http://www.modelvillage-godshill.co.uk>

#### Thursday 27 September

09.30 We travel to Carisbrooke Castle (EH) built and updated to counter the French threat. 01983 522107. <http://www.carisbrookecastle@english-heritage.org.uk> We travel the short distance to Ireton barns. Watch the craftsmen make local products. 01983 528353. <http://www.arretonbarns.co.uk> Church, Real ale Pub, shops, Craft centre and a good place for lunch before we move on to Ventnor botanical gardens. 01983 855397. <http://www.botanic.co.uk>

#### Friday 28 September

09.30 We travel to Calborne water mill, which grinds corn to make Flour, Muesli and Porridge. One of the staff who came to the RLC will organise a guided tour of the museum. 01983 531227 <http://www.calbournewatermill.co.uk> We then travel to the far west of the island to the Needles and it's chairlift. Fort Victoria Country Park, Museum, Planetarium, Model Railway and Café. 01983 760860. <http://www.fortvictoria.co.uk> See notes on holiday itinerary. Needles Old Battery (NT) ¾ mile walk. And New Battery where the UK (RAE) tested the blue streak rocket.

#### Saturday 29 September

09.30 we travel to The IOW Bus Museum in Ryde. 01983 567796. <http://www.iwbusmuseum.org.uk> This afternoon we visit the Rosemary vinyard for a short, guided tour. 01983 811084. <http://www.rosemaryvinyard.co.uk> We catch the 15 30 Red Funnel ferry back to Southampton.

**The holiday itinerary** includes 2 visits to English Heritage (EH) properties, Osborne House £13.00 and Carisbrooke Castle £8.50 both are group rate cost. (EH) cardholders do not pay this £21.50 group rate entry charge. Entry charges to the facilities at Fort Victoria Country Park, Old & New Battery and The Needles chair lift, have not been included in the holiday cost. Most people will only use a few of these visits; total cost for all the visits could be £15.00 to £20.00.

**The total cost of the holiday**, has now been calculated and the final cost per (Non EH) person is estimated to be £400.00 (£340.00 [318 EH] to pay for those who have paid the £60.00 deposit) that must be paid by Wednesday 18 July 2018.

The insurance conditions changed last Year; the holiday cost will include ordinary travel insurance, but now every traveler will have to either accept or decline to take this insurance. Also there is no separate cancellation insurance, which will be covered by the included or your own insurance. This arrangement appears very similar to any high street travel agent.

Please make cheques payable to: **RLC Holiday Club**

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