

Country Lane Tours



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4th CREDIT CRUNCH SPECIAL!

April 13th – 15th (16th) 2012

Where to start? The Credit Crunch Weekend, initially intended to be a 'one-off' in response to Robert Peston's constant doom mongering on the TV and radio, now seems, by popular demand, to be an annual fixture.

Right: Mersey ferry with famous Liver Building in the background

The Llangollen weekend this year proved to be a great success, helped, for the third



year running, by glorious weather. I was pleased to see so many of 'the usual suspects' and it was interesting to note the whole event took on the mantle of a large reunion, with ninety-five sitting down to dinner each evening and swapping stories about various tours.

It will be difficult to equal Llangollen and its environs from the point of view of scenery, but I hope the planned itinerary for 2012 will prove to be just as much of a hit by being different, as we're following in Gerry Marsden's footsteps and taking the Ferry 'Cross the Mersey to historic Liverpool.

Our hotel is again a three-star location, the Beaufort Park, situated just outside Yr Wyddgrug, otherwise known as Mold to those of you from the wrong side of Passport Control at Offa's Dyke!

Mold is an ancient market town, eleven miles from Chester, and most of the weekend's activities will be taking place in England. The itinerary is as follows:

Friday, April 13th. Arrivals at the Beaufort Park Hotel, New Brighton, Mold, CH7 6RQ. Dinner will be 7.30pm.

Saturday, April 14th. Departure on a scenic run via the Wirral Peninsula to Birkenhead on the River Mersey. Along the way we'll be visiting Parkgate, once a busy port and birthplace of Emma Hamilton, Nelson's mistress, the world famous Ness Gardens, and Port Sunlight model village. At the ferry terminal we'll explore a German U-boat (U-534) before boarding one of the famous ships to cross the Mersey.

Once in Liverpool we'll be picked up by coach and taken on the Beatles Tour before being dropped off back at the Albert Dock complex where there is a maritime museum, numerous shops and an art gallery in the restored dock buildings.

Sunday, April 15th. By popular demand the Go-Kart Challenge will take place during the morning at an indoor track a short distance from the hotel. I'm aware there are several scores to be settled from two years ago in Caernarfon so this new venue should make for interesting viewing. As usual there will be trophies and prizes for the winners in both the men's and ladies' groups.

After lunch we tour the Ellesmere Port Boat Museum where the fascinating history of the canal system is explained in interactive displays as well as numerous artifacts, both floating and static.

Leaving Ellesmere Port a gentle run through the Cheshire lanes culminates in Mouldsworth Motor Museum, the personal fiefdom of cartoonist Jim Peacop.

Monday, April 16th. Departure for home, but if you wish to stay an **extra night** and spend a day in Chester a **special rate reduced rate applies**.

Included in the price are the following:

- Three nights' accommodation on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis at the 3-star Beaufort Park Hotel
- Entrance to Ness Gardens
- Entrance to U-boat
- Ferry 'cross the Mersey
- Beatles Tour of Liverpool (guided)
- Go-kart Challenge
- Entry to Ellesmere Port Boat Museum
- Entrance to Mouldsworth Motor Museum
- Buffet lunch Saturday
- Buffet lunch Sunday
- Detailed route instructions
- Information pack on arrival with leaflets on local attractions



Above: U-534 at Woodside, Birkenhead



So, all you need to do is allow for fuel and drinks as everything else is catered for!

Left: River Dee at Chester

This event is only offered to people on the [Country Lane Tours mailing list](#) and entries are limited

Space precludes a detailed description of everything you will see, so the details here are necessarily a synopsis. However, the leisurely daily mileage allows plenty of time to relax and enjoy the scenery and quiet roads as well as the hotel facilities. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to call me on 01824 790280, or email countrylanetours@aol.com.

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Left: Port Sunlight



Right: Port Sunlight



Below: Mouldsworth