ith so many great

length of our scenic sixes route

Characterful market towns,

the industrial revolution, even

a cable car ride and heritage

What are you waiting for?

to do along the entire

## Belper Mills

iscover how Jedidiah Strutt helped bring mechanised cotton spinning to the Derwent Valley, transforming Belper into the world's first cotton mill town. See what life was like for a mill worker and learn about the local art of chevening, an exquisite form of embroidery

The oldest surviving mill here is The North Mill. It used cast iron instead of timber for the internal structure. This eventually led to the modern-day skyscraper!

until 31 Oct daily 11am-4pm belpernorthmill.org 01773 880474

### Chatsworth

hatsworth is one of the great houses of Britain with a vast collection of paintings, furniture and treasures, priceless items collected over the centuries by different generations of the Dukes of Devonshire

Chatsworth's landscaped gardens are a joy - get lost in the maze and look out for impressive sculptures, the long water cascade and the spectacular Emperor Fountain. And there's a farmyard to delight the little ones.

until 9 Nov daily 11am-5pm (from 10.30am 25 May-2 Sep) chatsworth.org 01246 565300

change at Bakewell to TM Travel 218 bus

Bakewell

high quality shops and range of cafés, Bakewell makes for

a great day out. And don't forget to try a genuine Bakewell

Market day is Monday, as it has been for the last 700 years.

Farmers markets are held in the Agricultural Business Centre

The Annual Bakewell Show is on the first Wednesday and

ichard Arkwright's first mill complex was really the

birthplace of the modern factory system, and what

happened here in the 1770s changed the world we live in.

first Saturday in July and an arts festival in August.

Thursday in August, and there's the Bakewell Carnival on the

Pudding - scrumptious!

Cromford Mill

on the last Saturday each month.

hat a way to go up in the world! - observation

cable cars take you high above the gorge

with stunning views of the Derwent Valley

guide can take you on a fascinating journey

hrough the spectacular cavern system deep

lear about the cavern's 350 million year

history, climb the Prospect Tower, follow

wooded trails and enjoy breathtaking

nd Peak District as you rise. Up on top a

nderground into the hillside.

until 4 Nov daily 10am-4.30pm

Gulliver's Kingdom

hurs-Sun in July, daily Aug & school holidays

gulliversfun.co.uk 01925 444888

Masson Mills

n Europe with views like this!

kends until 28 Oct

0.30am-5pm

f you've got the little ones with you, aged 2-13, they'll love this

heme Park with exciting rides and attractions, including a pirates'

play area, log flume and drop tower. There are fabulous views and,

his 1783 mill is the finest surviving example of an

museum illustrating Arkwright's legacy, and

Arkwright cotton mill. It's now a working textile

Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm

etween Rowsley and Bakewell you'll find

medieval manor house in existence.

until 30 Sep daily 10.30am-5pm

haddonhall.co.uk 01629 812855

and surrounded by beautiful Elizabethan terraced gardens.

Haddon Hall is probably the finest example of a fortified

Still privately owned, with parts dating from the 12th century,

includes a superb shopping village with

food, plus a riverside restaurant.

massonmills.co.uk 01629 581001

four floors of designer clothes, gifts,

overlooking the valley some 300 feet below, not another log flume

heightsofabraham.com 01629 582365

obbled alleyways lead to hidden

buildings. With riverside walks,

Cromford Mill is now a UNESCO World

Heritage Site with visitor attractions,

shops, cafés, exhibitions, guided

Experience, using CGI technology

daily 9am-5pm

1629 823256

you can hear the great man tell

of his inventions and his life.

romfordmills.org.uk

tours and galleries.

In the stunning Arkwright

until 5 Nov

courtyards with old stone

## Midland Railway Butterley

eritage train rides transport you to a bygone era. Explore two railway museums, the signal box, a Victorian railwayman's church and more. There are narrow gauge, miniature and model railways, shops, cafés and a children's playground, and a country park with walks to enjoy, plus special events throughout the year.

check running days & static days on the website or by phone

# Great Central Railway Loughborough

ravel on the UK's only double track, main line, heritage railway, the only place in the world where full-size steam engines can be seen passing each other. Try a First Class Restaurant Car lunch - book ahead. There are special events all year, including Steam Galas, Peppa Pig, Bonfire Night and 1940s Wartime Weekends.

weekends, public holidays  $oldsymbol{artheta}$  selected weekdays in the summe

+ 0.5 mile walk 🔨 to Great Central Road

### gcrailway.co.uk 01509 632323 Chesterfield

Ecclesbourne Valley Railway

Wirksworth & Duffield his scenic line between Wirksworth and Duffield uses heritage diesel railcars, with some steam trains on the bit betwee Wirksworth and Ravenstor.

You could jump off at Ravenstor and take the pleasant uphill ramble along part of the High Peak Trail.

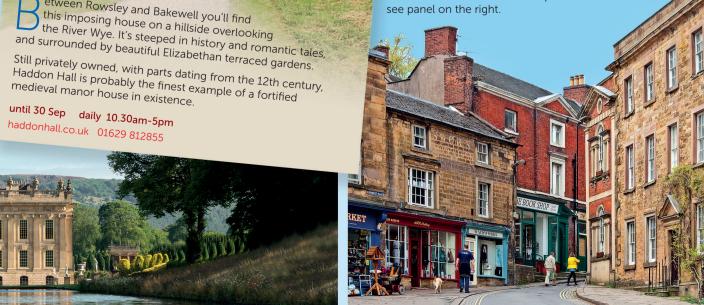
check website for timetable e-v-r.com 01629 823076

### Wirksworth

A lander round this pretty market town and see the grand St Mary's church. Look out for the V Saxon coffin lid, Norman font and carvings.

Discover the narrow, winding back streets leading off Market Place. There are galleries, craft shops, teashops and some excellent pubs in the town.

and on 23-24 June you can follow a trail around 20 gardens in the town with home made teas en-route, and some with live music, too. There's also the annual Wirksworth Festival on 7-23 September see panel on the right.



team trains run throughout the year between Matlock and Rowsley South on this 4 miles section of the old Midland Railway main line that once connected London with Manchester. Look out for specially themed events on selected dates.

until 4 Nov daily 11am-5pm (from 10.30am 27 May-3 Sep) peakrail.co.uk 01629 580381

### Matlock & Matlock Bath

iscover friendly independent shops as well as more familiar names here on the edge of the Peak District. This is actually the county town of Derbyshire, and there's a traditional market on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Market Hall and a craft and flea market on Saturdays.

Hall Leys Park has a boating lake, mini-golf, play area and miniature railway. On the third Saturday of every month you can buy from producers some of the finest, freshest, tastiest local produce at the farmers' market held there.

A mile or so south of Matlock is Matlock Bath - it has quite a continental vibe and visitors have flocked here since the late 17th century, including Queen Victoria, twice! There are interesting shops to nose around, cafés and

restaurants to keep you refreshed, and the riverside setting in a steep gorge is quite spectacular.



66 Ayup! During the summer when the car parks get a bit chocka, our smiling ixes team can whisk you through the scenic Derwent Valley and drop

riginally an Augustinian abbey, this was the poet Lord Byron's home from 1808 to 1814. There are Victorian room settings to see as well as his private apartments.

Follow meandering paths past lakes and waterfalls, rockeries and formal gardens in the extensive grounds. There's a monument to Byron's favourite dog, Boatswain, on what Byron believed was the site of the altar of the priory church.

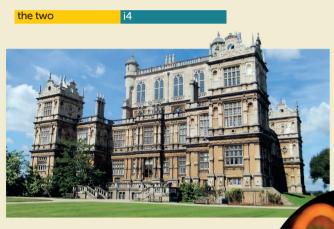
The Abbey hosts a variety of special events and temporary exhibitions throughout the year.

Sat-Sun 12-4pm (daily school holidays) grounds & café daily 10am-4pm newsteadabbey.org.uk 01623 455900

### Wollaton Hall

his spectacular Elizabethan mansion with its own deer park is on the outskirts of Nottingham. As well as the historic hall - Wayne Manor in the Batman film The Dark Knight Rises you'll find Nottingham's Natural History Museum and Industrial Museum (open last Sunday of each month for Sunday steamings). There are year-round special events and concerts in the park, too.

daily 10am-5pm wollatonhall.org.uk 0115 8763100



### National Brewery Centre at Burton on Trent

lebrates the history of brewing and learn about the real life stories of the people who helped to build Burton's worldrenowned brewing reputation, and the role played by the legendary Burtonbased Bass family.

Expert guides take you through the brewing process and show you steam engines and vintage vehicles that helped the development of the industry. The William Worthington microbrewery brings the tour up to the present day - with the chance to sample some great local ales brewed on site!

daily 10am-5pm (4pm from 1 Oct) nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk 01283 532880

o on a bloomin' marvellous floral safari around the grounds of Chatsworth House when the estate welcomes back the RHS. Think Pimms, strawberries and cream, maybe a few gnomes, and fabulous flowers. 6-10 June 2018 rhs.org.uk/chatsworth

RHS Chatsworth Flower Show

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## Chatsworth Country Fair njoy one of the most spectacular outdoor events in the country. There'll be

vintage cars, mounted games, exhilarating plane aerobatics, hot air balloons, fair grounds, dog shows and exhibitions celebrating Derbyshire.

31 August – 2 September 2018

## Wirksworth Festival

his historic market town throws open its doors and invites you to see some great art in a truly wonderful place, featuring international and local artists. Exhibits are showcased in every conceivable space; from cosy cottages to majestic churches, shop windows to disused quarries. 7-23 September 2018 wirksworthfestival.co.uk

### Derby Feste

his colourful street festival returns to Derby, transforming the city into a vibrant playground of circus performances, live music, comedy and dance. It's a am-packed weekend for everyone to enjoy.

27-29 September 2018 derbyfeste.com

## Nottingham Goose Fair

his enormous, noisy, energetic, giggling legendary funfair is a must-go-to fixture in the region's calendar - over 500 attractions from all-time classics to new white-knuckle rides. Oh, and don't forget to treat yourself to the fair's popular mushy peas!

**3-7 October 2018** visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk

### Derby Book Festival

his relatively new annual festival celebrates the joy of books and reading across all ages and interests. Pop along and listen to your favourite writers, poets, historians, politicians, illustrators, storytellers and lots more!

1-9 June 2018 derbybookfestival.co.uk

### alk in the footsteps of the writer D H Lawrence in Eastwood by V V downloading the Blue Line Trail or

buying one at the museum. See what inspired novels such as Women in Love and Lady Chatterley's Lover. Walking around the town you'll find

the D H Lawrence Birthplace Museum, the Mechanics Institute where Lawrence would borrow books together with the Congregation Chapel and British School where he taught.

DHLawrence at Eastwood

until 30 Sep daily 10am-5pm



It's been called the craft-beer capital

of the world, as this historic market city has multiple award-winning pubs that serve up locally produced beer and scrumptious grub. The Exeter Arms, The Silk Mill, The Tap and The Brunswick (complete with its own

wery) are just some of many cosy places to refuel. P<mark>erby boo</mark>med as a city during the industrial revolution and has lots of treasures on display at the city's Museum and Art Gallery. The famous painter Joseph Wright was born in Derby and the Art Gallery has the largest collectio of his paintings anywhere.

If shopping is your thing then take a stroll down Sadler Gate and Iron Gate to find some charming independent and fashion shops, while Intu Derby has all you High Street glamour under one roof.

# amous for the legendary outlaw Robin

 Hood, Nottingham has an infectious energy. Hockley has emerged as the cultural centre of the city. Based around former Victorian lace factories, COBDE the district has come of

age and is the place to find quirky shops, beautiful boutiques, and funky street art. Look out for cool shops in the colourful courtyard of Cobden Chambers, affordable vintage clothes at Cow and

sourdough bread treats at the Ugly Bread Bakery. If you're a bit of a coffee snob, then 200 Degrees, Outpost and Cartwheel all serve a fine cup of beans.

The Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall have opera, classical music, West End shows and great drama to keep you entertained. If you're looking for something a bit more edgy, then Nottingham is the place to be. Rock City, Rescue Rooms, Bodega and The Maze have

touring singers and bands as well as showcasing local talent.

If you're looking for an alternative evening out, the kind of night where you order your drinks on an etch-asketch and get them served in lampshades,

here are our top picks . .

# **Hockley Arts Club**

nis bar has three themed floors and serves everything furniture, neon signs, leather bar with great table

### The Pelican Club

This perfect first date venue has a delicious Italian menu, exotic cocktails and live jazz every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. With a cosy, relaxed atmosphere, it's perfect for an evening with a significant other or, a group of your mates.

66 We've got buses until 3am

across trentbartonland Our zigzag group means up to 5 of you can travel together for just £14.

service and quirky

you'll be drinking a funky

concoction out of a shoe!

Derby and Nottingham righ

Groovy! 99

njoy the vibrant mix of big brand

Square. There's a market there six days a week.

Sundays, too . . . all the way to Bakewell. 🤊 🤊

and and by Appropriate to the VIVIV

Ashbourne

Street with fine Georgian houses, almshouses and

overhanging the street, a famous Georgian coaching inn once

frequented by Dr Johnson and Boswell. The town has a fairly

The Ashbourne Show is on 18 August 2018, a great day out,

and remember the absolutely mad but such fun Shroyetide

Football to be held on 5/6 March 2019 - it has to be seen to

St Oswalds Church, one of the glories of Derbyshire.

Look for the inn signs of the Green Man and Black's Head

wide range of shops and, of course, numerous pubs.

be believed!

street names.

ind out how the famous

medieval streets such as The

crooked spire got its twist,

Shambles for unique independent

shops, or visit Vicar Lane and The

Pavements for your favourite high

Or bargain hunt in Chesterfield

Market, one of the largest

England, every Monday

open air markets in

Friday or Saturday.

on Thursdays, an

artisan market on

the last Sunday of

the month and a

farmers' market the

There's a flea market

then wander through narrow

Mong the narrow streets in this

lovely market town - markets are held

on Thursdays and Saturdays - is Church

Four Seasons Shopping Centre, St Peters Retail Park,

the Rosemary Centre, and in streets surrounding the Market

On the weekend of 1/2 September Mansfield Garden & Craft

Festival 2018 takes place inside two large marquees in the

Market Place, and every day from 30 July to 25 August

the Market Place becomes a beach for *Life's a Beach*!

you off close to all the main attractions. We've now got extra journeys on

**Tutbury Castle** verlooking the winding River Dove
with spectacular views, this castle dates
back to Norman times. It played an important part in English history, in war and as one of the prisons of Mary Queen of Scots. The Civil War of the 17th century left the dramatic ruins we see today.

> See the authentic Tudor garden and medieval herbery, the haunted Great Hall and King's Bedroom, and be enthralled by historic re-enactments on special days.

tutburycastle.com 01283 812129

