



National Spring Weekend 2025

Friday 9th to Monday 12th May 2025

Somerset Country Link, in collaboration with Wiltshire & Dorset groups, are pleased to invite you to our National Weekend at The Inn on the Lake, A2, Shorne, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 3HB.

The hotel has a large car park, is on 2 floors, has a lift providing level access to all rooms, and all rooms have a bath with shower over.

The cost of the weekend is £250.00 per person. **Total Amount Payable On Booking.**

The cost covers dinner, bed and breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, evening entertainment and the cost of transport for the Saturday trips. However, entrance fees at the venues on Saturday and Sunday, and any lunches, are not included.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not be holding a raffle at this weekend.

Friday:

Check in from 3.00 pm. Early arrivals can get refreshments in the hotel bar or visit the Country Park adjoining the hotel which has a café at its visitor centre.

Tonight there will be a buffet supper, followed by a disco and the fancy dress theme is "Best Hat / Headwear." Hopefully this will enable more people to take part, even if they are arriving by train. Non-participants will incur a fine for charity.

Saturday:

Trips by coach today, returning to the hotel during the afternoon.

Saturday Evening Meal Menu

Please ring your menu choices on the booking form		
Starter	Main Course	Sweet
Creamy Leek & Potato Soup or Creamy Mushroom Bruschetta Mushrooms cooked in a herb & garlic cream on toasted sourdough	Roast Sirloin of Beef or Pan Seared Salmon With chive hollandaise or Vegetarian option Stuffed Butternut Squash , with roasted cherry tomatoes & shallots, lentils and tahini drizzle	Apple Tart With crème anglaise or Ultimate Ice Cream Sundae Peach melba, vanilla & raspberry ripple, sliced peach, raspberries, coulis and whipped cream

To be followed by a disco

Sunday:

Depart on your chosen trip with your own transport

Evening BBQ in the Lakeside Function room

Monday:

Breakfast 7.00 am to 9.30 am. Check out by 11.00 am.

Any queries ring Lynda on 07970 922762

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By road: Take the A2 South from London/M25, past Gravesend, the hotel is signed just before M2. You will see the hotel from the A2 on the left, after leaving the A2 you will cross it over a bridge, then cross back again to the hotel.

By train: Sole Street station is about 3 miles from the hotel, Southeastern Trains out of Victoria, London take just under an hour.

Saturday Trips

Option 1: Trip by coach

Chatham Historic Dockyard, an ex-Royal Naval base. Attractions include a submarine, a destroyer and a Naval sloop all of which can be boarded and walked around, there is also a working rope walk which is still in use. This is an all day trip as there is too much to see in one day, including the location for filming Call The Midwife.

<https://thedockyard.co.uk>

Option 2: Trip by coach

Historic City of Rochester. Start with a walking guided tour followed by free time to further explore the historic sites including the castle or even some shopping. The city centre is very compact and the tour is mainly flat, at a steady pace, and suitable for the less able.

Option 3: Walk

A walk from the hotel. Approx 6 miles, no stiles, gently undulating, refreshments at a pub about ¾ of the way round. www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/37779/Darnely-Trail.pdf

Option 4: Do your own thing

We can advise on how to get to various attractions in the area, maybe you would like to visit one of Sunday's suggestions?

Sunday options by own transport. Any entry fees payable on the day.

Option A:

Chartwell, the home of Winston Churchill from 1922 for the rest of his life. Visit inside his house, the gardens, grounds and art studio. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/kent/chartwell
Free to National Trust members.

Option B:

Ightham Mote a 700 year old medieval moated manor house in a secluded Kent Valley. Free to National Trust members
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/kent/ightham-mote

Option C:

A walk from the hotel. Approx 6 miles, no stiles, gently undulating, refreshments at a pub about ¾ of the way round (same walk as Saturday)

Option D:

Do your own thing - Options include, Rochester, Chatham Dockyard, a number of National Trust properties are nearby. The giant Bluewater Shopping Centre whose offerings include zip wires in an adjoining quarry. www.bluewater.co.uk/
Brogdale Farm national fruit collection www.brogdalecollections.org/

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