

NORFOLK FEDERATION OF WIs  
Charity No: 227411



# Holiday in Shakespeare's County

**Mercure Warwickshire Walton Hotel and Spa**

**Sunday 23rd – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**£495**

**Family & Friends welcome at no extra cost**

Located just a stone's throw away from Shakespeare's birthplace, the 4-star Mercure Walton Hall Hotel & Spa is a 16<sup>th</sup> century Grade II listed building with a wealth of character. Situated within 65 acres of private grounds, the hotel is tucked away amid woodland and beautifully maintained Greenland. The hotel is equipped with an in-house bar & restaurant as well as leisure facilities, including spa treatment rooms, a swimming pool and gym.



## Itinerary

### **Day 1**

We depart from your local joining point and make our way to Rushton Lakes, before continuing to Stratford-upon-Avon for our 4-night stay on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis.

### **Day 2**

After breakfast, our excursion takes us to the delightful town of Royal Leamington Spa, with its wide boulevards, Georgian and Edwardian architecture, and expansive, award-winning parks. We then make the short journey to visit Warwick Castle, England's finest medieval castle (general admission).

NB: Warwick Castle is a medieval fortress and has some steps, narrow passageways and low doorways which can present a challenge for guests with reduced mobility.

### **Day 3**

This morning we visit William Shakespeare's childhood home in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon. Hear the tales of Shakespeare's family life and get up close to objects from the Trust's world class collections, as you discover how the extraordinary playwright continues to shape our lives today. This combined ticket includes Shakespeare's birthplace, Anne Hathaway's Cottage & Shakespeare's New Place.

We then travel to Worcester for some free time; you may wish to visit the Cathedral or maybe the Museum of Royal Worcester.

### **Day 4**

At leisure in Stratford-upon-Avon. A market town with more than 800 years of history, containing not only many buildings that survive and would have been familiar to Shakespeare, but also a thriving community offering a wide variety of leisure, accommodation and shopping experiences.

### **Day 5**

After breakfast we depart our hotel and begin our homeward journey making suitable stops en-route.

- Price Includes: Dinner, bed & breakfast. Full English breakfast, 3 course evening meal and hotel portorage. Executive Coach Travel and entry into Warwick Castle and Shakespeare's Birthplace
- Single Supplement £100.00 (£25 pppn)
- £50 deposit with application, payable by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022
- Remaining Balance to be paid by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023
- Coach pick-up points: Stratton Strawless, Norwich, Wymondham, Attleborough and Thetford

**Please find enclosed the Federation's Outings, Holidays & Events Policy**

Please return to the office by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 either by

post to Evelyn Suffield House, 45 All Saints Green, Norwich, NR1 3LY

or Contact Helen on [admin@norfolkwi.org.uk](mailto:admin@norfolkwi.org.uk)

or leave a message on the answer phone with your name and address and the forms will be sent out to you.

# BOOKING FORM

## Holiday in Shakespeare's County

..... WI

Name.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Telephone ..... Mobile .....

E-mail .....

**Names of additional applicants**.....

**Please ensure that all the names, addresses and mobile numbers of the people in your party are on the booking form, or on a separate sheet.**

**Room(s) Required:**

Twin   
Double   
Single  £100 supplement

**Preferred pick-up point:**

Stratton Strawless  Norwich   
Wymondham  Attleborough   
Thetford

Will you be accompanied by a carer? Yes  No

Will you be bringing a wheelchair? Yes  No  If yes, Manual  Electric

Does it have a Headrest Yes  No  Approx weight .....

Will you be accompanied by an Assistance Dog Yes  No

Dietary requirements.....

Accommodation requirements.....

**Places will be allocated from February 2022**

I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £50 per person. Total enclosed £.....

By cheque made payable to NFWI. On the reverse please write "Shakespeare" and the name of your WI

By BACS: To NFWI Sort Code 08-92-99 Account No. 65431449

Payments should be referenced with your Surname, WI and "Shakespeare"

Signed .....Date .....

Please return the booking form to Evelyn Suffield House, 45 All Saints Green, Norwich, NR1 3LY

***Please include an SAE for final information***

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Date deposit received.....Amount .....Cheque  BACS  Cash ...

BALANCE DUE £..... Date received.....

## Norfolk Federation of WIs

### Coach Outings, Holidays & Federation Events Accessibility Policy

This policy covers day outings, holidays and events organised by the Federation. It sets out the Federation's policies regarding accommodating members with disabilities, the attendance of carers and other matters.

The Federation are committed to ensuring equality amongst members and will endeavour to make reasonable adjustments to ensure that it is not judiciously difficult for members to participate in all Federation events.

This policy has been developed to meet the Federation's legal responsibilities and to provide members with advice.

#### **Accessibility**

The Federation organiser will ascertain disability access at venues, hotels, etc. (i.e. lifts) and provide that information to members.

This information will provide the Federation's expectations for members to be able to board a coach, climb any stairs, handle luggage (if portage is not included), walk a reasonable distance on the level, or up and down gradients and steps. Members can contact the Federation if they have any queries regarding access, etc.

#### **Personal Care**

We want you to be best equipped to enjoy Federation events so be advised that whilst we endeavour to take every care, as you would expect, in the organisation of events, the Federation cannot be responsible for members' personal care. Nor do we expect other members at the event to take such responsibility.

Personal care includes, but not exclusively: toileting, bathing, dressing, assistance with medication.

#### **Carers**

If you normally need assistance with walking, carrying luggage or any aspects of personal care, you should bring your carer with you because neither the Federation or fellow members will be responsible for such assistance. Carers, male or female, are welcome but members will need to book and pay for their carer.

Members should advise the need for their carer on the booking form.

No charge will be made for carers where the activity is an educational one (i.e. a museum trip) paid from the Federation's educational funds.

If carers wish to participate in activities at an event (i.e. craft days), they will be expected to pay for that activity, if other members are paying.

#### National Annual Meetings

*Members attending as a Delegate:* carers accompanying delegates are able to attend free of charge and their travel expenses will be covered by the Pooling of Fares, however, accommodation and other costs will not be covered.

*Observers:* carers accompanying observers will be given a free entry ticket. Travel costs, accommodation and other expenses are the responsibility of the observer and will not be met by the Federation.

If it would cause financial hardship for the member or carer to pay for an event, members should raise this in confidence with the Federation Secretary, as it may be possible to waive the fee. Such decisions will be considered on an individual basis.

### **Wheelchairs**

For outings and holidays, individual coach companies have their own wheelchair and mobility scooter policies. The Federation will therefore have to adhere to those policies. Members who use wheelchairs or mobility scooters must therefore provide information on the equipment they use at the time of the booking.

### **Assistance Dogs**

Assistance dogs are welcome. Members should inform the Federation, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

### **Outings & Holidays**

Whilst the Federation strives to include all members, the Federation is not skilled at providing holidays and outings for those with substantial disabilities. Those needs are best met by professional holiday companies.

The Federation will take steps to ensure that appropriate concessions are obtained from a venue for carers or those with disabilities.

### **Insurance**

Members are responsible for arranging their own travel insurance for outings and holidays. The Federation shall not be liable for insurance premiums, nor for refunds to uninsured passengers.

### **Attendance**

Non-members are welcome, but members will have precedence in the event that an outing, holiday or event is over-subscribed.

Where an event is subsidised by the Federation, non-members will not be subsidised.

### **Price per person**

The cost of an outing, holiday or event (where available to non-members) shall apply to all members and non-members alike.

The organiser of an outing, holiday or event is responsible for administering all aspects, but she shall not be expected to act as the carer for individual members.

### **Government Regulations**

The Federation will adhere to any current Government public health guidelines and regulations. If necessary instructions will be issued. The Federation will also adhere to coach company and hotel guidelines.

### **Federation Annual Meeting**

Every effort will be made to accommodate attendance for members with disabilities, depending on the venue, which may have limited seating for, e.g. wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

### **Cancellation**

The Federation cannot be held responsible for events that are cancelled or postponed due to circumstances beyond our control.

