

Worcester and The Malverns

20th-21st May 2023

A weekend break of around 40 miles a day. Based in Worcester, the first day loops through countryside to the east of the city, whereas the second is to the south west, taking in the Malvern Hills.



Itinerary

Saturday - Loop to the west of Worcester

Meet at the accommodation between by 09:30am. We head straight for the canal and use that to navigate on the well maintained towpath to the outskirts of Worcester, after which we head on country road to the first stop, the Jinney Ring craft centre for our first break. We then turn in a more southerly direction and meander our way to Inberrow, supposedly the village on which Ambridge (in The Archers) is based, having lunch in one of the local pubs. In the afternoon we wander down to Pershore for a further cafe stop, before turning back northward towards Worcester, traveling part of the way along the river, past the cathedral.

Jinney Ring: <https://www.jinneyring.co.uk/acatalog/Craft-Studios-and-Shops.html>

Inkberrow: <https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/showbiz-tv/inside-inkberrow-village-inspired-bbcs-22004564>

Pershore: <https://www.visitpershore.co.uk/>

The Crown Hotel: <https://www.jdwetherspoon.com/hotels/england/worcestershire/the-crown>

- Route distance: 65 km
- Route altitude gain: 500 m
- Accommodation: Hotel

Sunday - Loop around The Malverns

Head south out of Worcester, partially retracing our steps from day 1 past the cathedral. Back on country roads, we zig-zag to Upton for a morning stop. We then head west, the gradient gradually increasing as we approach The Malvern Hills with the final ascent to the pass by British Camp where we will stop for lunch, with a short walk to the top of British Camp for anyone so inclined. After lunch we will head north along Jubilee Drive with fine views over Herefordshire and into Wales. Past the Wyche cutting, we'll stop at The Water Sprout to refill bottles with fresh Malvern water before descending through North Malvern, through Leigh Sinton and back to Worcester.

Upton Upon Severn: <https://www.visitthemalverns.org/things-to-do/towns/upton-upon-severn/>

British Camp: <https://www.malvernbeacon.com/malvern-hills/british-camp>

- Route distance: 56 km
- Route altitude gain: 800 m
- Accommodation: N/A
- Meals: (B)

Dates and Prices

Cost

- Land only price: £85

Payment Schedule

A deposit of £20 per person is required as soon as possible once the Tour Leader has confirmed your booking, with the final balance of £65 per person to be paid by 01-May-2023

Price includes:

- 1 night's bed and breakfast. Note this is for 1 person in a shared room. Single rooms are available for an additional £30 each
- Secure overnight bike storage
- Bikexplore costs

Price does not include:

- Travel to and from Worcester
- Single room occupancy supplement (£30)
- Any food or meals with the exception of Sunday's breakfast
- Any other personal expenses
- Travel Insurance

Cancellations

Should you be forced to cancel your booking for any reason you must notify us in writing. Cancellation charges are as follows:

Written Notice Received: Cancellation Charge:

- Before 1st May 2023: £20 (tour deposit)
- From 1st May 2023 to Departure: £85 (total tour cost)



Holiday Information

Accommodation

- The Crown, Worcester

Rooms

- Twin rooms, unless you pay the additional £30 supplement, to secure a single room.
Both are subject to availability

The nature of the holiday

- 2 day weekend break

Rest Day

- None

Roads used

- Mainly quiet country roads and minor urban roads, though there are occasional short stretches on 'A' roads

Route Sheets

- Will be provided in the week before the tour

Group information

- Up to 10 people

Weather and Clothing

- Hopefully sunny! Suggest cycling top and shorts, with a lightweight waterproof

Cycles / Equipement

- Any sort of bike, though ideally a touring bike. No suspension required, suggest slick tyres (i.e. NOT heavily treaded mountain bike tyres).
One or two spare intertubes. The leader will carry basic general tools and a basic 1st aid kit, so anything on top of those specific to you and your bike.

Maps

- Links to the online maps will be provided in the week before the tour, from where GPX files can be downloaded