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# Buses, trains and automobiles

## Beaulieu to Exbury



Getting to the New Forest couldn't be easier with the fantastic road, ferry, rail and bus links from London, Bournemouth, Southampton and Salisbury. But the journey, and fun, really starts once you've arrived. Experience the rich open countryside, beautiful coastline and historic villages on the open-top New Forest Tour and enjoy all that the New Forest National Park has to offer.

With a choice of three routes (red, green or blue) which run daily from June to September, you can hop on and off wherever you like, catch the next Tour or switch between routes – all on the same ticket. There's even free travel to the Tour on local buses and the Hythe ferry! You can decide where to pick it

up and on which route to take, but let's start in the charming southeast on the green route and choose to explore the picturesque village of Beaulieu and the marvellous blooms of Exbury Gardens and Steam Railway. If this seems like a hectic day, choose one or the other. They will both easily fill a whole day.

Overview

## Morning

### A motoring morning

Start the day in Lymington, a world-renowned sailing resort with its cobbled quay and fishing boats. You can arrive by rail, bus or ferry across from the Isle of Wight. It's a nautical town surrounded by outstanding natural beauty; to the north are the ancient woodlands and heathlands of the New Forest and to the south, the Solent and the Isle of Wight. You'll want to stay longer but you'll need to head off if you're going to enjoy what's in store on this trail.

Step on board the green route of the New Forest Tour and you'll be chauffeured to the home of one of the area's premier attractions, Beaulieu, where you'll be spending the rest of the morning/early part of the afternoon. Set amongst 7,000 acres, the estate and village offers something for everyone. From the turbo engines of the National Motor Museum, the World of Top Gear and the motorsport display that takes you on a fascinating motoring journey of the past until the present day. Taking your foot off the pedal

for a bit, enjoy the Victorian splendour of Palace House, a stroll through the grounds & gardens, an exploration of the ruins of the medieval abbey where the monks used to live, or a ride on the monorail for sweeping views of the park. There's a lot to squeeze into your time here. Don't forget to show your Tour ticket and you'll receive 20% off the admission price.



## Lunchtime

### Refuel for the afternoon adventure

You'll have worked up a decent appetite by the time you stop for lunch so take a break and soak up the charm of the village over a tasty lunch in the Brabazon Restaurant or a lay a leisurely picnic up within the picturesque parkland.



Morning & Lunch

## Afternoon

### Horsepower to steam power

Jump back on board the green Tour route for a slower paced, but none-the-less exhilarating, afternoon at Exbury Gardens and Steam Railway. Relax in the beautiful surroundings and the summer blooms of hydrangeas and herbaceous borders, the vision of Lionel Nathan de Rothschild that has created one of the finest woodland gardens in the country.

For the younger visitors, not only will they love the adventure play area but possibly the highlight of their visit to the gardens will be the Exbury Steam Railway. Modelled on Aviemore in Scotland, the 20 min train journey takes you around the north-east corner of the gardens, looking out for the railway's woodland creatures.

It will certainly be a jam-packed day and you'll be ready to board the green route for the last time today (make sure you check the last departure time!). Head home via Hythe, where you can watch the cruise ships sail by, the heart of the New Forest, Lyndhurst, before passing through the wonderful woodland of Brockenhurst. Unfortunately you will have run out of time to discover these today but the audio guided commentary on board the bus will bring this part of the New Forest to life and entice you to come back again.



Afternoon