

Great Days Out Newsletter October

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Feature Spotlight

Bespoke trip to Winchester and Longacres Garden Centre 16th Nov

Inside:

Inside this month's edition - featured bespoke day trips, our website and Google Reviews, brochure start date for 2027 and Christmas information

We've listened to your feedback and are giving you more time to enjoy this fantastic destination. Coupled with two hours in Winchester, it makes for a wonderful day out with a great mix of sightseeing and Christmas shopping. More info on page 2

Our Stars Appeal Coffee Mornings have continued to be a wonderful success! Our final Coffee Morning is on **Wednesday 18th November** at our normal location of the Salisbury Methodist Church from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Any cake donations, homemade or bought, would be much appreciated! Please let us know if you are attending.



We need your help.....

Christmas Raffle - Supporting Stars Appeal at our Christmas Lunch on Friday 11th December at The Red Lion Hotel

We would be very grateful for any donations towards our Christmas raffle in aid of the Stars Appeal. Whether re-gifting a present, chocolates, a gift or even a bottle you may not need, every contribution will help us raise funds for this wonderful local charity. The raffle will be our last chance to raise money to go towards our chosen charity of the year and will be drawn after our Christmas lunch.



Great Days Out

Salisbury's Dedicated Day Trip Specialists

LONGACRES

Garden Centre & Winchester

Christmas Shopping & More

— Monday 16th November —

*A fantastic day out with
2 hours in Winchester
and plenty of time to explore
Longacres Garden Centre.*

Discover an extensive
range of Christmas
decorations, gifts and
seasonal products, along with
reasonably priced household
goods, food, a great value
butchery department and
fantastic Christmas food hall.

Just
£44
per person

Limited to 18 seats
due to the removal of the two rear seats
for Christmas shopping.



Return travel and home pick-up and drop-off
within Salisbury city limits.

Longacres Garden Centre & Winchester

Bespoke Day Trip - Monday 16th November

Following the popularity of our previous visits to Longacres Garden Centre, we've listened to your feedback and are giving you more time to enjoy this fantastic destination. Many customers have told us they wished they had longer than the usual 30-minute stop, so this time we're making a day of it, with two hours in Winchester followed by an extended visit of two hours to Longacres. This makes for a wonderful day out combining shopping, sightseeing and the start of the Christmas season.

Winchester is a beautiful historic city, full of character, history and plenty to explore. Winchester is a charming historic city, famous for its magnificent cathedral, picturesque streets and excellent shopping. With a lovely mix of independent boutiques, familiar high-street stores, cafés and historic landmarks, it's the perfect place to enjoy a leisurely stroll and soak up the character of this beautiful Hampshire city.

Longacres Garden Centre Bagshot is a wonderful place to get into the Christmas spirit. Their festive displays are famous for being colourful, creative and magical, with an impressive selection of Christmas decorations, lights, trees and their much-loved illuminated model Christmas villages. It's a lovely place to wander around, soak up the festive atmosphere and perhaps find a few special gifts or decorations along the way.

We're expecting plenty of shopping bags to come back on board, so we've limited this trip to just 18 seats and removed two seats at the back of the coach to make room for all those festive purchases!

Ladies, get your shopping lists ready... and gentlemen, you might want to keep those credit cards under lock and key!

Monday 16th November – £44.00 per person

Christmas Day Trips are selling extremeley fast!

Thank you to everyone who has already booked their seats for our Christmas Markets and festive days out starting in November. We're delighted to see so many of you getting into the Christmas spirit early!

A few trips are **now sold out**, including **Winchester, Gloucester Quays, Canary Wharf and Stourhead Lights**. Cardiff and Bath have **limited availability**, and there are also only a **limited number** of seats remaining for Kew Lights, so if you're hoping to join us, we recommend booking soon.

Our Great Days Out Christmas Lunch is also filling fast! If you haven't yet made plans for a festive lunch with friends or family, why not join us at the beautiful Red Lion Hotel on Friday 11th December? We had such a wonderful time last year, with great food, laughter and lots of festive fun, and we'd love you to join us again this year. You won't regret it!

Great Days Out



Join us for our

Christmas Lunch

at the Red Lion Hotel

Friday 11th December
from 12:30pm to 4pm

-  **3 Course Lunch**
-  **Complimentary glass of Prosecco**
(alcohol free option available)
-  **Pianist/singer**
-  **Quizzes and raffle in aid of Stars Appeal**

£70pp

 **10% discount on a table of 6+**



STARS APPEAL
SUPPORTING LOCAL WELFARE







A quick word on our website - www.daytripsonline.co.uk

Don't forget to visit our website!

Our website is simple and easy to navigate and is the best place to keep up to date with everything Great Days Out.

You can download our **full digital brochure**, packed with much more information about each trip, and keep an eye out for our **Flash Sales, Trip of the Month and Bespoke days out**.

There's also a handy enquiry form you can complete online, and we aim to reply to all enquiries within 24 hours, Monday to Friday. Enquiries received over the weekend will be answered on Monday.

So, if you're looking for inspiration or planning your next adventure, take a look at www.daytripsonline.co.uk - you might just find your next Great Day Out!

Please leave us a Google Review to help grow our business

We'd love to hear from you! If you've enjoyed a recent Great Day Out, please take a moment to leave us a Google review. Your kind words mean a lot to us and help other people discover Great Days Out too. Equally, if there's anything you feel we could improve, we'd really welcome your constructive feedback - it helps us continue to improve and make your future days out even better.

It's really easy, just copy and paste the link below, it only takes a couple of minutes.

<https://g.page/r/CYGjWUbBDdj9EAI/review>

Great Days Out Brochure 2027

Looking Ahead to 2027 – Exciting Changes at Great Days Out

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to all our customers for your continued support throughout 2026. We truly appreciate every booking, recommendation and kind word you have given us throughout the year.

The unusually hot weather this summer did have an impact on bookings, and we completely understood those who chose to stay closer to home. However, we are delighted that the final quarter of the year has been much busier, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support.

2027 – A Full Year of Great Days Out

We are excited to announce that our 2027 index pamphlet will be released in December 2026, giving you an early look at what's coming up.

Our full digital brochure will follow shortly afterwards and will be available on our website to download, giving you all the itinerary information, dates and details you need for each trip.

We know many of you will be pleased to hear that we are returning to a full-year itinerary for 2027. This means you'll be able to look ahead, plan your year and book the trips you've been looking forward to.

What's New for 2027?

Our Great Days Out brochure trips will begin in April 2027, and we will initially be offering three trips each week.

This gives us the opportunity to carefully build the programme throughout the year, while also allowing us to introduce additional trips that prove particularly popular – and, of course, consider some of the suggestions and ideas you have shared with us.

So, if there is a particular trip you really want to experience, we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment. Some of our most popular days out can fill very quickly!

Great Days Out Brochure 2027

Something Different – Small Group Trips January to March 2027

And before you think we're taking a three-month holiday... we're not!

We will not be running our usual trips during January, February and March. However, we are considering offering a limited number of trips using our 8-seater taxi.

Would this be of interest to you? If so, please register your interest with us at gdobookings@gmail.com. If the number of responses suggests there is an demand for these smaller trips, we will put some exciting ideas together.

With just 8 seats available, we would particularly love to hear your suggestions for niche days out that might appeal to a smaller group, such as:

- Galleries and exhibitions
- Talks and guest speakers
- Historical places of interest
- Plays and shows
- Specialist or unusual attractions
- Other ideas that may not appeal to the majority, but would be perfect for a small group of 8

This could also be a fantastic opportunity for **WI and U3A groups, clubs, associations and other organisations** to get 8 members together for a day out linked to their particular interests. It isn't always easy to find enough people to fill a larger coach, so this could be a great way to make those more specialised trips possible. These bespoke trips are open to all our valued customers, so you can book whether you're travelling alone, as a couple, or as part of a small group. Once we have 8 seats booked, the trip will go ahead!

Here's to 2027 – and many more Great Days Out together!

We hope you enjoyed reading our October newsletter.

David & Paola - Great Days Out