



## WELCOME TO SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE & THE FOOTSTEPS OF A KING TOUR

Lying within the heart of England and conveniently located off the M6 and M54, South Staffordshire is a rural district situated within the county of Staffordshire, bordering Shropshire and The Black Country.

With so much to offer the group market, South Staffordshire is definitely a destination that should be on every coach organiser's itinerary. Stately homes, glorious gardens, sites of historic interest and wonderful places to eat, drink and stay are all here in plenty, making South Staffordshire a great day out or a fantastic weekend break!

### Footsteps of a King Tour

South Staffordshire Council, in partnership with English Heritage and The National Trust, welcomes you to experience a day in the life of royal fugitive King Charles II and see, first hand, the places he hid after his defeat at the Battle of Worcester in 1651.

This exciting, romantic and daring story of a young king's escape is brought to life for visitors who enjoy stories from one of England's most turbulent times.



## BOSCOBEL HOUSE & THE ROYAL OAK TREE

A visit to Boscobel House will take you to the setting of one of the most romantic stories in English History. Today, Boscobel is a delightful spot. English Heritage has completed a refurbishing of the house and restored the surrounding buildings. The house still has the romantic character of a Victorian historical novel, including the priest hole in the attic where Charles is said to have spent the night.

But one of the most special attractions at Boscobel lies in the fields beyond the garden, the Royal Oak Tree!

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A 15% discount can be offered on group bookings for 11+ people subject to payment being made in one lump sum, either on the day or in advance. Group organisers and coach driver go free!

**10.30am**

Arrive at Boscobel House

**10.45am**

Meet your tour guide at Boscobel House and discover what life was like for our royal fugitive. There is also an opportunity for you to explore the 17th Century garden with knots of lavender and a summerhouse where Charles is said to have rested, as well as buy gifts and souvenirs from Boscobel's gift shop.

**12.15pm**

Depart Boscobel House to have lunch at a location chosen by your group organiser.

**2pm**

Arrive at Moseley Old Hall, the 'house that saved a king' and be welcomed by your tour guide.

**2.15pm**

Choose from either a whistle stop tour of the property and a talk on 17th Century 'cures' or 17th Century food, or simply a full tour of the property.

**3.15pm**

Enjoy afternoon tea and home made cakes in Moseley's 18th century coach house. There is also an opportunity for you to purchase souvenirs, gifts and books from Moseley's well-stocked gift shop before your journey home.

**4.00pm**

We wish you all a safe journey home.

Advance booking is essential. To arrange your visit or for group prices, please contact the properties direct. It is advisable to wear comfortable footwear and a warm coat as you will have the opportunity to explore the glorious gardens. Wheel chair access is limited at both properties.

## MOSELEY OLD HALL. THE HOUSE THAT SAVED A KING...

This romantic and exciting story continues when you visit Moseley Old Hall. Upon leaving Boscobel House, the young King Charles II fled to Moseley Old Hall. Now managed by The National Trust, you can enter the house through the same door King Charles used in 1651, see the bed where he slept and the priest holes in which he hid from Cromwell's soldiers.

After exploring the house you may wander around the impressive knot garden that is based upon a 1640 design.

The perfect setting to relax and enjoy the wonderful atmosphere of Moseley Old Hall.

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Both properties are open for group tours on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays between 1st April and 31st October.



South Staffordshire Council is working in partnership with The National Trust and English Heritage to provide visits for groups.

For more information, please contact Niki Taylor at South Staffordshire Council.  
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'Discover the tale of Royal fugitive ~ King Charles II'



'Great Days out for Groups in South Staffordshire'