

City Safaris

Walking into the Industrial Past



Northampton

Best Foot Forward

19th – 22nd April 2012

Three nights in Northampton, with guided walks in the city.

From £295 per person

‘May our wares be trodden under every man’s foot!’ was the aim of all Northampton shoemakers and the toast used at meetings of the manufacturers association. In the 19th and the first half of the 20th century many of the big names in shoemaking were based in Northampton – Manfields, Barretts, Lotus, Hawkins and Churchs to name but a few, and others were to be found in an area stretching north and east as far as Kettering, Rushden and Raunds.

The shoe industry may have contracted but it has left a legacy of buildings and town development projects which we will explore on this safari, as well as the evidence for the other industries in the town and the way the factory owners influenced civic buildings and amenities.

We will begin our exploration by visiting a shoe factory to see traditional shoemaking in an historic environment. This will be followed by visits to other areas of the town, In the Mounts we will see an area of planned development dating from the 1850s, which was further developed at the end of the century and enlarged by the building of various civic buildings in the 20th century.

The St. James area, known locally as Jimmy’s End, had its origins in the middle ages when a priory stood there. It became another area with shoe factories and also engineering works including the Express Lift Factory. Another more modern land mark is Franklins Gardens the home of the Saints, Northampton’s Rugby Club. We will also look at the area around the river Nene and the Town Centre including the developments after the fire in the 17th century and 19th century civic improvements.

On Saturday afternoon a visit is planned to Long Buckby, one of the villages which played a significant part in the shoe trade. Long Buckby was notable for making boots and evidence survives for the part shoemaking played in the village in the 19th and 20th centuries. Long Buckby Local History Society has a small museum and we will be able to see their collection while we are in the village.

ACCOMMODATION

We are basing our Safari at the Ibis Hotel which is in central Northampton about 5 minutes walk from the station. All rooms are en-suite and it has a lift to all floors. Wi-Fi is available and the hotel has a café/bar open 24 hours. Discounted secure on site parking is available.

TRANSPORT

We leave you to make your own travel arrangements to and from Northampton, which is well served by trains and motorways. Travel during the tour on Saturday afternoon is by train and this cost is included.

PROGRAMME

The group will assemble at the Ibis Hotel on the Thursday evening from where we will depart for a local restaurant and an introductory talk. We will finish at about 12.00 on the Sunday in the City Centre.

Sue Constable will be our guide for the weekend. Sue will already be known to some of you as she has led Safaris for us before. She is a social and industrial historian and has worked in museums for most of her life, much of which has been with industrial collections.

Friday and Saturday evenings will be your own but we will have a suggestion for a place to meet and eat for those who would like to remain as a party.

Please note that there is a fair amount of walking. The programme is, of necessity, subject to change for operational and other reasons but we will let you know of any substantial change as quickly as possible.

COST

The cost is £295 per person for two people sharing and £355 for a single room. Those who wish to share are responsible for finding the person to share with.

The cost includes: 3 nights' bed and full buffet breakfast on Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st April; entrance fees; guiding by Sue Constable and other guidance and tour management while in Northampton; research for the visit; comprehensive tour notes and a map.

Lunches, evening meals except the first night, expenses at the hotel other than bed & breakfast, and travel to and from Northampton are extra.

Prices are based on present accommodation and transport costs, VAT and other taxes. Any change in these may necessitate a price change.

CANCELLATION CHARGES

Please note that cancellation charges apply from **23rd February**, modified to the extent that costs are not actually incurred.

BOOKING

Bookings should be made on the enclosed form and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to room availability. Numbers are limited to ensure everyone can hear properly. Booking is subject to a minimum of 10 people. Book as soon as possible to ensure a place and by **23rd February** to ensure a room at the hotel **but please feel free to enquire after that date if a place is still available.**

We aim to contact you as soon as possible to confirm the booking and to issue an invoice for the balance of the price.

A non-refundable deposit of £45 per person is required on booking. Bookings can be made definite only when the booking form and deposit are received and accepted in writing by Heritage of Industry Ltd. The company's standard terms and conditions apply.

The balance of the price is to be paid to Heritage of Industry Ltd on presentation of the invoice. All monies paid to Heritage of Industry Ltd will be held, in accordance with government regulations, in a customer protection account until the tour is complete.

Enquiries about this tour should be directed to Bill Barksfield, Operations Director, Heritage of Industry Ltd, Hunters Moon, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4HQ Tel/Fax: 01494 873677

Bill Barksfield

13th January 2012

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BOOKING FORM

Please print out and complete this form in block letters.

CITY SAFARI NORTHAMPTON

19th – 22nd April 2012

PLEASE RETURN BY 23rd February 2012 but feel free to enquire after this date if a place is still available

To: Heritage of Industry Ltd, Hunters Moon, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4HQ

NAME:

TELEPHONE Day:

ADDRESS:

Evening:

Mobile:

Email:

I WISH TO BOOK (subject to availability) place(s)
on the City Safari: Northampton 19th – 22nd April 2012

The names of the other members of my party are:

PLEASE BOOK (subject to availability) **at the Ibis Hotel, Northampton, City Centre**

..... single room(s)

..... twin room(s)

..... double room(s)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (e.g. Dietary. Please give details):

I ENCLOSE MY CHEQUE, payable to Heritage of Industry Ltd for £ (non-returnable deposit of £45 each for ... persons).

I have read the terms and conditions which are accepted by me on behalf of all the persons named above. We agree to your maintaining such records as are appropriate to this and other tours and understand that the information will only be released to those involved with the organisation of these tours or used to inform me about other events.

SIGNATURE:

Date:

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Terms and Conditions

- 1 Heritage of Industry Ltd undertakes tours on the basis of these terms and conditions, which, read with the booking form and the information accompanying it, set out the full terms of your agreement with Heritage of Industry Ltd ('the Company'). No variation can be accepted unless made in writing and signed by the Company.
- 2 Bookings can only be made definite when the completed booking form plus the deposit specified on the booking form is received and accepted in writing by the Company. The deposit is not refundable.
- 3 The balance of the tour price must be received by the Company not later than 8 weeks before the first day of the tour or as specified in the booking arrangements failing which the booking may be cancelled and cancellation charges (equivalent to the amount of deposit) levied.
- 4 In the event that the booking is made less than 8 weeks before the first day of the tour then the full amount of the tour price will need to be paid immediately.
- 5 In the event that you wish to cancel your booking, you must notify the Company in writing. If the notification of cancellation is received by the Company more than 8 weeks before the first day of the tour then only the deposit will be forfeit. If the notice is received less than 8 weeks before the first day of the tour the following charges will apply: 6 to 8 weeks, 50% of the tour price; 4 to 6 weeks, 75% of the tour price; 4 weeks and under, 100% of the tour price. No refund at all will be given for any cancellation on or after the first day of the tour or for any meals, trips or other facilities not used or taken.
- 6 The Company will make every effort to operate the tour as confirmed to you. However, the Company reserves the right to cancel or vary any aspect of the tour should this become necessary due to any circumstances beyond the Company's reasonable control such as war, political unrest, industrial action, exceptionally inclement weather or other circumstances amounting to force majeure, or any other circumstances which in the opinion of the Company require the cancellation or variation of the tour. In the event of cancellation, you will be notified immediately and offered either an alternative comparable tour or a refund of all monies paid as appropriate.
- 7 The Company does not own or operate any of the means of transport you will be using or the hotels, restaurants, buildings or other sites that you will be staying at or visiting. Accordingly, the Company cannot accept any liability whatsoever for any loss injury or damage that may occur or that you or those accompanying you may suffer as a result of any negligence or breach of contract or failure to perform any other duty by any owner employee servant or agent of any such means of transport, hotel, restaurant, building or other site.
- 8 The Company also cannot accept any responsibility for any loss damage or personal injury howsoever arising suffered by you or those accompanying you whilst on any tour unless such loss damage or personal injury is the direct result of negligence by the Company itself.
- 9 In the event that you have any complaint in connection with the management or operation of any hotel, restaurant or other premises which are on part of the tour organised by the Company then that complaint should be made immediately to the management of that hotel, restaurant or premises so that the complaint can, if possible, be acted upon immediately.
- 10 No claim or complaint that you may have against the Company can be accepted unless such claim or complaint is notified in writing to the Company within 7 days from the end of the tour.

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