



Tours by Blue Badge Tourist Guide **Graham Horn**

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Themed tours exploring the beautiful Thames Valley

Tours2order is run by Graham Horn. He is pleased to offer a wide range of themed tours in Central Southern England, particularly in the Thames Valley. Tours could include a coach trip for larger groups, a mini coach for smaller groups or a private chauffeured vehicle. Other elements could include a town tour or visit to an attraction.

Graham is qualified as a Blue Badge Tourist Guide for South-West, South and South-East England. With a decade of guiding experience and a lifetime living in the area, Graham has a wealth of knowledge and stories to share with clients.

Graham is flexible and could be with you for the whole day or just meet you and guide you for a key part of the tour.

An all-day tour would typically include a couple of stops at key places, and also refreshment stops. If you have a destination in mind, please let me know. Tell me what you'd like to do, and your budget, and leave the planning to me.

Here are some ideas for great days out with Graham in the Thames Valley:

The River Thames, liquid history

Explore some or all of the valley of the Thames from Hampton Court, past Runnymede, Windsor, Maidenhead, Marlow, Henley, Reading, Wallingford, Abingdon, to Oxford. There are so many options here, with walking tours in many towns and visits to some great attractions. Tell me your interests and I will plan you an itinerary.

Windsor and Runnymede

Combine a walking tour of Windsor town or a visit to Windsor Castle with a drive around Windsor Great Park. Hear about the history of the park and discover Leptis Magna. Stop at Savill Gardens or Runnymede, site of the sealing of the Magna Carta in 1215.

Henley and Marlow

Home of the Royal Regatta, Henley has much to offer. Combine a walking tour of the town with a boat trip, or a visit to the River and Rowing Museum. Alternatively, mix and match and visit Marlow as well, to experience the contrast between these two beautiful mid-Thames towns.

Reading

“Reading is a town that hides its delights, but much repays further exploration”. So said Sir John Betjeman. Follow in his footsteps with a tour around Henry Is abbey, then discover the world’s only full-sized replica of the Bayeux Tapestry in the museum, along with the stories of the 3Bs, beer, biscuits and bulbs.

Oxford and Blenheim

Make a day of contrast. Perhaps start with a tour of the magnificent Blenheim Palace and a visit to Sir Winston Churchill’s grave. Then gaze at the delightful buildings of Oxford and peek inside a college or two on a walk around this famous university city.

Walking and hiking tours

The River Thames National Trail follows the whole length of the river from its source in the Cotswold hills to the sea east of London. Combined with the areas network of other trails, footpaths and bridleways, this makes for great walking (hiking) territory. Great transport links mean that is easy to create linear and circular walks along many parts of the trail. Why not put on your boots and explore them with me?

Inspector Barnaby’s Midsomer Murders

You have seen them on television; now visit the places themselves. I’m talking of those idyllic villages where Barnaby is called in to solve a string of murders. The counties of Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire are home to many of the locations used.

I can plan a half or full-day itinerary visiting many of these villages, with a coffee or lunch stop in one of the towns used to portray Causton. I will show you many of the buildings used for filming and tell you other stories about the places we pass through.

Die-hard Midsomer Murders fans love being there for real, and people who have never seen the programme also enjoy the beautiful Chiltern countryside, villages and towns that we visit.

Tours2order (Graham Horn) rates: April 2023 to March 2024

Up to two hours	£130
Half day (up to four hours)	£190
Full day (up to nine hours)	£300

Extra hours	£50 per hour
After 2200 and before 0700	Additional £50 per hour

Travel	Rail fare, or car at 33 pence per mile
Lunch (if not included)	£15
Dinner (if not included)	£25
Hotel (if not included)	£100

Public holiday increment	50% of fee
Cancellation within 10 days	50% of fee
Cancellation within 4 days	100% of fee

Tour planning and preparation is usually included in the figures above. If more detailed planning is required, this will be quoted at the appropriate half or full day rate.

Invoices to be paid within 21 days of submission, or the completion of the work, whichever is later.

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