



Isle of Wight a 'Victorian' Christmas

Day 1: Journey to Portsmouth for our short crossing to the **Isle of Wight**. We arrive at the hotel late afternoon and step back in time to be welcomed into the Yuletide spirit. Immerse yourself in the splendour of the original 1870's features of the "house" traditionally decorated. A drinks reception will welcome you before you take your seats for a candlelit delicious three course meal in the Cameron restaurant, named after Julia Cameron, the famous Victoria photographer.

Day 2: "Christmas Eve". Our first stop today is **Godshill Village** with its charming thatched cottages, model village, gift shops and tea

rooms. We then journey to **Brightstone**, where an interesting stop can be made at the **Isle of Wight Pearl**. Finally, no trip to the Isle of Wight would be complete without a visit to Alum Bay, famous for its multi coloured sand cliffs and breathtaking views of the Needles and lighthouse. Enjoy tea and cake on our arrival back at the Bourne Hall. A Mulled wine reception will be served in the hall at 18:30 before a 'Gala Buffet' at 19:00 served in the restaurant.

Day 3: "Christmas Day". The day is yours to **explore Shanklin**. The Old Village is full of picturesque cottages clustered around the thatched Crab Inn, many of which have become craft and gift shops. Take a stroll through Shanklin Chime (cost not included) or head to the beach and esplanade. Return to the hotel and look forward to enjoying an Isle of Wight **beer and wine tasting reception** prior to your Christmas Day three course evening dinner.

Day 4: Morning tour to the famous **Osborne House**, Queen Victoria's island retreat. Highlights include the furnished State Rooms and glorious

Tour Highlights

Monday 7 November 2022

Duration: 5 Days

Single room supp: £45 (limited availability)

Inclusions:

- Victorian Christmas Package
- Entry to Osborne House
- Return Ferry crossing to Isle of Wight
- Visit to Godshill • Visit to Brightstone
- Free day in Shanklin • Evening entertainment

Your Hotel

The Bourne Hall Hotel, Shanklin

Bourne Hall, an elegant, family run, Country House Hotel and restaurant, set in mature grounds in Shanklin, Isle of Wight. Originally built in the late 1860's, said to be for one of Queen Victoria's ladies in waiting, the "house" still retains its sense of history whilst providing comfortable accommodation enhanced by its original Victorian features.

Basis: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

grounds and gardens. Upon our return, a three course dinner will be served in the Cameron restaurant whilst marveling at the trickery of a **table magician** and maybe a surprise visitor.

Day 5: Say goodbye to the Isle of Wight as we make our way home with comfort stops en route.