

Monday 11th November 2024 | 5 days | £535 per person

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. Enjoy tea and mince pies served in the drawing room on arrival. 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 Victorian photographer.

Day 2 “Christmas Eve”: After a hearty breakfast, 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 the tranquil 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. Following your meal there will be evening entertainment.

Day 4: Morning tour to the famous **Osborne House**, Queen Victoria’s island retreat. Highlights include the lavishly furnished State Rooms and glorious 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: Enjoy a farewell breakfast and say goodbye to the Isle of Wight as we make our way home with comfort stops en route.

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 & Breakfast

Single room supp: **£45** (limited availability)