



World of Glass Museum

In the afternoon, travel to **The World of Glass** in St Helens and discover the history of glass and its important role in everyday life, with artefacts dating back to Ancient Egypt. Find out how St Helens rose from humble beginnings to become a world leader in glass making. There are live glassblowing demonstrations and visitors can try their

hand at blowing a glass bauble on one of the glass blowing courses. Don't miss the Victorian furnace and explore the underground tunnels of the world's first regenerative glass making furnace, built in 1887. Browse the special gifts in the Artisan Gift Shop and enjoy delicious home cooked food in St Helens' only canal-side cafe. Groups of 13 or more pay £6 per person, or £8 to include a guided tour. See the website for details of special group packages.

For more information:
www.samlesburyhall.co.uk
www.worldofglass.com

Liverpool – City Culture

Enjoy a full-day visit to Liverpool. Explore Albert Dock and visit The Beatles Story, take a Mersey Ferry for a cruise on the famous river and see the best views of Liverpool's famous waterfront, visit the imposing Anglican Cathedral, top up your knowledge of art with a visit to the Walker Gallery, or discover more about Liverpool's remarkable past at the award-winning Liverpool Museum. There's much more to see in Liverpool of course, including the famous Cavern Club in Mathew Street. Liverpool also has three 'Coach Welcome' points with a meet and greet for the group, and guidance on where to park for the driver.

For more information:
www.visitliverpool.com/travel-trade



Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool

5 Day 5 Travel home

It's time to leave Southport, but again, if time permits, why not use the morning to visit another of the town or region's many attractions.

Please note:

These are just suggested itineraries. For more information about places to visit and things to do, go to www.visitsouthport.com or email Steve.Christian@sefton.gov.uk



Suggested Hotels

The following are just some of the hotels that welcome groups:



Ramada Plaza Southport
www.ramadaplazasouthport.co.uk



Best Western
 Royal Clifton Hotel & Spa
www.royalclifton.co.uk



The Bold Hotel*
www.boldhotel.com



The Talbot Hotel
www.thetalbothotelsouthport.co.uk

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Introducing SOUTHPORT PICK 'N' MIX

Southport is one of the UK's most popular group-friendly destinations, well known among group travel organisers and tour planners for offering memorable experiences at value-for-money prices.

With its shopping and café culture, a world-famous pier, an outstanding beach, the award-winning 'Southport Welcome', and a programme of events including the famous Flower Show and Air Show, Southport has a well-deserved reputation for being a very special place to visit.

Always popular for a day excursion, the town's location, close to Liverpool, Manchester and Blackpool, also makes it an ideal base for a short break, giving groups the opportunity to explore the surrounding area.

To help you plan just such a break, we've put together 'Southport Pick 'n' Mix', a selection of inspirational ideas for a 4-night group-friendly itinerary.



Here's how your 4-night Southport Pick 'n' Mix itinerary works:

1 Day 1 Travel to Southport

Arrive at your hotel in Southport. If time permits, enjoy an afternoon walk on the promenade, the pier or along Lord Street.

2 Day 2 Explore Southport

A full day to explore Southport. Places to visit include Lord Street, Wayfarers Arcade, The Atkinson, Southport Pier, Marine Lake, Kings Gardens, Victoria Park (home of the Southport Flower Show), Hesketh Park, Model Railway Village, and the British Lawnmower Museum. The Visit Southport trade team can help you put together an itinerary that's ideal for your group.

3 & 4 Day 3/4 Pick 'n' Mix

Shop 'Til You Drop

An opportunity to enjoy two very different shopping experiences, each offering a wide choice of famous brand names and quality items at value-for-money prices. In the morning, travel to **Ena Mill**, a unique retail outlet located in a beautiful Grade II-listed mill in the heart of Lancashire. There's something for everyone including fashion, footwear, jewellery, home goods and gifts.

Pick two of the following - or contact us for more ideas

In the afternoon, visit **The Courtyard**, Tarleton, a popular factory retail outlet situated in the beautiful West Lancashire village of Tarleton about 10 miles from Southport.

www.enamill.co.uk
www.courtyardtarleton.co.uk



Lord Street, Southport



The Courtyard, Tarleton



Going Wild

This morning, visit WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre near Ormskirk. Enjoy close-up encounters with around 100 species of international water-birds as they swim, feed and wander in wetlands, custom-designed to mimic their natural homes. Depending on the time of year, there are opportunities to see thousands of migrant wild ducks, geese, waders, pink-footed geese, wigeon and whooper swans. Take a boat tour to experience the birds close-up. There's a range of catering options. Groups of 12 or more receive a 15% discount on the normal admission charge.



Martin Mere
Southport Beach

In the afternoon, continue to explore Martin Mere, or travel to Formby Beach where the high dunes give excellent views across the Irish Sea and, on clear days, the mountains of Cumbria. The dune slacks are important for the Natterjack Toad, a nationally endangered amphibian. The site is managed by the National Trust and is one of the few places in the UK to offer protection for red squirrels.

For more information:
www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/martin-mere
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/formby

Ghosts and Glass

This morning, travel to **Samlesbury Hall** near Preston, a haven for history lovers where the past meets the present. Built in 1325, Samlesbury Hall is steeped in fascinating history, retaining its original typical black and white exterior. Take a tour with Janey, the hall's resident 'witch', discover the Tudor priest holes and the Victorian kitchen, and hear about the turbulent tales of its Catholic families, the Pendle witches and the haunting of Lady Dorothy (and other ghost stories). Entrance is free. The guided tour is £6 per person for groups of 20 or more and lasts from 60 to 75 minutes depending on how many ghosts are found. There's a lunch option, the opportunity to explore the Rose Garden and visit the Bee and Heritage Centre.



Samlesbury Hall