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There are many places of interest to discover within a short distance of the Best Western Manor House Hotel.

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## **THEATRE:**

### **Regent Theatre - Stoke - [regent theatre index](#)**

Following a three year, £23 million development of the city centre, The Regent was reopened on 22 September 1999 after being fully restored to its previously elegant Art Deco style and has already been visited by a host of distinguished guests including Sir Derek Jacobi. Her Majesty the Queen officially opened The Regent Theatre in October 1999.

As a number one touring venue, The Regent is capable of taking the largest touring productions and has already played host to the very best opera, dance, drama and musicals, direct from Broadway and the West End.

Click on the link above to learn more about the Regent Theatre including performances, admission charges and directions.

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### **New Victoria Theatre - [new vic theatre index](#)**

The New Vic is the regional producing theatre for Staffordshire. This means that plays are made here, with around ten major productions each year designed, directed, built, promoted and presented in our special theatre-in-the-round.

Each New Vic production is the end result of months of work by our creative, craft and technical teams. Artistic Director, Gwenda Hughes, works on a number of productions each year supported by in-house set, costume, lighting and sound designers, a costume department and a workshop which builds settings and furniture.

For individual productions, our in-house teams are supplemented by freelance directors, designers and lighting designers, by actors, musicians, voice-coaches, choreographers, fight-directors and the dozens of others needed to bring work to the stage. One of the New Vic's roles in British theatre is to provide an opportunity for theatre professionals to work in theatre-in-the-round. They also add to the New Vic's creative energies, helping us maintain the quality and artistic vigor of our work.

Click on the link above to learn more about the New Vic Theatre including performances, admission charges and directions.

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## **EDUACTION:**

### **Jodrell Bank Observatory** - [www.jb.man.ac.uk/scicen](http://www.jb.man.ac.uk/scicen)

The Lovell Telescope has stood proudly over the Cheshire Plain for over 40 years. It is the flagship of the Jodrell Bank Observatory which is part of the School of Physics and Astronomy of The University of Manchester. The observatory is a place of learning, teaching and research for the many engineers, astronomers and students who develop and use the radio telescopes here. Manchester astronomers also use X-ray, optical, infrared and millimetre-wave instruments across the globe and in space to make complementary observations. Jodrell Bank is also a place of wonder and inspiration for the many people who visit our Visitor Centre each year.

Click on the link above to learn more about the Observatory and the visitor centre including opening times, admission charges and directions.

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### **Gladstone Pottery Museum** - [gladstone-pottery-museum](http://gladstone-pottery-museum)

Discover how bone china tableware was made in the original workshops and giant bottle kilns of the former Gladstone China Works, now preserved as the last complete Victorian Pottery factory in the country.

Gladstone was not a famous pottery; however it was typical of hundreds of similar factories in the area making everyday ceramic items for the mass market.

Experience for yourself what conditions were like for the men, women and children who worked at the centre of the world's pottery industry.

Please allow two to three hours for your visit.

Click on the link above to learn more about the Gladstone Pottery Museum including opening times, admission charges and directions.

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### **Etruria Industrial Museum** - [etruria-industrial-museum](http://etruria-industrial-museum)

Etruria Industrial Museum is the last steam-powered potters' mill in Britain. It includes Jesse Shirley's Bone and Flint Mill, scheduled as an ancient monument in 1975.

The museum includes a family-friendly interactive exhibition, tearoom and shop.

The mill is 'in steam' seven times a year when the 1903 boiler is fired and historic machinery can be seen working.

Click on the link above to learn more about the Etruria Industrial Museum including opening times, admission charges and directions.

(This attraction is 9 miles from the hotel, a journey time of around 20 minutes)

**EDUCATION (continued):**

**Potteries Museum and Art Gallery - [potteries-museum-art-gallery](#)**

Travel back in time and discover the history of the Potteries, including the world's greatest collection of Staffordshire ceramics. See Reginald Mitchell's World War 2 Spitfire and all sorts of art and craft. Enjoy a light lunch or afternoon snack in our relaxing Café Museum and browse in The Foyer Shop for unique quality cards, gifts, books and souvenirs of the Potteries.

Click on the link above to learn more about the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery including opening times, admission charges and directions.

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**Ford Green Hall - [ford-green-hall](#)**

Home to the Ford family for nearly 200 years, Ford Green Hall is a 17th century timber-framed farmhouse complete with period garden.

An award-winning museum, the hall offers visitors a fascinating insight into the life of the 17th century. The rooms are furnished with an outstanding collection of textiles, ceramics and furniture.

Click on the link above to learn more about the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery including opening times, admission charges and directions.

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**PASSPORT TO STOKE ON TRENT MUSEUMS - [museums-passport](#)**

The Museums Passport provides great value for money, allowing unlimited admission to Gladstone Pottery Museum, Etruria Industrial Museum and Ford Green Hall for one year. Holders also benefit from 10% discount in the Foyer Shop at The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery and many other discounts at local visitor attractions and factory shops.

Click on the link above to learn more about the Stoke on Trent Museum Passport

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## **POTTERIES:**

### **Wedgwood - Wedgwood**

At the Wedgwood Visitor Centre, in addition to world-class restaurants and shopping for exquisite ceramic and glass tableware and gifts, we can offer everyone – from the connoisseur to the casual visitor, for adults and children, whether of UK or international origin, an enthralling experience.

Factory tours are, we believe, among the best in the world and they offer an unparalleled opportunity to see the world famous Wedgwood production facility at close quarters and in its full detail. Having seen how we make our products, you can have a go at making them yourself on either the potter's wheel or with paint and brush. What you make we can finish and post to your home as a unique souvenir of your visit.

Finally, our exhibitions (available in 5 languages) and film theatre tell the history of our company through film, audio guides and Museum pieces.

Click on the link above to learn more about The Wedgwood Visitor Centre including opening times, events, admission charges and directions.

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### **Spode – Spode**

A visit to Spode is much more than an opportunity to see and appreciate the fascinating processes and time-honoured craftsmanship that create works of outstanding beauty. Established since 1770, it was at Spode that two of the most important chapters in the history of ceramics industry occurred, those of the production of under-glaze blue printing on earthenware from hand-engraved copper plates and the perfection of the formula for Fine Bone China.

Today the unique Spode tradition continues to be preserved and enriched for all to enjoy.

Click on the link above to learn more about visiting Spode including opening times, the museum, admission charges and directions.

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### **Burleigh – Burleigh**

Established in 1851, Burgess Dorling & Leigh is one of the few pottery firms still being run under family ownership. Steeped in Staffordshire's Pottery history, this fine old business has been manufacturing best quality, pure English pottery for over 150 yrs.

Rich in heritage and with a fascinating story of survival, this is the last working Victorian Pottery in England and certainly worth visiting.

Click on the link above to learn more about visiting Spode including opening times, admission charges and directions.

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## **GARDENING:**

### **Stapeley Water Gardens - [www.stapeleywatergardens.com](http://www.stapeleywatergardens.com)**

There's something for the whole family at Stapeley Water Gardens! With everything you need for the home and garden; water gardening, indoor & outdoor plants, furniture, pets, clothing and gifts, as well as a Camping & Outdoor Centre; and for keen Anglers in the family, an enormous Angling Centre. At the Palms Tropical Oasis there's over 100 species of rare and exotic wildlife and dazzling tropical plantlife to explore.

For over 40 years, Stapeley Water Gardens has been internationally recognised as a leader in the field of water gardening. Here you'll find everything you need to create and build your water garden, from pond pumps and liners, filters, UVCs, self contained water features, lighting and ornaments, as well as one of the largest collections of aquatic plants in the country. Alternatively, a trip to our centre is well worth a visit. Here you can admire our display gardens, which hold a National Collection of Water lilies\*, as well as explore everything else Stapeley has to offer.

#### Palms Tropical Oasis

Discover the enchanting world of a deep rainforest with endangered Cotton Top Tamarin Monkeys, Poison Dart Frogs, Tarantula, Piranhas, a Caiman Crocodile and a 20 foot Python! Or explore Dazzling Tropical Plantlife, step out into beautiful Italian Gardens or relax by Mediterranean floral displays.

Click on the link above to learn more about Stapeley Water Gardens including opening times, special offers, admission charges and directions.

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### **Bridgemere Garden World - [www.bridgemere.co.uk](http://www.bridgemere.co.uk)**

Bridgemere Garden World grow more plants in more varieties than anyone in Britain and are well known for offering rare and unusual plants.

There's something for everyone: Garden Shop, Gift Shop, Children's Shop, Clothes Shop, Book Shop, Food Market, Garden & Leisure, Furniture and Barbecues. Bridgemere's Houseplant Hall has the best display of Orchids.

Enjoy strolling round the six acre garden and get ideas for your own or simply enjoy the setting.

Click on the link above to learn more about Bridgemere Garden World including opening times, events, admission charges and directions.

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### **Trentham Gardens** – [www.trenthamgardencentre.co.uk](http://www.trenthamgardencentre.co.uk)

The site of England's largest garden restoration project, the Trentham Estate has a host of exciting and interesting sites to visit including:

Trentham Gardens and adventure play;

The Monkey Forest;

Trentham Woodlands;

Trentham Shopping Village

Click on the link above to learn more about The Trentham Estate including opening times, events, admission charges and directions.

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### **Tatton Park** [Tatton Park](#)

This is one of the most complete historic estates open to visitors. The early 19th-century house sits amid a landscaped deer park and is opulently decorated. The theme of Victorian grandeur extends into the garden, with Orangery, Rose garden and Italian and Japanese gardens providing year-round colour and over 200 years of garden design and history. Other features include the Tudor Old Hall and a working 1930s rare breeds farm.

Click on the link above to learn more about this day's outing.

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### **Rode Hall** [Rode Hall and Gardens](#)

A beautiful country house with extensive gardens near Congleton, Cheshire.

There is a fine collection of porcelain and pottery at Rode, the earliest examples being items from two Chinese armorial services commissioned by the Bootle family in 1730.

The important Derby botanical service decorated by William Billingsley and the collection of teapots are among the highlights of the large collection of English porcelain from the leading factories of the second half of the eighteenth century including examples of Bow, Derby and Worcester.

Very many fine family portraits hang on the walls including the imposing painting of Sir Philip Baker Wilbraham by Oswald Birley

Formal gardens created by John Webb, a Cheshire based landscapist, carried out the work to Repton's specification between 1800 and 1810. In particular the creation of Rode Pool, a lake of some 40 acres and a mile long, which is now one of the principal features of the Rode landscape. The park has many fine trees and is now grazed by sheep.

Rose garden and kitchen garden.

House Open Wednesdays and Bank Holidays 2.00pm until 5.00pm from April - September  
Gardens Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 2.00pm until 5.00pm from April - September.

Click on the link above to learn more about this day's outing.

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### **Cholmondeley Castle**      [Cholmondeley Castle Gardens](#)

Extensive ornamental gardens dominated by romantic Gothic Castle, built in 1801 of local sandstone. Beautiful Temple water garden, rose garden and many mixed borders. Lakeside walk with picnic site and children's play area, rare breeds or farm animals, including Llamas, children's corner with rabbits, chickens and aviary birds. Romantic, beautiful, wild - these gardens stir up emotion in whoever visits them. The stunning landscaping creates colourful areas that change dramatically, season upon season, such as the rose garden, the laburnum grove and the temple garden with its small lake full of giant koi carp, swimming lazily among the water lilies.

Private chapel in the park.

2008 Opening 21/03/2008 - 28/09/2008

Monday - Closed

Friday - Closed

Tuesday - Closed

Saturday - Closed

Wednesday 11:00 - 17:00

Sunday 11:00 - 17:00

Thursday 11:00 - 17:00

Bank Holiday 11:00 - 17:00

Click on the link above to learn more about this day's outing.

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### **Arley Hall**      [Arley Hall and Gardens](#)

**Northwest Small Visitor Attraction of the Year 2006'**

**'Cheshire's Small Visitor Attraction of the Year 2006'**

**'HHA Garden of the Year Award'**

#### The Arley Estate

Owned by the same family for over 500 years, Arley is a delightful 2,000 acre estate and at its heart lies one of Cheshire's most cherished stately homes and Gardens. The long ancestral history, with the family still living on the Estate today, gives Arley its own special ambience and unique nuances for visitors to enjoy and admire.

#### The Gardens at Arley

From the breath-taking double herbaceous border to the unique avenue of giant Ilex columns, the award winning Gardens are a wonderful exponent of the idea that the best gardens are living, changing works of art.

#### Arley Hall

Steeped in family history, the Hall (Grade II\*) was built by the present Lord Ashbrook's great, great grandfather, Rowland Egerton-Warburton between 1832 and 1842 and is a classic example of the Victorian Jacobean style.

Click on the link above to learn more about this day's outing.

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## **GARDENING (continued):**

### **Dorford Hall**      [Dorford Hall](#)

Dorford Hall is a Jacobean country house built in 1616 for Ralph Wilbraham. The house has beautiful plaster ceilings and panelling complimented by interesting furniture and pictures.

Dorford's 18 acres (7.5 ha) of gardens reflect four centuries of gardening fashion. To the south of the Hall, the spring bulbs and herbaceous borders provide colour throughout the Spring and Summer.

Visitors can also enjoy the fine specimen trees, a woodland and stream dell and a rock garden containing rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias and acers.

#### Opening times:

##### House:

April to end October. Tuesday and Bank Holiday Mondays 2.00pm - 5.00pm.

##### Garden:

April to end of October. Tuesday and Bank Holidays 2.00pm - 5.00pm.

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### **Little Moreton Hall**      [Little Moreton Hall](#)

Gaze at the drunkenly reeling South Range, cross the moat into the cobbled courtyard and enter a Hall full of surprises. The skill of the craftsmen fascinates, as you climb the stairs to the Long Gallery – imagine life here in Tudor times. The varying delights of wall paintings, WCs over the moat, the Knot Garden, as well as colourful tales of the Moreton family and this iconic building itself, are revealed to you by our guided tours. Delicious home-baked local food and a visit to the shop complete your day.

Click on the link above to learn more about this day's outing.

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## **NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES:**

### **Biddulph Grange Garden**    [Biddulph Grange Garden](#)

A rare and exciting survival of a high Victorian garden. Tunnels and pathways lead the visitor on a miniature tour of the world. Rare and exotic planting and architecture: from an Egyptian court, to elegant Italian terraces. Unique oriental pagoda garden with its own Great Wall of China. Victorian eccentricities: an upside down tree and strange stone sculptures.

Designed in the mid-19th century by James Bateman to display specimens from his extensive and wide-ranging plant collection, the garden is set out in a series of connected 'compartments'. Visitors are taken on a journey of discovery through tunnels and pathways to individual gardens inspired by countries around the world – from the tranquillity of a Chinese garden or an Egyptian Court to a formal Italian garden.

Click on the link above to learn more about Biddulph Grange Garden including opening times, admission charges and directions.

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### **Shugborough Estate**    [Shugborough Estate](#)

Experience the beautiful sights, evocative sounds, real smells and true taste of a complete working historic estate and immerse yourself in sensory experiences that bring your visit to life. Set on the banks of the River Sow, with its magnificent 17th-century mansion house, along with working Victorian servants' quarters and Georgian park farm with watermill (c.1805), Shugborough provides a full day out with tours, guides and living costumed characters ready to share a powerful set of stories from the past.

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### **Dunham Massey**    [Dunham Massey](#)

An elegant Georgian mansion filled with fabulous collections of paintings, furniture and Huguenot silver. Hear captivating tales of family scandal and romance in the sumptuously decorated hall. Go 'below stairs' to the service wing and discover how the running of a country house took place. Enjoy the great plantman's garden full of native favourites and exotic treasures, rare Victorian Bark House and Georgian Orangery. Wander around the beautiful avenues and ponds in the ancient park, see the fallow deer and spot rare birds in the majestic trees. Visit the sawmill where the giant waterwheel has been restored to full and fascinating working order. Dunham's renowned cream teas and generous range of dishes made from fresh, local ingredients make your day here an absolute treat.

Click on the link above to learn more about this day's outing.

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## **NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES (continued):**

### **Jane Austin in Cheshire**      [National Trust - Jane Austin in Cheshire](#)

This is a day's tour as listed on the National Trust website. The morning is spent at Quarry Bank Mill and Styal Estate, the afternoon at Dunham Massey. We suggest a relaxing and sumptuous dinner in the award winning Ostler Restaurant back at Manor House Hotel at the end of the day.

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### **Lyme Park**      [Lyme Park](#)

Set in the foothills of the Peak District, with magnificent views across the Cheshire Plain, the house sits in the middle of a 566ha (1,400-acre) medieval deer park – home to almost 450 red and fallow deer. Surrounded by a 6.8ha (17-acre) garden, Lyme featured as 'Pemberley' in the BBC's 1995 adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice*.

The mile-long drive to Lyme Park creates a real sense of anticipation, which the house more than matches up to. Originally Tudor, it now resembles a fabulous Italianate palace. Inside there are incredible Mortlake tapestries, an important collection of clocks, beautifully furnished rooms, along with a colourful family history. Stroll through the opulent Victorian garden, with its sunken parterre, or the Edwardian rose garden. Enjoy the luxurious Jekyll-style borders and Wyatt-designed Orangery, sit on the grass, or wander lazily by the lake (where Darcy and Elizabeth meet at 'Pemberley'), then venture beyond the garden, where the medieval deer park stretches into the distance; the vast moors and parkland are home to fallow and red deer. Seek out The Cage, an 18th-century hunting tower, or explore the woods and discover the lantern folly, with its breathtaking views. Delicious food, including venison from the park, is prepared in the Lyme kitchens; and with retail therapy at hand, Lyme really is a glorious day out

Click on the link above to learn more about this day's outing.

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### **Quarry Bank Mill**    [Quarry Bank Mill & Styal Estate](#)

This restored Georgian cotton mill tells the story of 'King Cotton' from a bale of raw cotton to finished cloth. The process is brought to life by spinners, weavers, machine demonstrators and interactive displays. Interpretation panels and static displays illustrate the world of the mill workers. The original Apprentice House recreates the 1830s atmosphere of the lives of the child workers. Quarry Bank House Garden, open to the public for the first time and still undergoing restoration, offers the chance to explore the private recreation area of the Greg family as it was.

Click on the link above to learn more about this day's outing.

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### **Nether Alderley Mill**    [Nether Alderley Mill](#)

15th-century mill beside a tranquil mill pool. With its heavy oak framework, low beams and floors connected by wooden ladders set beneath an enormous sloping stone roof, this charmingly rustic mill is one of only four virtually complete corn mills in Cheshire.

Click on the link above to learn more about this day's outing.

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## **ENTERTAINMENT:**

### **Chester Zoo** - [www.chesterzoo.org](http://www.chesterzoo.org)

CHESTER ZOO is the UK's number one zoo, with over 7000 animals and 400 different species, including some of the most endangered species on the planet.

There are so many things to see and do at Chester Zoo, such as the Elephants of the Asian Forest – a new home for the Zoo's elephants, including elephant calf, Raman, born in November 2006. Also, meet young giraffe 'Molly', together with the Zoo's many other recent arrivals, including five male baby Komodo Dragons, born to virgin mother Flora! New for 2007 - Realm of the Red Ape - Visit this spectacular new attraction for the Zoo's Bornean and Sumatran orang-utans, including two youngsters, Budi and Utara, in their new tropical environment

The 110-acre Zoo opens at 10am every day except Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Last entry and closing times vary with the seasons.

Car parking is free.

Click on the link above to learn more about Chester Zoo including opening times, admission charges and directions.

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## **ENTERTAINMENT (continued):**

### **Odeon Cinema** - [www.odeon.co.uk](http://www.odeon.co.uk)

The Odeon Cinema in Etruria is a multiplex cinema. Click on the link above for opening times, admission charges and directions.

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### **Stoke Mega Bowl** - [www.megabowl.co.uk](http://www.megabowl.co.uk)

Operated by Tenpin, the UK's largest bowling operator, you'll find 30 lanes, 3 American Pool Tables, Other amusements and a fully licensed Bar. The facility has disabled access and is air conditioned. Click on the link above for opening times, admission charges and directions.

(This attraction is 8 miles from the hotel, a journey time of around 15 minutes)

Both the Cinema and Mega Bowl are on the same site.

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### **Blue Planet Aquarium**      [Blue Planet Aquarium](#)

The bottom of the ocean - ideal for group visits!

Blue Planet Aquarium is full of fascinating and deadly sea creatures. Awesome sharks, man-eating piranhas, electric eels and many other weird and wonderful species all live in our vast underwater complex.

With so much to see and do, Blue Planet is ideal for group outings. And special discounts are available for parties of 15 or more – so you can save when you make a group booking.

#### **What you'll find at the UK's largest aquarium**

- There are 35 exhibits in 5 themed areas.
- A 230ft underwater tunnel lets visitors get up close to awesome sea creatures.
- 2 floors are dedicated to interactive displays and exhibits.
- There are over 10 species of shark.
- Shallow pools allow visitors to touch Dogfish and Rays.
- Everything's undercover, so it doesn't matter what the weather's like.
- There's also a themed restaurant, a specialist gift shop and FREE parking.
- Special offers are available for Coach Drivers.

Click on the link above to learn more about the Blue Planet Aquarium including opening times, admission charges and directions.

(This attraction is 40 miles from the hotel, a journey time of around 50 minutes)

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## **ACTION / ADVENTURE:**

**Alton Towers** - [www.altontowers.com](http://www.altontowers.com)

Alton Towers is renowned throughout the UK as one of the best leisure parks in the country. A host of exciting and award winning rides awaits.

Click on the link above to learn more about Alton Towers including opening times, admission charges and directions.

(This attraction is 26 miles from the hotel, a journey time of around 50 minutes)

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**Water World** - [www.waterworld.co.uk](http://www.waterworld.co.uk)

'A great family day out whatever the weather'. Enjoy a fun filled day at the tropical Water World where the temperature is a balmy 31O. Try Water Worlds fantastic white-knuckle ride 'The Twister' six seconds of thrills and spills combined with brilliant lighting and sound effects. High energy or calm and relaxing – both options are available to suit all the families tastes. Car parking is free.

Click on the link above to learn more about Water World including opening times, special offers, admission charges and directions.

(This attraction is 9 miles from the hotel, a journey time of around 18 minutes)

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**Go Ape – Delamere**

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Climb the trees and slide across high wires, crawl through tunnels, cross rope bridges, walk the planks and zip down to the ground!

Go Ape is an award-winning high wire forest adventure course of rope bridges, tarzan swings and zip slides... all set high up in the tree tops.

Providing a fun day out with friends, families or colleagues, you'll be fitted with a climbing harness and given instruction before trekking from tree to tree high above the forest floor. Split into a number of different sections, the experience takes approximately 2.5-3 hours to complete but may vary depending on how many people are up in the trees.

Click on the link above to learn more about Go Ape including opening times, admission charges and directions.

(This attraction is 24 miles from the hotel, a journey time of around 40 minutes)

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**FOOTBALL TEAMS:**

**Crewe Alexandra**    Crewe Alexandra FC

This ground is 8 miles from the hotel, a journey time of around 15 minutes

**Port Vale**                    Port Vale FC

This ground is 8 miles from the hotel, a journey time of around 15 minutes

**Stoke City**                    Stoke City FC

This ground is 11 miles from the hotel, a journey time of around 20 minutes

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<b><u>Theatre:</u></b>				
<b>Regent Theatre</b>	6	15	0870 0606619	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>New Victoria Theatre</b>	6	15	01782 717962	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b><u>Education:</u></b>				
<b>Jodrell Bank Observatory</b>	13	30	01477 571339	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Gladstone Pottery Museum</b>	11	20	01782 237777	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Etruria Industrial Museum</b>	9	20	01782 233144	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Potteries Museum and Art Gallery</b>	9	20	01782 232323	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Ford Green Hall</b>	8	20	01782 233195	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Passport to Stoke on Trent Museums</b>	N/a	N/a	01782 232323	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b><u>Potteries:</u></b>				
<b>Wedgwood</b>	10	20	01782 282986	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Spode</b>	9	15	01782 744011	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Burleigh</b>	7	15	01782 577866	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b><u>Gardening:</u></b>				
<b>Stapley Water Gardens</b>	10	20	01270 628628	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Bridgemere Garden World</b>	17	25	01270 521100	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Trentham Gardens</b>	11	20	01782 646644	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Tatton Park Gardens</b>	21	35	01625 374435	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Rode Hall</b>	3	10	01270 873237	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Cholmondeley Castle</b>	23	40	01829 720383	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Arley Hall</b>	22	45	01565 777353	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Dorford Hall</b>	13	25	01270 625245	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Little Morton Hall</b>	5	10	01260272018	<a href="#">Click here</a>

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<b><u>National Trust Properties:</u></b>				
<b>Biddulph Grange Garden</b>	13	25	01782 517999	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Shugborough Estate</b>	31	50	01889 881388	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Dunham Massey</b>	24	40	0161 9411025	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Jane Austin in Cheshire</b>	N/a	N/a	0844 8001895	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Little Morton Hall</b>	5	10	01260272018	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Lyme Park</b>	30	50	01663 766492	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Quarry Bank Mill</b>	50	40	01625 445896	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Nether Alderley Mill</b>	18	30	01625 527468	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b><u>Entertainment:</u></b>				
<b>Chester Zoo</b>	32	50	01244 650205	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Odeon Cinema</b>	8	15	0871 2244007	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Stoke Mega Bowl</b>	8	15	0871 8733150	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Blue Planet Aquarium</b>	40	50	0151 3578804	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b><u>Action / Adventure:</u></b>				
<b>Alton Towers</b>	26	50	0870 4003090	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Water World</b>	9	18	01752 205747	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Go Ape</b>	24	40	0845 6439215	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b><u>Football Teams:</u></b>				
<b>Crewe Alexandra</b>	8	15	01242 573558	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Port Vale</b>	8	15	01782 655800	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Stoke City</b>	11	20	0871 6632008	<a href="#">Click here</a>

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