



## **Weekend trips to Dudley borough - the heart of the Black Country**

Whether it's exploring the wealth of heritage in the Stourbridge Glass Quarter, or discovering what life would have been like here in the Black Country at the height of the industrial revolution, there's plenty to see and do in Dudley borough. Whatever the size of your group, we can offer personal guided tours and a tailor made package at our visitor attractions to suit your needs.

### **Package one: Leg it to Dudley Holiday code DD1**

#### **Friday to Saturday (1 night) or Saturday to Sunday (1 night)**

Explore the fascinating caverns and limestone mines underneath Dudley on this 45 minute skipper guided boat trip, then choose to enjoy refreshments, a meal or afternoon tea in the canal-side Gongoozler restaurant or aboard dining boat Vic Smallshire. Spend the rest of your day at the Black Country Living Museum where you'll discover 300 years of history like no other. Explore the canalside villages and once you've worked up an appetite, discover culinary delights of the past with a bag of 1930s-style fish & chips or a pint from the Bottle & Glass Inn. Don't forget to visit their new high street and take in the sights and sounds of the 1940s-60s!

[www.dudleycanaltrust.org.uk](http://www.dudleycanaltrust.org.uk)

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[www.bclm.com](http://www.bclm.com)

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### **Package two: Glass and the Past Holiday code DD2**

#### **Friday to Saturday (1 night)**

A guided tour around the heart of the Glass Quarter attractions including Ruskin Glass Centre and Glasshouse Heritage Centre (both in the same location), the Red House Glass Cone and Stourbridge Glass Museum that proudly hosts a globally significant glass collection alongside interactive digital displays. The Museum is also home to artist Allister Malcolm's Hot Glass Making Studio where you can see glass making in action.

Glassblowing demonstrations offered at all sites, check websites for details. Or maybe you wish to see The Lace Guild situated within the Stourbridge Glass Quarter housing a large collection of lace items and artefacts.

Lunch is available in the organic cafe at the Ruskin Glass Centre, or the Red Cone Coffee House at the Red House Glass Cone. Please choose which venue you would like to take lunch at and pre-book in advance.

All group tours are by pre-arrangement and must be booked in advance.

[www.ruskinglasscentre.co.uk](http://www.ruskinglasscentre.co.uk)

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[www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do/museums](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do/museums)

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[www.stourbridgeglassmuseum.org.uk](http://www.stourbridgeglassmuseum.org.uk)

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[www.laceguild.org](http://www.laceguild.org)

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### **Package three: Animal Encounters Holiday code DD3**

#### **Friday to Saturday (1 night) or Saturday to Sunday (1 night)**

Fancy a wild day out discovering some of the world's rarest animals at Dudley Zoo and Castle? Come face-to-face with Sumatran tigers, walk through Lemur Wood; make some new furry friends Down on the Farm; feed nectar to our colourful rainbow lorikeets and even look out for ghosts in our 11th Century castle! Enjoy daily talks and feeds where you can get to know all about your favourite animals and discover the important conservation projects we carry out. Bring a picnic or dine in our licensed restaurant. Land train, vintage chairlift, adventure playground, fair rides, face painting, world famous Tecton structures, gifts and souvenirs plus much more.

[www.dudleyzoo.org.uk](http://www.dudleyzoo.org.uk)

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## Merry Hill

Why not take an optional visit to Merry Hill, open until 9pm on Fridays and 7pm on Saturdays, the West Midlands largest indoor shopping centre, only a five minute walk from the Copthorne Hotel Merry Hill.

<https://mymerryhill.co.uk>

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## Tailor made packages

Please note lunches are not included in the tailor made package. It would be helpful to confirm the venue of your lunch choice beforehand to assist staff with your food requirements.

The tailor made package to suit your needs includes:

- Half board accommodation (breakfast and evening meal)
- En-suite rooms
- TV and tea making facilities
- Use of leisure facilities, including swimming pool and fitness suite
- Entrance fees to visitor attractions

**Incentives for coach driver/group organiser:**

- There are various incentives for coach organisers at each venue

The hotels included in the tailor made packages are:

**The Copthorne Hotel** - Merry Hill, Dudley

The Waterfront

Level Street

Brierley Hill DY5 1UR

01384 482882

[www.millenniumhotels.co.uk/cophornedudley](http://www.millenniumhotels.co.uk/cophornedudley)

**Village Hotel Dudley**

Castlegate Park

Birmingham Road

Dudley DY1 4TB

01384 888830

[www.village-hotels.co.uk/dudley](http://www.village-hotels.co.uk/dudley)

## How to book

For further information on the tailor made packages available, including familiarisation trips contact: Tourism via [tourism@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@dudley.gov.uk) or **01384 817611**.