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# Welcome to Chorley in Lancashire

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Come along and discover Chorley, a popular Lancashire market town steeped in history and surrounded by beautiful countryside.

With a bustling town centre, historic halls, wonderful walks, adventurous activities, vibrant events and more, there's lots to discover in Chorley for all!

You may have heard of Chorley either because of the famous markets, wonderfully tasty Chorley Cakes or even the satirically portrayed Chorley FM! But there's so much more to know and explore...

In Chorley you can make special memories for life, spending an afternoon boating along the canal ways, grabbing a delicious ice cream at the famous Fredericks Ice Cream Parlour, discovering history at Astley Hall or Hoghton Tower, enjoying family fun with a round of adventure golf or a trip to the cinema, and so much more.

With excellent transport links to Manchester, Cheshire and the Lake District, plus a wealth of history and landmarks and experiences that are not to be missed, you're sure to return to Chorley again and again for many great days out no matter your age and interest!

**So why not Check out Chorley for a great day out!**



# Your group trip to Chorley

Chorley is a warm and friendly town, welcoming regular coach travel to our famous markets and more. Read on to discover a selection of coach itineraries on offer in Chorley.



## Chorley Markets

Dating back to 1498, Chorley's famous markets in the heart of the town centre are still thriving and developing today, home to a great food & drink area and a wonderful array of traders in the covered market selling fresh local produce, gifts, books and much more.

The Tuesday street markets see stalls lining the roads around the markets, adding to the friendly hustle and bustle of the town centre and offering a wide selection of stalls and products, making it the most popular day for coach trips.

The Chorley Markets coach trip package includes:

- Free coach parking
- Meet and greet
- Chorley Markets bag for passengers
- Driver refreshment voucher

**Contact:** [TownCentreAmbassadors@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:TownCentreAmbassadors@chorley.gov.uk)







## Astley Hall

Journey through over 400 years of history to reveal the secrets of Astley hall, one of the most intriguing historic houses in the North West.

Open for visitors from April to December this surprising building features some of the most breath-taking mid-17th century plaster ceilings on the country, rare painted panelling and very fine English oak furniture.

There's lots more to discover in Astley Park, including onsite Café Ambio featuring a menu of lunchtime favourites and daily specials, Barrica in the Park for a wonderful array of artisan goods and handmade products, and wonderful grounds including a Victorian walled garden and woodland walks.

With our group visit package, why not include Astley Hall as one of or a stop on your regular coach tours or bookings.

The Astley Hall coach trip package includes:

- Free Coach Parking
- Driver Refreshment Voucher
- Private guided tour of Astley Hall for £10 per head



**Contact:** [astley.hall@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:astley.hall@chorley.gov.uk) for enquiries and bookings





## Chorley Markets and Astley Hall

Spend a day in Chorley enjoying the both the great retail and heritage that the town has to offer! Spend your morning exploring the historic covered and street markets and in the afternoon be amazed by the architecture, collections and the story of Astley Hall. Knowledgeable guides will take you on a private tour of the magnificent building dating all the way back to the 16th Century, plus there's plenty opportunity to explore the surrounding walled garden, grounds and park!

This itinerary includes:

- Free coach parking at Chorley Bus Station + Meet and Greet with a Town Centre Ambassador
- Welcome gift bag
- Time to explore the famous Chorley Markets and Chorley Town Centre in the morning
- Guided Tour of Astley Hall in the afternoon
- Driver refreshment voucher

Costings/Availability:

- Guided tour of Astley Hall - £10.00pp
- Bookable on Tuesdays (subject to availability)

**Contact:** [tourism@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@chorley.gov.uk) for enquiries and bookings





# CHECK OUT CHORLEY



## Chorley Flower Show

Welcoming group and coach bookings, the award-winning Chorley Flower Show returns in 2025 for its 10 Year anniversary! The highlight of the vibrant and diverse yearly programme of events in Chorley, the Flower Show takes place on the last weekend of July each year, featuring:

- Some of the finest professional floral exhibitors including several displays from the Chelsea Flower Show
- Show gardens exploring gardening through the decades
- National and local societies both displaying and running competitions
- Gardening theatre featuring key speakers from the world of horticulture
- A selection of excellent local and national traders for all your gardening needs
- Community gardens designed by local schools and groups
- Live entertainment and delicious selection of food and drink traders

### And much more!

The Chorley Flower Show coach and group trip package includes:

- Free coach parking
- Discounted entry to a show day when booking groups over 16
- Free driver entry to show and lunch coupon

**Contact:** [events@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:events@chorley.gov.uk) for enquiries and bookings



[chorleyflowershow.com](http://chorleyflowershow.com)



# Local Group Travel Offers



## Boatel Cruises

Boatel Cruises offer scenic and party cruises to groups and individuals, an ideal spot for coach trips into the area looking for something different! With food ranging from buffets to 3 course meals and a fully stocked bar on board, relax and enjoy the beautiful countryside as float by!

Boatel offer a variety of exclusive prices for coach companies which include a 20% discount or more including:

£9 per person for a 90 minute booking with buffet style tea / coffee and biscuits.

£14 per person for 2 hours on board with a meal choice of hotpot or buffet.

£19 per person for a 2 hour booking with homemade vegetable soup and a roll, followed by Cream Team - scones, cream and jam.

Visit [www.boatelpartycruises.co.uk](http://www.boatelpartycruises.co.uk) for more information and opening hours  
Contact [boatelcruises@gmail.com](mailto:boatelcruises@gmail.com) for more booking details and offers

## Chorley Theatre

Chorley Theatre has been entertaining the town since 1910, making it one of the oldest purpose-built cinemas in the world still in operation. Alongside a year-round programme of plays and musicals, they also show the latest films and well-loved classics.

Chorley Theatre offer group booking rates for plays by their in-house theatre group CADOS.

Visit [www.chorleytheatre.com/cados/shows](http://www.chorleytheatre.com/cados/shows) for upcoming shows and opening hours  
Contact [cados@chorleytheatre.com](mailto:cados@chorleytheatre.com) for booking details



## Frederick's Ice Cream and Massa's Dessert Café

Everything Fredericks do is centred on producing the finest quality ice cream, an aim perfected over four generations of the same Federici family. So, for the freshest ideas from the country's favourite ice cream family, take a look around the site and see the quality for yourself (even better still, taste the difference)!

Both Fredericks Ice Cream and Massas Café offer 10% discount on ice creams and tea/coffee when pre-booking groups between 12-3pm Monday – Friday, with drivers free of charge.

Visit [www.fredericksicecream.co.uk](http://www.fredericksicecream.co.uk) for more information  
Contact [emma@fredericksicecream.co.uk](mailto:emma@fredericksicecream.co.uk) or call **01257 232070** for booking details

## Heskin Hall Shopping Village

With over 40 boutique shops to browse including food shops, gifts, clothing, shoes, art gallery, jewellery, crafts & so much more! The tea room makes the perfect stop for lunch serving delicious home-cooked food. Heskin Hall Shopping Village is set in rural Lancashire within Heskin Hall Estate, only a few minutes from J27 M6.

For groups Heskin Hall Shopping Village offers free coach parking, free entry and lunch for drivers

Visit [www.heskinhallshoppingvillage.co.uk](http://www.heskinhallshoppingvillage.co.uk) for more information and opening hours  
Contact [info@heskinhallshoppingvillage.co.uk](mailto:info@heskinhallshoppingvillage.co.uk) or call 01257 451464 for booking details

## Hoghton Tower

Take a group tour of Hoghton Tower and discover a thousand years of colour, intrigue, fascination and fun. Friendly and engaging expert guides will show you round the Grade I Listed manor house and then you can enjoy three tranquil gardens. Hoghton Tower's rich history – which goes back as far as William the Conqueror – says a lot about Lancashire and England, and when told by their guides it's an entertaining, revealing and human story.

Tours for private groups are available throughout the year (advance booking essential) and can include access to the gardens (by arrangement).

Hoghton Tower offers specially reduced rates for groups of 20+

Visit [www.hoghtontower.co.uk/visit/groups-welcome/](http://www.hoghtontower.co.uk/visit/groups-welcome/) for more information  
Contact [mail@hoghtontower.co.uk](mailto:mail@hoghtontower.co.uk) or call **01254 852986** for booking details





# Something for everyone in Chorley

What we pride ourselves on in Chorley is the truly amazing range of events, activities and experiences on offer, with something to cater to every interest. From thrill seeking days out to relaxing strolls through beautiful parkland, there really is something for everyone in Chorley:

## Historic Houses

### Astley Hall

Astley Hall is a museum and art gallery housed within a Grade I listed historic house. The Hall is set within the beautiful surroundings of Astley Park which include historic woodland, a fully renovated Victorian walled garden, playing fields and onsite café and artisan gift shops. Guided and self-led tours available to book.

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

### Heskin Hall

An intriguing mix of Historic House, Event & Wedding Venue and Shopping Experience, Heskin Hall has wide spectrum appeal. Heskin Hall is one of the best examples of Tudor Architecture in the North West of England. Set in 8 acres of grounds and surrounded by over 300 acres of farmland it boasts panelled rooms, baronial fireplaces, a priest hole and studded oak doors.

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

### Hoghton Tower

Steeped in history and commanding breath-taking views across Lancashire, Hoghton Tower offers something for everyone at all times of year. Plan your fairy-tale wedding, take a tour round the house, wander through the gardens, sample local produce at the Farmers' Market, or just call in for coffee and cake to soak up some history!

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



## Vibrant Events

### Chorley Flower Show

The award-winning Chorley Flower Show is the flagship of the vibrant and diverse yearly programme of events in Chorley featuring professional exhibitors, community gardens, a wide variety of local and national traders for all your gardening needs, live entertainment and delicious food and drink stands!

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

### Chorley Live

Chorley's two-night celebration of live music takes place across the town centre each October, bringing a wide range of acts to all kinds of venues including libraries, churches, cafes, shops, the town hall and more!

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



## Markets and Retail

### Chorley Markets

Chorley's popular markets date all the way back to 1498! The most popular market day being a Tuesday for the combination of stalls across the covered and street markets. Selling a wide range of quality products from delicious food and drink to books, cosmetics and clothes. Whether it's the busy atmosphere of the Tuesday Markets or the calmer pace of the covered market you prefer, you're bound to have a good day out and find what you're looking for

[www.checkoutchorley/markets](http://www.checkoutchorley/markets)

### Heskin Hall Shopping Village

With over 40 unique shops and businesses including a leading art gallery, florist and plant centre, craft studios, food shops, clothing, gifts, Fredericks Ice Cream, the Crafty Potter Craft Cafe and the Two Birds Tea Room, Heskin Farmers Market and Craft Centre is the perfect destination for a relaxed shopping experience with a difference. Surrounded by beautiful Lancashire countryside, make sure you also check out their regular activities and events for all the family.

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



### **Cedar Farm Galleries**

Nestling in the beautiful Chorley borough countryside, Cedar Farm is an inspirational and creative shopping experience. The wonderful array of independent creators and shops, selling contemporary crafts, clothing, home furnishings and unique gifts is complemented by a group of creative working artists.

[www.cedarfarm.net](http://www.cedarfarm.net)

### **Bygone Times**

Vintage Shopping for every taste set in the heart of Chorley. From vintage clothing and furniture to collectable artwork and memorabilia from yesteryear – it can all be found at Lancashire’s finest historic shopping and visitor destination.

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

## **Outdoor Adventures**

### **Lever Park Estate, Rivington**

As a destination to suit all the family, Rivington is hard to beat. If you’re looking for an adventure, you can set out to explore the Terraced Gardens - with its magnificent 7-arched bridge, Italian and Japanese style lakes and lodge house ruins. For those who want a more leisurely stroll, you can potter around the Barns or take a short walk to Liverpool Castle which sits grandly on the bank of the reservoir.

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

### **Ellerbeek Narrowboats**

Ellerbeek Narrowboats offers self-steer canal boat hire along the Leeds and Liverpool canal. With no experience or license necessary, you could be boating through the beautiful countryside at a time that suits you. Families, parties, work and club outings all welcome.

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

### **Battlefield Live Pennine**

Battlefield LIVE is an authentic combat entertainment experience using military grade infra-red gaming guns. There are no paintballs or airsoft pellets flying around, so there is no expensive ammo to buy and absolutely no pain. This is not your average “Laser – Tag” game!

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

### **Yarrow Valley Country Park**

Chorley’s Yarrow Valley Country Park is a beautiful country park run by Chorley Council, popular with walkers, bird-spotters and families, boasting beautiful woodlands, nature reserves, a café and children’s playground

[www.chorley.gov.uk/yarrowvalley](http://www.chorley.gov.uk/yarrowvalley)

## **Family Fun**

### **Boatel Cruises**

Offering scenic and party cruises to groups or individuals, Boatel cruises is ideal for coach tours coming to the area, or families looking for something different. With a fully stocked bar on board, central heating throughout and a back deck to enjoy the countryside go past, you can relax and enjoy your day with food ranging from buffets to 3 course meals. Party night bookings with DJ are also available.

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

## **Delicious Town Centre Dining**

### **The Bees Country Kitchen**

From daily homemade hot dishes, seasonal specials and a unique range of delicious treats and deli items (including ‘Chorley Eggs’ their delectable take on a classic Scotch Egg!) Bees Country Kitchen has it all! With locally sourced ingredients promising the very best quality dining, a lunch at Bees will always satisfy!

[www.facebook.com/thebeescountrykitchen](http://www.facebook.com/thebeescountrykitchen)

### **Luciano’s at Chorley**

Luciano’s is an Italian haven within Market Walk in Chorley Town Centre, open for Breakfast to late night cocktails and everything in between, from Brunch to Afternoon Tea, from a coffee to a cake, to pizza from a traditional oven!

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

### **Calico Lounge**

A unique and eclectically furnished, informal café bar in the centre of Chorley, part of the Lounges chain, featuring all day breakfasts, brunch, lunch and relaxed dinner and drinks, with a focus on great quality ingredients and a welcoming atmosphere. Dog friendly, and bookings available for groups of 8 or more!

[www.thelounges.co.uk/calico](http://www.thelounges.co.uk/calico)

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## Arts and Culture

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

### Reel Cinema

Showing all the latest blockbusters and must-see flicks in the heart of Chorley town centre!

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

## Active Pursuits

### Duxbury Park Golf Course

Much more than just a golf venue, there's something for all the family at Duxbury Park Golf Course, with pay and play 18-hole golf, Toptracer Range, adventure golf course and quality food and drink at the onsite 19 restaurant.

[www.glendalegolf.co.uk/duxbury-park-golf-course](http://www.glendalegolf.co.uk/duxbury-park-golf-course)

### Go Ape

With breath-taking scenery, amazing tree top obstacles and awesome zip lines, Go Ape Rivington is sure to be a day out in Lancashire you won't forget!

[www.goape.co.uk/locations/rivington](http://www.goape.co.uk/locations/rivington)

### Anderton Centre

Water-based and land-based outdoor learning and activities for school day trips and youth group residentials in Rivington (Lancashire's mini Lake District) with fully catered conferencing facilities and nationally accredited outdoor courses.

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





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