

Timings & Sea Crossings

(COACH TOURS ONLY)

Our preferred route for crossing the Channel is via the Tunnel and the Ferry will only be utilised when Euro Tunnel are unable to accommodate us. The other bonus is the saving in actual time - usually around 90 minutes in each direction. Because we expect to continue using the Tunnel, we now have one time 'model' which will be applied to all coach tours. Any variations in the draft times should not be too wide and will be circulated in the Information Pamphlet for each tour.

Our pick-up/set down at **Ashford International Station** has proved very popular and on most tours the majority of participants join and leave here. Use of the 'Javelin' services normally allows members to be back in London well within an hour of set-down at Ashford.

REGULAR PICK UP/SET DOWN POINTS

	OUTWARD	RETURN
Stonehouse - Post Office	1700	2230
Nailsworth - Rover Coaches (Spring Mill)	1700	2230
Horsley - Rover Coaches old yard	1700	2230
Swindon - Railway Station	1750	2140
Reading - Calcot Savacentre (off Junc 12 M4)	1835	2055
Theale - Railway Station		2050
Bracknell - Bus Station	1855	
Bracknell - Railway Station		2030
Maidstone Services - M20 (45 minute Break)	2040	1800
Ashford - International Station	2150	1740
Cheriton - High Street (Holiday Inn or Tesco)	2215	1715
Cheriton - Shuttle Terminal	2225	1705

Please note: This timetable is a base 'Model' and may be subject to alteration due to changes in Shuttle times, or on the rare occasions we have to use the Ferry from Dover. The final timings will, as always, be published in the Tour Information Pamphlet.

Tour Pick Up / Set Down Locations

The exact locations of, and directions to, our Standard Pick up points are as follows:

Ashford International Station

Outside main entrance near to Bus Bays.

Bracknell Bus Station

Turn right outside the main entrance to the Station. Walk 150 yards to the top of the incline and cross the road to the Bus Station opposite.

Cheriton

High Street, Holiday Inn or Tesco Store. **Directions** - Leave M20 at junction 12 and take A20 towards Folkestone. Tesco Superstore is on right of road. Turn first right into High Street, Holiday Inn is 600 yards on the left just before a sharp bend to the left. **Note. The car park at the Old Exhibition Centre is now closed**

Horsley (Rover Coaches old yard)

The Street, Horsley, Gloucestershire. This location will be used to park cars when there are more than can be accommodated at the new Yard. **Directions** - Travel A46 from Stroud towards Bath, and through Nailsworth. On leaving the town the road begins to ascend a steep hill. Turn right into Old Bristol Road (Horsley Village signposted) and continue into Horsley Road. For the next mile and a half the road climbs to the village. Rover Coaches are on the right of the main road, just past the Pub and opposite the School.

Maidstone Services, - M20.

Main Doors adjacent to Bus & Coach parking area.

Please note the operators of the Service Area levy a sizeable charge on vehicles parked for days at a time. You must pay prior to leaving your vehicle otherwise it may not be there on your return!

Nailsworth (Rover Coaches)

Spring Mill, Avening Road, Nailsworth. Follow the A46 from Stroud towards Bath. After Egypt Mill (on left) there follows a big road junction. Straight across and turn first left, after the pedestrian crossing, into Avening Road (Lloyds Bank is on the corner). Continue for about two thirds of a mile to the entrance to Spring Mill which is on the left.

Reading (Savacentre)

End of Pincents Lane, Calcot, Reading (Bus turning circle). **Directions by road** - Leave M4 at junction 12 and travel A4 towards Reading. Turn left at first roundabout and bus turning circle faces. **By bus** - board a No. 25 or 45 bus at Reading Railway Station - Stop 'SW' positioned between junctions of Blagrove Street and Station Road (opposite Heathrow Express Coaches stops). Departs every ten minutes during the day. Alight at Savacentre - journey time 30 mins (allow an hour at peak times).

Stonehouse (Post Office)

High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. **Directions** - leave M5 at junction 12 and travel B4008 towards

Stonehouse (4 miles). On entering the Town pass under railway bridge, Post Office located on left side of road after second set of pedestrian crossing lights.

Swindon (Railway Station)

Main Station entrance in Station Road, Swindon. Bus bay is alongside the taxi bays, which face as you leave the Station.

Additional Pick Up And / Or Set Down Points

To suit your needs, we are prepared to make additional collections and set downs, both in the UK and abroad, but you must obtain approval from STARS prior to the Tour. This will always be given provided that we do not have to go 'out of our way'. However, even though we may agree to such, euro tunnel delays and traffic diversions abroad are not uncommon, and we **cannot guarantee** a time, or to be able to fulfil that collection at all if we encounter problems. It is therefore important that, in all such cases of additional arrangements, we have a means to contact the individual (preferably a mobile telephone number entered on your booking form).

Change of Pick-Up Point

Please note that if you decide to alter the Pick Up Point you have nominated on your booking form you **MUST** notify us **IN WRITING** by either:

* LETTER or * e- mail (office@stars-tours.org.uk)

Word of Mouth often fails, and will not do!!

In addition we require at least 48 hours notice before the joining time, otherwise we cannot guarantee that the change will be acted upon. We rely on your co-operation.