



Visit to the Three Choirs Vineyard Newent Gloucestershire

Wednesday 9th October 2019

The final trip of 2019 is to the Three Choirs Vineyard in Newent Gloucestershire. Nestled in the Forest of Dean and boasting an impressive 30 hectares of beautiful vineyards, the Three Choirs is recognised as one of the largest commercial wineries in England and is the first English vineyard to be awarded a Gold medal at Vinexpo in Bordeaux, France. Three Choirs has developed a unique process of growing modern grape varieties side by side with world-renowned grapes, such as Pinot Noir and Muller Thurgau.

Travel: We have booked a 33 seater coach from JR Coaches of Taffs Well and will use our usual pick up points of Lisvane Memorial Hall at 9.30am and Westminster Crescent / Cyncoed Road at 9.45am with a stop for coffee en-route. Places are limited to 33 so please respond quickly to avoid disappointment.

Lunch: We should arrive shortly before 12.00 noon when we will enjoy a relaxing lunch in the Brasserie, an ambient dining space with bespoke, eclectic décor serving country classics and decadent plates designed around the seasons consisting of the best of fresh ingredients, focusing on provenance.

Main Courses

- Slow cooked belly pork, mustard mash, tender stem broccoli, cider jus, roast apple compote
- Woodland mushroom risotto, sautéed wild mushrooms, parmesan & thyme crisp (v) (vg on request)
- Picanah steak, roast mushroom, vine on cherry tomatoes, compound butter triple cooked chips
- Sweet potato, spinach, goats' cheese & walnut filo pastry tart, buttered tender stem, baby potatoes (vg)
- Fillet of Hake 'en papillote' braised fennel, lemon & butter, dill & white wine. Served with green beans & new potatoes

Desserts

- Strawberry Cheesecake, fresh strawberries, strawberry sauce
- Pistachio and raspberry tart with vanilla ice cream
- Banoffee pie, banana bread and salted caramel ice cream
- Sticky toffee pudding, toffee sauce, vanilla ice cream
- Chocolate & dark cherry torte, mascarpone ice cream

Tour: We begin the tour after lunch uncovering the stories of the vines starting at the Cellar Door. The wine tasting tour guides will take us to the edge of the vines, inspiring and informing us as they explain the growing process. We then wander to the Winery to uncover the winemaking process, from grape to bottle where we will breathe in, taste and delight in the wines for ourselves as we try four of their finest wine samples during the tour. After the guide has finished we are free to follow the vineyard walk at our leisure, taking in different points of interest along the way. We aim to leave by around 4.00pm.

Cost: £35pp for 2 courses and winery tour & tasting. The cost of the coach is £350 which will be divided equally amongst all those travelling and charged later.

Acceptance slip

Name(s).....My mobile phone number is.....

Please secure me..... place (s) on the trip to the Three Choirs vineyard with lunch on Wednesday 9th October at a cost of £35 per person plus the cost of the coach which will be advised later.

Pick up point

My preferred pick up point is Lisvane Memorial Hall or Westminster Crescent / Cyncoed Road. (Delete as appropriate).

Meal choice:

My / our choice of main course is: **Member:****Partner:**

My / our choice of dessert is: **Member:****Partner:**

Cheques should be made payable to the Probus Club of Cardiff Llanishen and submitted **by September 30th** at the latest and sent to Malcolm McGreevy, Cilmeri, 24 Hardwicke Court, Llandaff, CF5 2LB, 02920 555150 / 07780 682874 or by BACS payments to the Probus account 40-16-30 a/c no 51099396