

ASSOCIATION OF JCI SENATORS IN EUROPE

SPRING MEETING 2016

APRIL 7 – 10 2016

ST IVES, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ENGLAND

You are cordially invited to the Association of JCI Senators in Europe Spring Board meeting to be held in St Ives, Cambridgeshire in England. St Ives is a small market town about 90 km north of London and 20 kms from Cambridge – my home chapter when I was an active JCI member.

The event will be based at the Dolphin Hotel in St Ives where a block of rooms has been reserved from Thursday 7 April to Sunday 10 April 2016. You should book a room directly with the hotel on +44 1480 466966 stating you are attending the Senate event from 7 to 10 April 2016, a credit card will be required to confirm the booking, but no monies will be taken until departure. Please also email me to confirm you are attending – hillpaula9@hotmail.com.

Twin/double rooms will be available at £87.15 per night inclusive of full English breakfast and VAT; single rooms will be £71.75. The hotel is making an area available for our sole use during the weekend and in recognition of this we will use the hotel bar for drinks rather than setting up a separate Senator bar this time please.

The draft programme is as follows:

THURSDAY 7 APRIL

Arrival – see separate notes on travelling to St Ives

Evening meal and get together at the hotel –the hotel offers an excellent choice of meals until 9 p.m. Arrangements can be made for later arrivals.

FRIDAY 8 APRIL

Sightseeing day in Cambridge

After breakfast, in groups, we will take the Cambridgeshire guided busway to Cambridge City Centre – buses run every 7-8 minutes from St Ives to Cambridge from a stop about 200m from the hotel, the journey takes about 30-40 minutes.

On arrival in Cambridge there will be a range of activities to choose from

Guided bus tour, guided walks with qualified guides, visiting Kings College chapel, punting on “the backs” – either chauffeured or do it yourself depending on how brave/foolhardy you are or simply shopping in the Grand Arcade or city centre if that is what you want to do.

Lunch will be taken at the Grad Pad (the social centre for Graduates) in the centre of the city.

We will return to St Ives in the late afternoon and on Friday evening there will be a fish and chip supper at the hotel in St Ives.

SATURDAY 9 APRIL

The board meeting and an open forum for national Senate presidents, board members and indeed anybody who wants to attend, will take place on Saturday morning at the hotel.

For those not attending the board meeting there will be a visit to a local birds of prey centre.

After lunch at the hotel, in the afternoon there will be a short guided tour of St Ives and the opportunity for about 2 miles (3.5 km) walk along the River Great Ouse to a neighbouring village where there is a restored water mill. For those up to it there is an about 6 miles (9.7km) circular walk along both sides of the River, the route being back via the riverside villages on the south side.

On Saturday evening there will be a black tie gala dinner – hopefully at a Cambridge college.

SUNDAY 10 APRIL

Departure – I will be holding an open house for those who are not departing until later in the day.

COSTS

The cost of the weekend is not quite finalised, but will be in the region of £175 excluding accommodation, plus the cost of whatever activities you individually decide to do whilst in Cambridge on Friday – the 2016 prices for some of these activities are not yet available. Drinks will be available on a cash bar basis throughout the weekend – except at the Gala Dinner where they will be included.

TRAVELLING TO ST IVES

First, please note this is ST IVES in CAMBRIDGESHIRE – there are several place called ST IVES in the UK! – perhaps the most famous being in Cornwall, but this is over 500 km from my ST IVES!!

Travelling by air you can arrive at any of the London Airports. Stansted and Luton, both north of London are the nearest, but onward travel from there is not as easy as arriving at Heathrow or Gatwick.

The nearest railway station is HUNTINGDON, which is served by Great Northern trains from London Kings Cross. During the day, trains leave Kings Cross at 20 past and 25 to the hour, the 20 past taking just over 1 hour to Huntingdon and the 25 to about 1 hour 15 minutes owing to different stopping patterns. Faster trains run during the evening from about 1640 and the times of the stopping trains also vary at this time. A taxi ride from Huntingdon Station to the hotel should cost no more than £15, but if you let us know when you are arriving there we will try to meet you.

If you have time at Kings Cross – have your photo taken at the entrance to Platform 9¾!

ARRIVING AT HEATHROW

Take the Piccadilly line underground train directly to Kings Cross (approx. 1 hour), or the Heathrow Express to Paddington then changing on to the eastbound Hammersmith and City or Circle underground lines to go to Kings Cross – this is probably a bit quicker but is considerably more expensive.

ARRIVING AT GATWICK

Take a “Thameslink” train (NOT THE GATWICK EXPRESS) directly to London St Pancras (this is adjacent to London Kings Cross)

ARRIVING AT STANSTED

Take a train or coach to Cambridge. Onward travel from there depends on the time of day you expect to arrive – please let us know and we will advise you further.

ARRIVING AT LUTON

This is the most difficult airport for public transport to St Ives, but if you need to travel via Luton, please let us know and we will try to pick you up.

RETURNING ON SUNDAY 10 APRIL

Please be aware that there is only one train per hour from Huntingdon to London Kings Cross after 1115 (there are two from 0915 to 1115) on Sundays at XX46 arriving at Kings Cross at XX+2.01 (e.g. the 1146 arrives at 1301) and plan your travel accordingly.

I look forward to welcoming you to St Ives in April

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