

## Course details

### Course title

History: 'Wish you were here' – a history of holidays through the ages

### Course code

Q00013710

### Course date

Start: 24/04/25

End: 05/06/25

### Number of classes

6 sessions

### Timetable

Thu 24th Apr, 10:30 to 12:30

Thu 1st May, 10:30 to 12:30

Thu 8th May, 10:30 to 12:30

Thu 15th May, 10:30 to 12:30

Thu 22nd May, 10:30 to 12:30

Thu 5th Jun, 10:30 to 12:30

### Branch

Caterham Branch

### Tutor

Kate Antoniou

## **Fee range**

Free to £58.80

## **How you'll learn**

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

## **Venue**

Caterham Baptist Church (Caterham)  
4 Beechwood Road  
Caterham  
CR3 6NA

## **Qualification name & awarding organisation**

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## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

What did it feel like to be a holiday maker in the past? Originally holidays were just Holy Days and a chance to make merry but they didn't involve you leaving home. Travel for leisure really does not start until the 17th century with trips to a spa or seaside town for health reasons and to enjoy the social life. Later the Grand Tour is available for the wealthy. Change comes with the railways and cheap day trips, and in the 20th century paid holidays, seaside towns and holiday camps. Over the last 50 years overseas holidays, have been within the reach of many but what do current environmental and social concerns mean for the future? Join the class to find out more.

## Course description

Are you desperate to get away on holiday this year? Holidays were originally 'Holy Days', a chance once the religious ceremonies were over to let your hair down but they didn't involve going away from home. During the 17th century wealthy people might take a 'holiday' break to a spa or seaside town for health reasons and there were opportunities in the years to come to take a grand tour of Europe to broadening the mind! The 19th century sees the advent of holiday day trips were that were within the reach of ordinary people. A big change happens with the advent of paid holidays for ordinary people which for many gives them an opportunity often for the first time to get away for a week, and this is the start of the heyday of the British seaside holiday and the holiday camp. Within the last 50 years overseas holidays and worldwide trips have become very popular and we will look at this change Using sources from the time, we can put ourselves in these holidaymaker's shoes and consider how it felt to go on holiday then. How might social and environment changes affect our holiday choices in the future?

## What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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