

**Visit to the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey
on Monday 17th August 2009**

This visit has been organised by John Lunn.

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Parliament will be in its Summer Recess at the time of the visit. The tour lasts about 75 mins and will be led by a specially qualified Blue Badge Guide. The tour starts by following the route taken by Her Majesty the Queen when she performs the State Opening of Parliament.

Bags or luggage larger than those permitted in aircraft cabins may be refused entry. Parliament has no facilities for leaving items.

Everyone must go through an airport style security check. No liquids are allowed.

The visit starts at 11:00Hrs. Please arrive at least 20 minutes in advance of this start time. Assemble at the Cromwell Green entrance where the tickets will be distributed by John Lunn.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The tour lasts about 90 mins. We enter the Abbey via the West Cloister to the Nave and will be welcomed by the Duty Chaplain near the Grave of the Unknown Warrior. A Verger will then lead the tour which will include a tour of the Shrine (containing the tomb of Saint Edward the Confessor), The Royal Tombs, Poets' Corner, the Cloisters and the Nave.

The visit starts at 14:30 Hrs. Please assemble as a group, just outside the entrance to the Dean's Yard (quite close to the Great West Door) at 14:15 Hrs. We then move into the Dean's Yard where John Lunn will attend to administrative matters in the Chapter Office and we then enter the Abbey itself.

Westminster is the nearest Underground Station to the location of our visit.

Lunch can be taken between 12:30 and 14:00 Hrs. Would members please make their own arrangements for lunch. There should be a number of public houses and restaurants at your disposal within the environs of Victoria Street.

THE SIZE OF THE GROUP IS LIMITED TO 24 PERSONS.

The **COSTS PER PERSON** (senior citizen rates) for the visits are as follows:- Houses of Parliament £7.80; Westminster Abbey £10.20; **TOTAL COST £18 PER PERSON.**

For any contact on the day, please use John Lunn's mobile telephone number 0781 7075032.

Late arrivals will not be able to take part in the visit to the Houses of Parliament. Late arrivals to Westminster Abbey should report to the Chapter Office at 20 Dean's Yard – you might be able to find the group somewhere in the Abbey!