

GREAT YARMOUTH HOLIDAY- SEPTEMBER 2026

On a bright sunny morning in September our u3a met for a five day adventure to Great Yarmouth organised by Joy and aided by Janice, and we were on our way with a really friendly and helpful driver.

Arriving at the Palm Court Hotel we peeled off to settle in before dinner followed by a pleasant evening of entertainment.

Day 2 - After breakfast we departed for a day in the historic cathedral city of Norwich with its rich history. From medieval to industrial times Norwich was one of the most prosperous and largest towns in England second only to London. It was designated as England's first UNESCO City of Literature in recent years. There is much to see from the Norman castle, 900 year old cathedral with its 315 foot spire where Edith Cavell is buried known for treating wounded soldiers from both sides in World War 11 and for healing some 200 Allied soldiers escape from German occupied Belgium, the lanes with their cobbled streets and ancient crooked timber framed buildings at Elm Hill and not forgetting the large market buzzing with shoppers. Then back to the hotel to enjoy dinner and the rest of the evening.

Day 3 - And our lovely driver has given up his day off to take us to Lowestoft, then on to Cromer. In the sunshine we explored the classic Victorian seaside town of Cromer with its pier - where we could hear the brass band playing, its sandy beaches and dramatic cliff tops, looking for a crab sandwich, and we were not disappointed. Then back to the hotel for our Sunday roast. The hotel and restaurant staff are really friendly and always pleased to accommodate our requests. Another evening of musical entertainment.

Day 4 - After a tasty breakfast we headed off for a trip on the Mississippi paddle boat, Southern Comfort, from Horning Village to Malthouse Broad and back on the River Bure. What a relaxing experience to sit back and enjoy the commentary by the skipper informing us about the multi-million pound houses along the river's edge with their boats in the moorings or boat houses and the nature and fauna along the river. We saw so many herons standing patiently until their dinner swam by. We then headed off to Beccles for a couple of hours to wander down to the quay, then through the town, before heading back to Great Yarmouth to chill out before dinner and enjoy more time with our u3a friends.

Day 5 - We head for home, stopping at a garden centre on the way. We can certainly say what a great time we had, thanks to Joy, and we can definitely say we lived, laughed and learned.

From Gill Nolan, Fellow Traveller on the Great Yarmouth holiday September 2026



Happy u3a Holidaymakers



Southern Comfort



Norwich Church



Norfolk Windmill