

Recently I had the pleasure of Joining the England Tour with Liz Doyle from Customised Heritage tours and had the best time. I had always dreamed of going over to England to see where my Grandparents came from, but knew it would be too hard and scary on my own and that's what put me off going. I had heard of tours you could do of this sort but couldn't find one that fitted as well as Customised Heritage Tours did for what I wanted to do.

Liz took care of all my travel arrangements including booking additional tours around her tour, transfers accommodation and transport around England so it was all booked at the one time and one place. We saw so many little places that were accessible to a car and maybe not to a bus, and if we decided to go somewhere else off we went at our leisure.

Liz was more than happy to talk to and ask questions of strangers or knock on doors that I wasn't game to ask or do. By her doing this it sometimes got us places and into houses or buildings that we would have missed had we not asked and these places turned out to be a wealth of information. There were occasions when I had thought that we were not going to have time to see addresses of my family because the traffic was busy for instance, and I decided it didn't matter and Liz made it happen anyway because she knew I really wanted to go there.

The trip was very flexible in regards to what we were doing each day because we were a small group, so if we needed to swap things around we did. We had time to visit sights I wanted to see along the way, so it wasn't just research.

There were times when all the information we were given all got jumbled up in my head but luckily Liz remembered most of the research and was able to set me straight when I got confused. All in all I had my trip of a lifetime and enjoyed it thoroughly, and now need to save up again to do the Ireland leg in the future.

Perhaps I could have gone by myself and arranged a car to drive myself around but I know I wouldn't have tracked the family history and the places I saw because I would have found it too hard and told myself the traffics too busy or I might get lost or something and not done half of the things I got to do with Liz on her tour.

Thanks to Liz and her tour I had a great trip.

Kerryn Maxwell



The Gang returning the car at Heathrow