

Cheddar Gorge minibus day trip

Saturday 30th November (End of week 7)

Cheddar Gorge is a limestone gorge lying on the southern edge of the Mendip Hills near the village of Cheddar in Somerset, England. This dramatic, beautiful limestone gorge was formed by meltwater floods during the cold periglacial periods which have occurred over the last 1.2 million years. The cliffs stand at 450 feet and are a Site of Special Scientific Interest.



The village gave its name to Cheddar cheese the most popular cheese in the United Kingdom. The gorge is the site of the Cheddar show caves, where Britain's oldest complete human skeleton, Cheddar Man, estimated to be over 9,000 years old, was found in 1903. In a 2005 poll of *Radio Times* readers, following its appearance on the 2005 television programme *Seven Natural Wonders*, Cheddar Gorge was named as the second greatest natural wonder in Britain.



The trip: This one-day trip involves mostly easy walk with a few substantial climb-ups and drop-downs. It provides magnificent views across Bristol Channel and Somerset levels. We will do a circular walk and have packed lunch. We might also have dinner on the way back to Oxford in the evening of the same day, so bring your cash.

Trip Organiser: Diu Nguyen, Juan Jose Mendoza Arenas

Leaders: Giovanni Bassolino, Alan Iwi.

Departure time & location: 8am, Saturday 30th November 2013 at Trinity gate.

Estimated return time: Early evening. We will make sure that you return in time for the Ceilidh happening in the same evening.

Cost: £12

Extra equipment: You will need a worn in pair of walking boots, a rucksack and warm clothes. Also bring your packed lunch.