



Art Deco day in London

Thursday, October 9, 2025

The morning will be spent at Eltham Palace where you can guide yourself around the palace and gardens with an English Heritage guidebook or multimedia guide. First recorded in the Domesday book, the Eltham estate was presented to King Edward II in 1305. From the 14th to 16th century, it developed into one of the country's most favoured royal palaces, in part thanks to the 1,000 acres of deer park on its doorstep where monarchs enjoyed hunting. A young Henry VIII lived here during his childhood. You can read more about the [history of Eltham here](#).

In the 1930s Eltham Palace was leased to Stephen and Virginia Courtauld. They built a state-of-the-art house with gas underfloor and radiant ceiling heating and a loudspeaker system that could broadcast to the ground floor. The interior styles resulted both from the Courtaulds' personal tastes and from the architects, designers and craftsmen they commissioned. The exterior of the new house in a 'Wrenaissance' style was partly inspired by Hampton Court and designed to complement the Great Hall.

From Eltham we will drive back into central London to be shown some of the capital's best Art Deco architecture and sculpture by our favourite guide, Andrew Davies.



Eltham Palace with Moat



Stained Glass



Entrance Hall



Virginia Courtauld's Bathroom

Schedule for the day

- 09:00** Depart by coach from Trumpington Park & Ride
- 10:30 - 11:00** Arrive Eltham Palace
- 11:00 - 13:30** Our Independent tour of the palace and garden with use of multimedia guides. Lunch can be taken at the Orchid Café, or a packed lunch can be eaten as we drive into central London. *Lunch is not included in the cost.*
- 13:30** Depart Eltham Palace.
- 14:30 approx** Arrive at the Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross where we will meet our guide from last year's King's Cross walk, Andrew Davies. Andrew will take us on a 90 minute (approx) guided walk around Leicester Square focusing on the best Art Deco architecture and sculpture in the area and so much more, as is his wont. *As this is an outside walking tour, please dress for the weather and keep what you're carrying to a minimum. You can leave items safely on the coach.*
- 16:30** Depart central London.
- 18:00 approx** Arrive Trumpington Park & Ride.

Cost: £55 per person including coach travel and guided walking tour but **excluding entry to Eltham Palace**.
 Entry to Eltham Palace for over-65s is £15.90 pp on the day (£13.10 if bought in advance individually online).
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