



Gainsborough's House

Thursday May 14th, 2026

Our day in Sudbury allows us time to get to grips with both this charming market town and the museum housed in the refurbished Grade-I listed merchant house. We will be accompanied by a guide both morning and afternoon.

Our morning will be spent exploring Gainsborough's House in its entirety with a tour that covers the artist's life, works, and the beautifully preserved spaces where he grew up. We shall be wandering through the house and gardens, discovering key artworks, personal artefacts, and the inspiring environment that shaped his artistic journey.

In addition you might like to visit the room dedicated to Cedric Morris' artwork. Gainsborough's House boasts the largest collection of his work - over 100 of his vibrant landscapes, portraits and still-life.



Birthplace of Thomas Gainsborough
(in Sudbury)



Spitalfields silk panels 1750
(in Gainsborough's house)

Lunch can be taken at the Watering Place, the museum's café, or in the town itself.

Our afternoon tour will be spent walking around the town to uncover key landmarks, historic locations, and the places that shaped Gainsborough's early life and artistic vision.

Weather permitting, you might like to explore the water meadows too. One of the best ways to enjoy these is via the 3.5 mile circular Meadow Walk. You can download a leaflet and map from this link: <https://www.gainsboroughtrail.org.uk/meadow-walk/>

Schedule for the day

09.00	Depart by coach from Trumpington Park & Ride.
10.15	Arrive Gainsborough's House, Sudbury.
10.45 - 11.45	The Magic of Gainsborough - a guided tour looking at his life and legacy as we wander through the house and gardens, discovering key artworks and personal artefacts.
11.45 - 14.00	<i>Lunch can be taken in the museum café or in town. Thursday is market day with food stalls - just a stone's throw from the museum.</i>
14.00 - 15.00	Explore Sudbury through the eyes of Gainsborough - a guided walking tour with headsets.
16.00	Depart Sudbury.
17.15 approx.	Arrive Trumpington Park & Ride.

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BOOKING FORM

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Please complete this form and email it to our visits organiser Chris Kavanagh at chris@christinekavanagh.co.uk, or post it to her at 1 New Road, Haslingfield, Cambridge, CB23 1LR

Please reserve _____ place(s) at £64 each for

NAME(S) _____

EMAIL _____

HOME NUMBER _____

MOBILE NUMBER _____

On the day Emergency Contact:

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Cost: £64 per person including coach travel, entrance fee to Gainsborough's House, two guided tours and gratuities. *Morning coffee and lunch are not included in the cost.*

As soon as your booking form is received your place(s) will be provisionally reserved and we will email you, but your place(s) will only be secured upon receipt of payment. If for any reason the trip is cancelled we will fully refund you. Otherwise your payment is in general not refundable.

Payment please by bank transfer (bank details below). Please inform Chris Kavanagh when you have made the transfer so that she can promptly complete and secure your booking.

Bank details:

Account name: The Arts Society South Cambs. Sort code: 30-98-97 Account number: 67462363

Please ensure that you include the reference "VISIT SUDBURY"