



Lullingstone Castle & World Garden

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

In the morning we will join our Blue Badge Guide for a private guided tour of Lullingstone Castle and its Norman Parish Church, St Botolph's. The Manor House was built in 1497 and has been home to the Hart Dyke family ever since. Amongst other things, we will learn about the famous Silk Farm, the involvement of Lullingstone Estate with lawn tennis, and how the Estate was used during World War Two. The Parish Church boasts some of the oldest stained glass windows in the country.



Bring a picnic lunch and drink as there are no facilities to purchase any refreshments on days when the Castle is only open for private tours. There is a marquee if it rains!

In the afternoon we will have a guided tour of the World Garden, which is the creation of Tom Hart Dyke, the twentieth generation of his family to live on the Estate. Following this you will have the opportunity to visit the Specialist Plantsman Nursery and/or take a stroll through the estate grounds. A cream tea will be provided before departure.

NB. There will be quite a lot of walking to explore Lullingstone Castle, the Parish Church and the World Garden, and there is a long flight of steps to the first floor of the Manor House.

Schedule for the day

- 09:00 Depart by coach from Trumpington Park and Ride.
- 10:15 Coffee stop and comfort break at Hawley Garden Centre (*coffee is not included in the price*).
- 11:00 Continue to Lullingstone Estate and World Garden.
- 11:15 Blue Badge guided tour of Lullingstone Castle and St Botolph's Church (estimated 90 minutes).
- Picnic lunch at a time to be decided on the day.
- 13:45 Guided tour of the World Garden, plus the opportunity to visit the Specialist Plantsman Nursery and/or take a stroll through the estate grounds.
- 15:45 Cream tea (your choice of tea/coffee and two scones/tray bake slices) in the marquee.
- 16:30 Depart by coach for Trumpington Park and Ride.
- 18:15 Approximate time of arrival back at Trumpington Park and Ride.

Cost: £52 per person including coach travel, entrance fees, guided tours of the castle, church and the garden, cream tea and all gratuities. *Morning coffee and lunch are not included in the cost - bring your own picnic.*

Photos courtesy of Diana Sage (2023)



BOOKING FORM

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

Please reserve _____ place(s) at £52 each for

NAME(S) _____

EMAIL _____

HOME NUMBER _____

MOBILE NUMBER _____

On the day Emergency Contact:

NAME _____

PHONE _____

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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 visit 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 Lullingstone"

If you are unable to make a bank transfer, contact Chris Kavanagh for help.