

WINCHESTER ARTS SOCIETY / 5th - 9th MAY 2024

WEST NORFOLK

£625

SIGHTSEEING &
EVENING MEALS
INCLUDED

STARRING SANDRINGHAM & HOLKHAM HALL AND
THE NATIONAL TRUST'S WICKEN FEN, OXBURGH HALL, SHERINGHAM PARK & BLICKLING HALL

Sandringham



For people living south of the River Thames Norfolk is a county too easily by-passed or over-looked, and this is a shame because Norfolk is a quintessential slice of England - its landscape, coastline towns and villages all fascinatingly shaped by both nature and history.

This holiday is based at one of Norfolk's top hotels and offers a top class sightseeing programme, all done at a relaxed pace whilst maintaining a sensible balance of organised visits and free time.

THE 4* KNIGHTS HILL HOTEL

A former hunting lodge, the four star Knights Hill Hotel occupies one of the highest points in Norfolk. Set in 11 acres of private grounds, King's Lynn is 4-miles to the south, and this means that Knights Hill makes an ideal base for exploring the delightful area of West Norfolk.



Hotel facilities at Knights Hill include a restaurant, two bars, an indoor pool, sauna, steam room and a spa facility that offers a range of treatments for which advance booking is necessary and additional charges apply.

As for the well-appointed bedrooms, as you would expect, all offer private bathrooms, flat-screen freeview tvs, hair-dryers and hospitality trays.



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Fen*



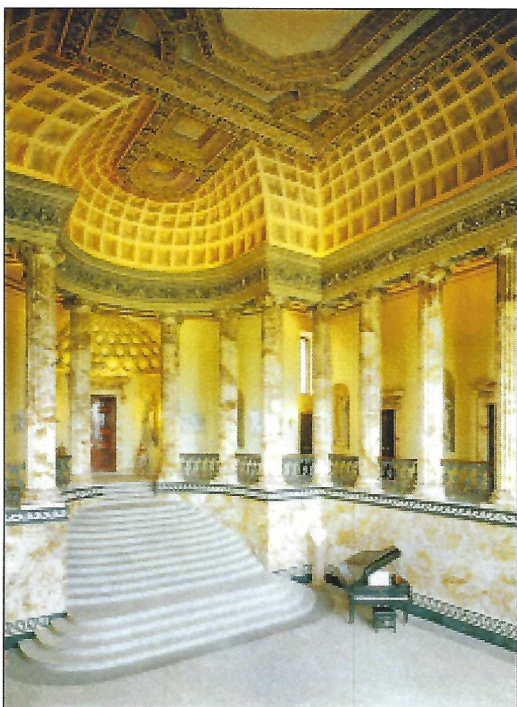
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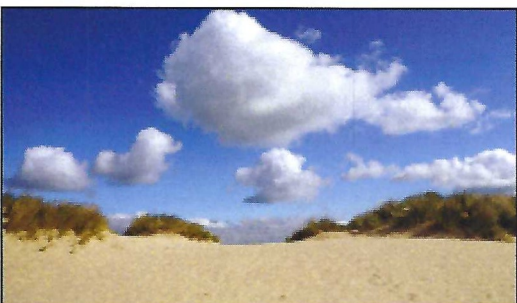
Tudor Blickling Hall



Sheringham Park (NT)



The Earl of Leicester's Holkham Hall



Norfolk's boasts miles of sandy beaches

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

Luxury coach with toilet & fridge

4-nights hotel accommodation

3-course evening meals in the hotel each evening

Full English breakfasts in the hotel throughout

Full sightseeing programme (including £45 worth of entrances)

Ticket for the Sandringham Estate (House, Museum & Gardens)

Entrance to Holkham Hall (House, Museum & Gardens)

Outing to Sheringham Park NT) & Blickling Hall (NT)

Visit to Wicken Fen (NT) en route to Norfolk

Homeward journey via Oxburgh Hall (NT)

Driver's gratuity

Optional Supplements

Travel insurance - see booking form

Single room - see below

Single Rooms - The single supplement will depend on the number of singles needed. With 5 or few singles required, there will be no single supplement. For 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th we pay a single supplement of £35 per night, which we then divide between all the single rooms.

This would mean that the maximum single supplement would be £60 (£15 per night), based on us booking the maximum 10 singles. This figure is low by current standards, especially as all singles will be given a double room.

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Please remember that dinner is included in the hotel's restaurant on each night of the holiday.

Sunday - After leaving Winchester at 09.30 the coach will start the drive to Norfolk. The plan is to have a short comfort break on the motorway followed by an extended break at the **National Trust's Wicken Fen Visitor Centre**, one of Europe's most important Wetland Sites that is home to 9,000 species including rare plants, birds and dragonflies. From here the group continue to the hotel to check-in by mid to late afternoon. There will be plenty of time to relax before meeting-up for dinner in the hotel's restaurant.

Monday - Still keeping things very relaxed, the programme today centres on a visit to **Holkham Hall**, the splendid ancestral home of the Earls of Leicester. On the way back to the hotel, the coach will detour via the Old Hunstanton, where individuals can choose between visiting the Antique & Craft Barns, the beautiful sandy beach or having a tea or coffee in the Le Strange Arms, a sister hotel of Knights Hill.

Tuesday - Today the holiday combines visits to two National Trust sites, the lovely **Sheringham Park**, where the Rhododendrons and Camellias should be in their prime, and the **Blickling Hall***, a superb Jacobean House and 5,000 acre estate now owned by the National Trust.

Wednesday - Keeping things very relaxed, the programme today features a trip to the **Sandringham Estate**. Touring the house, museum and gardens makes it easy to see why Sandringham, reputedly, is the late Queen's favourite among her several houses, the one where she felt most at home. The day may also include a short visit the small museum at the nearby former **Wolverton Railway Station**, famed for its association with the Royal Family. The coach will return to the hotel by mid-afternoon.

Thursday - Leaving the hotel after a leisurely breakfast the coach will drive to the **National Trust's Oxburgh Hall***, a moated manor house dating back to 1482. The group will leave Oxburgh after lunch and the expected time of arrival back at the departure point is 16.30, allowing for a short comfort break on motorway.

** National Trust - Free for members, non-members pay standard group rate*