



走近英国皇室贵族独家邀请

GRAND TOUR

A Private Invitation

English Heritage Tour

- A private invitation from The 88 Guild to visit historically significant grand country houses in the United Kingdom, rich in heritage and tradition
- We offers our special guests a rare opportunity to meet the estate owners who are our special friends
- A rare and intimate experience usually reserved for insiders
- A genuine and exclusive insight into the very finest quintessentially British upper class life



What the Invitation Includes

- A pre-tour briefing on attire and etiquette if desired
- The services of a qualified and sophisticated interpreter
- Private tour of each house and garden, art collection, wine cellars and other points of interest, including those not normally accessible to the public
- Personal introductions to the estate owners
- Traditional luncheon or afternoon tea hosted by the owner of the estate



Transportation Options

- Guests may choose to travel by chauffeur-driven luxury motorcar/limousine from their hotel, or
- By helicopter service from Battersea Heliport in Central London (guests will be chauffeured from their hotels to the heliport)



Map showing Distances from London



Belvoir Castle

120 miles from London

3 hours by car

1 hour by helicopter

Woburn Abbey

60 miles from London

1.5 hours by car

30 minutes by helicopter

Highclere Castle

70 miles from London

1.5 hours by car

30 minutes by helicopter

Maunsel House

160 miles from London

3.5 hours by car

1.5 hours by helicopter



Belvoir Castle

Seat of the Dukes of Rutland



Brief History of Belvoir Castle

Belvoir Castle dates back to Norman times. Civil Wars in the 15th and 17th Centuries and a fire in 1816 led to the castle being rebuilt in the 19th Century as it is today.

The Manners family (Manners is the family name of the Dukes of Rutland) have lived in the castle since the 15th century and the present Duke is the 11th Duke of Rutland. David and his wife Emma are old friends of Alexandra's. They have 5 children, 4 girls and a boy, Charles, who will inherit the title.

Belvoir houses one of England's finest art collections including the famous portrait of Henry VIII by Holbein.



David and Emma

The Duke and Duchess of Rutland



The State Dining Room at Belvoir Castle



The Art Collection at Belvoir

Belvoir Castle is home to a priceless and iconic portrait of Henry VIII by Holbein



Woburn Abbey

Seat of the Dukes of Bedford



Brief History of Woburn Abbey

Woburn Abbey has been home to the Dukes of Bedford for nearly 400 years and has many historically fascinating tales involving Charles I and the 'Flying Duchess'.

The current Duke is the 15th and the family name is Russell. The Russell's can be traced back as far as 1394 and John Russell established the family fortune for his diplomatic services to Henry VIII becoming Baron Russell and in 1550 First Earl of Bedford. The 4th Duke, John, negotiated the Treaty of Paris in 1763.

The Dining Room houses a fine collection of Venetian views by Canaletto commissioned by the 4th Duke when he visited Venice on the Grand Tour in 1731. The abbey itself dates back to 1145.



Andrew and Louise Duke and Duchess of Bedford



The Dining Room at Woburn



Family portraits adorn the walls of the dining room



The Art Collection at Woburn



The Arsenal by Canaletto



The History of Afternoon Tea

Belvoir and Woburn

The Duchess of Bedford is best remembered as the creator of the British meal “afternoon tea” whilst visiting the 5th Duke of Rutland at Belvoir Castle in the mid-1840s. During the 18th century, dinner came to be served later and later in the day until, by the early 19th century, the normal time was between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m.

An extra meal called luncheon had been created to fill the midday gap between breakfast and dinner, but as this new meal was very light, the long afternoon with no refreshment at all left people feeling hungry. She found a light meal of tea (usually Darjeeling) and cakes or sandwiches was the perfect balance.

The Duchess found taking an afternoon snack to be such a perfect refreshment that she soon began inviting her friends to join her. Afternoon tea quickly became an established and convivial repast in many middle and upper class households.



The History of Afternoon Tea..



Highclere Castle

Seat of the Earls of Carnarvon



Brief History of Highclere Castle

The Carnarvons have lived at Highclere since 1679. Originally a square classical mansion, the house was rebuilt for the third Earl in 1839 by Sir Charles Barry in 'high Elizabethan' style.

The park was designed by Capability Brown between 1774 and 1777. The castle is home to the Egyptian Exhibition founded by the 5th Earl who, along with the archaeologist Howard Carter, famously discovered the tomb of the Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamen in 1922.

Highclere was used as the location for the popular BBC television series Downton Abbey created by Julian Fellowes.



Geordie and Fiona Earl and Countess of Carnarvon



The “Downton Abbey” rooms



The Egyptian Exhibition



Maunsel House

Home of Sir Benjamin Slade, Bart.



Brief History of Maunsel House

Maunsel House is a 13th Century manor set in 100 acres of parkland on a sprawling 2000 acre estate. The house has been in the Slade family since 1772 when it was purchased by the 1st Baronet. Sir Thomas Slade was the naval architect who designed Nelson's ship *Victory*.

Sir Benjamin Slade now occupies the house which contains a huge amount of family portraits, eccentric artefacts and important furniture including the famous 'Great Bed of Maunsel' slept in by King Alfred.

Geoffrey Chaucer composed *The Canterbury Tales* while living at Maunsel in the 1390's.



Sir Benjamin Slade, Bart.

Sir Benjamin is one of Britain's most renowned charming eccentrics



The King's Room at Maunsel House



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