

Easter in Cambridgeshire

30th March to 2nd April

On this tour we have a chance to see "how the other half lived" at Audley End House, enjoy a guided tour of the university city of Cambridge, take a ride on the Nene Valley Railway and visit the home of the codebreakers: Bletchley Park.



£399.00 PER PERSON

*Single Room Supp: £63.00
Eng Heritage members less £13.35,
but must bring card*

What's Included

- ✓ 3 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer, WiFi & hospitality tray.
- ✓ Entry to Audley End House & Gardens
- ✓ Guided tour of Cambridge
- ✓ Time to explore Saffron Walden, Cambridge
- ✓ Ride on Nene Valley Railway
- ✓ Scenic drive to Ely
- ✓ Entry to Bletchley Park

HUNTINGDON MARRIOTT HOTEL

Huntingdon

The hotel offers a range of modern facilities throughout, has an indoor swimming pool and a sauna.

Good Friday 30 March

Departing Oxted 9.00am, we make our way to Saffron Walden, a small unspoilt town with superb medieval houses where we shall be at leisure to explore and find lunch. Early afternoon we drive on to Audley End House, one of the greatest Jacobean houses in England, and one of the best places to see how a thriving country house worked. Here we shall be free



to see the Nursery Suite, the once hidden world of privileged aristocratic children, Lady Braybrooke's private rooms, the 1880s service wing, the working stable block and its horses. Take time to wander in the vast gardens and parkland, remodelled by Capability Brown. Stroll by the lake through the cascaded Elysian Garden or admire the restored 19th-century formal garden and the walled organic kitchen garden, growing fruit and vegetable varieties from Victorian times. Mid afternoon we continue on to our hotel.

Saturday 31 March This morning we drive into Cambridge where we shall be joined by an experienced local guide for a tour of this beautiful university city. The remainder of the day will be at leisure to explore before returning to our hotel mid afternoon, giving time to maybe enjoy the leisure facilities before dinner.

Easter Sunday 1 April After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to Wansford Station, where we shall have time for a coffee before boarding the Nene Valley Railway for a 90 minute round trip along the Nene Valley through water meadows, farm land and a country park with the river meandering from side to side. Known as "Britain's International Steam Railway", the railway has rolling stock from France, Belgium, Denmark, Poland, Germany and Sweden and is home to the original Thomas the Tank Engine, named by Rev W Awdry himself. Following our train ride we shall have some time to find a light lunch in the railway café before taking a scenic drive to Ely and later returning to our hotel.

Easter Monday 2 April Taking our leave of the hotel we drive to Bletchley Park, home of the Codebreakers. Here we shall be free to explore, experience and enjoy the once top-secret world of iconic Codebreaking Huts and Blocks set within an atmospheric Victorian estate. Start your visit with the engaging multimedia, interactive introductory exhibition before moving on to the restored Codebreaking Huts 3 and 6, where Enigma messages sent by the German Army and Air Force were decrypted, translated and analysed for vital intelligence. See the world's only fully operational Bombe rebuild and the real Office of Alan Turing. You may also wish to visit the Garages, which show wartime military transport, learn about radio in the National Radio Centre or visit the National Museum of Computing to see Colossus (entry not included). Departing mid afternoon, we continue our homeward journey, arriving back in Oxted early evening.

