

Norfolk Treasures

21st to 25th September

Norfolk is one of England's most picturesque counties. Perhaps best known for its windmills and the Broads it offers a revitalizing getaway from the hustle and bustle of busy Britain. The Norfolk Broads is Britain's largest protected wetland and it enjoys status equivalent to a National Park.



£479.00 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £72.00

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What's Included

- ✓ 4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ All bedrooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, WiFi & hospitality tray.
- ✓ Time to explore Newmarket, Walsingham, Wroxham & Norwich
- ✓ Entry to National Heritage Centre for Horseracing & Sporting Art
- ✓ Entry to Shirehall Museum & Walsingham Abbey Grounds
- ✓ Ride on the Wells-Walsingham Railway
- ✓ Boat trip on the Norfolk Broads
- ✓ Entry to Sandringham House & Gardens

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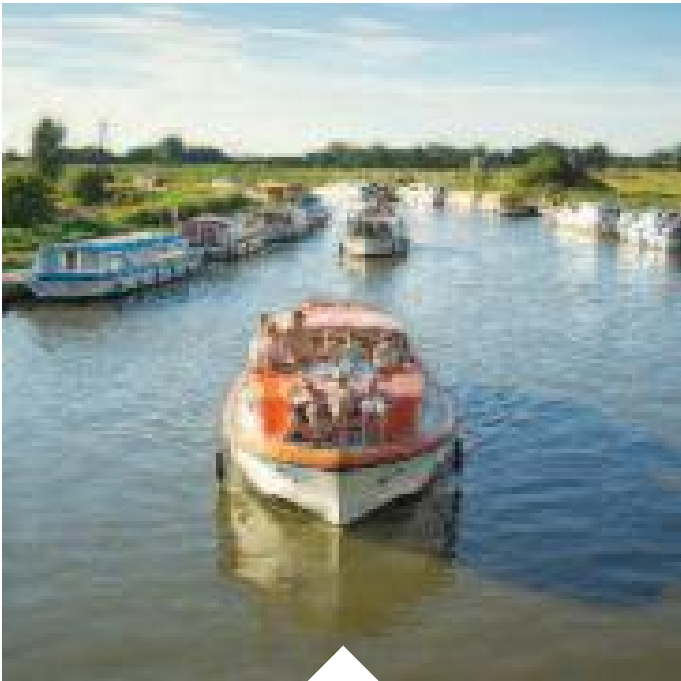
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Situated in a peaceful, countryside location on the outskirts of Norwich.

Thursday 21 September Departing Oxted we drive to Newmarket and the newly re-opened National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art (previously the National Horseracing Museum). Now housed in the remains of Charles II sporting palace and racing stables, the centre spans five acres in the heart of Newmarket. Here we shall have time to discover the origins of horseracing and Newmarket's place in its development, learn about the welfare and training of



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the horses and visit the Fred Packard Museum and Galleries of British Sporting Art, with paintings by Stubbs, John Singer Sargent and John Wootton. Our tickets enable us to come and go as we like. Following our visit we continue on to our hotel.

Friday 22 September After a leisurely breakfast, we head to the village of Walsingham, where we shall have some time to explore the Shirehall Museum in Walsingham's Georgian Courtroom. Used for court sessions from the late 18th century right up until 1971, the museum tells the sometimes harsh story of local law and order. Take a seat in the dock or the judge's chair! Walk around the garden and grounds surrounding Walsingham Abbey and enjoy the tranquil atmosphere surrounding the Priory ruins. Early afternoon we take the train from Walsingham to Wells on the longest 10¼" narrow gauge steam railway in the world. Following our ride, we make our way back to our hotel.

Saturday 23 September This morning we drive to Wroxham for a cruise on the picturesque Broads, Britain's largest protected wetland, with commentary

explaining the origins of the Broads, identifying points of interest along the way and the abundance of local water birds as they come into view. Following our cruise, we shall have time to find lunch in Wroxham, considered the capital of the Norfolk Broads, with time to browse the many shops and large department store, where most of the shopping is dominated by the Roys brand, which claims to be the world's largest village store! We shall take a scenic route through the broads as we return to our hotel.

Sunday 24 September Today we visit Sandringham House, the much-loved country retreat of Her Majesty The Queen and the private home of four generations of British monarchs. The house, perhaps the most famous stately home in Norfolk, is set in 60 acres of stunning gardens, described as 'the finest of the royal gardens'. Here we shall be free to explore the main ground floor rooms of the house, each with a knowledgeable guide, the acres of beautiful gardens and the museum housing extraordinary collections of royal vehicles, rare ceramics, photographs and memorabilia: there is plenty to explore and enjoy.

Monday 25 September Departing the hotel after breakfast, we make the short journey into the centre of Norwich. You may like to visit the splendid Norman cathedral, or the castle, one of the city's most famous landmarks, built by the Normans as a Royal Palace 900 years ago. There are many shops, cafés and restaurants to enjoy lunch. Early afternoon we commence our homeward journey, arriving in Oxted early evening.



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