



Tour Information



Anne Boleyn: Life and Legacy

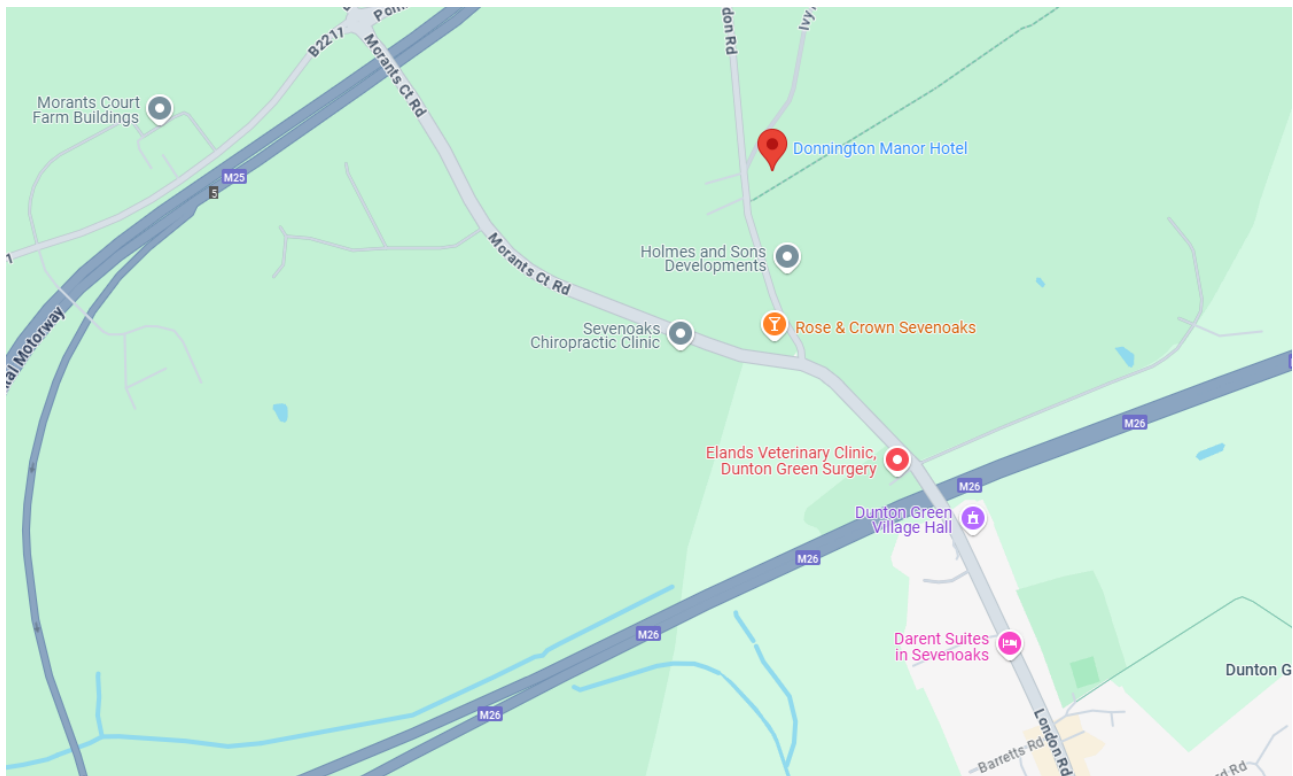




The tour commences and concludes at the **Donnington Manor Hotel, near Sevenoaks.**

London Road
Dunton Green
Sevenoaks
TN13 2TD
England
Tel: 01732 46268

Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

If you are travelling by car: Donnington Manor Hotel is conveniently located just 30 minutes from London by car, and 10 minutes from the town of Sevenoaks. From the M25, exit at Junction 5, signposted for the A21 towards Sevenoaks and Hastings. Merge onto the A21, after approximately 0.5 miles, turn left onto the A25, following signs to Sevenoaks. At the next roundabout, take the first exit onto the A224, heading towards Dunton Green. Continue on the A224 for about 1.5 miles, passing the Rose and Crown Pub and the hotel will be on your right, shortly after the pub.

Car Parking: There is ample parking available for guests of the hotel. Please register your vehicle on arrival at reception.

If you are travelling by train: The nearest train station is Dunton Green – approx 1 mile away



Accommodation

Donnington Manor Hotel

Charming 15th century manor house located near Sevenoaks in Kent, offering a restaurant, fitness suite, and manicured gardens. The comfortable bedrooms are located in the new wing of the hotel, and provide modern amenities including private bathroom, hairdryer, WIFI, and tea and coffee making facilities.

More information can be found via the hotel's website:

<https://www.donningtonmanorhotel.co.uk/>

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival, you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 15.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day, the tour will finish at approximately 18.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 11.00.

Dining

On the first night, a welcome reception and 3-course dinner with wine is provided. On your second night dinner is included at the hotel. Breakfast on all days of your stay is included. Meals other than these stated are not included.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements



Places Visited

Hever Castle

Hever Castle was Anne Boleyn's childhood home in Kent. It was also here that she spent much of her courtship with King Henry VIII, and where Anne retreated to as a convenient refuge from her rivals and enemies at Henry's court. We take a tour of the double-moated castle including the recently refurbished 'Boleyn Apartment' which are the only surviving suite of rooms lived in by the Boleyn family. We also visit St Peter's Church, next to Hever Castle, and the burial place of Thomas and Henry Boleyn, father and brother of Anne.

<https://www.hevercastle.co.uk/>

Penshurst Place

Penshurst Place was a palatial residence used by the Boleyn family during Thomas Boleyn's stewardship from 1522 to 1536. During this time, the estate became prominent and played an important role in the family's history. It is also known for its stunning medieval architecture and beautiful gardens, which remain a significant part of its charm today.

<https://www.penshurstplace.com/>

Westminster Abbey

An architectural masterpiece of the 13th to 16th centuries, Westminster Abbey, in the heart of London, was the where Anne was crowned in 1533, and later hosted the coronation of her daughter, Queen Elizabeth I, in 1559; it is also the final resting place of Elizabeth I, where she was buried alongside her sister, Mary I.

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/>

Tower of London

The Tower of London was where Anne resided the night before her coronation in 1533. And of course, famously, where she was held prisoner and executed in 1536 after just 3 years of marriage.

<https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/#gs.lieoru>

Your Guides

Dr Owen Emmerson Dr Owen Emmerson is a social and cultural historian and author of four books. He worked as the Castle Historian and Assistant Curator of Hever Castle for six years. He has appeared in seventeen documentaries about the Tudor era, including *The Boleyns: A Scandalous Family* (BBC, 2021) and *Blood, Sex and Royalty: Anne Boleyn* (Netflix, 2022). He consulted on the forthcoming BBC adaptation of Hilary Mantel's *Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light*. He is currently writing a full history of Hever Castle, and a cultural history of the Tudor Queens.



Practical Information

Tour manager – Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions, please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping – To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services.

Grading – This tour has been graded as **Moderate** due to time standing and walking at attractions. Some steps may be uneven with no handrail. Staircases may be narrow in places, with no lift available. There are steep spiral staircases at the Tower of London, and Hever Castle. Some outdoor areas are uneven underfoot and may be cobbled in places. There is some seating available at each attraction.

Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday, please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason, you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.

Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

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