



Tour Information



Norfolk Grandeur

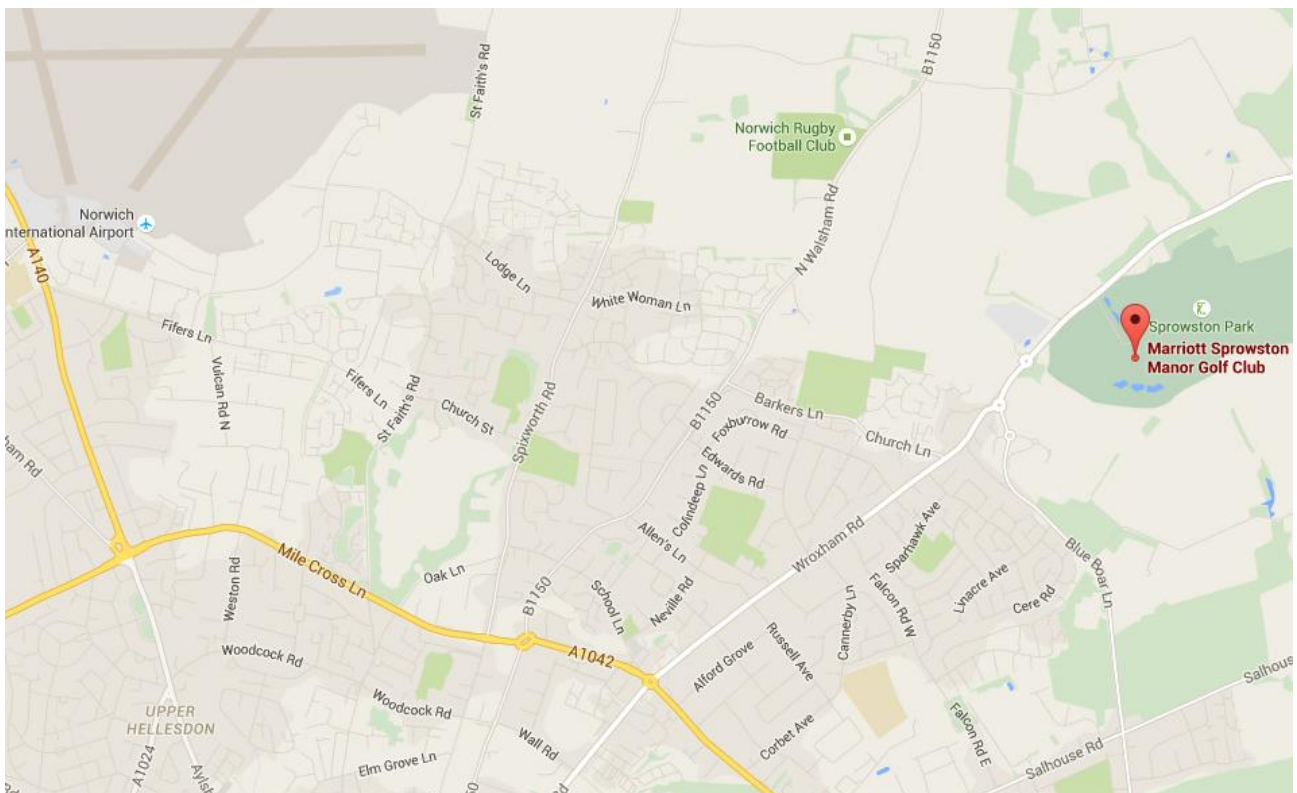




The tour starts and finishes at the **Sprowston Manor Hotel**:

Wroxham Road,
Norwich,
England
NR7 8RP
United Kingdom
Tel: 01603 410 871

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



Transport

Travelling by car: From A11/A140 exit on A47 (signed Great Yarmouth). A47 exit A1042 signed Norwich East. At roundabout take 1st exit and follow road to mini roundabout and turn right signed A1042. At 2nd roundabout take 3rd exit onto A1150 signed Wroxham. After the 2nd roundabout the hotel is on your right.

Travelling by train: The closest railway station is Norwich Train Station, which is 6.4 km away from the hotel.



Accommodation

Sprowston Manor Hotel

The four-star Sprowston Manor Hotel is located in the city of Norwich within grounds sheltered by ancient oak trees and exudes a historic charm combined with modern touches. Facilities at the hotel include two bars, restaurant, indoor pool, and comfortable bedrooms with private bath/shower, TV, telephone and hairdryer. Complimentary on-site parking is available at the hotel.

For more information, additional details can be found on the website:

<https://www.britanniahotels.com/hotels/sprowston-manor-hotel-country-club>

Check-in and departure from the hotel

You can check-in at the hotel from 15.00. The tour will start in the evening when Mike Stone will meet you in the Somerley Suite at 18.30 for the welcome reception.

On the last day of the tour, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.00 – 17.30 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 a bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 11.00.

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.

Dining

On the first night of your stay, a private three-course dinner with wine is provided in the Somerley Suite and dinner on the second night will also be in the same suite, but drinks are not included. Breakfast on the days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.

If you have booked to stay an extra night, dinner is not included on your final evening.



Places Visited

Sandringham House

Sandringham is the much loved country retreat of Her Majesty the Queen and has been the private home of the Royals since 1862. The house is set in 24 hectares of stunning gardens and is perhaps the most famous stately home in Norfolk. The decor and contents of the house remain very much as they were in Edwardian times, and the walls are hung with family portraits by the leading contemporary court painters: Heinrich von Angeli, Sir Luke Fildes, Franz Winterhalter and Edward Hughes. The original gardens of Sandringham House have been extensively altered since 1862, and every generation of the Royal Family which has lived in the house has added something of their own times and tastes from the peace of the woodland walks to the drama of the carrstone rockeries.

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

Blickling Hall

The library at Blickling Estate contains one of the most historically significant collections of manuscripts and books in England. We will have a look around the principal rooms, including the long gallery, often described as the grandest of its period in England.

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/blickling-estate/>

Holkham Hall

Holkham Hall, home of the Coke family and the Earl of Leicester, was built between 1734 and 1764 by Thomas Coke, the first Earl of Leicester. The magnificent hall reflects Thomas Coke's appreciation of classical art developed during his Grand Tour of Europe. The Coke family have lived at Holkham since 1609 when the founder of the family fortune, Sir Edward Coke, purchased the manor of Neals. Thomas Coke died in 1759 and never saw his great dream fulfilled and the house today with its great halls, libraries, statues, paintings and furniture is little altered from the Earl's original plans.

<http://www.holkham.co.uk/visiting/the-hall/introduction>

Houghton Hall

Built in the 1720s for Great Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, Houghton Hall remains one of England's finest Palladian houses. A collaboration between the two defining British architects of the age – Colen Campbell and James Gibbs – and with lavish interiors by William Kent, Houghton was built with an eye to reflecting the wealth, taste, and power of its owner. During the eighteenth century, Walpole also amassed one of the greatest collections of European art in Britain, and Houghton became a museum to the collection. The centuries that followed would see the fate of Houghton and its remarkable contents hang in the balance.

<http://www.houghtonhall.com/hall/history/>

Your Guide

Mike Stone, one of our regular tour hosts, is an archaeologist, historian and qualified Blue Badge guide who has many years' experience leading tours.

Mike will give the following talk on the 1st night:
'Norfolk's Grand Houses'.



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.



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:

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