



Garsington Opera & highlights of The Vale of Aylesbury



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Garsington Opera Festival

May 2026 - 3 days from *£899pp

This short tour in Spring 2026 promises to be a short but sweet break that includes the acclaimed Garsington Opera Festival. The Vale of Aylesbury is indelibly linked to the supremely wealthy Rothschild family, whose influence in this area was far-reaching. Sightseeing highlights include the remarkable Waddesdon Manor, Ascott House, Stowe Gardens and an en-route visit to Sulgrave Manor, George Washington's ancestral home.



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Waddesdon Manor

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*Based on 20 passengers subject to availability





Natural History Museum at Tring

Day 1 Coach from York to Aylesbury and Natural History Museum at Tring.

Morning departure from your local area as we head to one of the less well-known Rothschild houses in the Vale of Aylesbury, Ascott House (National Trust). Bought as a hunting lodge in 1876, Ascott instils a mood of luxurious refinement, filled as it is with fine paintings including a memorable Cuypp, and a collection of Chinese porcelain. Time will be allowed for a leisurely visit and lunch (not included) before heading to the pretty village of Tring and its quirky Natural History Museum, once the private museum of Lionel Walter, 2nd Baron Rothschild; today it is under the control of the Natural History Museum, London and houses one of the finest collections of stuffed mammals, birds, reptiles and insects in the United Kingdom. Continue to Holiday Inn for dinner and overnight.

Day 2 Waddesdon Manor and Garsington Opera with dinner.

Today, we spend the day at Waddesdon Manor, the ultimate exhibition of the Rothschild's extraordinary wealth with an amazing collection of all that is best in the decorative and fine arts. (Entry free for NT members). From here we head back to the hotel to get ready before travelling to Garsington for the highlight of our short tour - a performance of Mozart's hugely entertaining Marriage of Figaro in the theatre's intimate 600-seat auditorium. The annual opera festival here is a summer tradition with picnics as well as dining venues in a beautiful garden



Stowe Gardens

setting. Our package price includes a third price ticket with upgrades available as well as dinner in one of the festival's dining venues (drinks not included).

Day 3 Return to local area with en-route visit to Stowe Gardens and Sulgrave Manor.

Our short tour is packed with interest as we head north on our last day, stopping at Stowe Gardens (NT) the wealthy creation of a different family – the Temple-Grenvilles, who, in the 18th century, chose to create an idyllic landscape filled with temples. Amidst these large gardens, they built the most lavish temple of all, Stowe House (now an eminent school). We'll allow time to explore the wonderful grounds and gardens and time for a light lunch (not included) before heading further towards home. Our final visit is to Sulgrave Manor, an atmospheric manor house, which was the home of George Washington's English ancestors and a place of pilgrimage for many Americans. From here we continue back to your local area with arrival anticipated early evening.



Sulgrave Manor



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**Where you stay
Holiday Inn Aylesbury**

Modern four-star hotel, located on the outskirts of Aylesbury with indoor pool, fitness club bar, restaurant and comfortable bedrooms with all modern amenities.

Included in the price

- Two nights' bed and breakfast at the four-star Holiday Inn, Aylesbury, based on shared occupancy of a double room
- First night three-course dinner with wine included at the hotel
- All talks, guided tours, entrance fees (excluding NT) and escorted coach transfers as detailed in the itinerary
- Third price ticket for performance at Garsington Opera
- Dinner at Garsington Opera

Not included

- Double for sole use supplement
- Personal expenses e.g. meals (other than those indicated), drinks, laundry, telephone calls, etc.
- Entrance to NT properties and Waddesdon Manor (free for NT members)
- Porterage
- Gratuities
- Upgraded tickets at Garsington to Middle stalls or Front stalls/box