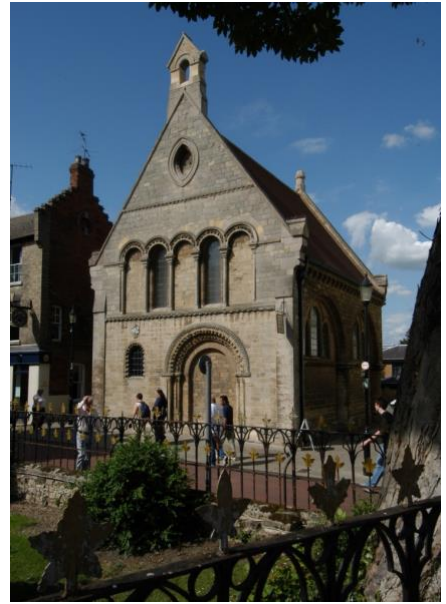




Tour Information



Oliver Cromwell – Warts and All





The tour starts and finishes at **Delta Hotels by Marriott Huntingdon**.

Kingfisher Way,
Hinchingsbrooke Business Park
Huntingdon,
England
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United Kingdom
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Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

Travelling by car:

From the north: Follow the A1(M) towards London. Continue onto A1307 following signs for A14/London/M11. Use the left lane to take the A141 slip road towards Huntingdon/March. At the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto A141. Take the exit toward Business Park, at the roundabout take the 1st exit onto Kingfisher Way. Turn left and your destination will be on the right.

From the south: Leave the A1 at junction 10, take the 4th exit at the roundabout, take the A14 sign posted Cambridge. At the next roundabout take the 4th exit - the hotel will be on your left, take the slip road into Hinchingsbrooke Business Park, take the first exit off the roundabout and the hotel will be your first turning on your left.

Travelling by rail: The nearest station is Huntingdon, which is 3.2 km from the Hotel.



Accommodation

Delta Hotels by Marriott Huntingdon

Located on the outskirts of Cambridgeshire, the four-star Huntingdon Marriott Hotel offers a restaurant, bar, fitness centre, indoor swimming pool and comfortable bedrooms with private bath/shower, TV, telephone, air-conditioning, safe, and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel also offers complimentary on-site parking.

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

<https://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/lonhd-delta-hotels-huntingdon/>

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 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.

Dining

On the first night of your stay, a private three-course dinner complemented with wine is provided. On the second evening of the tour, dinner with wine is provided at Holdenby House. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price, as well as an afternoon tea at The George Hotel, but 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

Oliver Cromwell House, Ely

Our visit to Ely includes a visit to Oliver Cromwell's House, now a museum dedicated to his life. This was the family home of Oliver Cromwell, the kitchen dates from around 1215, other parts being built later. In 1988, it was bought by the local council, and has been refurbished to show how it may have looked during Cromwell's lifetime. The house now boasts a completely re-vamped Civil War Exhibition with impressive interactive displays and interpretations. There is also a new timeline and family tree to provide more engaging content about this complex man who killed a King but refused the crown.

<http://www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk/>

Ely Cathedral

No visit to Ely is complete without a visit to the magnificent Cathedral. The present building dates back to 1083, and, architecturally, it is outstanding both for its scale and stylistic details. Throughout the 1640s, with Cromwell's army occupying the Isle of Ely, a puritanical regime of worships was imposed. That no significant destruction of the cathedral occurred during the Civil War, may be due to his protection.

<http://www.elycathedral.org/>

Holdenby House

Once the largest private house in England, and subsequently the palace of James 1 and prison of Charles 1, following the battle of Naseby. Holdenby Palace was built in 1583 by Sir Christopher Hatton, Lord Chancellor of Elizabeth I. Following his death, the house became the Palace of James I, after the civil war the palace was sold to a Parliamentarian, Adam Baynes, who reduced it to a single wing. Following the restoration in 1660, it reverted briefly to royal ownership. Before going back into private ownership in 1709 when the site bought by the Duke of Marlborough, since when it has descended the female line to the Lowther family. A special private visit and guided tour followed by dinner with wine will take place at Holdenby House on the second night of the tour.

<http://www.holdenby.com/>

Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon

Our visit to Oliver Cromwell's home town of Huntingdon includes the Cromwell Museum, located in the former Huntingdon Grammar School building, where the young Cromwell was educated as a schoolboy and first received exposure to Puritan ideas through the teaching of Dr Thomas Beard. On display is a vestry book of the parish of St Ives, which includes his signature, and some of his possessions, even his hat. Later in life Cromwell moved in powerful and wealthy circles and he received some beautiful gifts, now amongst the museum's exhibits including a magnificent Florentine perfume cabinet, a gift from the Grand Duke of Tuscany and a 17th century medicine chest, still with its surgical instruments and tools, which Cromwell took on campaign with him. Also on show is the original escutcheon which was draped across his coffin and a death mask made directly from Cromwell's face soon after he died.

<http://www.cromwellmuseum.org/>

St John's Church, Huntingdon

Cromwell was baptised at the church of St. John in 1599 as were most of his children. The church no longer exists but the font is now located in All Saints Church in Huntingdon which also houses all of the old parish registers for St Johns Church. In 1612, King James I ordered that the body of his mother Mary, Queen of Scots, should be transferred from its resting place in Peterborough Cathedral, to a new, grand tomb in

Westminster Abbey. The funeral procession paused overnight during the journey, and the catafalque (raised platform) carrying the queen's body, was set for the night upon the chancel steps of All Saints.

<https://www.britainexpress.com/attractions.htm?attraction=4491>

Huntingdon Castle

Huntingdon Castle. Huntingdonshire was on the side of the Parliamentary forces and they occupied the earthworks of the former castle which was converted into an artillery battery to control the crossing over the Great River Ouse, as the two sides vied for control of neighbouring Lincolnshire. Parts of the castle did remain, including the chapel, and its ownership passed through a number of hands. The castle was refortified during the Civil War. For a time it served as the county gaol, and later a windmill stood on the castle mound. Nothing now remains of the castle itself apart from its earthworks, although the site is a scheduled ancient monument.

<https://www.britainexpress.com/counties/cambridgeshire/castles/huntingdon-castle.htm>

Naseby Battlefield

Naseby settled the Civil War ... in June 1645 the King's principal army was eliminated. The King's cabinet and incriminating papers were captured and within a year, the war was over. The victory established Parliament's right to a permanent role in the government of the kingdom. Naseby was a victory for the army 'new modelled' – Britain's first regular, red-coated soldiers and is, for many, the birthplace of the British Army and is widely recognised as the most important battle in English History after Hastings.

<http://naseby.com/>

Your Speaker

Dr Elizabeth Norton is a British historian, specialising in the early modern period. She has degrees from the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, as well as a PhD from King's College London, where she has taught History. She has published widely, including the critically acclaimed 'The Lives of Tudor Women' (Head of Zeus, 2016) and biographies of four of Henry VIII's wives, her PhD thesis looked at Catholicism in Elizabethan England. She regularly appears on television, including the recent BBC series, 'The Boleyns, A Scandalous Family', on which she also acted as Historical Advisor.'

Dr Elizabeth Norton will give the following talk:

'Cromwell: His Life'

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**. Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewing.



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.



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