

£1120 per person*

20-25 September 2026

6 Days 5 Nights

Deposit per person: £120

Single Room Supplement: £168

*The final balance is due not later
than 12/07/2026*

Your tour includes

- 5 nights' accommodation on half board basis at the Ufford Park Resort, Woodbridge (4 *)
- 6 days' executive coach hire
- Admission to Audley End House & Gardens
- Guided walking tour of Lavenham
- Admission & Guided tour of Gainsborough's House, Sudbury
- Visit to Tudor Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich
- Visit to Sutton Hoo (National Trust), with guided tour of Royal Burial Grounds*
- River Cruise with tea, coffee & scone
- Admission to Beth Chatto Gardens, Colchester
- Visit to Ickworth (National Trust*)
- Gratuities

Your tour excludes

- Travel Insurance
- Additional entrance fees to places of interest other than those detailed in the itinerary
- Lunches and refreshments, other than those detailed in the itinerary
- Admission to National Trust properties for non-members



Sutton Hoo Helmet

Suffolk's quaint villages, glorious countryside and beautiful coast have attracted artists and writers for centuries. Thomas Gainsborough, and John Constable were born here and their works can be seen at Gainsborough's House in Sudbury and Christchurch Mansion, which has the largest collection of Constable and Gainsborough outside London. Our tour also takes us to the famous Anglo-Saxon burial ground at Sutton Hoo, on a river cruise along the calm waters of the River Deben and to the delightful seaside town of Aldeburgh.



Audley End © English Heritage



Lavenham Guildhall

Accommodation - Ufford Park Resort, Woodbridge (4*)

The 4 star Ufford Park is set in 120 acres of pretty parkland surrounded by peaceful countryside. Located just ten miles from Ipswich within easy reach of Suffolk attractions, the hotel offers elegant and spacious bedrooms whilst the brasserie style restaurant & bar overlooks the attractive golf with plenty of out-door seating. There is a leisure club including an indoor pool and guests can enjoy golf or crazy golf (additional cost) The hotel has a lift and ample on site coach parking. A full English breakfast and 3 course dinner with choices is included during our stay.



Sunday 20 September – Travel & Audley End House & Gardens

This morning we depart from Leamington Spa and travel to Suffolk with a stop enroute at Audley End House. This magnificent Jacobean style mansion is packed with fine furniture and works of Art, whilst the service Wing illustrates life 'below stairs' during the 1880's. The grounds at Audley End were designed by Capability Brown who created beautiful vistas, a Serpentine lake and natural planting, which can still be enjoyed today. We continue our journey, arriving at our hotel in Woodbridge in time for dinner.

Monday 21 September – Walking tour of Lavenham

After breakfast at the hotel, we have a guided walking tour of the quaint village of Lavenham, which became prosperous in Tudor times thanks to the burgeoning wool trade. There are many examples of timber-framed houses and a fine timber framed Guildhall, dating from 500 years ago. We continue to Flatford Mill (NT) set in the heart of beautiful Dedham Vale and inspiration for some of John Constable's most famous paintings, such as 'The Hay Wain' or 'Boatbuilding Near Flatford Mill'. Time permitting, we also visit the charming village of Dedham before returning to our hotel for dinner.

Tuesday 22 September - Gainsborough's House & Christchurch Mansion

Our first visit today is to Sudbury, where Gainsborough spent much of his childhood sketching in the woods and fields, developing his love of landscape painting. We explore his birthplace, which showcases a large collection of his paintings, drawings and prints with every room and staircase focusing on significant aspects of his achievements as an artist. We continue to Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich. The Tudor brick mansion has rooms set in different periods from the Tudor to the Victorians and The Suffolk Artists Gallery within Christchurch Mansion houses the largest collection of paintings by John Constable and Thomas Gainsborough outside of London.

Wednesday 23 September – Sutton Hoo & River cruise

After breakfast, we depart for Sutton Hoo (NT). This hauntingly beautiful 255 acre estate, with far-reaching views over the river Deben, is home to one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of all time. We discover the incredible story of the ship burial of an Anglo-Saxon king and his treasured possessions, explore the award-winning exhibition, the full-size reconstruction of the burial chamber, stunning replica treasures and original finds from one of the mounds, including a prince's sword. This afternoon, we enjoy a cruise with tea and scones on the River Deben, one of the most beautiful spots on the East Coast. The tidal Deben Estuary is a Special Protection Area and within the Suffolk Coast and Heaths area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Thursday 24 September – Beth Chatto Gardens & Aldeburgh

This morning, we travel to Beth Chatto Gardens in Colchester. Beth Chatto OBE was an award-winning plantswoman, author and lecturer whose work at the Gardens began in 1960. She transformed an overgrown wasteland of brambles, parched gravel and boggy ditches into an inspirational, informal garden enjoyed by visitors all year round. We then head to the coast to visit elegant Aldeburgh, famous around the world thanks to its connection with Benjamin Britten, the founder of the Aldeburgh Festival. Stroll along the promenade lined with pastel-coloured 19th Century holiday villas, walk on the pebble beach with fisherman's huts selling the daily catch or browse the boutiques, cafes and art galleries.

Friday 25 September – Ickworth (NT)

After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and depart for Ickworth (NT) with its impressive Georgian rotunda. This magnificent showcase, commissioned by the 4th Earl of Bristol, is filled with treasures collected by generations of the eccentric and sometimes infamous Hervey family, including portraits by Gainsborough, Hogarth and Reynolds. We then continue our journey home to Leamington Spa.

How to book

Go to group-travel.com and enter 26ALM01 in the box labelled "Please enter your unique tour code" to make your booking online. If you need assistance with this, please contact us on 01432 357903.

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