

Your tour includes:

- 5 days coach services with Catteralls
- 4 nights' accommodation on a half board basis at The Hydro Hotel, Eastbourne (4*)
- Porter service on arrival and departure
- Tea/Coffee on arrival
- Guided walk and talk at Stanley Spencer Art Gallery, Slough
- House Tour & Exhibitions Entry at Charleston House, Lewes
- The Art of Petworth tour at Petworth House & Park, Petworth (NT Admission not included)
- Private guided castle tour at Hever Castle & Gardens, Edenbridge
- Connoisseur's tour at Penshurst Place & Gardens, Tonbridge
- Private 'Art Store' tour at Towner Gallery, Eastbourne
- Gallery and Chapel Tour at Watts Gallery, Guildford
- Gratuities

Your tour excludes:

- Travel Insurance
- Visa (not required for UK passport holders)
- Additional entrance fees to places of interest other than those detailed in the itinerary
- Lunches and refreshments, other than those detailed in the itinerary

No admission costs have been incorporated to the National Trust properties featured on this tour. Admission for N.T. Members is free of charge on production of a valid membership card.

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For the latest travel advice from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office including security and local laws, plus passport and visa information see www.gov.uk/travelaware.

At any time prior to the tour departure, we reserve the right to make changes (of equal value or difference will be refunded) to attractions, visits and excursions should such suppliers' requirements and/or unforeseeable circumstances make it essential to do so. During the tour, details in the itinerary may be subject to alteration at the discretion of the tour manager and in accordance with the wishes of a clear majority of the passengers. We reserve the right to cancel this tour not later than 8 weeks before departure, if insufficient bookings have been received to justify its departure.

You can obtain Booking Forms and Booking Conditions from your Group Organiser. Please send completed booking forms and payments (cheques payable to Norman Allen Group Travel Ltd) to your Group Organiser, name address below:

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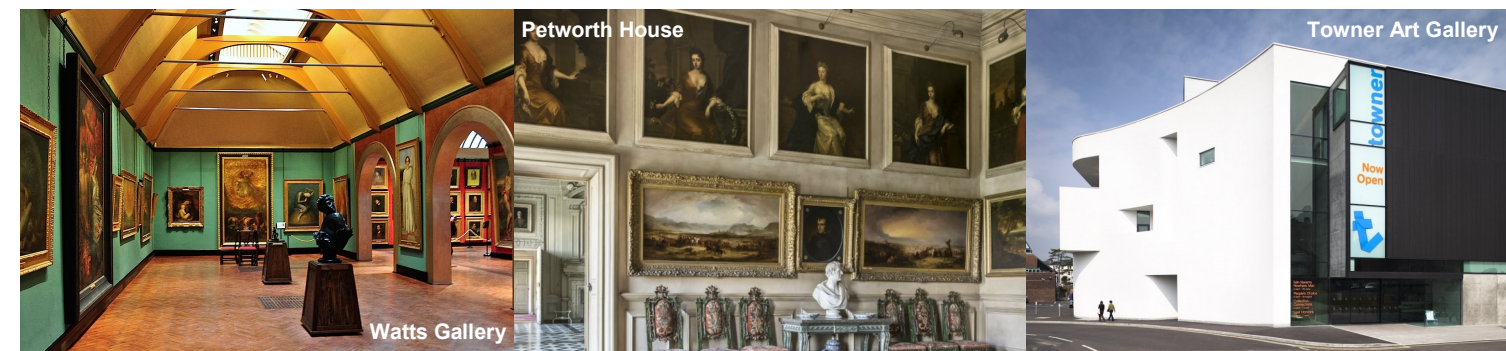
Eastbourne

With The Arts Society Royal Leamington Spa



26 to 30 September 2022

The home counties are rich with centuries of art and our Autumn tour explores the area south of London from our base in our Eastbourne hotel. We learn about Stanley Spencer in Cookham; G F Watts at the Watts Gallery and Artists Village and the Bloomsbury Group at the Charleston Trust. We step into the world of the Tudors at Penshurst Place and Hever Castle before being brought right up to date at the Towner Art Gallery in Eastbourne. All this plus one of the National Trust's most important art collections at Petworth House will remind us of the importance of art throughout English history though the lives and works of key figures and events that continue to shape the arts to the present day.



Monday 26 September - The Stanley Spencer Gallery Cookham

We depart from local pick up point(s) and travel to Eastbourne with an en route stop at The Stanley Spencer Gallery, Cookham. Here we discover one of the greatest painters of the twentieth century. Our guided tour will allow us to experience the dazzling collection of paintings and drawings on show including the portrait of Lathonia Mercer and his 1954 lithograph, ‘Retrieving a Ball’. We continue our journey, arriving at our hotel in time to check in.

Tuesday 27 September - Hever Castle and Penshurst Place

We begin today at 13th century Hever Castle, once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn. Its panelled rooms house fine furniture, tapestries, antiques and what is regarded as one of the best collections of Tudor portraits after the National Portrait Gallery. The Book of Hours Room beautifully illuminates two prayer books which belonged to Anne Boleyn. Hever Castle is what every child wants a castle to be, crenellated, moated and haunted. The new permanent exhibition in the Long Gallery depicts the saga from the Wars of the Roses to the Reformation through its art collection. We continue to Penshurst Place, a hunting lodge once the property of King Henry VIII, features opulent staterooms that have been showcased in popular TV and film productions. The Solar, Queen Elizabeth Room and Long Gallery contain beautiful family portraits from across the centuries together with antique furniture and skilfully crafted tapestries.

Wednesday 28 September - Charleston Trust and Petworth House

Today we visit the Charleston Trust, a property associated with the Bloomsbury group. It was the country home of Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant and is an example of their decorative style within a domestic context, representing the fruition of more than sixty years of artistic creativity. We continue to Petworth House, one of the greatest picture collections in the National Trust, with works by Titian, Bosch, Claude, Ruisdael, Teniers, Van Dyck, Lely, Kneller, Reynolds, Gainsborough, Blake and a magnificent collection of landscapes by Turner. There is also a large collection of sculpture; 17th -19th century furniture including fine Rococo gilt pier-glasses; and Chinese porcelain.

Thursday 29 September - Eastbourne

We remain in Eastbourne today and include a visit to the Towner Art Gallery, an award-winning contemporary art gallery and museum presenting major exhibitions of British and international contemporary art as well as a renowned collection of art from across the ages. The story of Towner dates back to 1920, with the original bequest of 22 paintings by Alderman John Chisholm Towner. The Alderman left these paintings to the people of Eastbourne, with a sum of money to establish “an art gallery for the people”. A Georgian manor house was bought in Eastbourne Old Town to house the newly founded Towner Collection. Thus, the Towner Art Gallery was born, opening its doors to the public in 1923. Our time here includes a private ‘Art Store’ tour led by one of the gallery’s own knowledgeable team and, amongst other works will feature key artist Eric Ravilious. We have the afternoon at leisure to explore Eastbourne or relax at the hotel.



Friday 30 September - Watts Gallery & Artist’s Village, Guildford

We depart Eastbourne and head for home with an en route stop at Watts Gallery and Artists' Village, a unique Arts & Crafts gem nestled in the Surrey Hills. We discover stunning Victorian paintings and sculpture in the historic Watts Gallery. Wander to the nearby Grade I listed Watts Chapel, taking in the beautiful woodlands and grounds, or find out more about the lives of G F and Mary Watts at Watts Studios before taking a tour of the artists' home, Limnerslease. In the Pottery Building there is art for sale in the Watts Contemporary exhibition along with a wide selection of gifts, books and homewares in the Shop. Mary Watts was the artistic force behind the creation of Watts Chapel, and she dedicated it to ' the loving memory of all who find rest near its walls, and for the comfort and help of those to whom the sorrow of separation remains.' G F and Mary Watts both rest in Watts Cemetery, as do many other people who have played a role in the Artists' Village over the years. Leaving Surrey we return to our original departure point(s) at the end of our full and varied tour of Southern England.

Accommodation - The Hydro Hotel, Eastbourne (4 star)

Set on a cliff-top, this late 19th century hotel is 1 mile from Eastbourne Pier and 2.5 miles from Beachy Head. The modern rooms are simple and include en suite bathrooms, Wi-Fi, satellite TV, and tea and coffee making facilities. Other amenities include 2 restaurants (a conservatory dining area and an Anglo-French restaurant), a cocktail bar and several lounges (including a library and snooker room). There's also a seasonal outdoor pool, a putting green and croquet lawn, plus a spa treatment room and hair salon. During our stay here we will enjoy a 3 course dinner with choice and a full English breakfast every morning.



Tour Price per person	£ 788.00
Deposit per person	£ 80.00
Single Room Supplement	Nil
Please note that rooms at no supplement are genuine single rooms. Double rooms for sole use would incur a supplement of £66.00 and are subject to availability.	
(The final balance is due not later than 1 August 2022)	