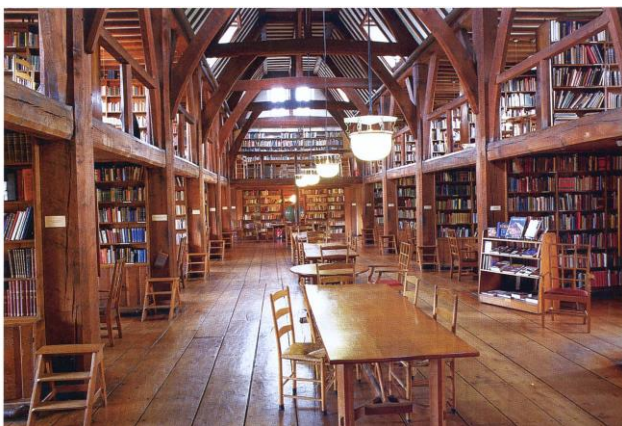




Tour Information



Hampshire Arts & Crafts





Travel

The tour commences and concludes at the **Crowne Plaza, Basingstoke**

Old Common Road

Black Dam

Basingstoke

RG21 3PR

Tel: 01256 460460

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

Transport



If you are travelling by car: From London, follow the M3 towards Southampton. Exit at junction 6, towards Basingstoke/Alton A339. At the roundabout, take 2nd exit onto A339 and follow signs for A30. At the Black Dam roundabout, take the 1st exit on Ringway S/A30 and then the exit to Black Dam/Eastrop, turn left and then turn right at Old Common Road and your destination will be on the left.

If you are travelling by train: The nearest railway station is Basingstoke which is approx. 1.5 miles from the hotel.



Accommodation

Crowne Plaza Hotel

This four-star hotel is conveniently located with easy access to the M3 and a 10 minute drive from Basingstoke train station. Facilities here include a lounge bar, the “1449 Restaurant” and comfortable, contemporary bedrooms with private bathroom, TV, hairdryer, telephone and tea and coffee making facilities. Complimentary car parking is available at the hotel.

More information can be found via the hotel’s website:

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

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 host will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day, the tour will finish at approximately 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 bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at midday.

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 complemented with wine is provided. During the second evening of the tour, dinner will be provided by the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.



Places Visited

Vann Garden

The garden surrounds and complements a historic family home dating from the 16 century, giving a series of garden rooms of great variety, from the formal old “cottage garden” at the front with delightfully informal planting, to a robust pergola of Bargate stone by W.D.Caröe. A stream enters the garden from the north and first runs in a rhyll, enclosed by large Yew hedges (1909). Originally planted as a rose garden the depredations of the wild deer have led us to remove the roses and re-plant with foliage plants to give round-the- year interest. The unique Water Garden by Gertrude Jekyll (1911) comprises a succession of small ponds crossed by Bargate stone paths and bridges, flowing down to a wild White Garden and coppiced woodland.

www.historichouses.org/houses/house-listing/vann.html

St Christophers Church

St. Christopher’s Church was built as a result of the westward expansion of the small town of Haslemere following the coming of the railway and the addition of a part of a nearby parish. The initial proponent of the project, in the last decade of the 19th century, was the Parish Rector, Rev’d Sanders Etheridge, and his work was continued enthusiastically by his successor, Rev’d George Aitken, a noted social reformer and Liberal. Likely under his influence and that of Algernon Methuen, the publisher and a parishioner, the architect Charles Spooner – the follower of William Morris and a light of the flourishing Arts & Crafts movement of the time – was engaged to design the new church. St Christopher’s was built to a very high standard over quite a short time and was consecrated by the Bishop of Winchester in September 1903.

<https://www.haslemereparish.org/about/st-christophers-church/>

Haslemere Museum

An award-winning independent museum with remarkable collections of natural history, human history and geology. The Museum offers a lively programme of events and exhibitions and has a wonderful tradition of learning for all ages and abilities. Set in beautiful historic grounds in the heart of Haslemere, the rich and diverse collections have been inspiring visitors for more than one hundred years.

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

Bedales School

Bedales was founded by John Haden Badley in 1893 to be a humane alternative to the authoritarian regimes typical of late-Victorian public schools. The Memorial Library and adjoining Lupton Hall (the original assembly hall) are Grade-1 listed arts and crafts buildings.

<https://www.bedales.org.uk/>

West Green House Gardens

West Green House Gardens combines neo-classical style with contemporary design. A grand water staircase provides a focal point to the Nymphaeum Fountain designed by architect Quinlan Terry. The magnificent Walled Garden, faithfully restored to its original lines, is entered through an arbor of wisteria. An alley of apple trees divides an elaborate potager with its berry-filled fruit cages, annual flowers and colourful vegetables from its signature perennial borders exuberantly planted in subtle hues of mauve, plum and blue.

<http://westgreenhouse.co.uk/>

Your Guide

Your guide, **Prof Anne Anderson**, author, broadcaster, Lecturer and Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, was a senior lecturer at Southampton Solent University for 14 years, specialising in the Arts and Crafts, Art Nouveau and Modernism. Anne's career as an international speaker has taken her all over the world and her TV credits include the BBC's Flog It!. Anne has received a rapturous response from or customers at the many Travel Editions UK lectures and tours as well as a host of tours overseas and her knowledge, wit and enthusiasm bring her beloved subjects to life in whatever location she finds them.



Anne will give the following talk during the tour:

'Arts and Crafts Heroes; Ernest Gimson and Godfrey Blount'

'The Arts and Crafts Garden'

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.

Walking Content – This tour has been graded a 4 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key below for an explanation of the footprint symbols:

Very little walking involved	
Relaxed easy pace, mainly walking from coach to site	
Some walking between sites, good, flat walking surfaces	
Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewings	
On your feet all day, uneven terrain (cobble etc)	



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

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