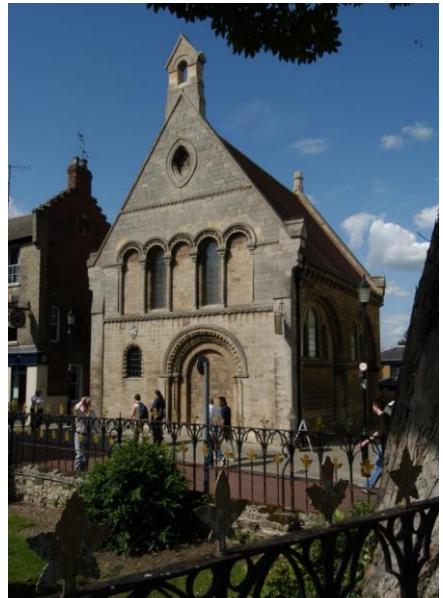


Tour  
Information



# Oliver Cromwell – Warts & All





The tour starts and finishes at the **Northampton Marriott Hotel**. The Northampton Marriott Hotel is situated in the heart of Northampton town centre and located in close proximity to the attractions visited during the tour.

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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 South on the M1:** Exit at Junction 15 taking the A508 to Northampton, which turns into the A45. Go as far as the Brackmills/Delapre Golf turnoff. (Ignore any signs for the town centre, keeping to the A45) When you get to the Brackmills/Delapre turnoff take this left hand lane up to the traffic lights and take a left. You will see the hotel on your right.

**Travelling by car from the South on the A43:** Go under the M1, follow the signs for the A45 to Wellingborough/Kettering. Go as far as the Brackmills/Delapre Golf turnoff

**Travelling by car from the North/West on the A45:** Follow the A45 all the way to the Delapre/Brackmills turnoff.

**Travelling by car from the North/West on the M1:** Take Junction 15 (not 15A) taking the A508 to Northampton, which turns into the A45.

**Travelling by train:** The closest train station is Northampton, situated 4.8KM from the hotel.

**Travelling by bus:** The nearest bus station is Northampton, situated 3.2KM from the hotel.



## Accommodation

### Northampton Marriott Hotel

Northampton Marriott Hotel provides four-star accommodation in close proximity to the places of interest explored throughout the tour, as well as many popular attractions and leisure activities.

The hotel offers a range of facilities including a health club, an indoor pool, and a spa tub.

Bedrooms are equipped with all necessities to ensure a relaxing and enjoyable stay. These comprise a private en-suite bathroom, LCD televisions and complimentary tea and coffee making facilities.

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

<http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/ormnh-northampton-marriott-hotel/>

### 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. During the second evening of the tour, dinner is provided at the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.

If you have booked to stay an extra night, dinner is not included on your final evening. However, there is the option to eat at the hotel restaurant, or a variety of restaurants can be found nearby and the hotel offers some inspiration if looking to dine further afield on your final night:

<http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/hotel-information/restaurant/ormnh-northampton-marriott-hotel/>

### 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

## Ely

Our visit to Ely includes a visit to Oliver Cromwell's home, now a museum dedicated to his life. 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/>

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

## Holdenby House

A special private visit and dinner with wine at Holdenby House, one of the largest prodigy houses of the Tudor period. Charles 1st was imprisoned here after Naseby and later transferred to Oatlands, Hampton court and finally, Carisbrooke Castle before his execution.

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

## 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. He was baptised at the church of St. John in 1599 and it's here we visit next, before heading to the remains of 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.

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

## Naseby Battlefield

Naseby Battlefield is the site of Cromwell's greatest victory and widely recognised as the most important battle in English History after Hastings.

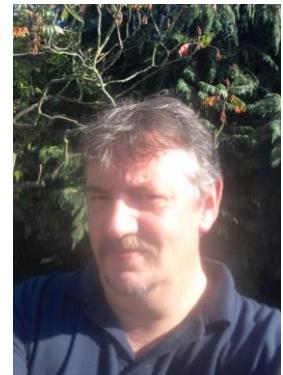
<http://naseby.com/>

# **i** Your Guide

**Mike Ingram** is a medieval historian, author and lecturer. He regularly leads tours around medieval battlefields and is also chairman of the Northampton Battlefields Society. His book Battle Story: Bosworth 1485 was published in 2012.

**Mike will give the following talk:**

'Cromwell: His Life'



## **i** 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 3 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 (cobbles 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

**Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:**

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

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020 7987 5910 or

07831 133079 or

**PLEASE USE THESE NUMBERS ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A GENUINE EMERGENCY.**

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