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Information



# The Rothschild Tour



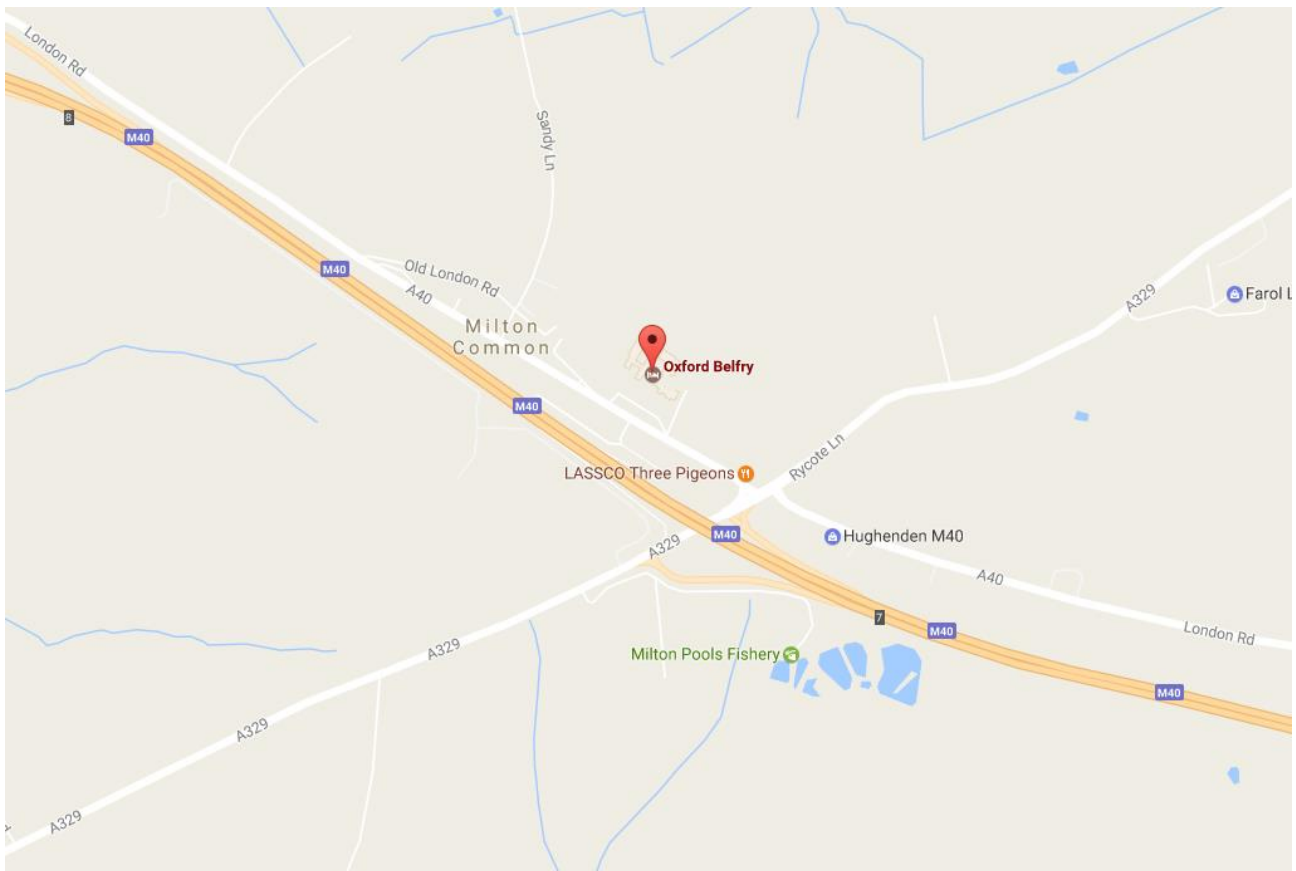


The tour commences and concludes at the **Oxford Belfry Hotel**.

Milton Common,  
Nr. Thame  
OX9 2JW  
United Kingdom  
Tel: 44-1844 279381

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

## Transport



### **If you are travelling by car:**

#### **From the north (Bicester, Birmingham, Manchester, M42, M6)**

Exit the M40 at Oxford Services (Junction 8/8a). At the slip road roundabout, take the second exit signposted A418 to Aylesbury. After half a mile, turn right onto the A40 to Milton Common and Wallingford. The hotel is 1.5 miles along on the left-hand side.

#### **From the south (London, High Wycombe)**

Exit the M40 at Junction 7. Turn right following the A329 towards Thame. Immediately after crossing over the motorway, turn left onto the A40. The hotel is 300 yards along on the right-hand side.

**If you are travelling by train:** Nearest train station is Haddenham and Thame – 7 miles or Oxford which is 14 miles.



# Accommodation

## The Oxford Belfry

The Oxford Belfry is situated just off the M40, near to the picturesque university city of Oxford and a short drive from quintessential English towns and villages. With its great location, The Oxford Belfry lends itself as both a business or leisure destination. This hotel offers a restaurant, bar, gym, indoor pool, outdoor tennis courts and comfortable bedrooms with private bath/shower, tea/coffee making facilities, air-conditioning, TV and telephone. Complimentary car parking is available at the hotel.

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

<http://www.ghotels.co.uk/our-locations/the-oxford-belfry/>

## Check-in and departure from the hotel

Check in from 15.00. The tour will start with cream tea at 15:30hrs in the Restaurant, along with our expert guide Nicholas Merchant. There will be a welcome drink, talk and dinner in the evening.

Please note that your rooms may not be ready at 15.00, reception will arrange to store your luggage and put it in your room when it is ready.

On the last day, the tour will not 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 dinner, bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 11:00. a.m.

## Dining

On the first, second and third night, dinner is provided at the hotel and included in the price of the tour. Breakfast on all days of your stay is included in the price 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

### Stowe House

Stowe House is a grade I listed country house. It is the home of Stowe School, an independent school and is owned by the Stowe House Preservation Trust who have to date spent more than £25m on the restoration of the house. Stowe House is regularly open to the public and can be explored by guided tour all year round or during the school holidays you can explore at your own pace with a multimedia guide. The gardens, a significant example of the English garden style, along with part of the Park, passed into the ownership of The National Trust in 1989 and are open to the public. The parkland surrounding the gardens is open 365 days a year. National Trust members have free access to the gardens but there is a charge for all visitors to the house which goes towards the costs of restoring the building.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowe/features/stowe-house>

### Claydon House

Claydon House has been the seat of the Verney family since 1620. The present house is almost entirely 18th century having undergone major redevelopment in 1757 and 1771 to rival the nearby manor house at Stowe.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/claydon-house>

### Ascott House

Ascott House, a former hunting box which dates back to the 16th Century was donated to the National Trust in 1949 by Anthony de Rothschild, together with the Ascott Collection. Ascott remains the countryside residence of the de Rothschild family.

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

### Waddesdon Manor

Waddesdon is famous for its collection of French 18th-century decorative arts and 17th- and 18th-century paintings. Assembled by three generations, the Rothschild Collections at Waddesdon include world-class objects carefully chosen for their beauty, craftsmanship and historical interest.

<https://waddesdon.org.uk/>

# Your Guide

Your host, **Nicholas Merchant**, Chairman of the Art Fund West Yorkshire Fundraising Committee, is an antique expert who has worked for some of London's major auctions houses during his career.

**Nicholas will give the following tour during the tour:**




*'The Rothschilds in the Vale of Aylesbury'.*

# 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 (cobblestones 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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