

Tour
Information



Surrey

Arts & Crafts





The tour commences and concludes at the **Talbot Hotel, Ripley.**

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Ripley

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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 A3 via Wimbledon. At the Ripley by pass, take Portsmouth Road to the High Street and the Talbot Hotel is on the left-hand side – approx. 30-40 mins journey time.

For other routes, the hotel is conveniently located just off the M25 (junction 10).

If you are travelling by train: The nearest railway station is Woking which is approx. 4k from the hotel.



Accommodation

Talbot Ripley Hotel

Nestled in the heart of the picturesque Surrey village of Ripley, the Talbot stands as one of the country's most storied and historic coaching inns. Their stylish and contemporary bedrooms boast en-suite facilities, hairdryer, TV and telephone. Free car parking is available at the hotel.

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

<https://www.thetalbotripley.com/>

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, and lunch is also included at Watts Gallery, but meals other than these stated are not included.



Places Visited

Norney Grange

A morning visit to Norney Grange at Shackleford, an outstanding Arts and Crafts house, designed in 1897 by the architect C.F.A Voysey for the Reverend Leonard Crane. You will be shown around this harmonious house and garden by the proud owner Russell Clapshaw.

<http://shackleford.org/present/houses-2/houses-l-r/norney-grange/>

The Red House – Godalming

The Red House in Godalming, a grade II* listed building built by Edwin Lutyens in 1899.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1044519>

Busbridge Church

Busbridge Church, built 1865-67 under the patronage of Capt. John and Mrs Emma Ramsden of Busbridge Hall, was consecrated on 1st March 1867 by the Bishop of Winchester. The Ramsdens' initials, JCR and ESR, were carved into the English oak porch and can still be seen when entering the church. Gilbert Scott R.A. was commissioned to design the church which was built using local Bargate stone by the Godalming-based firm of Moon and Son for the sum of £4000.

<https://www.bhcgodalming.org/history-of-st-john-the-baptist-church-busbridge>

St Martin's Church Blackheath

St Martins owes its existence to Sir William Roberts-Austin (1843-1902), who fell in love with the village after a holiday visit. Roberts-Austin was a metallurgist with the Royal Mint; famed for his research into the properties of metals and alloys. In 1892 Roberts-Austin called in architect Charles Townsend (1851-1928) to design an unusual building in Arts and Crafts style. Townsend was best known for his work in the emerging Art Deco fashion, and would go on to design the Whitechapel art Gallery (1897) and Horniman Museum (1898) in London.

www.blackheathsurrey.co.uk/church.html

Watts Gallery

A full day at the excellent Watts Gallery in Compton, which is home to over 6,000 of Watts' paintings and sculptures. Reopened in 2010 following extensive restoration, the gallery was originally founded by Watts and his wife Mary Fraser-Tytler in 1904 to showcase his work. We will also visit the extraordinary Mortuary Chapel, designed by Mary Fraser-Tytler in the Gothic Revival style and paid for by Watts, the chapel was a gift to the villagers of Compton who helped to build it and decorate the interior - a classic example of Victorian philanthropy. After a light lunch we will have a tour of Limnerslease, Watts' home and studio, which he commissioned from the Arts and Crafts architect Ernest George.

<http://www.wattsgallery.org.uk/en-gb/>

Your Guide

Your guide, **Prof Anne Anderson**, is a NADFAS lecturer who has published many academic papers in highly regarded journals, is an expert on Arts and Crafts.

Anne will give the following talks during the tour:

'Victorian Dreamers: GF Watts and Mary Watts.'
'Surrey Arts and Crafts: from Lutyens and Voysey',



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

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

020 7251 0045

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