



SUMMER OUTING MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2026

ICKWORTH HOUSE & LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

NT NON-MEMBERS £45

NT MEMBERS (card essential) £30

Our summer outing this year takes us to an Italianate masterpiece in beautiful grounds as well as to one of the best-preserved medieval villages in England. Ickworth House with its classical Rotunda, East and West Wings forms the centrepiece of the Estate and will occupy the morning. It reflects the tenacious spirit of the Hervey Family, its former owners, and the custodianship and influence of unconventional men and women over successive generations. You will uncover their story through an exceptional art and furniture collection and do head below stairs to the servants' quarters to learn more of what went on behind the scenes. The visit will be free-flow as due to staff cut-backs, full guided tours are not available. I shall do my best to compensate for this on the coach with an introduction to the family, the art and the infamous bean-bags!

Choose to lunch in the West Wing Cafe or bring your own picnic. Afterwards we move on to the characterful village of Lavenham, which rose to fame in the middle ages through its thriving wool industry and pioneering blue dye.

OPTIONAL VISITS IN LAVENHAM:

- The characterful Guildhall is expecting us, and will give a 15 min introductory talk before we look around [NT members free, otherwise pay £10.45 on the day]. *Please confirm your interest on the form below.* There is a café within the building.
- Close by is the gem that is Little Hall, [entry £6]. This 14th C house is one of the oldest buildings and the best preserved of all the Suffolk wool towns.
- The historic Church of St Peter and St Paul regarded as one of the finest examples of Late Perpendicular Gothic architecture in England and is a definite 'must see'.
- Picturesque, wonky, half-timbered houses are spread along the village streets, intermingled with shops and cafes if you fancy a little afternoon tea.

TIMINGS:

- 9.15 Coach leaves from Blackheath Standard
- 9.30 Coach leaves from the Paragon
- 10.45 Arrive at Ickworth
- 14.00 Drive to Lavenham
- 16.30 Departure from the bus stop outside the Swan Hotel on Church Street

If you require further information or are unable to come on the day, please contact Janice on 07910 342683

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