The Gardens & Coastline of Suffolk



Itinerary*

Day 1 We travel to Suffolk and the Salthouse Harbour Hotel. This artfully designed boutique hotel is located on the vibrant and stylish Ipswich Marina.

Day 2 Today we visit Southwold, famous for its colourfully painted beach huts and lovely pier, before continuing to the village of Thorpeness, which boasts pretty, mock-Tudor houses and the fairytale folly known as the 'House in the Clouds'. We enjoy free time here for lunch before continuing to Aldeburgh, which exudes nostalgic seaside charm.

Day 3 This morning brings a guided tour of the world-famous Anglo-Saxon burial site of Sutton Hoo where one of Britain's greatest archaeological finds was made in 1939. We discover the story of the amazing 7th century ship burial of an Anglo-Saxon king, view the award-winning exhibition and explore the full-size reconstruction of the burial chamber. (Please note: accessing the burial mounds requires a 10- to 15-minute outdoor level walk. Less mobile guests can visit the exhibition, café and shop) This afternoon brings free time to enjoy beautiful Ipswich Marina, which neighbours our hotel. Perhaps take a stroll to admire the yachts and dip into the shops and cafes fringing the waterfront.

Day 4 This morning, we head to the lovely village of Waldringfield for a relaxing 2-hour cruise with tea/coffee and scones along the River Deben, one of the most beautiful and wildlife-rich havens on the Suffolk coast. After our narrated boat trip, we travel southward to visit the Beth Chatto Gardens. Created from wasteland in the 1960s by plantswoman Beth Chatto OBE, this collection of informal themed gardens illustrates the principle of 'finding the right place for the right plant' and include everything from a Gravel Garden of unirrigated plants to a shady Woodland Garden and serene Water Garden—all a joy to wander around.

Day 5 Today we return home to our original departure points with suitable comfort stops en-route.

*Itineraries can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Look what's included

- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Porterage
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Southwold visit
- Thorpeness visit
- Aldeburgh visit
- **Entrance to Sutton Hoo**
- Royal Burial Ground tour
- River Deben Cruise
- Deben Tea
- Entrance to Beth Chatto Gdns