



# BIRDWATCHING BREAKS from Best Western *Le Strange Arms Hotel*

Midway between RSPB Titchwell and Snettisham

## The Best Western Le Strange Arms Hotel

The hotel stands in the village of Old Hunstanton, overlooking the sea. Although standing on the east coast of England it faces west across the Wash,



famous for its sunsets and wildlife. The hotel grounds run down to one of the best, sandiest beaches in an area of many lovely beaches.

The hotel has 36 individually decorated bedrooms and suites with the facilities you expect from a well-appointed hotel. Our stylish restaurant offers table d'hôte and speciality menus, featuring fresh and local produce.



Next to the hotel is our popular village pub, the Ancient Mariner Inn, that has its own Galley Restaurant for more informal dining and bar meals.

## A visit to Pensthorpe is a must. [www.pensthorpe.com](http://www.pensthorpe.com)

Just outside Fakenham (24 miles) it is set in 500 acres of beautiful countryside with miles of nature trails to explore through ancient fen meadows, woodland and a superb series of lakes. Pensthorpe is home to a fine collection of waterfowl including endangered exotic waterfowl from around the world. Dozens of migratory bird species can be seen from hides during the winter and summer months. Pensthorpe includes the Millennium Garden designed by the internationally acclaimed plantsman Piet Oudolf.

## Only 5 miles from Best Western Le Strange Arms Hotel is RSPB Titchwell

On the stunning North Norfolk Coast, Titchwell Marsh is the RSPB's most visited reserve. It has something for everyone, from beginners to seasoned birdwatchers on the lookout for a rarity. Hundreds of thousands of migrating birds



Black-winged Stilt

pass through in spring and autumn, and many spend winter here, giving you an unrivalled opportunity to see many species of ducks, waders, seabirds and geese. In spring and summer, Titchwell is home to the RSPB's emblem bird, the avocet; this rare wader has nested on the lagoons since 1984. To enable you to get the most from your visit to Titchwell, there are RSPB staff and volunteers at the information desk to help you and binoculars can be hired at the visitor centre. The paths and hides of the three nature trails are accessible to all visitors, with the hides providing a close-up view. The reserve will be able to give you information regarding disabled access. The reserve is open all year and the visitor centre and shop are open from 10am to 5pm (4pm November to March) on weekdays and from 9.30am to 5.30pm (5pm November to March) at weekends.

There is an extensive programme of guided walks and talks throughout the year – see the RSPB leaflet *Guided walks at Titchwell and Snettisham*.

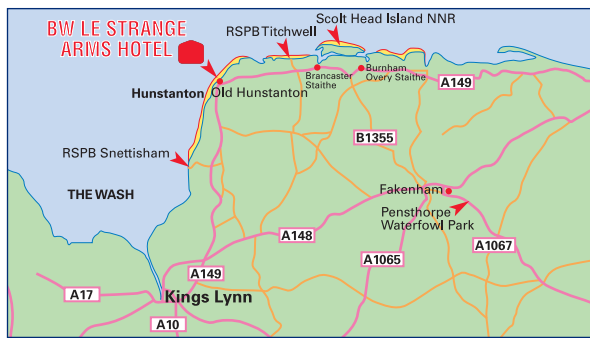


Do not miss the opportunity to see the inspiring winter dawn and dusk flights of pink-footed geese from Snettisham. RSPB Snettisham has internationally important mudflats for wintering geese, wildfowl and migratory waders.

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Avocet



## Dedicated to meeting the needs of bird watchers

On the first floor of the hotel is a dedicated bird watcher's lounge, with sighting book, tide tables and magazines. Furthermore, there are drying facilities downstairs.

Getting up from a comfortable bed on a cold winter's morning before dawn to see the migrations of geese and wildfowl at nearby RSPB Snettisham is always daunting, but we will see you on your way with an early wake up call with tea or coffee in the bird watcher's lounge. This will be followed by an English breakfast on your return.

We look forward to offering our services to bird watching groups (10 guests and over). We have rooms available for private dining with menus and wines to suit your tastes.

Within a group itinerary you may want to schedule a short evening presentation after dinner from one of the experts at RSPB Titchwell. This must be booked in advance and is subject to availability.

Not only is Old Hunstanton midway between RSPB Titchwell and RSPB Snettisham, (five miles in either direction) but Brancaster Staithe is just seven miles where there is a ferry (April to September) to Scolt Head Island the nature reserve run by English Nature. There is also access to the island from Burnham Overy Staithe eleven miles away.



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