

Groups and Tours

Famous Homes & Gardens

of West Norfolk and The Fens

Horticultural events, gardens and attractions suitable for groups in our locality

1. Spalding Flower Show.

Entertainment at Springfields - includes marching bands, stalls, demonstrations, and craft fair. The decorated flower floats are on static display in Springfields before and after the parade. Most churches in Spalding and the surrounding villages have their own flower festivals and displays over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. www.flowerparade.org



2. The African Violet Centre

near King's Lynn. The Visitor Centre enables visitors to share in the secrets and discover the marvel and wonderful world of African Violets and to see examples of how to cultivate and care for them at all stages (talks and demonstrations available by appointment). www.africanvioletcentre.biz

3. Walpole Water Gardens

Walpole St. Peter, near Wisbech. Designed and landscaped by the Norfolk born artist Peter Cousins, you can see over 20 kinds of eucalyptus, as well as palms, bananas and grasses, black swans, ornamental ducks and koi carps. Open all year. www.walpolewatergardens.co.uk

4. Peckover House, Wisbech, is a Georgian brick town house with walled garden, and orangery, summerhouses and fernery. Open March to October please check website. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

5. Elgood's Brewery & Garden

Wisbech. The gardens are located behind the brewery featuring 150 year-old specimen trees, herbs, water features, rockery, a maze and an exotic house. Open May to Sept Tues/Wed/Thurs. www.elgoods-brewery.co.uk

6. Wisbech Rose Fair The Rose Fair is normally held each year during the first week of July from Wednesday until Sunday. The Norman church of St Peter & St Paul is the main attraction for the annual Wisbech Rose Fair, one of the finest flower festivals in England. www.wisbech-rosefair.co.uk

Opening dates are indicative only. Check details directly with venue.

7. Elton Hall, near Peterborough stands in the midst of unspoilt landscaped parkland, is a fascinating mix of styles surrounded by stunning gardens. Parties by appointment between April and September. www.eltonhall.com

8. Docwra's Manor Garden near Royston An old farmyard has been converted into a series of enclosures, overflowing with plants. www.docwrasmanorgarden.co.uk



9. Oxburgh Hall, Garden & Estate, near Swaffham, is a 15th-century moated manor house, with a lovely French parterre. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

10. Gooderstone Water Gardens

located in West Norfolk near to Swaffham, consists of six acres of garden. Open all year. www.gooderstonewatergardens.co.uk

11. West Acre Gardens, is located in a lovely heavily wooded area of Norfolk near the Nar Valley Way and Castle Acre with its Castle and Priory, so can be part of a whole day itinerary. This specialist plant nursery and display gardens are set in an unusual o-shaped walled garden. The gardens are full of interesting and unusual plants from around the world, many rarely seen, with colour all year round. Open February to November.



12. Pensthorpe 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, including the Millennium Garden designed by the internationally acclaimed plantsman Piet Oudolf. Open all year. www.pensthorpe.com

13. Priory Maze and Gardens, has one of the most enchanting gardens in Norfolk, where you can experience peaceful relaxation in natural gardens of woodland, water and meadow. Open from April to October. www.priorymazegardens.com



14. Sheringham Park The large woodland garden is particularly famous for its spectacular show of rhododendrons and azaleas (flowering mid-May to June). Open from mid April to September. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Sleaford

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The Wash



Sheringham
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Le Strange Arms Hotel

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Knights Hill Hotel
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Swaffham

Downham Market

Stamford



Orton Hall Hotel
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15. Holkham Hall is privately owned, and the centre of a 25,000 acre agricultural estate providing funds and resources, which maintain not only the house, but also ensure that the social fabric of rural life remains intact. Open May to September. www.holkham.co.uk



16. Norfolk Lavender and Visitors Centre, near King's Lynn is probably the major lavender centre in England. Gardens, Distillery and guided tours. Open all year. www.norfolk-lavender.co.uk

17. Houghton Hall Renovation of the 5-acre walled garden began in 1991. The larger part of the garden has been laid out as a series of ornamental gardens in various styles, whilst the rose garden is planted with nearly 150 varieties of both new and older roses. Open from mid April to September. www.houghtonhall.com

18. Sandringham House – The Norfolk home of HM the Queen Each year the Sandringham Flower Show, which has been attracting gardeners for over 100 years, is held on the last Wednesday of July. Open from mid April.) www.sandringham-estate.co.uk

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Best Western Orton Hall Hotel

Peterborough, Cambridgeshire



72 top quality en-suite bedrooms are a principal feature of the hotel set in 20 acres of parkland conveniently located between the A1 and city centre. It is renowned for its award winning Huntly Restaurant and baronial splendour. In addition we offer private dining for small parties. Like our other hotels it boasts a popular on-site pub, brimming with atmosphere, the Ramblewood Inn and restaurant serving good pub food, and real ales. The Courtyard Leisure Club, with its indoor pool, steam room, sauna, Jacuzzi and mini gymnasium welcomes residents.



Best Western Knights Hill Hotel

King's Lynn, Norfolk



zBuilt around an ancient farm complex, the hotel has 79 en-suite bedrooms with colour TV and satellite, tea/coffee making facilities, trouser press and hair dryer. The elegant Garden Restaurant overlooks the walled garden and there is a separate traditional country pub, the Farmers Arms with its Restaurant and Conservatory serving good food and real ales. The hotel has an extensive Health and Leisure Club including an indoor pool, steam room, sauna, Jacuzzi, fully equipped gymnasium and all weather tennis court. The Imagine Spa has various treatment rooms all of which are available to hotel residents.



Best Western Le Strange Arms Hotel

Hunstanton, Norfolk



The hotel has 36 individually decorated en-suite bedrooms, many with beautiful views of the beach and sea and the Boathouse self-catering apartments. All rooms have colour TV with satellite, direct dial telephone, tea/coffee making facilities and hairdryer. There is a stylish restaurant that overlooks the lawn that runs down to a wonderful sandy beach. Adjoining the hotel is The Ancient Mariner Inn and Galley Restaurant serving good food, wines and real ales; customers may take their drinks onto the lawn overlooking one of the best sea views in Norfolk.

