

Walsall National Trust Association presents

The Castles, Historic Houses & Heritage of Kent

5 days from £829 Departing 21st June 2026



FEATURES

- 4* Dover seafront hotel
- Half board accommodation
- All excursion travel & guided tours included
- Entrance fees to non-National Trust properties included
- Blue Badge guide on Days 2 to 4
- Executive coach throughout

WHAT WE WILL SEE

- Knole House & Deer Park
- Dover Castle & Secret Wartime Tunnels
- Walmer Castle & Gardens
- Canterbury – guided coach & walking tour
- Canterbury Cathedral
- Leeds Castle
- Sissinghurst Castle Garden
- Scotney Castle
- Ightham Mote

ACCOMMODATION

We stay four nights at the 4* Best Western Premier Marina Hotel & Spa (www.dovermarinahotel.co.uk), a seafront hotel in Dover. Facilities at the hotel include a restaurant, bar and a gymnasium. All of our allocated Standard Rooms are en suite and feature a television, and tea & coffee making facilities. A set 3 course dinner will be served in our hotel on the first evening, and a choice 3 course dinner will be served in our hotel on the remaining three nights.

EXTRAS TO YOUR TOUR

- Insurance (including Covid cover) £36
- Single room supplement £149
- Entrance fees to National Trust properties (free to NT members)
- Gratuities
- Lunches
- Donations at any churches or cathedrals visited

Price based on twin share. Minimum numbers required. Normal booking conditions apply.



Leeds Castle

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Sissinghurst Castle

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Day 1

We board our private executive coach at our designated pick up points, and en route to our hotel we visit the National Trust's Knole House and Deer Park in Kent. Set at the heart of a timeless deer park, Knole House has links with kings, queens and the nobility as well as literary connections with the novelists Vita Sackville-West and Virginia Woolf. Thirteen superb state rooms are laid out much as they were in the 18th century, and include world renowned rare furniture, paintings by Gainsborough and Reynolds and important 17th century tapestries. We continue to the 4* Best Western Premier Marina Hotel & Spa in Dover for a four night stay on a half board basis.

Day 2

With our Blue Badge guide, we visit the English Heritage's Dover Castle and Secret Wartime Tunnels, dating back to 1066 and one of the mightiest of fortresses in Western Europe. Guarding the Straits of Dover, the Castle occupies a site that has witnessed more than 2,000 years of history. This afternoon we visit the English Heritage's Walmer Castle and Gardens, transformed from a Tudor castle into the elegant home and residence of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. The late HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother enjoyed many summers here.

Day 3

Our Blue Badge guide meets us at our hotel this morning and accompanies us throughout the day. Our guided coach and walking tour of the UNESCO listed city of Canterbury takes in the city walls and includes a visit to the Cathedral, dating back to 597AD when St Augustine, sent by Pope Gregory the Great as a missionary, established his seat in Canterbury. In 1170 Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in the Cathedral and ever since the Cathedral has attracted thousands of pilgrims, as told famously in Geoffrey Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales'. Leeds Castle is our destination this afternoon. Set in 500 acres of beautiful parkland and offering over 1,000 years of history, the Castle has Norman foundations, a mediaeval gatehouse, a Tudor tower and a 19th century country house - all of which were substantially refurbished in the 20th century by the last private owner of the castle, Lady Baillie, the heiress to an American fortune.

Day 4

The National Trust's Sissinghurst Castle Garden is our destination this morning with our Blue Badge guide. Developed around the surviving parts of an Elizabethan mansion, the gardens provide outstanding design and colour throughout the season. This afternoon we visit the National Trust's Scotney Castle. The house was designed by Anthony Salvin in Elizabethan style and built in 1837 for Edward Hussey III, while the romantic ruins of a medieval castle and moat are the focal point of the celebrated gardens featuring spectacular displays of rhododendrons, azaleas and kalmia.

Day 5

After checking out of our hotel, and en route home we visit the National Trust's Ightham Mote in Kent, a superb moated manor house and garden, nestling in a sunken valley and dating from 1330. The main features of the house span many centuries and include the Great Hall and Tudor chapel with a painted ceiling. Taking carefully selected comfort stops en route we return back to our original pick up points.

NB:- Please note we reserve the right to alter the above itinerary if required for operational reasons. Given the historic nature of the places visited, a certain degree of walking will be involved, and this holiday may not be suitable for those with mobility problems.