



HISTORIC HOUSE HOTELS HERITAGE TOUR

This tour has been planned for the pleasure of those who enjoy both staying in and visiting part of Britain's unique heritage of beautiful country houses.

You will stay in the order of your choice in three carefully restored Historic House Hotels, each an important building in its own right, each with a splendid garden and park. They are representative in their different ways of the best of grand domestic architecture, from the Jacobean and Georgian splendour of Hartwell House to the crisp precision of brick and stone of Middlethorpe Hall or the Welsh vernacular charm of Bodysgallen Hall set on its wooded hill-side beside the sea.

For your journeys between our houses, we make suggestions for visits to properties that are en-route and we suggest that you allow the best part of a day for your journey from one hotel to another. For your guidance, properties marked with (NT) are National Trust owned.



HARTWELL HOUSE, VALE OF AYLESBURY TO BODYSGALLEN HALL, LLANDUDNO, NORTH WALES

Your route from London - M40, M5, M6, M54, A5, A483, A55, A470 (all the houses suggested are just off route)



Attingham Park, nr Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 4TP (NT)

Large classical house with fine interior decoration, picture gallery and a park designed by Humphrey Repton.

Chirk Castle, Chirk, Wrexham LL14 5AF (NT)

A medieval castle continuously occupied and on a spectacular site. Fine collections of portraits and tapestries and topiary in the garden.





Erddig, Wrexham LL13 0YT (NT)

Fascinating house, so complete it gives a remarkable insight into the life of a country house and how these complicated groups of buildings worked.

HARTWELL HOUSE TO MIDDLETHORPE HALL, YORK

Your route from London - M1, M18, A1, A64

Hardwick Hall, nr Chesterfield, Derbyshire S44 5QJ (NT). (Junction 28 off M1)

"Hardwick Hall, more glass than wall"; a spectacular, well-lit Elizabethan house with fine furniture, tapestries and gardens on a dramatic hilltop site.



Chatsworth, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1PP

The hereditary seat of the Dukes of Devonshire, and one of the most famous treasure houses of Britain. Incomparable collections and furniture, elaborate gardens with fountains, in the middle of a very large park. (Allow 3-4 hours for your visit, as there is so much to see here).



MIDDLETHORPE HALL TO HARTWELL HOUSE

Your route - A64, A1 (southbound) for the houses and eventually to London. For Hartwell, take the A428 south of St Neot's to Bedford, then the A421 and A4012 to Leighton Buzzard, then A418 to and around Aylesbury to Hartwell House (slow journey Bedford to Hartwell).

Belton House, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG32 2LW (NT)

Three miles northeast of Grantham on A607. Outstanding Restoration country house, and one of the most important acquisitions by the National Trust in recent years. Memorabilia of the Duke of Windsor as well as fine collections.



Burghley House, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 3JY

One mile southeast of Stamford. The finest example of late Elizabethan architecture in England, and probably the largest. Incomparable collections of furniture, porcelain, silver and Italian art. Beautifully and imaginatively run.



BODYSGALLEN HALL TO HARTWELL HOUSE

Your route – A55, A483, A5, M54, M5, M40 (Junction 8) A418. Your choice here is of famous landmarks at the heart of England and at the heart of its heritage.

Warwick Castle, Warwickshire CV34 3QU

A medieval building on the banks of the River Avon, containing fine collections and an exhibit of waxworks by Madame Tussauds.





Stratford-upon-Avon

A market town is the birthplace of William Shakespeare and much more to see besides. A tour of the five Shakespeare's family homes gives a unique insight into the life and works of the world's greatest playwright.

Charlecote Park, Warwick CV35 9EW (NT)

Five miles east of Stratford-on-Avon on the B4086, a typically English Elizabethan house, set in a 'Capability' Brown deer park.



BODYSGALLEN HALL TO MIDDLETHORPE HALL, OR MIDDLETHORPE HALL TO BODYSGALLEN HALL

Your route from Bodysgallen- A470, A55, M56, M6, M62 (Junction 33), A1 (northbound), A64 to York, follow signs to Bishopthorpe and Middlethorpe.



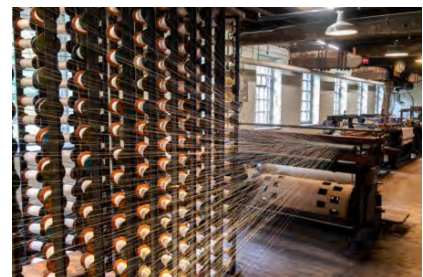
Dunham Massey, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 (NT)

18th Century house with Georgian and Edwardian interiors with a fine collection, all set in large gardens in a deer park.

Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, Cheshire SK9 4LA (NT)

Exit 5, M56. A factory set in a park!

A working museum of the cotton industry in a 200 year old mill. This fascinating place in an idyllic setting shows how the industrial revolution made Britain rich in the 18th and 19th centuries.



For those travelling from Middlethorpe to Bodysgallen, a visit to **Erddig** is an additional choice.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Not every property is open every day. Please check before leaving that the house you wish to visit will be open. The individual hotels will provide a full supply of information about the routes and places to visit.