



# BOUGHTON

HOUSE & GARDENS



## Experience *'The English Versailles'*

HOUSE TOURS | EXHIBITION | ART | HISTORY | GARDENS | LANDSCAPE | GIFT SHOP | TEAROOM | EVENTS

**GROUP VISITS**



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**B**oughton House & Gardens are located at the heart of England near Kettering, Northamptonshire. This remarkable house, the English home of the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry is a blend of the intimate and the grand, drawing its inspiration from the Palace of Versailles. Its village-like Tudor courtyards contrast with its palatial 18<sup>th</sup> century additions, earning it the title *'The English Versailles'* which inspired filmmakers at Universal to use Boughton in the latest film adaptation of *Les Misérables*.



**...discover a House resplendent in the decorative arts...**

For your greater enjoyment, we would recommend a full day at Boughton and offer a choice of tours. Your group will discover a House resplendent in the decorative arts, retaining vividly fresh tapestries, silver, Sèvres porcelain, 16<sup>th</sup> century carpets, renowned French and English furniture and painting masterpieces, whilst also conserving its unique historic character.

Including a tour of the Estate gives the opportunity to learn about the symbiotic relationship between the House and its surroundings discovering the glorious restored Montagu family monuments, sculpted from fine marble in a purpose built chancel within Warkton church.

You can enjoy a guided tour of the gardens or explore them at your leisure. Enjoy the delightful Rose Garden, tranquil Walled Garden and discover a remarkable restored landscape with wide sculptured lawns to survey, serene lakes, waterways, woods and avenues of trees to be strolled down.

Whichever tour you choose, Plan your visit and see why Boughton is widely regarded as a flagship of Britain's national heritage.

**“** We were really impressed with the whole day. Credit goes to everyone who made the day so interesting, our house and coach guides, whose knowledge of the estate is amazing, yourself for the administration pointing me in the right direction as to how to select our itinerary, and not forgetting the lovely meal we had, served by a group of lovely ladies who even asked if we wanted seconds, which quite a lot did, myself included! **”**

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## THE GARDENS AND LANDSCAPE HIGHLIGHTS

- Rose Garden and ancient lily pond
- Walled Garden
- An 18<sup>th</sup> Century decorative lake
- Orpheus – An inverted pyramid designed by renowned landscape artist Kim Wilkie





## TOURS AT BOUGHTON

Experience the stunning art collection, history and heritage at the heart of Boughton. Discover rooms filled with beautiful artworks incorporating almost every aspect of the decorative arts including works by Van Dyck & El Greco, Sèvres Porcelain and Boulle furniture.

### GROUND FLOOR TOUR

**Ground floor only (13 rooms, approximately 1 hour)**

The ground floor tour encompasses many of the major rooms such as the Great Hall and is perfect for those with a general interest in the rich history and art of Boughton.

### KINGS TOUR Over 2 floors (20 rooms, 1.5 hours)

The more comprehensive "King's Tour" is designed for the enthusiast and also ascends the grand entrance staircase to include the High Pavilion and State Apartments created for the visit of William III.

### ESTATE TOUR Guided House & Estate (3 hours)\*

Ideal for coach parties looking to explore more than just the House. Includes a guided tour of Boughton House followed by a guided coach tour of the Estate, including the local villages and church with family monuments. This tour is undertaken in your own coach.

\*We suggest this is taken as two separate tours of 1 ½ hours, with lunch or a refreshment break between them.

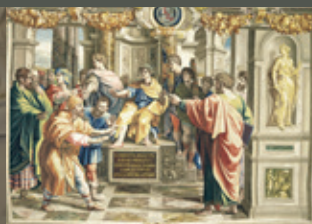
### GARDENS TOUR (2 hours)

Guided tour of the lovely formal gardens surrounding the House, the Walled Garden and the restored landscape.

## BOUGHTON HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS



- Some of the best-preserved baroque State Rooms in the British Isles
- Magnificent paintings by great artists, including *The Adoration of the Shepherds* by El Greco, Gainsborough's portraits of Elizabeth and Mary Montagu, grisailles and portraits by Van Dyck, and *Breaking Cover* by John Wootton.
- Exceptional French furniture by the master cabinetmaker André-Charles Boulle, alongside delicate Sèvres porcelain, Mortlake tapestries and 16th century rugs from the Middle East.
- One of the finest armouries in private hands, according to the Royal Armouries.



## GROUP VISIT PRICES

We have no minimum numbers but a minimum charge of £250 for a House tour and £150 for a gardens tour.

	PUBLIC	GROUP VISIT
<b>Ground floor</b>	<b>£11</b>	<b>£8</b>
<b>Kings Tour</b>	<b>£15</b>	<b>£11</b>
<b>Estate and Kings Tour</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>£16</b> Exclusive for groups
<b>Gardens Tour</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>£6</b> Exclusive for groups

Boughton can feel cold at all times of the year, please dress warmly.

**P** FREE Car Parking   Accessible   **WC** Toilet Facilities

## CATERING



There are a variety of buffet style catering options available for your group, served in the Boughton House tearoom in the Stable block. All food is prepared to order, using, wherever possible locally sourced ingredients and must be pre-booked.

Please confirm any special dietary requirements in advance. All catering is subject to availability. Lunch bookings must be for 25 covers or more.

## BOUGHTON GIFT SHOP

Boughton House gift shop sells a delightful selection of crafts, food, jewellery, books and much more.



## LOCATION



Boughton House is located near the market town of Kettering, with access through the historic village of Geddington. The post code is NN14 1BJ.

Coach Parking is available FREE of charge

Have you thought about also visiting one of our sister Houses/Estates in Scotland, **Bowhill**, **Drumlanrig Castle**, and **Dalkeith**?

## HOW TO BOOK/TERMS



Please call us on **01536 515731** or email [info@boughtonhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@boughtonhouse.co.uk).

Payment can be made on the day or we can invoice after the visit. Please note that Boughton is a family home so dates are subject to availability. Visits MUST be booked in advance, we can normally confirm week day visits immediately, but weekends cannot be confirmed until a request is received and agreed by the Family.

No photography is allowed within Boughton House.

## WHY VISIT?

- **World class art collection in a family home setting**
- **Friendly and welcoming staff**
- **FREE car and coach parking**
- **FREE tour for organiser/coach driver**