



CASTLES · PALACES · MANSIONS

And

PRIVATE HOUSES

In

ENGLAND

England has a wealth of grand palaces, castles and country mansions. Many are located in beautiful countryside, some in towns and cities. Castles dating back to the 1300^s, country mansions from the 1600^s and four hundred year old palaces. Most of these properties are no longer privately owned. There are a number of family owned mansions dating back to the 1400^s which open for private groups.

Private house tours provide an opportunity to meet with the owners during a cocktail reception or lunch/dinner. Private houses include:



Otley Hall

A beautiful moated hall dating back to 1400 and 1500^s with 10 acres of gardens. Many rooms unchanged for around 500 years.

The Great Hall includes a fireplace round which Bartholomew Gosnold's 1602 and 1617 voyages to what is now the United States, were planned. The Jamestown settlement and thereafter the United States were founded.

A private tour and reception will be provided and a possible meeting with the present owners, Ian and Catherine Beaumont.

Chavenage House

Parts of the present day house probably date from late 1300^s. The families have owned it since 1561. A classic Elizabethan house. The current owners, the Lowsley-Williams have lived at Chavenage since 1891.

A private tour by a guide and a reception will be provided by a member of the family.





Glynde Place

Manor house built in 1569 and estate dating from 1100^s owned by only one family; Viscount and Viscountess Hampden are the current owners. Portraits, furniture, silver, embroidery and books tell the story of 400 years of family life.

A private tour and reception will be arranged with possible meeting with Lord Hampden.

Avington Park

Part of the house dates from late 1500^s with the site possibly occupied more than 1000 years ago. Two kings, Charles II and George IV stayed at various times.

A private tour will be arranged and a reception/dinner with the current owner.



Castles, Palaces and Country Mansions which are better known and relatively close to London include:

- Hever Castle
- Leeds Castle
- Blenheim Palace
- Chatsworth
- Warwick Castle
- Hampton Court Palace
- Windsor Castle



Warwick Castle



Leeds Castle



Chatsworth



Blenheim Palace

Stay in a castle hotel or rent a property with a remarkable history:

- Amberley Castle:** Hotel. A castle dating from the 1300^s with majestic battlements, historic with intimate luxurious rooms and beautiful gardens.
- The Old Parsonage:** Rental. Past dates back to 1100 new wing added circa 1500. Long garden down to River Thames.
- Hampton Court Palace:** Rental. Eastern wing of a house built in 1719 near to the Palace; also an apartment in Fish Court.
- Wilmington Priory:** Rental. Where monks lived in 1300, 1400^s. Part of a village in an unchanged landscape.
- Sackville House:** Rental. Build about 1520, timber framed, stone roof. Beautiful views.
- Obriss Farm:** Rental. Farm with 100 acres, pasture, ancient woods. Secluded. Traditional farm buildings some still in use.

Let us plan your trip. We will ensure you have luxurious accommodation and chauffeured transport. The visit might include golf, sailing, fishing, sightseeing, cookery schools, gourmet tour of London, gardens tour, single malt whisky tour, tennis before and during Wimbledon, summer music festivals, London shopping for fashion.

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