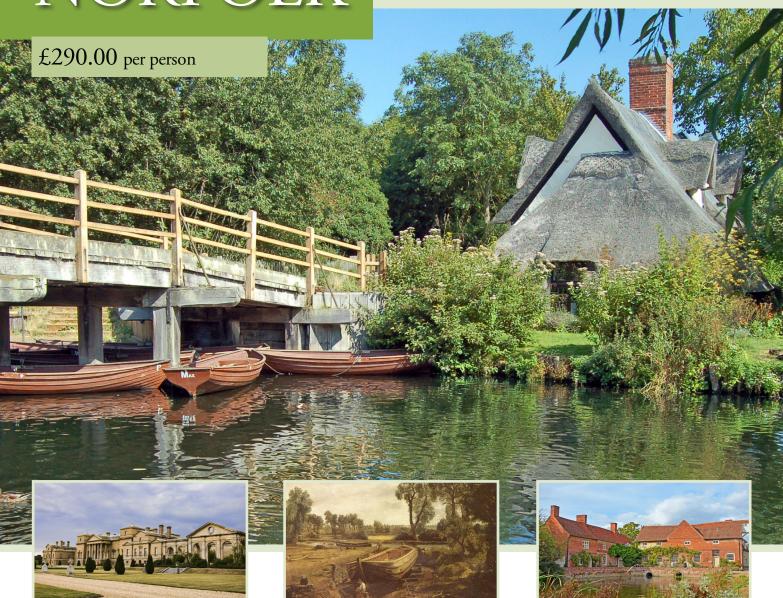
# NORFOLK

### Radlett Art Society 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015



## OUR TOUR 3 DAYS - 2 NIGHTS

### What's included

- Executive touring coach throughout
- 2 nights half-board accommodation
- Porterage
- Welcome drink
- Tea/coffee after dinner each evening
- Entrance to Gainsborough's House
- Entrance to Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts
- Guided tour of Norwich Cathedral
- Entrance to Norwich Castle
- Visit to Holkham Hall Estate
- Entrance to Christchurch Mansion & Wolsey Art Gallery
- Guided tour of Flatford Mill (NT)
- Tour manager throughout

### What's not included

- Single supplement of £36 per person (singles are doubles for sole use)
- Travel insurance at £20 per person
- Entry into National Trust properties for non-members
- Meals other than those specified

Join us on a tour that encompasses the best of Norfolk. Full of historical architecture, museums and art galleries, our 3-day tour includes a guided tour of Norwich Cathedral and a visit to the city's 12th century castle. We explore the grandeur of Holkham Hall and the Tudor style Christchurch Mansion, and take in the masterpieces of Thomas Gainsborough and John Constable.

### Our hotel

The 4\* Devere Dunston Hall Hotel is an Elizabethan-style mansion built in 1859 and lovingly restored to its former glory. Set in 150 acres of peaceful Norfolk countryside, the hotel offers a luxury spa, indoor pool and golf course. Rooms are equipped with en-suite facilities and tea/coffee making facilities.



# OUR ITINERARY

### Day I

We depart Radlett and set off for Norwich, stopping at Gainsborough's House; birthplace and museum of Thomas Gainsborough. The house exhibits a large collection of one of the greatest artists in British art history. We continue to Lavenham where we stop for lunch (not included) before travelling on to Norwich to visit the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts. This was one of the first major public buildings designed by architect Norman Foster and houses several important works including pieces by Jacob Epstein and Henry Moore. Arrival at the hotel early evening for check-in and dinner.

### Day 2

This morning we have a guided tour of Norwich Cathedral followed by a visit to the Castle Museum & Art Gallery. Norwich Cathedral was begun in 1096 and completed in 1145 and has the second largest cloister in the UK. Norwich Castle, one of the city's most famous landmarks, was built by the Normans as a royal fortification over 900 years ago, with significant alterations made in the 1800s. Now a museum and art gallery, it is home to collections of fine art, archaeology and natural history. We have free time for lunch (not included). This afternoon we will visit Holkham Hall Estate, a privately owned and livedin family home. Steeped in history, the grand 18th century Palladian hall is surrounded by acres of rolling parkland and the nearby north Norfolk coast. The Statue Gallery contains Roman sculptures from the 1st and 3rd centuries AD. The Landscape Room exhibits 22 Old Masters, including 7 paintings by Claude Lorrain, and the North State Sitting Room has 4 large Brussels tapestries from the end of the 17th century. The Bygones Museum has exhibitions of domestic and agricultural memorabilia and complements the grandeur of the Hall. Refreshments are available at the Stables Café. We return to our hotel for dinner.

#### Day 3

After checking out of our hotel we visit Christchurch Mansion & Wolsey Art Gallery, a grand Tudor brick mansion which houses a large collection of works by Thomas Gainsborough and John Constable. The mansion boasts 500 years of history and visitors can view the Tudor kitchen, Victorian toys & games and the Suffolk artists gallery including works by Alfred Munnings and Camille Pissaro. There is a tea room on site serving refreshments (not included). We continue to Flatford Mill, an 18th century watermill made famous by John Constable's iconic paintings, where we will have time to explore and learn about his life. We return to Radlett early evening.

An entry fee is payable to all National Trust properties for non-members.

The exact order of the itinerary is subject to change.





# How to book

Please complete a booking form and return to Success Tours along with your deposit of £50 per <u>person by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015</u>

This tour is operated by Success Tours: Oak House, Epsom Square, White Horse Business Park, Trowbridge, BA14 0XG