

Radlett Arts Society - Art & History in Northumbria – 18th to 22nd September 2022 Itinerary

Sunday 18th September

Depart Radlett at 8:45* am (TBC). With a comfort stop enroute we arrive at Nostell Priory (NT) at about 12:15 where you can have lunch (not included).

Built on the site of a medieval monastery, the impressive Nostell Priory was built for the Winn family, with construction beginning in 1733. Nostell is home to a large collection of Chippendale furniture, around 200 oil paintings and a John Harrison longcase clock. Outside, visitors can explore 300 acres of gardens and parkland.

Leave Nostell at 15:15* for our hotel, arriving at 17:30*

Sunday night for 4 nights staying at Holiday Inn Gosforth Park, Newcastle. Our hotel is Modern hotel in a rural, countryside setting with spacious bedrooms are equipped with all modern amenities and leisure facilities include a heated indoor pool. Breakfast and a three course dinner with a glass of wine is included for each day of our stay.



The Procession to Calvary
Pieter Bruegel the younger (Brussels 1564 -
Antwerp 1638)



Monday 19th September – depart 9:30* for Newcastle.



Morning tour, part by coach and part walking. Afternoon at leisure in Newcastle where you can visit their museums, shops and other attractions. These include: the Laing Art Gallery in the heart of Newcastle city centre which offers visitors a chance to see regularly changing exhibitions of historic, modern and contemporary art as well as permanent exhibitions; The Biscuit Factory is the UK's

largest independent art, craft and design gallery set in the heart of Newcastle's cultural quarter. Housed in a former Victorian warehouse, the beautiful and dynamic gallery is set over two floors, displaying a range of exciting contemporary fine art, sculpture, original prints and jewellery, quality craftsmanship and design-led home wares; Shipley Art Gallery over the river in Gateshead is known for having one of the best collections of ceramics, wood, metal, glass, textiles and furniture outside of London.

Depart Newcastle at 17:30* for return to hotel (optional departure at 14:00* for people who would prefer to spend the afternoon in the hotel and use their leisure facilities).

Tuesday 20th September 9:30* depart for Cragside (NT). This astounding house and grounds was a wonder of the Victorian age. Once home to innovator Lord Armstrong, Cragside was the world's first house to be lit by hydroelectricity, and his ingenious gadgets can be found throughout the property. Outside the house, the gardens are extraordinary: within atmospheric woodland and an excess of seven million plants surround five lakes.

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Depart from Craigside at 12:30* for Wallington House (NT), arrive 13:00*.

This grand house sits in an impressive 13,000 acre estate. Packed with pre-Raphaelite paintings, fine furniture and unusual curiosities, Wallington was once home to the unconventional Trevelyan family. From the 1880s, the Parlour was used as a sitting room and you can still see the original William Morris wallpaper as well as paintings by Turner, Ruskin and Burne-Jones. The dolls' house room is a favourite with generations of visitors – the oldest house dates to 1835, while the Hammond House has 36 rooms, each lit by electricity. This room also showcases 3,000 lead soldiers played with by the Trevelyan brothers. Outside the house, informal landscaping abounds, with hidden gardens, stone staircases and floral borders. Depart Wallington House at 17:00 to return to our hotel



Wednesday 21st September 2022 depart from hotel at 9:30* for Alnwick Castle and Gardens

This illustrious 14th century castle is the Duke of Northumberland's ancestral home. The mighty fortress is as impressive inside as out, with lavish state rooms and a splendid display of Italian artworks. Alnwick is set amongst 'Capability' Brown-designed landscapes with lovely woodland trails.



An outstanding collection of paintings includes 16th century Old Masters of the Venetian School – works by Titian, Palma il Vecchio, Sebastiano del Piombo, Bernardino Licinio – and of the Roman School, with works by Andrea del Sarto, Guido Reni and Sisto Badalocchio; eight paintings by the 18th century master of detailed landscape views, Canaletto and exceptional portraits by Sir Anthony Van Dyck and William Dobson. A number of the paintings form part of the 'Camuccini

Collection', a gallery of 74 paintings acquired by Algernon, 4th Duke, from Rome in 1856, specifically to adorn the walls of the newly restored Italianate interiors at Alnwick.

A short walk from the Castle is Barter Books. One of the largest second-hand bookshops in Britain and the home of the famous Keep Calm and Carry On poster. Barter Books has become one of the largest tourist attractions in the North East of England. Leave Alnwick 17:00* to return to our hotel.



Thursday 22nd September 2022 depart from hotel at 9:30* for Wentworth Woodhouse.



After a brief comfort stop arriving at Wentworth Woodhouse at 12:30*. This is a grand, Grade I listed Georgian house and, at 606 ft, is believed to have the longest façade of any country home in England. Explore the state rooms and discover fascinating facts, historical details and anecdotes about the people who have lived and worked here over the centuries. Paintings in Wentworth Woodhouse include works by Van Dyck, Lawrence, Reynolds, Lely, and Lorraine. Outside, wander through 50 acres of stunning gardens, including a wildflower meadow and 18th century follies

We will leave Wentworth Woodhouse at about 15:30* for our return to Radlett. With a brief comfort stop enroute we should arrive 18:30-19:00.*

* All times approximate and subject to change