



## MOTTISFONT HOUSE AND GARDENS - TUES 12TH APRIL 2022



**£69.00 per person**

A romantic house and gallery set in beautiful riverside gardens. Ancient trees, bubbling brooks and rolling lawns frame this lovely old house. Crafted from a medieval priory, it is full of surprises, with art that intrigues and delights with exhibitions in the gallery. Also visit the stunning walled rose garden.

**SKU:** DV848





## TRIP ITINERARY

From the Blackmore Vale area we take you directly to Mottisfont which is a house and gallery set in riverside gardens near Romsey. Eight centuries of history are buried within Mottisfont's walls. An Augustinian priory was founded there in 1201, laying the foundations for the 18<sup>th</sup> century structure that is now visible. The house pays homage to its last owners, the Russell family, who made it their weekend retreat in the 1930s. Maud Russell was a society hostess and patron of the arts and she shaped the house as you see it today. She commissioned Rex Whistler to create an extraordinary drawing room, full of illusions and there are hints of medieval history there too.

The gardens are particularly famous for the National Collection of old fashioned roses but there is also an innovative Kitchen Garden, carpets of spring bulbs, rich autumn foliage and a colourful, scented winter garden so something for every season. You can explore the gardens at your own pace or try one of the free daily guided walks and talks.

Your ticket includes entry to the whole property including the house, the extensive gardens and the exhibition that's on the grounds which will be comedy and commentary the best of British cartoons. At least one of the onsite café's will be open (refreshments not included) and the shop will be open to browse around at your leisure.

**Essential works** - Parts of the house are currently surrounded by scaffolding while work is completed to protect the Grade 1 listed mansion for future generations. Specialist contractors are carrying out essential maintenance on exterior wood and metalwork, which is currently planned to finish in the first week of April but it is possible that this could overrun by a few days.

### Included:

- Entry to Mottisfont House and Gardens
  - Packed lunch
- Complimentary drinks on the coach when feasible
  - Return travel

**Depart Stalbridge: 08:00**

**Return Stalbridge: 20:00 approx**

All itineraries are approximate and subject to change