

## Eltham Palace - Thursday, 21st October 2021

**Price £22.00 to include coach, entrance, and tour of the house led by Blue Badge Guide**

Once a favoured medieval palace and then a Tudor royal residence, Eltham Palace was transformed into a striking ultra-modern 1930s Art Deco mansion by eccentric millionaires Stephen and Virginia Courtauld, and on our visit, we will be able to see their lavish, extravagant lifestyle. Highlights of the house are the Art Deco architecture plus some unusual features, which include the map room where they planned their exotic world travels, a reconstruction of a walk-in wardrobe with beautiful period dresses, hats and accessories, their stylish dining room and luxurious golden bathroom, plus a wartime basement bunker which provided an extraordinary level of comfort during the Blitz. In contrast, you will also visit the medieval great hall, complete with minstrels' gallery and hammer-beam roof.

Eltham Estate was presented to King Edward II in 1305 with 1,000 acres of deer park and it was also known to have accommodated Henry VIII during his childhood. The house is surrounded by 19 acres of award-winning gardens, where there is a mix of modern and medieval landscapes with a rock garden and pools, moat and roses.

Included in the visit is a tour of the house with a Blue Badge Guide, who is extremely knowledgeable about the mansion and its history. Time is allowed for you to visit the gardens on your own as the group will be split into two, so while one group has a tour of the mansion, the other half can visit the gardens. A café is on site where you can buy your own lunch or you can take a picnic. We aim to leave by approx. 4pm. We have negotiated this as a group educational visit so that entry to the mansion will be free, regardless of whether you are an English Heritage member. Educational objectives have been set (!) and Jackie and I may test you on the way home on the coach!

**Please apply as soon as possible. Deadline for receipt of application forms – Monday, 18th October 2021**

***Instructions – please read carefully*** – To join this trip please complete the form below and send the bottom portion with your cheque payable to 'Guildford Area U3A' (and a SAE **ONLY** if you do not have an email address) to Ann Elms, High Hedges, Send Barns Lane, Send, WOKING, GU23 7BT. Email: [annelms1@hotmail.com](mailto:annelms1@hotmail.com)  
Tel: 01483 222 913 or Mob: 07710 746 236. Confirmation of your place will be given by email or telephone or SAE. Please take great care to complete your pickup point and the names of all other parties booked by you. All trips are only available to fully paid-up Guildford U3A members (for insurance purposes) and membership numbers must be given. Refunds cannot be given unless a replacement can be found.

**Pick up points:** A Artington Park and Ride 9.45 am, B Nightingale Rd/London Rd bus shelter 9.50 am, C Elgin Gardens bus shelter (near Burchatts Farm) 9.55am, D bus shelter opposite BP garage Burpham 10.00am. Please check any parking restrictions at your chosen pick-up point.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Outing</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>No. of places</b>	<b>Cheque total</b>	<b>Coach pickup times</b>
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