Felbrigg Hall, Gardens and Estate

Groups Guide 2020
A welcoming home with wide horizons

A welcoming home, Felbrigg is a place of many contrasts that reveals itself slowly. The estate is a place of sanctuary and tranquillity; you relax as you come up the drive.

The size of the parkland belies the intimacy of the hall and walled garden, the richness of Felbrigg surprises and delights with many hidden treasures to explore. Cherished for its homeliness and charm, Felbrigg reflects the personal stories of four families and their warmth and fondness for the estate.

The renowned ancient woodland shelters the estate from the north winds; and the open pasture land and lake are a haven for plants and wildlife. The stunning views across the open Norfolk landscape; where big skies frame perfect sunsets, showcase the vibrant colours of nature which change dramatically with the seasons.

The walled garden and orchard are dominated by the working dovecote. Doves fly and chickens scratch around the garden adding to the relaxing and tranquil atmosphere. Ever changing, the garden is a constant source of inspiration and delight.

The house is mostly intact apart from a room blown up by a fireworks experiment in the 18th century. The large collection is original to the families who made Felbrigg their home, creating layers of a very personal history and giving it a ‘lived in’, comfortable feel.

This guide is designed to help you plan your group visit, with practical information as well as ideas to inspire you, to ensure you all get the most out of your day.
The Hall

Felbrigg Hall is a cherished country retreat bursting with cosiness and charm. Reflecting the personal stories of four Norfolk families who secured their wealth through agriculture and gained political and social status, the hall has been greatly added to over the years.

Don’t miss...
(Our daily offer will vary)

- Introductory talks, with a brief overview of the history of the hall

- Attics and Cellars tours, with the chance to see areas of the hall restricted to the public

- Guided house tours are available on request for history enthusiasts
The Gardens

The Walled Garden
Get up close to the double borders and herb beds and really breathe in the scent of lavender, sage and mint. You can find a good many modern surprises within this traditionally laid out garden.

The West Garden
Often missed, the West Garden surrounds the hall and includes an orangery, built in 1704, designed to harmonise with the west wing of the house.

Don’t miss...
- The gardens in the summer are a site not to be missed, with borders bursting with colour and a kitchen garden full of ingredients ready to be picked and used in our Squire’s Pantry

- Our working dovecote and chickens in the orchard

- Private tours are available for keen garden enthusiasts
The Estate

Our estate comprises 520 acres of woods, with rolling parkland, a lake and buggy-friendly paths. There’s plenty of space to let off steam or follow a trail and discover the delights in the grounds.

Don’t miss...

- Take a walk down the Victory V, avenues cut through the Great Wood by the last Squire to commemorate the death of his beloved brother

- The ice house, thought to have been built of bricks from a demolished section of the 17th-century park wall

- The lake, reputedly (although unconfirmed) one of Humphry Repton’s earliest projects

- If you have time, take a stroll down to St Margaret’s Church (not NT), which stands in isolation in the south-east corner of the park
Eating and Shopping

The Squire’s Pantry offers a selection of hot and cold drinks, freshly made sandwiches, a variety of one-pot meals, scones and cakes. Just as the changing seasons bring different things to Felbrigg, the dishes in the tea-room reflect the current season.

Groups usually choose to visit the Squire’s Pantry free-flow, but if you have any specific requirements, please contact our food and beverage department prior to your visit.

Come in and browse the new and exciting range of goods we have on offer in the shop. Our shelves are packed with items ranging from high quality local food and drink to cards, books and handmade jewellery.
Planning your visit

All group visits and guided tours must be booked a minimum of 7 days in advance, although we recommend booking as early as possible. Please contact Ellen Winton on 01263 837444 or email felbrigg@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Although guided tours are available, Felbrigg can be enjoyed at your own pace - there are knowledgable guides in most rooms of the Hall. Groups can spend anywhere between 2 hours and a full day enjoying all there is to offer.

Guided tours
Guided tours of the hall and garden are available subject to availability. Please contact us regarding your request.

Payment
Payment for groups must be made as a single payment by cash or credit card, either on the day or by invoice within 7 days of your visit providing this has been prearranged at the time of booking.

Benefits for coach drivers & group leader
Coach drivers with groups visiting the house and garden receive a complimentary meal voucher. Group leaders will gain free admission to the house and garden.
Opening times and admission prices

House and gardens*
15 Feb – 29 Mar 11-3 M T W T F S S S
30 Mar - 1 Nov 12-5 M T W T F S S S

House**
7 Nov - 20 Dec 11-3 - - - - - S S

Gardens
7 Nov – 20 Dec 11-3 M T W T F S S S

Shop and Tearoom***
1 Jan– 29 Mar 10-4 M T W T F S S S
30 Mar – 1 Nov 10-5 M T W T F S S S
2 Nov – 31 Dec 10-4 M T W T F S S S

Parkland
Open all year Dawn to dusk M T W T F S S S

*Last entry into House & Gardens 1 hour before closing. Gardens open at 11am.
**Selected showrooms only opened
***Closed 24, 25, 26 December.

Group admission prices

Adult - House and Garden: £11.80
Child - House and Garden: £5.90

Please note that to be eligible for the group discount, the group must be 15+ people, have pre-booked, and pay in one single payment. If you would like to

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Conserving Felbrigg for the future

Throughout the year, a huge variety of conservation projects take place here at Felbrigg, whether it be in the hall, gardens, or wider estate. With the continuing support of our volunteers, members and visitors, we are able to help conserve Felbrigg for future generations.

By visiting Felbrigg, you help to fund vital conservation projects in the hall, gardens and wider estate.

Other ways you can help support Felbrigg

- Purchasing a book from our second-hand bookshop
- Buying a raffle ticket
- Joining as a National Trust member
- Making a donation
- Becoming a volunteer
**Where to next...?**

**Sheringham Park**
Landscape park and woodland garden with miles of stunning coastal views

Wander through Sheringham Park and you’ll discover why it became the personal favourite of its designer, Humphrey Repton.

Spend a day here exploring 1000 acres of varying habitat including woodland, parkland and cliff top. Look out for wildlife, 3 species of deer can be seen alongside a wide variety of birds and butterflies.

**Blickling Estate**
The breathtaking red-brick mansion and ancient yew hedges sit at the heart of a magnificent garden and historic park in the beautiful Bure meadows.

Philip Kerr, 11th Marquis of Lothian, left this estate to the National Trust in 1940, and he is vital to its story. He was instrumental in drafting the National Trust Act in parliament in 1937 which enabled the first large-scale transfer of country houses to the National Trust in lieu of death duties.

One day is never enough. Discover a complete Norfolk estate with something for everyone.