

Autumn visit to Hever Castle and Royal Tunbridge Wells

Saturday 2 October 2021

Royal Tunbridge Wells



After leaving St Albans promptly at 9 am, a visit Royal Tunbridge Wells, will enable members and friends of St Albans Civic Society to enjoy the 17th and 18th century landmarks of the town, especially the famous 'Pantiles' area (with some excellent shopping).

There will also be an opportunity to hear about the town briefly from local historian and fellow member of the RTW Civic Society, Dr Chris Jones.

Participants will be free to enjoy coffee on arrival and lunch before departure, as they wish.

Hever Castle

Located near Edenbridge in Kent, the Castle was the childhood home of Anne Boleyn and she was often visited there by Henry VIII before she became his second wife.

The Castle itself originated in the 13th century and was the country seat of the Boleyn family from 1462-1539. After passing through various ownerships, it was bought and restored by the American millionaire William Waldorf Astor.



People will be free to tour and look round the Castle at their own pace.

The tour will be followed by a group tea in the Pavilion Restaurant at Hever Castle.

Itinerary

9.00 am (prompt!). Departure from Chime Square, St Albans with Theobalds Executive coaches (with facilities)

10.30 am (approx). Arrive at Royal Tunbridge Wells, in time to find a quick coffee before meeting Dr Chris Jones of the local Civic Society at 11.30 am. Free time for shopping and lunch 'on own'.

2.00 pm (prompt). Leave Tunbridge Wells, to arrive at Hever Castle about 2.30 pm. Time to look round the Castle before:

4.00 pm. Group tea in the Pavilion Restaurant (included in price). A last look at the Castle and gardens before:

6.00 pm (prompt). Depart for the return to St Albans

7.30 pm (approx). Arrive back in St Albans.

Cost

£39 pp (including coach travel, entry ticket and tea at Hever Castle).