



PENSHURST PLACE ‘CRAFTS’ NEW SPECIAL DAY OUT PACKAGES FOR GROUPS

An exciting new range of Special Day out Packages for groups is now on offer at Penshurst Place and Gardens. Designed by Penshurst Place and ICHF Events especially for visits between 3-5 May and 5-7 September 2014, the four packages will allow groups to combine a visit to the historic House and Gardens with access to the Weald of Kent Craft and Design Show. Package prices start from £10 per person, offering good value when compared to single entry to either attraction.

The **Morning Welcome Package** allows groups to enjoy morning tea or coffee on arrival at Penshurst Place followed by a private House tour, and free flow access to visit the stunning Gardens at leisure, before heading to the Craft Show.

The **Elizabethan Package** offers a private guided tour of the 11 acre Elizabethan walled Gardens of Penshurst Place at a time convenient to the group, followed by a visit to the House, with the opportunity to browse the Craft Show before or after the tour. For those preferring to visit the Weald of Kent Craft & Design Show in the morning, the **Tea and Tour Package** offers just this with the chance to stroll around the Gardens of Penshurst Place before an indulgent afternoon tea and private guided tour of the House. A **Leisure Package** is also available, giving groups the option to visit both the Craft Show and the House & Gardens at Penshurst Place without a guided tour and at a time to suit their needs.

Wendy Warshafsky, Head of Visitor Services at Penshurst Place and Gardens says, “We are delighted to announce the introduction of some exciting full day out packages for groups in partnership with ICHF events. This is in response to our group visitors who have said this optional extension to visiting the popular Weald of Kent Craft and Design Show is something they would like to see available”.

Designed to enhance the visitor experience, the new tours are open for booking now – with all four group packages requiring pre-booking at least one week before visiting with a minimum group size of 15. To book contact Penshurst Place Head of Visitor Services on wendyw@penshurstplace.com or call 01892 870307.

See below for more information, opening times and package pricing.

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ABOUT GROUP TOURS AT PENSHURST PLACE & GARDENS



Penshurst Place and Gardens is a popular destination in the Weald of Kent with a full programme designed specifically for group visitors. New for 2014 is the option for groups to book House tours tailored according to special interest topic. Providing good value for money, the visitor attraction offers a £5 refreshment voucher for the coach driver and free entrance for the group leader. Free coach parking is available next to the Gift Shop and Porcupine Pantry café, both of which are open all year.

ABOUT THE WEALD OF KENT CRAFT AND DESIGN SHOW



Set within the High Weald, the ancient historic parkland of the Penshurst Estate hosts the bi-annual Weald of Kent Craft & Design Show in May and September. The show offers a stunning array of unique and inspiring crafts from over 250 craftsmen from across the UK. Whether it's home or garden accessories, handmade jewellery or special gifts you're looking for, there's so much inspiration at this prestigious show.



ABOUT PENSHURST PLACE & GARDENS

Set in the beautiful Weald of Kent, Penshurst Place and the Estate have stood on the banks of the river Medway since the 14th century, when the awe-inspiring medieval Baron's Hall was built as a country retreat for the Lord Mayor of London, Sir John de Pulteney. The property was owned by many Dukes and Nobles with Royal blood in their veins, until King Henry VIII forfeited it from the previous owner, the Duke of Buckingham in 1521. It was then used by King Henry and his friends as a hunting lodge.

In 1552 the property was gifted by Edward VI to William Sidney, member of the noble courtier family, in whose hands it has been ever since. Penshurst Place is currently owned by Philip Sidney, 2nd Viscount De L'Isle MBE, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Kent. Used as a location for many a large film and small screen productions, Penshurst Place has a unique place in history – with literary connections from Sir Philip Sidney to Ben Jonson and Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

The historic Gardens are as old as the House, with records dating back to 1346. These enchanting formal Gardens were laid out in Elizabethan times and have remained remarkably true to their early design. Over a mile of yew hedging separates this 11 acre walled Garden into a series of self-contained 'rooms'. Each Garden offers an abundance of variety in form, foliage and bloom, which ensures a continuous display from Spring to Autumn. The Herbaceous Borders have recently been redesigned.

In the House, alongside the unique and stunning Baron's Hall, built in 1341, there are a series of staterooms containing an impressive collection of portraits, tapestries, furniture, porcelain and armour. In addition, visitors will enjoy a reminder of bygone childhoods in the Toy Museum, a delight for all ages.

Our Garden Restaurant, managed by Leith's, serves a delicious selection of hot and cold lunches and is where you can enjoy the perfect afternoon tea. It can also be booked for group lunches and light refreshments. Our wonderful Gift Shop, *free to visit all year*, has a wide selection of unusual gifts. There are also parkland and riverside walks across this ancient estate and a cycle path from Tonbridge Castle to Penshurst Place's doorstep.

Penshurst Place & Gardens is also an [award-winning](#) wedding and events venue. The venue has three banqueting rooms of varying sizes – the awe-inspiring Baron’s Hall, Sunderland Room and Buttery - each with their own history and charm, together with the stunning historic gardens, which make Penshurst Place a perfect setting for events.

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GROUP SPECIAL DAY OUT PACKAGES - OPENING TIMES

3rd May – 5th May & 5th September – 7th September

PENSHURST PLACE HOUSE AND GARDENS

House tours can be conducted from 9.30am – 11.30am.

Garden tours can be conducted from 10.30am – 4.30pm.

Non-guided entrance to House & Gardens from 10.30am – 6pm

WEALD OF KENT CRAFT & DESIGN SHOW

9.30am – 5pm (5.30pm Sat)

GIFT SHOP

10.30am - 6pm

PORCUPINE PANTRY

9am - 6pm

GROUP SPECIAL DAY OUT PACKAGES - PRICES

MORNING WELCOME PACKAGE

£15 per person

ELIZABETHAN PACKAGE

£13 per person

TEA AND TOUR PACKAGE

£18 per person

LEISURE PACKAGE

£10 per person