



Castle Howard

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GROUP VISITS 2013

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LONELY PLANET'S 1,000 ULTIMATE SIGHTS

Welcome to Castle Howard

Magnificent 18th-century Castle Howard, built by Sir John Vanbrugh for Charles Howard, the third Earl of Carlisle, is widely acknowledged as one of England's finest historic houses. It remains home to the Howard family, generations of whom have welcomed visitors to enjoy the house and grounds; a welcome extended today by the Hon. Simon and Mrs Howard.

As a family home, the Castle Howard ethos is to offer a friendly and truly memorable experience to our guests.



With its spectacular house and grounds, a packed programme of exhibitions and events – including a special Christmas opening – a choice of restaurants and cafés, gift shops, farm shop and garden centre, there is plenty to occupy a group at Castle Howard – no matter what the weather!

We are happy to help plan your visit, whether you want a structured day involving a talk or private dining, or would prefer your guests to discover Castle Howard in their own way, our helpful team is on hand to guide you.

Find out more by contacting our Group Reservations team on 01653 648621 or email groups@castlehoward.co.uk

2 Discover the House



Tours of the house are free-flow, to allow your guests to explore the rooms at their own pace. They are also welcome to enter the house as many times as they like during their visit.

Our friendly, knowledgeable guides will be on hand to share the fascinating stories of Castle Howard as your guests discover a treasure trove of inspiring architecture and interiors, as well as world-renowned collections – including

porcelain, furniture, paintings and statuary – all collected by successive generations of the Howard family.

Information boards are located in most rooms, highlighting objects of particular interest, while the illustrated guidebook is ideal for anyone wanting a more in-depth look at the history of the house, family and collections.



Turquoise Drawing Room



The Great Hall



The Rose Garden

Explore the Grounds & Gardens

Castle Howard commands breathtaking views across sweeping parkland, studded with statues, temples, lakes and fountains. There is much to enjoy in the grounds and gardens in all seasons and in any number of different ways, from a tranquil lakeside stroll, to a walk through enchanting woodland, or time to relax in the 18th-century walled garden.

Follow the twisting pathways in Ray Wood and discover a vibrant display of colourful blooms around every corner. Our new self-guided trail book is a treat for the botanist or horticulturalist, directing you to the best seasonal colour whatever the time of year.

Within the 18th-century walled garden, enjoy the heady scent of the rose collection in high summer, while at harvest-time the ornamental vegetable garden yields plentiful produce, much of which is used by our chefs or sold through our farm shop.



Ornamental vegetable garden



The Temple of the Four Winds

Explore the landscape further by joining a guided tour. These run daily between March and October, and are included in the normal admission price.

6 Exhibitions



UNTIL MAY 2013

Capturing the Castle: 300 years of Castle Howard represented in paintings, photographs and the decorative arts

For hundreds of years people have been visiting Castle Howard, and everybody has taken away some impression or memory of this remarkable house and landscape.

The exhibition chronicles how Castle Howard has been variously depicted and recorded in a wealth of images and the written word, including the famous 18th-century architectural engravings that first publicised Vanbrugh's magnificent building to the world, Horace Walpole's celebrated description of the sublime landscape, and the fantasy views by the 20th-century painter Felix Kelly.

William Morris and Castle Howard NEW

At the end of the 19th-century George and Rosalind Howard, 9th Earl and Countess of Carlisle, mixed with artists from the Pre-Raphaelite circle, including Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Edward Burne-Jones. They also enjoyed a long friendship with artist, author and textile designer William Morris and his family. This small exhibition chronicles the story of the Howards' patronage of the firm of Morris & Co, and shows many examples of the designs that once covered the walls of Castle Howard. The exhibition includes the story of the painstaking reconstruction of the Morris wallpaper in the Gift Shop in the 1980s.



Further letter on this subject should be sent to—
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War Office,
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Kingsway, London, W.C.2,

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KINGSWAY, W.C.2,

NEW EXHIBITION STARTS 25 MAY 2013

DUTY CALLS

CASTLE HOWARD IN TIME OF WAR

While generations of Howard sons went to fight overseas the impact of war was often more powerfully felt at home. Between 1815 and 1944 five Howards were killed in action, and for the family



war was a time of anxiety as well as bereavement; this was an experience shared with staff and tenants, many of whom are commemorated on war memorials in estate villages.

Belgian refugees, enemy prisoners, evacuees, fire, crashed aircraft, and horses commandeered for the front meant that the impact of war was never far away from Castle Howard.

From Waterloo to World War II, this exhibition explores the stories of Castle Howard in the time of war. On display from 25 May 2013 to end 2014.



*Celia Roberts
Holland Park
W. 11.*

(F. Watkinson)

Brideshead Restored: The Story of Restoration at Castle Howard and Brideshead Revisited

Witness the extraordinary transformation of the High South, from derelict rooms to film set, for the Ecosse Films production of *Brideshead Revisited*. The accompanying exhibition tells the story of the great fire of 1940 and subsequent restoration in this part of the house, and how Evelyn Waugh’s famous novel came to be filmed not just once – but twice – at Castle Howard.



Maids & Mistresses: The Women of Castle Howard

Celebrating the lives and accomplishments of the women who have lived and worked at Castle Howard through the centuries

It is often assumed that Castle Howard was managed exclusively by men, but during the 18th and 19th centuries five generations of Howard women were instrumental in shaping the identity of this great house. This exhibition enriches our understanding of the vital role these women played in the history of this great estate.

Make your visit to Castle Howard truly memorable by booking one of our special group tours, talks or refreshments.

Private View of the House

Enjoy VIP treatment from the moment your coach drops your group at the house entrance. After a brief welcome and introduction, enjoy a private tour of the house before it opens to the public, followed by morning coffee in the Grecian Hall.

Cost: £30 per person (minimum group size 12), which includes admission, a guidebook each and refreshments. Private Views must start before 10am. A £50 non-refundable deposit is required.

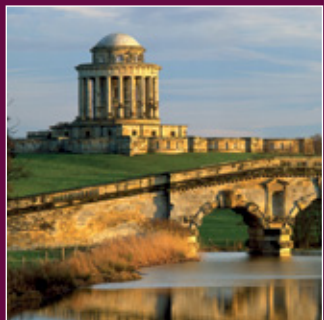


Ray Wood

Private Garden Tours

Garden tours can be tailored to suit a group’s particular interests or knowledge, and can be led by our guides or Head Gardener and team. Popular subjects have included The History of the Gardens, The Walled Garden, and Ray Wood. Please contact us to let us know your particular area of interest.

Cost: £50 guide fee (minimum group size 12), excluding admission.

Curatorial Department – Tours, Talks and Walks for Groups

Let our Curatorial team introduce your group to the hidden features of Castle Howard, including some areas not open to the general public. Subjects include fascinating stories of the house, family and collections, plus talks about the estate today. We are always happy to discuss a group's area of interest – be it porcelain, paintings or architecture. Please get in touch to let us know.

Cost: from £35 per person (minimum group size varies).

Grecian Hall Lunch and Afternoon Tea

Your group will enjoy a private lunch or afternoon tea in the elegant surroundings of the Grecian Hall. This room is available to pre-book for groups of 25 or more. Please note that a non-refundable deposit of £50 is required at the time of booking.

Group Lunch – £16.50 per person: choose a two-course lunch, including tea or coffee, from a menu specially designed by our Head Chef.

Group Afternoon Tea – £13.50 per person: enjoy a traditional selection of sandwiches and miniature homemade cakes served with a pot of Yorkshire tea or cup of coffee.

Champagne – £7.50 per glass: why not make your lunch or afternoon tea extra special with a glass of champagne?

To find out more please visit www.castlehoward.co.uk or telephone Group Reservations on 01653 648621.





With a delicious selection of homemade food on offer in four very different restaurants and cafés, we guarantee something for everyone's taste and budget.

In the licensed self-service **Fitzroy Room** enjoy a traditional selection of hot or cold meals, sandwiches and home-baking; or relax in the bistro-style **courtyard café** with its seasonal menu created by our team of talented chefs.

Alternatively, at the **coffee shop** and **boathouse café** take-out speciality coffee, sandwiches, patisseries and ice cream.

Groups can also enjoy tea breaks and meal stops in the **Stable Courtyard** – please see back cover for details.





Where to Shop

Your group will be surprised and delighted by the choice of quality shops at Castle Howard, all of which are owned and managed by the estate:

At the **house gift shop** discover souvenirs and gifts inspired by the house and collections; while country living provides the inspiration for the **carriage house** range of home accessories, clothing, jewellery and toiletries. Lovers of fiction and non-fiction will delight in the **bookshop**, which also sells a range of toys, games and stationery.



Our popular **farm shop** will impress with its delicious estate and local produce, well-stocked delicatessen and busy butchery; plus gift food, confectionery, beers and wines. At the **garden centre** pick up gifts, plants and gardening accessories, to recreate a bit of Castle Howard at home.





Events for Groups

Christmas at Castle Howard – 23 November to 15 December 2013

Each year the Hon. Simon and Mrs Howard decorate Castle Howard with festive trees, garlands and floral arrangements – all illuminated by candlelight and log fires. Live music sets the festive scene in the Long Gallery, while in the Courtyard we host Christmas craft and local produce markets, as well as keeping our shops well-stocked with gifts and seasonal goodies. Groups can pre-book a private Grecian Hall lunch, or visit one of our restaurants for a delicious Christmas meal.

To find out more about our events, visit www.castlehoward.co.uk



Craft and Local Produce Markets

Between Easter and Christmas we host regular craft and produce markets in the Courtyard, with over thirty stalls selling a variety of quality handmade gifts and local produce. Open daily from 10am until 4pm with no additional charge.



Group Benefits

If there are 12 or more in your group, pre-book a visit to Castle Howard and enjoy the following privileges:



- Significant savings on full price admission
- Free entrance for the coach driver and group leader
- A free food voucher for the coach driver
- Flexible payment options
- Familiarisation visits at your convenience

Additional discounts are available for the travel trade making multiple bookings. Please telephone Group Reservations on 01653 648621 for details.

How to Book

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By email: groups@castlehoward.co.uk

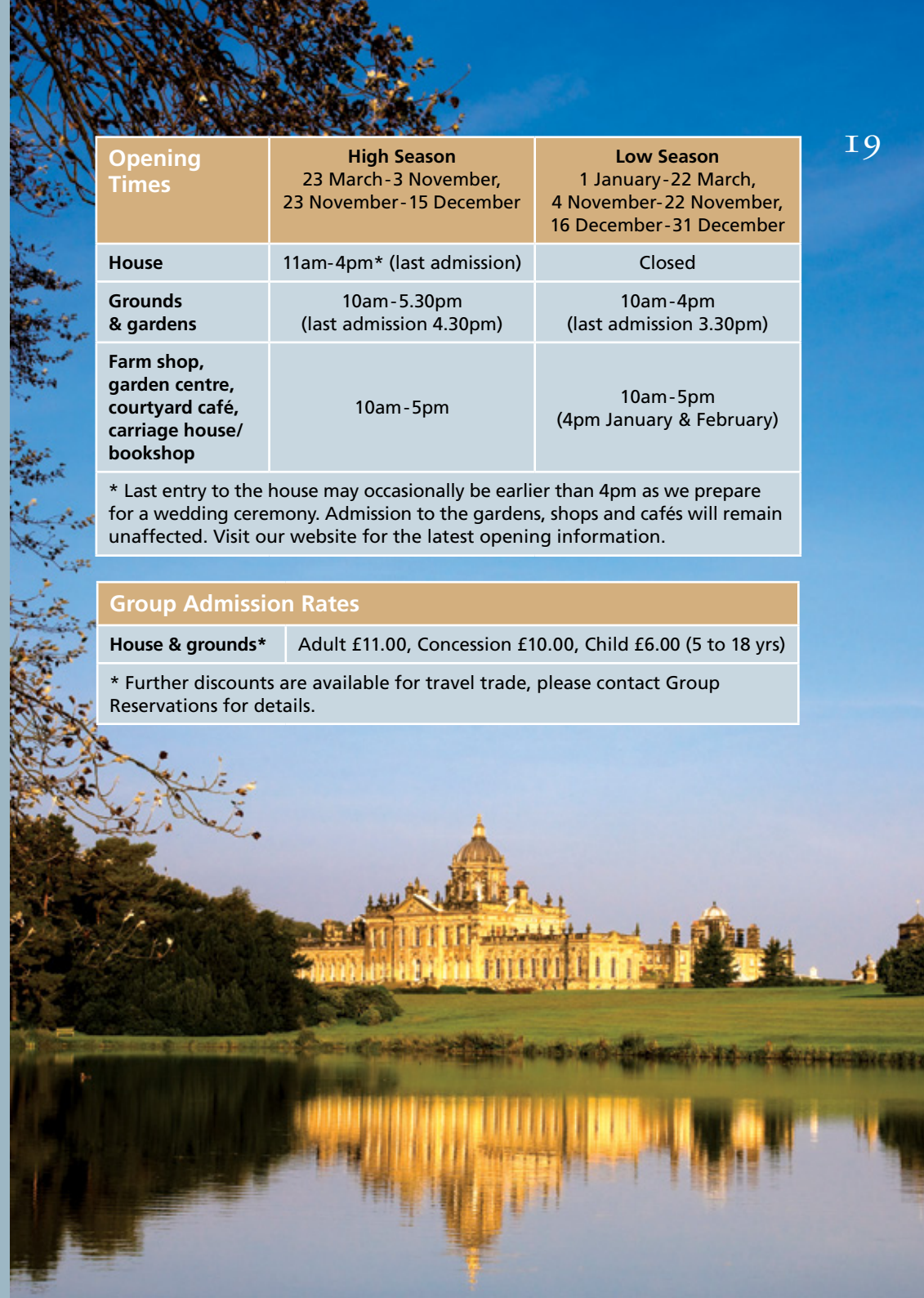
By post: Group Reservations, Castle Howard, York YO60 7DA

Payment Options

Payment is due only on the date of your visit, and can be made by cash, debit/credit card, or cheque made payable to 'Castle Howard Estate Ltd'. Invoicing is available by prior arrangement.

Opening Times	High Season 23 March-3 November, 23 November-15 December	Low Season 1 January-22 March, 4 November-22 November, 16 December-31 December
House	11am-4pm* (last admission)	Closed
Grounds & gardens	10am-5.30pm (last admission 4.30pm)	10am-4pm (last admission 3.30pm)
Farm shop, garden centre, courtyard café, carriage house/ bookshop	10am-5pm	10am-5pm (4pm January & February)
* Last entry to the house may occasionally be earlier than 4pm as we prepare for a wedding ceremony. Admission to the gardens, shops and cafés will remain unaffected. Visit our website for the latest opening information.		

Group Admission Rates	
House & grounds*	Adult £11.00, Concession £10.00, Child £6.00 (5 to 18 yrs)
* Further discounts are available for travel trade, please contact Group Reservations for details.	



Access for All

When visiting the house, a wheelchair lift provides access to most public rooms (max. weight 190kg, size 950mm x 600mm wide), with the exception of the Chapel, High South and first floor of the South East Exhibition Wing. Information about these areas is available to be viewed in the house – please ask a guide for details, or contact us by phone to discuss your particular requirements in advance of your visit. Outside, paths and entrances are ramped for easy access and land transport runs between the ticket office, house entrance and lakeside. Other facilities include adapted toilets, a hearing loop and designated parking. We can also loan manual wheelchairs for use in the house and grounds.





How To Find Us

Castle Howard is located 15 miles north east of York, just off the A64. It is a convenient distance from York, the North York Moors and the coastal resorts of Scarborough, Whitby and Filey.

Important Coach Driver Information

Please be aware that on approaching Castle Howard from the A64, access is through the Carmire Gate 2.6m x 3.43m (8' 6" wide x 11' 3" high). If you have doubts about being able to negotiate this gateway, please approach Castle Howard via Malton and Coneythorpe.

Tea Breaks and Meal Stops

If you are travelling between York, the North York Moors and coastal resorts of Scarborough, Whitby and Filey, then why not pop into Castle Howard for a well-deserved tea break or meal stop? With free admission and parking, coach parties can relax in the pleasant surroundings of our Stable Courtyard, and enjoy the courtyard café, coffee shop, farm shop, gift shops and garden centre. Toilet facilities are available. Please contact Group Reservations for more information.



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