



VISIT TO ROUSHAM HOUSE AND  
GARDENS, NEAR BICESTER

**WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

Dear Members,

We are delighted to plan a visit to Rousham House and Gardens. This country house, built in 1635, has been in the continuous ownership of the Cottrell-Dormer family. It was remodelled by Kent in the 18<sup>th</sup> century in a free Gothic style and contains fine collections of Jacobean and 18<sup>th</sup> century furniture, paintings and statuary.

One of England's most important gardens, Rousham represents the first phase of English landscape design and remains almost as its designer William Kent left it. Monty Don says "Kent is the great genius of eighteenth-century garden design and Rousham is his masterpiece, one of the greatest gardens in the world". Don't miss the walled garden with its herbaceous borders, small parterre, pigeon house and espaliers.

**8.45am MEET: The Valley, Evesham Country Park (WR11 4DS)** departing by coach at 9.0am.  
**Park in the top car park** and cars can be left here and picked up on return.

9.45 am	Arrive at Rousham
10.00 am	Guided Tour of Rousham House (1 hour) Self-guided look around Rousham Gardens
1.15 pm	MEET at coach for drive to Cotswold Barn, Morton-in-Marsh
2.00 pm	Light lunch (sandwiches or soup) paid for. (Tea/coffee, cold drinks and any extras to pay on the day)
3.30 pm	<u>DEPARTURE</u> by coach returning to The Valley Evesham where an interesting range of shops and garden centre can be visited before travelling home in your car. (N.B. Shops close at 5.30pm!)

**COST: £48** (Inc: entrance, light lunch at the Cotswold Barn and coach travel)

**TO BOOK:** Please complete the Booking Slip attached and send to Sue Insch BEFORE THE CUT-OFF DATE OF 22nd May. (If we get oversubscribed, there will be a waiting list). You can pay by cheque or Bank Transfer whichever you prefer.

*If you are unable to take up your place, please contact Sue Insch. We will attempt to fill your place but cannot guarantee to do so or to refund your money. We also reserve the right to cancel or rearrange the event if circumstances beyond our control make that necessary. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a full refund if that happens.*