



North Leicestershire Association of  
National Trust Members and Volunteers

In association with Roberts Travel Group

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018

A short break by coach to London



Hampton Court Palace

Enjoy a three day break with two nights bed and breakfast at the Tower Hotel, and visits to Hampton Court Palace, Spencer House, Hughenden Manor and a tour of St Pancras Station Hotel

We will leave Leicestershire at 7.30 and arrive at Hampton Court Palace late morning. Although no longer a Royal residence the Palace was very much a part of the Tudor and Stuart history. Building began in 1515 for Cardinal Wolsey but was seized by Henry VIII in 1529. It is one of only 2 palaces owned by Henry to remain. Extended by William III it was hoped to rival Versailles.

Apart from the Palace itself and its gardens, other points of interest for visitors include the celebrated maze, the historic real tennis court, and the huge grape vine, the largest in the world as of 2005.



Tower Hotel

We will then continue to our hotel, the 4-star Tower Hotel. We will stay here for 2 nights bed and breakfast.

The Tower Hotel is nestled between the River Thames, St Katharine Docks and alongside the World Heritage Site, the Tower of London, boasting unparalleled views of the iconic Tower Bridge.

Spencer House



On Monday we will leave the hotel after breakfast and drive to Spencer House. This is the only great eighteenth century house to survive in London dating from 1756. It has now regained the full splendour of its late eighteenth century appearance after a 10 year restoration programme.

After our tour of the house we travel to St Pancras Station where we will have an opportunity for lunch before a guided tour of the hotel



Hughenden Manor

After leaving Hughenden Manor we head home to arrive mid evening.

The Holiday is operated by Roberts Group on behalf of NLNTA.

The price is £320 pp sharing a room, a single room supplement of £120 applies.

The price includes travel by executive coach, 2 nights accommodation on a Bed & Breakfast board basis, Entry to Hampton Court Palace, Spencer House A guided tour of St Pancras Hotel and free car parking at Roberts Depot at Hugglescote. Entry to Hughenden Manor is free to NT members.

Booking forms can be obtained from our booking secretary. Phone 01530 243051

Bookings must be made by sending the completed form to Roberts by 30 June with a deposit of £35pp. The balance is payable to Roberts by 3<sup>rd</sup> August.



St Pancras Hotel

The hotel started life as The Midland Grand Hotel built to the design of George Gilbert Scott finally completed in 1876. Closed in 1935 to be used as railway offices it was threatened with demolition. Saved in 1967 when given Grade 1 listed status. It continued to deteriorate until 2004 when work began to redevelop it as a Hotel opening in 2011.

On Tuesday morning we will have free time to explore before we leave to visit Hughenden Manor. Details of the property are found in the NT Handbook.