

Welbeck Abbey State Room Tours 2021

Regular Tours

Tuesday 10th August – Saturday 11th September 2021 EXCLUDING MONDAYS

3 tours per day at 9.30am, 11.30am + 2pm

£20.00 per person

Maximum 14 places

Not recommended for younger children

A wheelchair accessible tour will take place on **Wednesday 18th of August at 2pm**

Extended Tours

Sunday 12th of September – Friday 17th September 2021 EXCLUDING MONDAYS (FULLY BOOKED)

Saturday 18th of September – Sunday 3rd October 2021 EXCLUDING MONDAYS

10am & 2pm

£26.50 per person

2.5 hours

Maximum 14 places

Not recommended for younger children

Tickets can be purchased by calling 01909 501 700 or by visiting reception in The Portland Collection and Harley Gallery.

All tickets are non-refundable

Welbeck Abbey has been home to the Dukes of Portland and their families since 1607. Welbeck is one of the great traditional landed estates. It extends to 15,000 acres, much of which sits within Sherwood Forest, with Welbeck Abbey at its heart. The Abbey was founded as a monastery in 1153. Bess of Hardwick's youngest son, Sir Charles Cavendish, acquired Welbeck in 1607, and since then the estate has continued to be handed down through the family.

THE TOUR

As with all our events, we will make sure that your visit to the Welbeck Abbey State Rooms is as safe as possible. The small group numbers and the large rooms in the house will allow for social distancing and we will follow all government guidance regarding a covid-safe environment. In addition, ticket holders will be asked to use their own transport to get to the Abbey following check-in at the Gallery. Further information confirming arrangements and safety measures will be sent to you nearer the time, depending on changing guidance and best practice.

The tour last approximately an hour and a half. Extended tours last two and half hours. We strongly advise that visitors wear comfortable footwear as there is limited seating available on the tour. We kindly ask that stiletto shoes are not worn in the house. There are no toilet facilities at the Abbey. Toilets, refreshments, shopping and exhibitions can be found at The Harley Gallery and Portland Collection. Please also be aware only small handbags are permitted.

The tour takes in the grand State Rooms which have been host to royalty, aristocracy and statesmen. The State Rooms are decorated with objects and artworks from The Portland Collection; an internationally significant collection. Works on show at Welbeck Abbey include pieces by Sir Peter Lely, John Wootton and Sir Joshua Reynolds.

Visitors can also enjoy Welbeck Abbey's architecture which has evolved over the generations. The tour includes the Countess of Oxford's soaring plasterwork ceiling in the Gothic Hall, and the Duchess of Portland's State Rooms remodelled by Sir Ernest George, c. 1905.

The Welbeck Abbey State Room Tours are managed by The Harley Foundation which was set up by Ivy, Duchess of Portland in 1978.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will I receive confirmation of my booking?

Your confirmation will be emailed, or can be posted

What is the difference between a regular tour and an extended tour?

The extended tours last approximately 2.5 hours, giving visitors longer in each room to appreciate the interiors in more detail. They do not include any additional rooms of Welbeck Abbey.

Will I see any of the underground rooms?

No, the State Room tour does not include any of Welbeck's underground rooms or tunnels.

Why is the house only open for a few days during the summer?

Welbeck Abbey is a private family home.

Can I take photographs of the Abbey and in the State Rooms?

No photography is permitted during the tour.

What do I do if I miss the coach?

We regret that tickets are not refundable or transferable. Please arrange to be at The Harley Gallery in good time for your tour.

Can I take my handbag on the tour?

You may take small handbags on the tour but we regret that large bags are not permitted. If in doubt, please ask your guide when you check in. We provide lockers for safe storage.

Are these tours suitable for children?

Tours are not recommended for children. We also do not allow prams or pushchairs at the Abbey. We advise visitors that you will be on your feet for a long time as there is limited seating. There are also no changing facilities.

Why is there a wheelchair friendly tour?

Welbeck Abbey still remains a private home and due to there being several staircases in the house, one wheelchair friendly tour is scheduled for disabled visitors to enjoy without encountering the stairs.

I have booked tickets but now cannot attend?

Tickets are non-refundable. However, if you would like to give your tickets to a friend or family member, we are happy to change the names on your booking. Please call 01909 501700 to let us know.