

Penshurst Place and St Peters Church
TN11 8DG
Wednesday 21st May 2025
Self Drive Visit
(approx. 40 mins from Turners Hill)
Cost £28



Description

Penshurst Place, a medieval hall, has been owned by the Sidney family since 1552. After passing through the hands of two of Henry IV's sons, followed by Henry VIII who used it as a hunting lodge, it was given to Anne of Cleves as part of her divorce settlement from Henry VIII, it was then briefly in the hands of Sir Ralph Fane and was finally gifted by Henry VIII's son, Edward VI, to his loyal steward and tutor, Sir William Sidney.

The gardens are Grade 1 listed with 11 acres of formal grounds plus woodland walks, being some of the oldest in private ownership.

The Church of St John the Baptist dates back to 12th century with connections to Thomas Becket, a notorious murder of Richard Sax and the Sidney family. There is one step to access the church, but once inside the only step can have a ramp fitted with prior notice. Disabled toilets are available.

Itinerary

10.15 am Meet at free car park (toilets available) by Porcupine Café

10.30 am Refreshments in Grand Hall

11am -12 approx – guided tour of House

You can then re-enter the house, explore the gardens or go to the village

Lunch can be the Porcupine Café, Leicester Arms (good parking) in the village or have a Picnic in the gardens. You can drive into the village or walk – approx 5-10 mins.

2.00 pm Meet at the Church (opposite the Pub) for a guided tour
You can then either return to the house and gardens – open until 4.30pm or follow Rosie Scofield to Tudeley Village to see All Saints Church which is the only one in the world to have all 12 windows decorated by Russian Artist Marc Chagall. (20 min drive, entry £3.00 extra)

Accessibility – Please see the leaflet from the owners on this link
<https://www.penshurstplace.com/public/uploads/browser/files/Accessibility%20Leaflet.pdf>

Costs £28 per person

Please contact Lindsay Williams to book.

Payment by Bacs preferred - Sort code 60-07-17 Account 96664339, cash /cheque at a lecture, or to 12 Grange Road, Crawley Down, RH10 4JT

Note:- Once the society has committed to expenditure, refunds can only be made in exceptional circumstances.

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Please make sure that someone else on the tour has your contact details in case of emergencies