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DAILY ITINERARY

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DAY ONE

- Arrival
- Tring Park
- Puddingstone Distillery
- 1 Standard Room in a 3 star hotel including Dinner, Bed & Breakfast*

DAY TWO

- Hatfield House
- Myddelton House Gardens
- 1 Standard Room in a 3 star hotel including Dinner, Bed & Breakfast*

DAY THREE

- Knebworth House
- St Paul's Walden Bury
- The Grove
- Departure

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DAY ONE

Welcome to Hertfordshire - Trust and Fear Not!

After spending a morning at leisure it's time to take things back to nature and take in the great outdoors with the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Tring Park is steeped in history being formed from the limestone of the Chiltern Hills created at the end of the last Ice Age 10,000 years ago, to becoming established as a manor site in the Saxon period and playing host to gentry, kings and queens. Look out and listen for an abundance of wildlife found at Tring Park including red kites, owls, voles and butterflies with Beech, Horse Chestnut, Lime and Scots Pine trees in over 300 acres of natural beauty.

After your enchanting afternoon in the park it's time to freshen up at your hotel and have your evening meal before spending the next two hours from 8pm to 10pm at Puddingstone Distillery, the home of Campfire Gin. Enjoy meeting like minded gin lovers in a two hour tasting and distillery tour, which includes two cocktails plus samples as you discover the history of Gin, the story of Puddingstone Distillery and find out how Campfire Gin is made.

DAY TWO

This morning enjoy a guided house tour and Head Gardener tour of Hatfield House. Home of the 7th Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury and the Cecil family for 400 years, built in 1611 by Robert Cecil, first Earl of Salisbury, son of Lord Burghley and Chief Minister of Elizabeth I. The grounds once surrounded an old palace and grounds owned by Henry VII.

Superb examples of Jacobean craftsmanship can be seen throughout Hatfield House like the Grand Staircase with fine carving with a rare stained glass window in a private chapel. Many historic mementos collected over the centuries by the Cecils can be seen in the house and in the gardens discover a vast agricultural estate with three levels of woodland walks.

In the afternoon it's time to take a private guided tour of Myddelton House Gardens as you walk in gardens once home to Edward Augustus Bowles, one of Britain's most famous self-taught gardeners. Explore eight acres of grounds with a variety of trees, shrubs and flowers, historical artefacts, kitchen and, rock gardens and a pair of 300 year old life size ostriches.



DAY THREE

Your first stop on the final day is an opportunity to experience a house and garden tour of Knebworth House. Find turrets, domes and gargoyles silhouetted against the sky in a house that has been home to 19 generations of the Lytton family, featured in films like *The Crown*, *Paddington*, *Batman* and known as the largest known British music venue.

The penultimate stop is St. Paul's Walden Bury, home of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Lady Elizabeth Bowes Lyon until she married. Discover the 18th century hall and drawing room with memorabilia of Queen Elizabeth, including a rocking horse that was played upon by Queen Elizabeth II then explore over 50 acres of gardens laid out in 1720, before enjoying a mouth-watering meal set in 300 acres of grounds at The Grove.

PRICE FROM*

GBP (POA) PER PERSON

(sharing standard Double/Twin room)

Price does not include:

- Lunches and beverages.
- Service charges unless specified.
- Room upgrades and room service.
- Transport or any items not listed.
- Personal travel insurance.

Price Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation at Cromwell Hotel Stevenage or similar.
- *DBB basis unless otherwise stated.
- Entrances and Tours: Hatfield House and Gardens, Myddelton House Gardens, Knebworth House and Gardens.
- Puddingstone Distillery tour.
- St. Paul's Walden Bury entrance.
- Meal at The Grove, Hertfordshire.

*Terms and Conditions:

This is a special interest package based on a group of 15 people. Rates are based on 2 adults sharing 1 standard room; Rates are subject to availability, should suggested hotel not be available one of a similar category will be offered; Rates are not valid on bank holidays and during special events; All bespoke services on request; Transport is not included; Alternative hotels or transport available on request.