



WELCOME TO ARUNDEL CASTLE & GARDENS

SET HIGH ON A HILL IN WEST SUSSEX, THIS GREAT CASTLE COMMANDS THE LANDSCAPE WITH MAGNIFICENT VIEWS ACROSS THE SOUTH DOWNS AND THE RIVER ARUN.

BUILT AT THE END OF THE 11TH CENTURY, IT HAS BEEN THE FAMILY HOME OF THE DUKES OF NORFOLK AND THEIR ANCESTORS FOR OVER 900 YEARS.

The original castle was founded on Christmas Day 1067 by Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Arundel, one of William the Conqueror's most loyal barons. He was awarded a third of Sussex with the stipulation that a new castle be built near the mouth of the Arun to protect the approaches to Sussex from attack.

Arundel Castle is one of the longest inhabited country houses in England. Many of the original features such as the crenellated Norman keep, gatehouse and barbican and the lower part of Bevis Tower survive. Between the 1870s and 1890s the house was almost completely rebuilt and the magnificent architecture in Gothic style is considered to be one of the great works of Victorian England.

Stroll through the grounds where you will discover different themed gardens; the rose garden planted in contemporary style; the Chapel loyal barons. He was awarded a third of Sussex with the stipulation that a new castle be built near the mouth of the Arun to protect the approaches to Sussex from attack.

The Gardens and grounds are planted sympathetically, and managed with an organic eco-friendly ethos to encourage wild flowers, beneficial insects and wildlife.

Contemplate in the 14th Century Fitzalan Chapel, burial place of the Dukes of Norfolk and their ancestors.

Castlemilk Moorit sheep, a rare primitive breed and Pygmy goats, may be seen grazing by the Keep.

Ascend to the top of the Norman Motte & Keep that overlook some of the most beautiful downland in England and out to sea.

Discover the rich history of The Dukes of Norfolk, the Earls of Arundel and Surrey and the Castle from our friendly and informative guides.

Enjoy the grandeur of the finely preserved interior with its fascinating furniture, tapestries and rare collection of paintings by renowned artists including Van Dyck, Gainsborough and Canaletto.

The Private Chapel inside the castle is one of the most perfect monuments of 19th Century Catholic revival in England.

Admire the exquisite craftsmanship evident throughout the Castle, typified by the rich mahogany panelling and vaulting that has marked out the Library as one of the finest Regency interiors in the world.

Ascend the grand staircase and discover the Castle Bedrooms and Victorian bathrooms.



'THE YOUNG VICTORIA'

ARUNDEL CASTLE PLAYS A STARRING ROLE IN THE YOUNG VICTORIA

THE YOUNG VICTORIA charts Queen Victoria's journey to the throne. Packed with drama, romance, political intrigue, breathtaking cinematography and featuring an outstanding British cast including Jim Broadbent, Mark Strong, Paul Bettany, Miranda Richardson and Rupert Friend, **THE YOUNG VICTORIA** is captivating audiences worldwide.

Queen Victoria & Prince Albert had many strong associations with the Dukes of Norfolk and visited Arundel Castle for three days in December 1846.



THE COLLECTOR EARL'S GARDEN

OPENED BY HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES ON 14TH MAY 2008

'The Collector Earl's Garden aims to stand alone, to be pleasing, timeless and memorable'



This new formal garden is a light-hearted tribute to Thomas Howard, 14th Earl of Arundel (1585 – 1646), known as 'The Collector'. It has been designed by Isabel and Julian Bannerman with Russell Taylor as job architect, and has been conceived as a Jacobean formal garden. It is in fact an imaginative re-creation of what the 'Collector' Earl's formal garden may have been like at Arundel House, his town palace overlooking the Thames in London.

The domed pergola and fountains are based on those seen in the garden vista in the background of the famous Mytens portrait of the Countess of Arundel (in the drawing room here), while the various gateways and pavilions are based on Inigo Jones's designs for Arundel House.

The grand centrepiece is the rockwork 'mountain' planted with palms and unusual ferns to represent another world, supporting a green oak version of 'Oberon's Palace', a fantastic spectacle designed by Inigo Jones for Prince Henry's Masque on New Year's Day 1611, flanked by two green oak obelisks. This contains a shell-lined interior with a stalagmite fountain and gilded coronet 'dancing' on a jet of water.

The garden is divided into formal courts with a centre canal pond, tufa-lined cascade and wild flower labyrinth. The planting is restrained – with scented magnolia grandiflora, Indian Bean Trees, shrubs and semi-tropical plants taking advantage of the walls to trap heat.

HOW TO FIND US

By Road

Midway between Portsmouth & Brighton on the A27 (please follow the brown & white tourist road signs). Sat Nav: BN18 9AB

By Rail

Arundel Railway Station (10 mins away) Frequent services from London Victoria, Gatwick Airport, and along the South coast.



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The Drawing Room

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Open

Arundel Castle is open from Thursday 1 April to Sunday 31 October 2010.

Open Tuesdays to Sundays inclusive, and August Mondays and Bank Holiday Mondays.

Fitzalan Chapel, Gardens & Grounds
10am - 5pm;

Castle Shop
10.30am - 5pm;

Restaurant
10.30am - 4.30pm;

Castle Keep
11am - 4.30pm;

Main Castle Rooms
12noon - 5pm;

Last Entry
4pm.

Entrance
Lower Lodge off Mill Road

Parking

Car & Coach Parking - in the public car park opposite the Castle entrance.

Groups We welcome free-flow group visits. Special rates available - please enquire

Tour Information

Guided Castle & Garden Tours and Special Interest Tours available - please enquire.

Access Arrangements

We welcome visitors with disabilities, please visit our website for access details, or telephone 01903 882173.

Registered assistance dogs only.

The content of this leaflet is available in large format print on request.

RESTAURANT & GIFT SHOP

Castle Restaurant

Relax and enjoy some welcome refreshments in the original Castle Servants' Hall where you will discover our licensed counter service Castle Restaurant.

Castle Shop

Converted from the old Castle Kitchen, our Castle Shop offers a wide range of original and inspired gift items, many designed exclusively for Arundel Castle.



The Library

GOLD PLUS

The all inclusive ticket

Our Gold Plus Visitors enjoy visiting the main Castle Rooms, seven Castle Bedrooms, the Castle Keep, the Fitzalan Chapel, The Collector Earl's Garden, the Gardens and Grounds as well as the Castle Shop & Restaurant.

Castle Bedrooms

This year the unmissable Castle Bedrooms are open daily. Restored to their Victorian splendour by Her Grace The Duchess of Norfolk they contain fascinating furniture and artwork collected over the centuries.

ADMISSION

	GOLDPLUS	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Castle Bedrooms	●	●	●	●
Main Castle Rooms	●	●	●	●
Castle Keep	●	●	●	●
Castle Shop & Restaurant	●	●	●	●
Fitzalan Chapel	●	●	●	●
The Collector Earl's Garden	●	●	●	●
Gardens & Grounds	●	●	●	●
Adult	£16.00	£14.00	£9.00	£7.50
Concession	£13.50	£11.50	£9.00	£7.50
Child (5-16 years)	£7.50	£7.50	£7.50	£7.50
Family (2 adults, up to 3 children)	£39.00	£36.00		



Castle Bedroom

SPECIAL EVENTS 2010

Please visit www.arundelcastle.org for our latest information

Saturday 3rd April, Sunday 4th April & Monday 5th April

Norman Knights and Crusaders

Life in the early years of Arundel Castle. See the tented encampment of Raven Tor Living History Group. Watch the knights fighting for their honour, learn about Norman battle tactics; marvel at the skilled displays of archery. Talk to the characters and find out more about life in Norman Arundel.

Sunday 11th April - MG Rally

Up to 150 classic cars of this popular class to admire.

Sunday 16th May - Tudor Murder Mystery - (11am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm)

Hone your detective skills with this specially-written murder mystery. Question the suspects, solve the clues - can you discover the murderer?

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd May, 10th & 11th July, 11th & 12th September - Owls

An opportunity to meet these amazing birds of prey.

Friday 28 May, Friday 25 June, Friday 23 July & Friday 24 September

"Meet the Gardener" Garden Tours 2010.

Sunday 30 & Monday 31 May - A Siege of Arundel Castle

Against the backdrop of the Wars of the Roses, the Castle is besieged by rebels opposed to the King. Medieval artillery, siege encampments, crafts, displays and lots of fighting!

Wednesday 2nd June & Thursday 3rd June - Corpus Christi - The traditional carpet of flowers and processing of the Blessed Sacrament from the Cathedral to the Castle.

Friday 4th June - Pirate Day

Have-a-go fencing and archery with the pirates of Raven Tor Living History Group.

Sunday 13th June - BMW Motorcycle Club Visit.

Saturday 26th June & Sunday 27th June - Medieval Weekend

Archery, sword-fighting, crafts, cooking, story telling. Knights and men-at-arms from Raven Tor Living History Group will demonstrate armour and weapons in hand-to-hand combat.

Sunday 18th July - Pirate Day

Story-teller, have-a-go fencing and archery with the pirates of Raven Tor.

Tuesday 27th July to Sunday 1 August - Jousting & Medieval Encampment

Experience the sights and sounds of an historic medieval encampment. Chat to the knights and men-at-arms of Raven Tor Living History Group and marvel at their skills. Experience the thrill of the joust as the knights of Destrier Pro fight for honour and glory... Please note - Gold Plus and Gold tickets only.



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Thursday 12th August, Tuesday 17th August - Pirate Day

Have-a-go fencing and archery with the pirates of Raven Tor Living History Group.

Saturday 14th August & Sunday 15th August - Mustering for War

The Fitzalan household mustering for the campaigns of the fifteenth century Wars of the Roses. Includes archery display and displays of military tactics and combat by Raven Tor Living History Group. Opportunities to try your hand at archery and handling a pike!

Friday 20th August to Monday 30th August - Arundel Festival

Please see website.

Sunday 19th September - Medieval Murder Mystery - (11am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm)

Hone your detective skills with this specially-written murder mystery. Question the suspects, solve the clues - can you discover the murderer?

Wednesday 27th October & Thursday 28th October - The First Civil War

The Castle during the visit of Empress Matilda in the time of King Stephen - Norman knights, weapons, combat and crafts.

It's the History Man!

Paul Ullson interprets the daily life of the Castle through the ages:

Priest - 8 Apr, 20 Jul, 2 Aug, 18 Aug

Civil War Doctor - 9 Apr, 6 Aug, 20 Aug, 24 Aug

Norman Knight - 13 Apr, 1 June, 22 Jul, 9 Aug, 23 Aug, 9 Oct

Jailer/ Executioner - 14 Apr, 16 Aug

Medieval Archer - 15 Apr, 2 Jun, 2 Jul, 19 Aug, 25 Aug

Naval Surgeon - 21 Jul, 10 Oct

Tudor Soldier - 5 Aug, 10 Aug

Events correct at time of press. Please confirm before visiting.

Outdoor events are subject to weather.

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ARUNDEL CASTLE

WEST SUSSEX

ANCIENT CASTLE, STATELY HOME & GARDENS

