

Trips and Visits

Art and Culture in Somerset

Thursday 9th July 2020

Price for National Trust members:

£27 pp / £24 pp for FRWA members

Price for non-National Trust members:

£39 pp / £36 pp for FRWA members

Experience summer in Somerset on a visit to the National Trust's **Montacute House**, 'a masterpiece of Elizabethan Renaissance architecture and design, with towering walls of glass, glowing ham stone and surrounding garden', and to the beautiful market town of **Somerton** - said to be the medieval capital of Wessex - and its **ACEarts Centre**.

Montacute House harbours nationally important collections of furniture and textiles including magnificent 15th century tapestries, an outstanding collection of early samplers and finely embroidered chairs. On the top floor, in the Long Gallery, there are more than 50 portraits on loan from the National Portrait Gallery, which has worked in partnership with Montacute for over 40 years. Outside, you can enjoy a formal garden, parkland and woodland, and a former motte and bailey castle, topped by an 18th century folly. There is a café serving lunches, or you could bring a picnic.

Somerton, has a wide market square, with a rare octagonal-roofed market cross, and the **ACEarts Centre** (free admission). The Centre has a large selection of high quality arts and crafts available to purchase, and an excellent exhibition programme. On the day of the visit the Evolver Prize 2020 exhibition will be showing.

A note about Access. *At Montacute most of the garden is accessible with ramps; there is a wheelchair accessible toilet and information is available in braille and large print formats. However, there is no lift so only the ground floor is wheelchair accessible. At the ACEarts Centre facilities for people with disabilities are excellent.*

Itinerary

We aim to arrive at Montacute House around 10.30am. We will remain there until 2.30pm when we make our way to Somerton. ACEarts has no café but there are plenty of cosy tea rooms nearby. We will be back in Bristol by 7pm.

The price of the trip includes executive coach travel, the driver's gratuity and, for non-NT members, the £12 admission price for Montacute House.



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Please reserve _____ place(s) at £27 pp

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I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to
Friends of the RWA.

Please send the completed form, together with your
cheque, by June 25th to:

**Andrea Whitlow, The Bungalow, 21 Beryl Road, Bristol,
BS3 3DH**

If you do not have an email address, please include
a SAE so that we can acknowledge receipt of your
cheque.

CANCELLATION: Any cancellation after June 25th will
not be refunded unless the place(s) are resold.

PLEASE NOTE: Persons who come on this visit do so at
their own risk. Please notify us if you have any difficulty
walking.

The FRWA public liability insurance covers all RWA
Friends up to the age of 85.

PLEASE NOTE:

The FRWA will hold your booking data in order to process payment and book travel.

Please tick this box if you are happy for your data to be used in this way. Your personal data will not be shared with any third party.

We would like to keep you updated about forthcoming FRWA trips, events, exhibitions and offers.
This is an important part of how we keep in touch with our members.

If you are happy for us to contact you by post, please tick this box.

If you are happy for us to contact you by email, please tick this box.

Name(s) - please show all names below _____

Address _____

_____ post code _____

Tel _____

Mob _____

Email _____

Please state if you have any special needs requirements

I/we would like to be picked up at (please tick as
appropriate)

Prince Street, outside The Bristol Hotel
(formerly Jurys) - 8.00am

Clifton Down Shopping Centre
near Boots- 8.20am

Parry's Lane slip road - 8.30am

Cribbs Causway, Coach Park 'H' near Marks
and Spencer - 9am