

Delapre Abbey, Northampton

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By coach departing at 9 am

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The beautiful Grade II* Listed Delapre Abbey, just one mile from Northampton town centre, has entered an exciting new phase in its history. The Abbey was a building at risk, but, with the help of the Heritage Lottery Fund, it has undergone extensive restoration. The Delapre Abbey Preservation Trust and Northampton Borough Council have opened the Abbey's doors to the public for the first time in its 900 year history. The 18th century stable block has been turned into a new visitor and education centre, shop and exhibition space. The Orangery, where we have our refreshments, was once a billiard room. You will learn more of the Abbey's history which started life as a nunnery during our guided tour.

We hope to arrive at 10 am and have tea/coffee and biscuits in the Orangery (included). At 10.45 we will be split into three groups:-

Group 1 Tour of the Abbey, watch video, then explore battlefield room.

Group 2 and 3 will do the same but in a different order.

You may have a little time to wander in the garden before we meet at 12.30 for our two course lunch in the Orangery (included).

After lunch you have free time for the gardens. There is a large walled garden, specimen trees in the understated arboretum, the hidden remains of a splendid water garden, a rock garden, a ha-ha, a lake and sculptures.

We meet up at 3 pm in the Orangery for tea/coffee and biscuits (included) before boarding the coach at 3.45. Depending on traffic, we hope to arrive back in Rugby at 5 pm.



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