

Art, scenery and history in the county of ...

# DORSET

5 days – 4 nights. £559 per person\*

## Our Tour

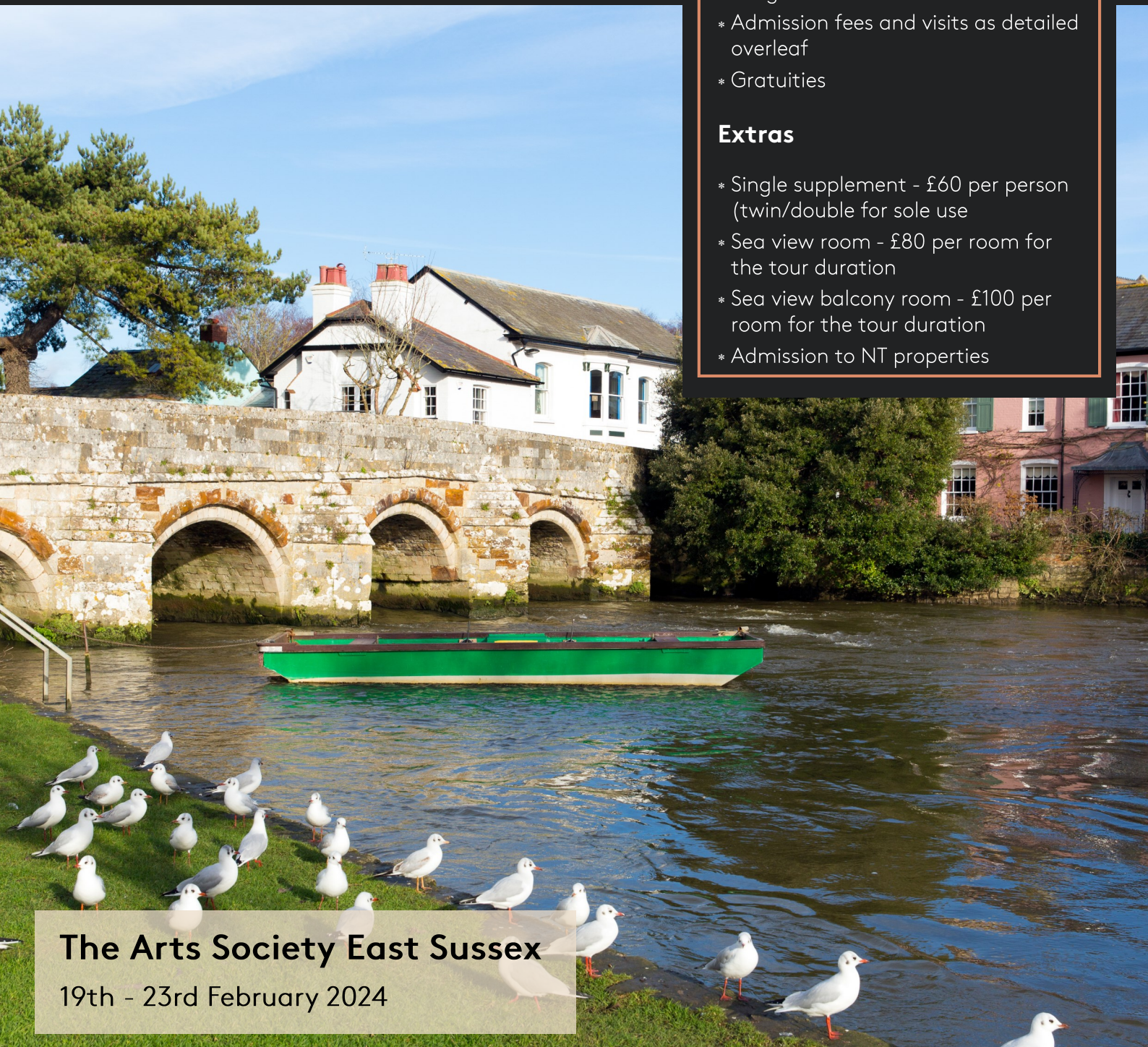


### What's included

- \* Executive coach travel throughout
- \* 4 nights half board accommodation
- \* Admission fees and visits as detailed overleaf
- \* Gratuities

### Extras

- \* Single supplement - £60 per person (twin/double for sole use)
- \* Sea view room - £80 per room for the tour duration
- \* Sea view balcony room - £100 per room for the tour duration
- \* Admission to NT properties



## The Arts Society East Sussex

19th - 23rd February 2024

**Glorious Dorset isn't just about its coastline and literary connections.** Although for many it is defined by the craggy and ancient Jurassic coastline and its unspoilt rural landscapes, Dorset is also home to inspiring ancient sites, swanky mansions, historic properties and interesting museums.

Please note: this tour includes a fair amount of walking and unfortunately it may not be suitable for anyone with limited mobility, although you will of course be able to relax at the hotel or enjoy Bournemouth instead if you wish.



\*Price is based on a minimum of 25 travelling. Should fewer travel, the price will increase



Kingston Lacy



Athelhampton © Christine Matthews



Drawing Room © Jane Austen's House

## Southampton City Gallery

Located in the city's Cultural Quarter, this vibrant cultural hub features a diverse collection of artworks spanning from the Renaissance to the present day, including notable pieces by renowned artists such as J.M.W. Turner, Auguste Rodin, and Francis Bacon. The gallery offers visitors a chance to immerse themselves in a wide range of artistic styles and genres, showcasing both local and international talent.

## Dorset Museum

Located in Dorchester and home to a diverse range of exhibits that showcase the rich heritage and natural history of the region. Explore archaeological artifacts, interactive displays, and engaging exhibits that delve into Dorset's past, including the internationally significant fossil collections of Mary Anning, making it a must-visit for history and natural history enthusiasts. Tea / coffee and a highlights tour is included in our visit.

## Athelhampton House

A stunning Tudor manor with a rich history and magnificent architecture. For art lovers, the appeal lies in the house's extensive collection of art and antiques, including intricate

wood carvings, Elizabethan tapestries, and a remarkable array of paintings by renowned artists, offering a captivating exploration of artistic craftsmanship and historical artistic styles. Our visit includes admission with afternoon tea and cake.

## Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum

Located on Bournemouth's East Cliff, overlooking the sea, the museum is opposite our hotel. Originally known as East Cliff Hall, in 1901, Merton Russell-Cotes gifted his wife Annie the beautiful building for her birthday. The couple were Victorian collectors and travel enthusiasts and filled the home with remarkable artwork and souvenirs from their travels. Today, guests can admire exhibitions of both art and artefacts from the Russell-Cotes' extensive collection.

## Christchurch

With its ancient priory, medieval architecture, and scenic riverside setting, Christchurch offers a captivating blend of historical heritage and artistic charm, rich cultural offerings and vibrant arts scene. It also has an array of independent shops and cafes, so is a great place to explore.

## Kingston Lacy (NT)

Experience the grand elegance of this palatial mansion, filled with artistic treasures and surrounded by acres of stunning parkland. This lavishly furnished 17<sup>th</sup> century home contains a wealth of paintings by world famous artists as well as an enormous collection of artefacts from all over the world. Outside, you can enjoy beautiful sweeping lawns, charming formal gardens and delightful woodland walks.

## Wimborne Minster

The beautiful, historic market town of Wimborne Minster, set on the banks of the River Stour, is perhaps best known for its gracious Minster Church, where we will have a guided tour. With a history dating back to pre-Roman times, it is interesting and picturesque town to explore.

## Jane Austen's House

Renowned as one of the most significant literary sites in the world, this Grade I-listed cottage in Chawton attracts hordes of visitors annually. You'll be able to see a remarkable collection of artefacts from Austen's life including letters she wrote, first editions of her books, and the table where she penned all her major works.

## Our Hotel

Located in the East Cliff area of Bournemouth, the **Marsham Court Hotel** is set in a wonderful location edging the beautiful Dorset coastline. A refreshing blend of contemporary and friendly seaside ambiance, bedrooms are well-equipped and the hotel has a bar, restaurant and outdoor swimming pool.



### How to book:

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