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Historic Cambridge

**15/18 October 2010 (3 nights)
from the Royal Cambridge Hotel *****



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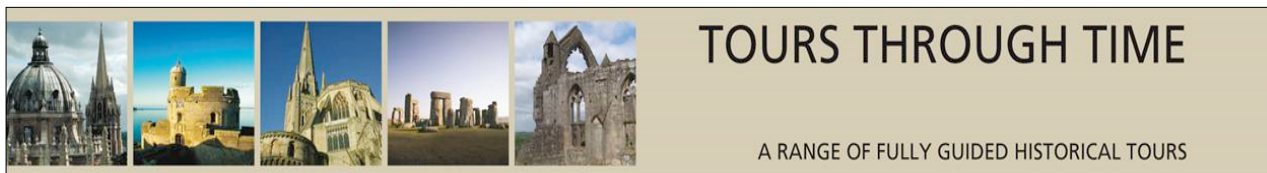
This 3-night, 4-day tour will explore the historic **University City of Cambridge, with accommodation at the 3* Royal Cambridge Hotel on the edge of the city centre; a gentle stroll from the shops, colleges and the famous buildings.**

Together with tour leader and historian, **Julian Humphrys, we embark on a journey of discovery from Cambridge's historical *must see* sights to the contemporary architecture of some of the major buildings built by the University since 1990. We will examine the links between education and the Church with the Monarchy by exploring Cambridge University and the ecclesiastical centre of **Bury St Edmunds**.**

In Cambridge a walking tour is the best way to see some of the colleges and the city's history and we will attend **Evensong at Kings College Chapel (subject to service times) and **dine in private rooms within King's College**. As we stroll around Cambridge, we will discover *The Backs*, *The Mathematical Bridge*, and *The Bridge of Sighs* and maybe even take a punt on the river. Ely Cathedral known as *The Ship of the Fens* and its famous stained glass museum are also included in this short break.**



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Full Itinerary

Day 1: On **Friday** afternoon, we can check in to the hotel from 1400 and Julian Humphrys, tour leader and historian, will be waiting to greet us. The **Fitzwilliam Museum** is just a short stroll away and there will be an introduction to the gallery highlights with a museum specialist before touring the galleries independently. The museum houses a priceless collection of paintings, ceramics, furniture and antiquities from Ancient Greece, the Near East, Cyprus and Rome. On our return to the hotel there is time to relax before an official "Welcome Reception" followed by dinner.

Day 2: After breakfast on **Saturday** we start to explore the city and its colleges, accompanied by Julian. Our guided walk of Cambridge will focus on history and architecture including colleges such as **Trinity College**, the largest of all Cambridge colleges, which was founded by Henry VIII just before his death. The actual itinerary for the day will be subject to college closures that occasionally take place for reasons beyond our control and time permitting we'll see some of the historic churches – the Round Church, Great St Mary's and St Benet's.

A guided tour of **King's College Chapel**, one of the greatest examples of Gothic architecture, will be included. One of the Chapel's most striking features is the painting **Adoration of the Magi** by Rubens. There will be some free time for lunch and independent sightseeing and at 1700 it's time to take our place outside **King's College Chapel** to wait in the queue for Evensong, sung by members of the world-famous choir. Afterwards, we will stroll through the college grounds, past the Gibbs' Building to **The Saltmarsh Rooms**, where a private dinner (three course fork buffet, wine, coffee and mints) can be enjoyed before returning to the hotel.

Day 3: After breakfast on **Sunday**, there will be a drive past the open green space that offers spectacular views of the backs of the riverside colleges. Most colleges have their Fellows Gardens on this side of the river and **The Backs** are a pretty sight at most times of the year. From here, we will take a short walk to **St John's College** to see its beautiful Tudor Gatehouse and the picturesque **Bridge of Sighs**.

We then travel by executive coach to **Ely**, arriving in time for lunch (not included). **Ely Cathedral** began as a monastery in AD 673 founded by St Etheldreda. The monastic buildings that can be seen today were all additions later in the Middle Ages. When it was built Ely was only a small settlement, the town grew up around the Cathedral which dominates the low-lying countryside in which it is set. The monastery at Ely was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1539. Ely suffered less than many other monasteries, but even so, statues were destroyed together with carvings and stained glass. The Cathedral was refunded in 1541. In the 18th and 19th centuries two restoration projects took place with the architect **Sir George Gilbert Scott** being involved in the latter, restoring the cathedral to its former glory. A third restoration project, the most extensive to date, was completed in 2000.

After touring the cathedral with Julian we visit **The Stained Glass Museum** on the upper level of the cathedral for an introduction and tour of this national collection of stained glass, religious and secular, from 1200 to the present day. **Evensong** takes place on Sunday at 1600 hours or there is a well stocked shop and much more to explore before returning to Cambridge for a leisurely evening with dinner at the hotel.



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Day 4: On **Monday** morning we travel to **Bury St Edmunds**, a town where pilgrims from all over the world used to worship at the shrine of **St Edmund** – the martyred **King of East Anglia**. The shrine is within the extensive remains of the wealthiest and most powerful Benedictine monastery in England, **Bury St Edmunds Abbey**. Within the abbey ruins are the complete 14th century Great Gate and Norman Tower and the impressive ruins and altered west front of the immense church. Subject to services, we will visit St Mary’s Church, part of the Benedictine Abbey site and the Civic Church of the Town and Borough. St Mary’s is renowned for its magnificent hammer-beam Angel roof and it is the final resting place of Mary Tudor, Queen of France, Duchess of Suffolk and favourite sister of Henry VIII.

Bury St Edmunds itself is an interesting market town with the **Moyse Hall Museum**, housed in one of England’s few surviving Norman houses, and **Bury St Edmunds Art Gallery**, designed by Robert Adams this is popular with lovers of art and architecture alike. There will be free time for lunch and independent sightseeing before returning to Cambridge.

The approximate time of return to Cambridge will be 1530hrs and transfers to the railway station will be included.

Itinerary at a glance

Day 1 – Friday 15 th October 2010	Day 2 - Saturday 16 th October 2010	Day 3 –Sunday 17 th October 2010	Day 4 - Monday 18 th October 2010
Independent travel and check-in to the hotel (from 14.00hrs). Your guide will meet you on arrival. Visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum accompanied by your guide. 19.00hrs: Join fellow guests for a welcome and introduction to the tour. 19.30hrs: Dinner.	Breakfast. A guided walk of the city and colleges with your guide. Free time for lunch and independent sightseeing. 17.00hrs: Meet for Evensong in King's College Chapel. 18.30hrs: Private dinner in the Saltmarsh Rooms, Kings College Return to the hotel for a leisurely evening.	Breakfast. Depart by executive coach for a drive-by of the picturesque college <i>backs</i> , followed by a short walk to St John's College to view the Tudor Gatehouse and the Bridge of Sighs. Rejoin the coach for a drive to Ely. Free time for lunch in the Cathedral. Join your guide for a guided tour of the Cathedral and a visit to the Stained Glass Museum. 16.00hrs: Evensong / Free time to visit the cathedral shop. Return to hotel for a leisurely evening and dinner.	Breakfast. Check-out of hotel (the hotel will store luggage securely). Travel to Bury St Edmunds for a tour of Bury St Edmunds Abbey. Afterwards, there will be free time for lunch and to explore the town independently. 15.30hrs: approx. return time to hotel. Transfer to Cambridge rail/bus station available, as required.



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Tour Cost:

Cost per person: £459
Single Supplement: £36
Non-refundable deposit: £100 Full balance due: 8 weeks prior to tour

Included

- Three nights accommodation and full English breakfast in a 3* hotel (The Royal Cambridge Hotel)
- Two dinners at the hotel and dinner on Saturday evening in The Saltmarsh Rooms at Kings College (three course fork buffet with wine, coffee and mints)
- The services of Julian Humphrys throughout (a second guide may be required for some college tours)
- Executive air-conditioned coaching for touring
- All college entries, tours and attraction visits as per the programme
- Introduction to The Fitzwilliam Museum

Not Included

- Travel Insurance (you are strongly advised to have cover for cancellation or any other eventualities)
- Lunches and other refreshments – pre-booking required for Sunday lunch at The Almonry, Ely Cathedral otherwise light lunches available in The Refectory Tower or Octagon Tour at Ely Cathedral. It might not be possible to book one of these on the day so please register interest when booking - additional £6pp per tour. (There are 288 steps to the Tower)

Brookland Travel reserves the right to alter the itinerary should it be necessary due to conditions beyond their control. Every effort will be made to maintain the spirit of the theme.

How to Book: You can visit the website and the "Contact Us" page to make a provisional booking. Alternatively, please ring the office between 9.00am-5.00pm (Monday-Friday). A non-refundable deposit of £100 is required at the time of booking, unless you are booking less than 8 weeks before departure. In this case, full payment of the tour is required.

Further Information

If you have any questions about the tour, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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The Royal Cambridge Hotel is a terrace of Georgian town houses which make up one of the oldest hotels in Cambridge.

Once part of the world famous Addenbrooke's Hospital, the hotel is located on the edge of the city centre, an easy walk from such famous college names as King's, Queen's, Corpus Christi and Magdalene, which make Cambridge one of England's premier destinations. Tastefully decorated and furnished in keeping with its heritage, the hotel now has 57 fully equipped **en-suite bedrooms** and suites and two exclusive self-contained, serviced apartments.

All rooms include the following facilities:

- Colour TV with satellite channels
- Courtesy tray with tea & coffee
- Direct dial telephone
- Hairdryer & Trouser press

Car Parking: On-site parking is available at £5 per night.

Extra nights may be available, on request. Please enquire at the time of booking, as we may be able to secure a competitive rate for you.

Directions:

From the West & North (A14, A603)

Leave the M11 at junction 12 and follow the A603 to the south of the city until you reach a roundabout turn right into Fen Causeway and cross the river. The hotel is on the left just before the pedestrian crossing.

From the South (M11)

Exit the M11 at junction 11 with the A10 and follow the A1309 & A1134 for about 2 miles to the city centre. Turn left at the first mini roundabout & immediately right after the pedestrian crossing into the hotel car park. **By Coach:** National express +44(0) 8705 808080

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