

THE COMPLETE DESTINATION



Luton Hoo
HOTEL, GOLF & SPA



From the moment you first catch sight of the magnificent Mansion House as you approach through acres of sweeping mature parkland, Luton Hoo invites you to enjoy the very highest standards of five-star luxury in a classic English setting.

Designed by Georgian architect Robert Adam for the 3rd Earl of Bute, Luton Hoo is the UK's latest and most prestigious location for a five-star hotel, golf course and spa, painstakingly transformed in keeping with Elite Hotels' philosophy of careful restoration rather than total redesign.

The result is a level of lavish hospitality that would have been familiar to the house's former distinguished owners and visitors, combined with modern comforts that belong firmly in the 21st Century.

A PLACE TO FEEL AT HOME

Guests who simply want to relax can enjoy Luton Hoo's splendid original Pillared Hall, Entrance Hall and Italianate Drawing Room, the latter of which offers stunning views over the formal gardens and landscaped parkland beyond. Fine dining can be enjoyed in, where else, but the original state dining room, now named the Wernher Restaurant after the house's illustrious Edwardian owner.



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Close by the house is the brand new and excellently equipped Spa at Luton Hoo



Hatfield House - Hertfordshire



St. Albans' Cathedral

Near the Mansion House is the excellently equipped Spa at Luton Hoo, including swimming pool, hydrotherapy pool and six treatment rooms offering a range of pampering therapies. In addition is the Technogym, featuring a range of very latest equipment and incorporating the Technogym Wellness System.

Guests who wish to stretch their legs can do so on one of several walks or jogs through the surrounding 1,065 acres of park and woodland, which also provides opportunities for boating and fishing in the Lake, clay shooting and bird watching.

An added attraction for golfers is the newly created 18-hole, par 73, 7105-yard golf course with its breathtaking views across the estate.

A PLACE FROM WHICH TO EXPLORE

Luton Hoo provides the perfect and most comfortable place from which to visit London (the house is less than 30 miles from London's West End). In addition there are some fine local attractions in Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire, a sample of which are listed below, with distances and approximate journey times by car.

THE CATHEDRAL CITY OF ST. ALBANS – HERTFORDSHIRE

14 miles / 20 minutes

St. Albans is Hertfordshire's oldest town with a history dating back to the Iron Age. However it first came to prominence when, as Verulamium, it became one of the largest towns in Roman Britain. Today St. Albans is best known for its impressive abbey church, dating back to the 8th Century and built on what is believed to be the site of the martyrdom of St. Alban. Altogether a charming English market town.

BEDFORD RIVER FESTIVAL – BEDFORDSHIRE

20 miles / 30 minutes

Why not coincide a visit to the county town of Bedford with its biennial River Festival – the next one taking place on 12-13 July 2008. For these two days Bedford and the River Great Ouse come alive as thousands of people enjoy what is one of the biggest free festivals in the UK. The festival springs from the people of Bedford, their cultures, skills, aspirations and imaginations and features a whole host of artists and performers. River craft, a carnival parade, music, arts, sports, fireworks, trade stalls, marquees and crafts make this a truly unique event.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE – BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

17 miles / 30 minutes

Berkhamsted Castle fell into romantic ruins 500 years ago but its huge banks, ditches and surviving walls remain atmospheric. The original moat and bailey was built following the Norman conquest of England in 1066 and there is a later stone keep, built by the Black Prince, eldest son of King Edward III, and where King John of France was imprisoned in 1356.

BERNWOOD BUTTERFLY TRAIL, BERNWOOD FOREST – BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

32 miles / 45 minutes

Extensive paths lead walkers through vast areas of mixed broadleaved and coniferous woodland at Bernwood Forest, specially protected because of its richness as a butterfly habitat. A special yellow way-marked path takes the visitor on an hour-and-a-half walk through some of the butterflies' favoured spots.

DUNSTABLE DOWNS – BEDFORDSHIRE

3 miles / 6 minutes

The Dunstable Downs offer 130 acres of public access in the Chilterns area of outstanding natural beauty, with circular walks, a visitor centre and spectacular views. The Downs are used by hang glider enthusiasts and visitors can also watch traditional gliders taking off and landing at the London Gliding Club in the valley below.

GULLIVER'S LAND THEME PARK, MILTON KEYNES – BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

15 miles / 21 minutes

For younger families with children of up to 13 years old, Gulliver's Land makes a fun day out, featuring over 30 rides and attractions at one all-inclusive price.

HATFIELD HOUSE – HERTFORDSHIRE

14.2 miles / 25 minutes

Hatfield House, the Hertfordshire home of the 7th Marquis of Salisbury, was built between 1607 and 1611 by Robert Cecil, the first Earl of Salisbury and Chief Minister to James I. The State Rooms are rich in paintings, furniture, fine tapestries and historic armour. A stunning surviving example of Jacobean architecture.

THE HOME OF REST FOR HORSES, PRINCES RISBOROUGH – BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

46 miles / 60 minutes

This home or sanctuary was originally established in the 1880's as a place of retirement for working horses from London. Now the stables cater for the needs of over 100 retired horses, donkeys and ponies and is open daily to visitors between 2pm and 4pm. Admission free.



Knebworth House - Hertfordshire

KNEBWORTH HOUSE – HERTFORDSHIRE

14.6 miles / 25 minutes

The Lytton family have lived in Knebworth House in Hertfordshire for over 500 years and the present generation of the family continues to reside there to this day. Sir Robert Lytton bought Knebworth from Henry VII in 1490. Formerly a red-brick Tudor manor house, Knebworth was transformed in the 1840's into the gothic building it is today, decorated with turrets, griffins and gargoyles.

REDBOURNBURY MILL – HERTFORDSHIRE

8 miles / 20 minutes

Redbournbury water mill lies two miles north of St. Albans on the old Roman road, Watling Street, in the hamlet of Redbournbury. Although only a stone's throw from the main road it remains an unspoilt corner, little changed for hundreds of years. The farmhouse and surrounding buildings date back to the fifteenth century which, together with the mill, creates an area of historic interest.



Woburn Abbey - Bedfordshire

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Last used for flour milling in the 1950's, the mill is at the end of a massive rebuilding and restoration project, which has taken over ten years to complete. It is now established as a museum and the only working mill on the River Ver. Open Sunday afternoons, mid-April to early October, 2pm-5.30pm.

SHARPENHOE CLAPPERS, STREATLEY – BEDFORDSHIRE

6 miles / 12 minutes

Owned by acclaimed conservation body The National Trust, Sharpenhoe Clappers near Streatley village is an attractive area of chalk down, topped by an Iron Age fort. It is located in the Chilterns area of outstanding natural beauty and admission is free.

WHIPSNADE WILD ANIMAL PARK AND TREE CATHEDRAL – BEDFORDSHIRE

10 miles / 18 minutes

Whipsnade Wild Animal Park is one of the largest conservation parks in Europe, specialising in the breeding of rare and endangered species with over 2,500 animals living in 600 acres of parkland. Close by is Whipsnade Tree Cathedral, created after the First World War and where the now mature trees give the effect of the nave, transepts and aisles of a large open-air cathedral.

WOBURN ABBEY AND SAFARI PARK - BEDFORDSHIRE

15 miles / 30 minutes

Home to the Dukes of Bedford for over 450 years, the house at Woburn Abbey contains one of the most important private art collections in Britain, including works by Reynolds and Gainsborough, Canaletto's 21 views of Venice and collections of silver, gold and porcelain. Nine species of deer roam the 3,000-acre park, while Woburn Safari Park offers close encounters with altogether more exotic animals from around the world.

WREST PARK, NEAR FLITWICK – BEDFORDSHIRE

10 miles / 18 minutes

One of the most magnificent but least well-known gardens in England. Wrest Park's formal gardens provide a fascinating history of gardening styles, laid out over 150 years. Open at weekends only.

XSCAPE AND NATIONAL BOWL, MILTON KEYNES – BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

24 miles / 32 minutes

Apart from one of the UK's largest shopping complexes with the longest indoor high street in Europe, Milton Keynes is also home to Xscape, itself boasting another European first: the largest indoor 'real snow' ski slope, plus an indoor rock climbing wall, ten-pin bowling, health and fitness centre and bars, restaurants and cafes. Not far from Xscape is the Milton Keynes National Bowl, a massive outdoor entertainment venue capable of holding 65,000 people.

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