



STONOR



# Group Visits 2021

WE  
SPECIALISE  
IN  
EXCLUSIVE  
GROUP  
TOURS

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS [See inside for details](#)





# Welcome to Stonor Park



Home to the Stonor family for over 850 years, Stonor Park is one of the oldest family homes still lived in today - but it's no museum. As the oldest member of the Stonor family, the house has a thousand stories to tell. As well as being architecturally fascinating, the house contains a fine collection of furniture, Old Master Paintings, drawings, bronzes, wall papers and historic maps. A special exhibition details the life of St Edmund Campion who was hidden at Stonor during the reformation.

The stunning gardens, first planted in the 15th century and latterly designed by Lady Camoys, are a treat for visitors to explore, with vistas of the surrounding ancient deer park beyond. A stroll through this house and gardens is a vivid walk through history.

At Stonor, we have over 40 years' experience of welcoming groups of visitors to our home. With so much to see, Stonor is a perfect day out and can be combined with a visit to Windsor Castle, The Henley River and Rowing Museum and the lovely Henley on Thames town centre with its selection of individual shops. Close too are Blenheim Palace, Waddesdon Manor or Bicester Village for some retail therapy.

We are open for group visits throughout the year, including days when the house is not open to the public, and we would be delighted to organise one of our experienced guides to take your group through the house.



## Tour Options

### Private Guided Tour of the House and Chapel

Enjoy a private guided tour of the House and Chapel with one of our exceptional guides. Their in-depth knowledge and warmth are a highlight of a private tour of Stonor. The tour takes an hour and a half. An additional private guided tour of the garden can be added, or you can enjoy the gardens in your own time.

### Private Guided Tour of the Medieval Garden

Let a Stonor Garden Guide lead you through the seasonal highlights of the terraced hillside, walled gardens and Ladies Walk. Available any day during April to October.

### Private Catholic Tour

Stonor is synonymous with the Catholic struggle throughout the Reformation. The house is closely associated with St Edmund Campion, who hid here during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I and printed his famous 'Ten Reasons' from a secret printing press in the roof. The Catholic Chapel continues to be used regularly to this day and Catholic groups may like to consider celebrating Mass in the Chapel during their visit, if accompanied by a visiting priest. They can also enjoy the special exhibition on St Edmund Campion's life.

Please email [groups@stonor.com](mailto:groups@stonor.com) or call **01491 638587** to learn more about our tour options.

### Unguided Group Tour

Available on the days we are open to the public, groups may visit the house, Chapel and Gardens, or just the Gardens. Experienced volunteers will be delighted to answer your questions and explain details of the House, history and elements of each room. The Pantry will be open to the public for a mouth-watering selection of hot and cold lunches and refreshments.

### Catering for Groups

Breakfast can be offered for early arrivals as well as lunches, afternoon tea and dinner for up to 55 people in the Pantry. Located in the historic 13th Century Hall, the Pantry makes a perfect accompaniment to a private group visit. Please note all meals and refreshments for private guided visits must be pre-booked.

### Independent Traveller

For the independent traveller, there is the opportunity of a private tour through the house and gardens, by one of our experienced private guides. This can be organised during the year by prior appointment and refreshments can be arranged when booked in advance.

### Languages

Should the tour require a specific language, please highlight when booking.

## Specialist and Themed Visits

### Connoisseur Tours

Specialist connoisseur tours hosted by academics from Oxford University can be organised by prior appointment. These provide a deeper insight into the history of the Stonor family, in particular during the Reformation, and include behind-the-scenes tours of the house taking in its Francis Stonor collection of fine art as well as books, manuscripts and archives from the house's three libraries and the Stonor Archive. Lord Camoys is also renowned for his wonderful collection of contemporary ceramics from around the world.

### The Etiquette of British Afternoon Tea

We are working with some of the UK's leading etiquette experts, offering an in-depth, interactive and fun tutoring on all things British, including formal protocols for dining and afternoon tea.

### Become a Lord or Lady of the House

We can arrange group visits including professional actors and an opportunity for you to dress up and become a member of the household!

### Duck Herding

Watch farm dogs at work on the estate. We work with a specialist farmer who will bring his sheep or ducks especially for a fun show. You don't just have to watch; you can try your hand getting the ducks into the pen.

**For prices and more information on all specialist activity please contact us directly.**



Old Kitchen Garden



Stonor Supercar Sunday



Duck Herding at Stonor



# Christmas at Stonor

25th Nov – 19th Dec



The festive season wouldn't be complete without visiting Stonor at Christmas time, when the house will be adorned with festive decorations made from holly, mistletoe, sweet scented pine and other greenery collected from the estate.

## Tours During The Day

When organising your visit, festive lunches can be pre-booked in our medieval pantry, including turkey pies, shortbread, mince pies, prosecco and mulled wine. We can arrange our tours throughout the day. Each will be hosted by one of our experienced guides.

## Candlelit Tours

A magical experience strolling through medieval, Georgian and gothic revival rooms, each twinkling with candle light and roaring fires. Book an early supper before or possibly after your tour. Adjacent to the Pantry is our Gift Shop where beautiful presents for the whole family can be found.

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# Stonor Christmas Fair

25th–28th Nov



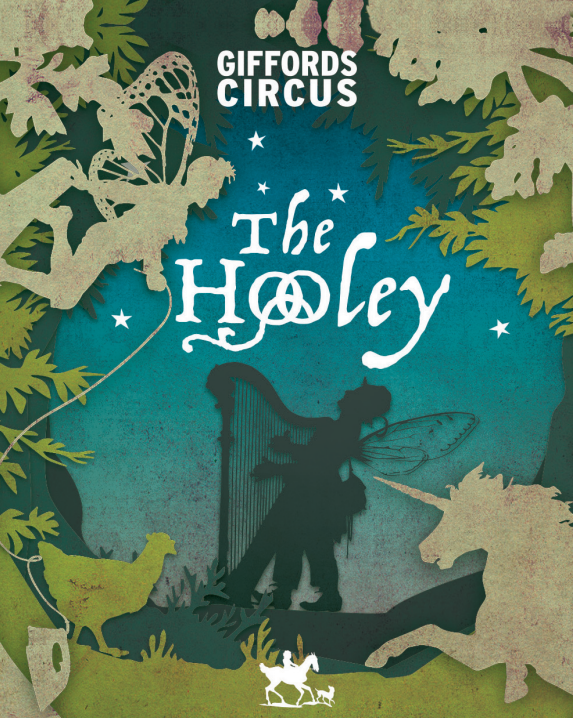
Now a firm favourite for shoppers looking for unique and special gifts for friends and family.

Make a day of it by organising a Group visit to both the Christmas Show and Stonor House which will be specially decorated for Christmas.

For prices and more information, please contact us directly.







**GIFFORDS CIRCUS**

# The Hooley

## Giffords Circus

23rd July – 3rd August

Why not enjoy a tour of Stonor and combine it with a trip to the Circus.

The fairy folk are coming out to play. Come and join their dance to the timeless Celtic rhythms and drums and get down with the fairy folk - Giffords are kicking up a Hooley.

A good old fashioned circus offering much laughter and fun for all ages!! This tour is particularly popular with grandparents bringing grandchildren.

Preferential prices for an adult as part of a group start from £25.00 per person and from £15 for a child, to include a guided tour of the house and chapel and ticket to a Giffords circus production.

**Bookings can be made directly with our groups team who will manage the whole booking.**

## Shopping and Eating

### The Stonor Pantry

We offer a range of dining and refreshment options for private groups in the Stonor Pantry, our vibrant café in the 13th Century Hall. Please pre-book. Numbers must be confirmed (maximum 55), and full payment made 14 days prior to the visit.

**Breakfast** - Our continental breakfast includes cold hams, cheese, breads, jams and fruit with tea or coffee

**Morning Coffee** - Tea or coffee with biscuits or pastries

**Cream Tea** - A large scone with clotted cream and strawberry jam served with tea or coffee

**Lunch** - Tom's award-winning pies served with a selection of salad leaves; Jude's award-winning ice cream; soups and fresh crusty bread; a range of sandwiches; tantalizing cakes and scones; a variety of soft drinks, cordials, wines, ciders and beers.

**Afternoon Tea** - A traditional selection of delicious cakes, scones and sandwiches served with tea and for those who would like, a cold glass of English Sparkling Wine.

Stonor Park is licensed for the sale of alcoholic drinks. Menus are available at all price ranges. Please enquire for more details.

### The Gift Shop

Also located in the 13th Century Hall, visitors will find the Stonor Gift Shop, carrying a plethora of local produce and craft work such as Stonor honey, made by our very own bees, preserves, relishes and other specialist foods, guidebooks, and postcards, Stonor tea towels, gifts for friends and family, fragrant candles and soaps.

### Visitor Centre

All groups will be greeted at the Visitor Centre.



## Combine Your Group Visit With a Stonor Event 2021

2nd May	Antique & Vintage Fair
22nd-23rd May	Medieval Jousting at Stonor
23rd July-2nd Aug	Giffords Circus
8th Aug	Antique & Vintage Fair
14th Aug	Jools Holland & His Rhythm & Blues Orchestra
28-31st Aug	Henley Country Craft Show
26-27th Sept	Stonor Food Festival
25th-28th Nov	Stonor Christmas Fair
25th Nov-19th Dec	Christmas at Stonor

Dates may change, please visit our website [www.stonor.com](http://www.stonor.com) for latest information.







## Pricing Information

### Private Guided Tours

The house is open for group bookings all year by prior appointment only.

	Adults	Child (2-15yrs)
House & Chapel	POA	POA
Gardens Only	POA	POA
House, Chapel & Gardens	POA	POA

### Unguided Group Tours

Available on days we open to the public.

Prices include entry to the adventure play area, coach parking and a private Mass in the Chapel, on request.

	Adult	Child (2-15 yrs)
House, Chapel, Gardens & Play Area	POA	POA
Gardens & Play Area	POA	POA

### Independent Traveller

For the independent traveller our prices for private guided tours start from £240.00.

### Definitions

- Groups are classified as a minimum of 20 paying visitors with a maximum group size of 55. Smaller groups are welcome with a minimum spend of £240.
- Tour and group leaders are offered complimentary entrance to Stonor
- Ample parking for cars and coaches in our hard-standing car park by the Visitor Centre
- Children of all ages are welcome under adult supervision

### Accessibility

As the House is a collection of medieval buildings, it is not suitable for wheelchairs as even the ground floor is not on one level. However, everyone's disability is individual and there are chairs at intervals for visitors to rest.

### Booking Information

Contact [groups@stonor.com](mailto:groups@stonor.com) for reservations or call 01491 638587.

Please give as much detail as possible as to the size and requirements of your party.

### Payment

Payment can be made by cheque, bank transfer, Visa, Mastercard or China Union Pay. A non-refundable deposit of £50.00 is required to secure a group booking. Final payment must be made 14 days prior to the visit.





## Location

Between the M4 (J8/9) and the M40 (J6) on the B480 Henley on Thames to Watlington road. If arriving from the east on the M40 leave the motorway at J6, ignoring any GPS instructions to leave at either J4 or J5. The nearest railway station is Henley on Thames, where taxis are available.

## Driving Times

London City Centre	1 hour
Oxford and Heathrow	40 minutes
Reading	30 minutes
Henley on Thames	10 minutes

## Stonor Park

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## Arrivals and Parking

Coach parties are met by a member of staff at the car park adjacent to the Visitor Centre, where visitors can use the facilities. Parties will be led to the House entrance where the tour will begin.

Please ensure your group is aware that, on arrival at the visitor centre, there is a further selection of gifts, especially for younger guests.

## Accessibility

PLEASE NOTE: Stonor House is a medieval building built into the side of a Chiltern valley. There is a 3 minute walk from the carpark to the house thus terrain may not be suitable for certain visitors. The only public facilities (including a disabled loo) are available adjacent to the Visitor Centre located in the main carpark.