



Knole group visits

19 February to 25 October 2024



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Knole is one of the great treasure houses of England, welcoming visitors for over 400 years. It has been an archbishop's palace, a royal residence and home to many generations of the Sackville family.

Knole House showrooms

The showrooms were designed to impress visitors and they still do. Highlights include the world class Royal Stuart furniture, the magnificent state beds and an outstanding collection of paintings. Our knowledgeable room guides are delighted to share Knole's history and answer questions. **Allow 45-60 minutes to see the showrooms.**

Gatehouse Tower

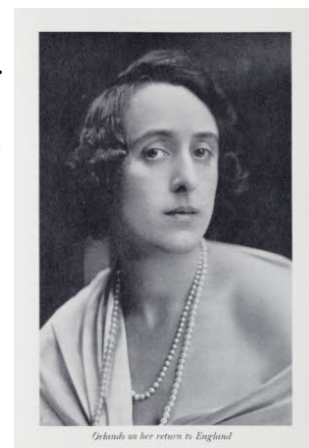
The 1930s bedroom and music room of Eddy Sackville-West, 5th Lord Sackville, reveal his literary connections with the famous Bloomsbury group. From the roof of the tower you can enjoy panoramic views of the park. **Allow 20-30 minutes to see the tower.**

Celebrating Vita at Knole - 29 April to 13 October 2024

From 29 April the showrooms will open to a visual feast celebrating Vita Sackville-West's young life and loves at Knole. A series of exquisitely detailed paper mannequins designed and created by Denise Watson of Delicarta - bringing paper to life, will celebrate Vita's marriage to Harold Nicholson.

Visit the Orangery to see 'Ruffles' a contemporary art installation by artist Lorna Johnson symbolising female figures who ruffled feathers.

Why not combine a group visit to Knole with a visit to Vita's famous Sissinghurst Castle Garden 45 minutes away.



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Royal Oak Foundation Conservation Studio

Housed in a converted medieval barn, this state-of-the-art space offers visitors a unique view of a working conservation studio.

Allow 20 minutes to see the studio. Open Wednesday to Friday.

Knole Park

Take a stroll in Knole Park, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and enjoy watching the wild deer from a distance.



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Group tours

Make your visit more memorable by booking a group tour :

- ◆ All tours are subject to guides being available so must be pre booked.
- ◆ Tour prices are in addition to the normal admission charge and apply to group leaders and National Trust members as well.

Past to Present tour



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Start your group visit by exploring the historic courtyards with one of our expert guides. Hear about some of the notable characters who have helped create this magnificent treasure house and how Knole has adapted through time.

Tour size: 15 (min) to 30 (max) people per tour

Cost: £5 per person

Time: 45 minutes

Access: This tour takes place outdoors whatever the weather. Visitors stand and walk throughout the tour.

Exclusive Highlights tour

Enjoy an exclusive Highlights tour of the showrooms before they open to the public. On this early bird tour one of our expert guides will lead your group through the magnificent showrooms sharing the highlights of the collection.

Tour size: 10 (min) to 20 (max) people per tour

Cost: £15 per person

Time: 45 minutes

Access: For this tour your group needs to arrive at Knole at 10am to be ready to meet their tour guide.



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Garden Open Days

Lord Sackville's private garden at Knole is a beautiful 26 acre walled garden with herbaceous borders, a medieval orchard and wilderness walks. It is open to visitors on only a few days each year. In 2024 the gardens will be open on: Tuesday **7 May**, Wednesday **22 May**, Friday **7 June**, Wednesday **19 June**, Thursday **4 July**, Monday **15 July**, Friday **13 September** and Tuesday **1 October**.

Garden Open Day tickets are £5 per person (including National Trust members) in addition to normal admission charges.

Refreshments and shopping

Brewhouse Café

Located in Knole's 17th century Brewhouse, the café serves a National Trust menu of hot and cold drinks, cakes, tray bakes and biscuits throughout the day.

Light lunches are available daily **between 12 and 2.30pm** and include at least one hot vegetarian lunch option.



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Shop and bookshop

Knole's bookshop carries a wide range of new fiction and non-fiction including titles by the Sackville-West family, Virginia Woolf and the Bloomsbury Group, perfectly linked to this year's Vita season.

Knole's shop has a range of seasonal gifts, food, decorations, homeware and fashion accessories together with a unique selection of locally produced gifts and hand made products.

Accessibility

Showrooms: Only the Great Hall is wheelchair accessible. All other showrooms are on the first floor accessed by a wide staircase of 25 stairs.

Gatehouse Tower: Access is via a steep spiral staircase of 77 uneven steps, not suitable for wheelchairs.

For a summary of key access information please see the *Knole Access Information for Groups*.



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Booking information 19 February to 25 October 2024

Our group offer is available for pre-booked groups of 15 or more arriving together in a coach or minibus and includes:

- ◆ Reduced group admission price.
- ◆ Free coach parking.
- ◆ Free admission for one group leader.
- ◆ Free admission and refreshment voucher for your coach driver.

Group prices per person

Showroom, Outdoor & Tower admission

NT members	Free
Non-members	£15.20

Optional extras

Garden Open Day ticket	£5.00
Past to Present tour (min 15 people)	£5.00
Highlight tour (min 10 people)	£15.00

Important notes for all group visits

- ◆ **Group visits are available Monday to Friday during school term time.**
- ◆ We start processing a booking when we receive a completed booking form.
- ◆ Please wait for a booking confirmation from us before finalising your plans.
- ◆ Please allow 20-30 minutes from your arrival to your planned showroom admission or tour start time.
- ◆ A single payment (by cash or card) is required on the day for the whole group's admissions and tours.
- ◆ Alternatively, if you have a National Trust account, we can invoice you after your visit—by prior arrangement only.
- ◆ Everyone in the group requires an admission ticket.
- ◆ Group leaders or guides are not permitted to give tours / talks in indoor spaces.

Opening times

Showrooms & Gatehouse Tower	11am - 4pm (Last entry 3.30pm)
Visitor Centre, courtyards, Orangery, café & shops	10am - 5pm (Last orders 4.30pm)
ROF Conservation Studio: Wednesday to Friday only	11am - 4pm (Last entry 3.30pm)
Car Park	10am - 5pm

Please contact us if you would like to discuss a booking or the current availability of your preferred date:

- ◆ **By telephone on 01732 462100**
- ◆ **By email to Knole bookings at knolebookings@nationaltrust.org.uk**