

The Arts Society Worcester

Visit to Powis Castle and Gardens
Wednesday, 12th October 2022



Cost £26 for NT members and £39.30 for NT non-members which includes the coach and gratuities.

Powis Castle was built by Gruffydd ap Gwenwynwyn, a 13th century ally of the English. The present day house is well known for its formal gardens and its interiors and a collection of Indian treasures. It is the seat of the Herbert family, with connections by marriage to the Clive family. In 1952 the castle passed into the care of the National Trust.

The castle's gardens are extensive and varied, including terraces that were hewed out of the rock, formal gardens, ancient yew tumps and a 30ft high yew hedge. The formal garden combines ancient apple trees and a vine arch with more modern flower borders created in 1912 by Violet, Countess of Powis. A less formal garden – The Wilderness – on the ridge opposite the castle contains sculptures and gives a fine view of the castle itself above its lawns and terraces.

Inside the castle, the Elizabethan Long Gallery contains marble busts and sculptures including a Roman group of a cat and a snake. This was bought by Clive of India in Italy in 1774 as a gift for his wife.

The 'Clive Museum' displays some of the extensive collection of Indian artefacts acquired by Robert Clive ("Clive of India") and his heirs. According to William Dalrymple, much of the wealth amassed by Clive was loot that was illicitly collected after the Battle of Plassey. The Clive fortune paid for many repairs to the castle in the early 19th century under Sir Robert Smirke.

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WEDNESDAY 12th October

9am set off from Perdiswell Leisure Centre , Bilford Road, Worcester, WR3 8DX
(Cost of parking is currently free).

11am Arrive at Powis Castle and Gardens.

The day is your own to look round the castle and gardens. The castle opens at 12 noon. The café opens at 10am.

NT members come in for free (you must bring your membership card) and you pay the group rate of £13.30pp for those that are payers.

3 30pm – Set off back

5 30pm – 6pm Arrive back at Perdiswell Leisure Centre

We give priority for trips to the members of the Arts Society Worcester and their friends in the first instance. Thereafter we will open this trip to members from other societies from Friday, 16th September.

Please return the booking form no later than Tuesday, 27th September 2022 to:

Visits Secretary, Lynda Townsend, 7 Heron Place, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8WB

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NB: The Art Society requires a nominated contact in case of an emergency:

Name Tel No

Total number of tickets @ £26 for NT members and £39.30 for NT non-members required

Cheque made payable to The Art Society Worcester enclosed £

Forms will not be acknowledged, except if there is a problem.

A reminder will be sent two weeks before the visit.

Please note that we have carefully considered the question of payment by BACS for such trips, but payment continues to be by cheque only, not BACS. If a trip is cancelled then the cheques are destroyed and there is no need for a refund.

The committee regrets that no refunds can be made for cancellations received after Tuesday, 27th September.

In accordance with our policy for fitness for trips and visits we need to inform you that this trip will involve quite a lot of walking and steps. There are no lifts in the castle and the gardens are on terraces which will involve steps. Please take this into account when booking to consider whether or not this is feasible for you. The Arts Society Worcester cannot be held responsible for any personal accident, loss, damage or theft of members' personal property. Members are covered against proven liability of Third Parties.'