

# Full of highlights, inside and out

We explore why Woburn Abbey and Gardens ticks so many boxes for a brilliant group visit.



## Exclusive GTO benefits

- Morning visit with lunch at the Duchess' Tea Room at Woburn Abbey.
- Discounted Woburn Abbey.
- Free entry for the group organiser.
- Free entry for the coach driver.

## Visit highlights:

- Am necerum voluptaspe net que earum et aut mo tem quas am, ut eum ipic tet ut ute eum haruptis.
- Plauda quiam nempore rferumqui vitia as alitatibus, samet untorum quiaspel mo beatur, si adit, ium a comni sanim volest, odis aut prest.
- Que re, senim excea versper fernam quationseque omnisciendis aut everemporro qui adis ate.



## Visitor Comment

"I like visiting Woburn as it's such a historical place. I would definitely consider bringing my group. Overall I really enjoyed the day."

Joanne Smith



**Attraction of the month:**  
**Woburn Abbey and Gardens**

The Sculpture Gallery at Woburn Abbey in Bedfordshire has opened a new special exhibition dedicated to the famous 18th century landscape designer, Humphry Repton.

Aptly launching on the first official day of spring, Humphry Repton: Art & Nature for the Duke of Bedford was officially opened by celebrity gardener Alan Titchmarsh.

The idea behind the new display (running until 28th October) is to showcase some of Repton's never-before-seen designs, works of art, archival treasures and artefacts linking to his career. Groups are able to wander through various rooms and observe unexpected items such as Chinoiserie

cream dairy pans, used in Woburn's Chinese dairy (which Repton used as a centrepiece for one of his landscapes).

Undoubtedly the highlight of the exhibition is Repton's iconic 'Red Book' that illustrates his designs for Woburn's pleasure grounds and park – which are in the middle of being implemented today by a team of dedicated gardeners.

Since 2004 the present Duke and Duchess of Bedford have been restoring many of Repton's features in the Woburn Abbey Gardens. These include the folly grotto, the Cone House, the menagerie and the striking Chinese-style pavilion.

Woburn's head gardener, Martin Towsey, who's been part of the restoration project since the start, told GLT that being faithful to the original Repton designs has been a real challenge of the project.



## Why should groups visit?

GTOs are welcome to arrange guided tours of the exhibition itself, followed by another guided tour (with a gardener) around the specific Repton gardens featuring in the indoor displays.

### Events to look out for:

- > Carriage tours - 18 August 2018 to 19 August 2018
- > Bat walk - 31 August 2018
- > Terrarium workshop - 8 September 2018

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