

ISLINGTON U3A VISIT TO ELTHAM PALACE, SOUTH EAST LONDON

on Monday 16 April 2018

Eltham Palace has for centuries been a royal palace, and is now an unoccupied royal residence owned by the Crown Estate. Since 1995 it has been managed by English Heritage who restored it in 1999 and opened it to the public. Internally, the Art Deco house is "a masterpiece of modern design". There is also a magnificent Great Hall, a survival from the medieval royal palace. There are 19 acres of beautiful gardens, with a rock garden, a moat crossed by London's oldest working bridge and a sunken rose garden.

For more information about the Palace and grounds, see [HERE](#)

We will have a guided tour of the Palace in the morning, and after lunch members will then be free to enjoy the gardens at their own pace before returning to London.

How To Get There

- We will take the following train:
- depart London Bridge 10.02 arrive Mottingham 10.17
- There is a 12 minute walk from Mottingham Station to the Palace.
- For those wishing to drive, there is a car park.

(see further below for return times)

Travel Cost

The train journey is FREE for those who have a Freedom Pass or a 60+ Oyster Card. For those with neither of these concessions, it will cost approximately £9.10 (info from The Train Line in February 2018). Members should buy their own travel tickets.

The Tour

We will have a guided tour of the Palace only (not including the gardens) which will start at 11am, and will take approximately one and a half hours.

Following the tour, lunch will be available at the Orchard Cafe House, or you may choose to take a picnic.

Eltham Palace Costs (entrance and tour)

Entrance cost: (our group discounted rate) is £12.75 per adult; £11.47 per concession (English Heritage and Art Fund members are admitted free).

The tour cost: The group cost is £100 which will be split between members - depending on how many people come on the trip, the maximum cost will be £9 per person, minimum cost £4.

Members will pay the above on the day.

Other Aspects

The visit won't take place if less than 11 people sign up.

After lunch, members will be free to enjoy the gardens at their own pace and return to London using the frequent train service, for instance:

Train return times are:

- Mottingham London Bridge
- 16.05 16.21
- 16.17 16.44
- 16.35 16.54

Disabled access: London Bridge Station has step-free access and lifts to all platforms; Mottingham has step-free access and a ramp for train access. The walk from Mottingham Station to the Palace is quite a long one for pushing a wheel chair, but it is possible to book a local taxi. Accessibility at Eltham Palace is on their website ([link as above](#))

Bookings for iU3A members are on a first come, first served basis. Please book before Friday 30 March.