Group Visits
2020 Season
Enjoy a warm welcome into the family home of the Earl and Countess of Harewood.

Home of the Lascelles family since the mid-18th century, Harewood House is one of Yorkshire’s most popular country houses.

We pride ourselves on creating a truly memorable experience for our group visitors, including options for private tours of the House and Gardens, as well being able to provide refreshments. We can even create bespoke tours, allowing you to tailor each aspect of your visit and create the perfect itinerary that you are looking for.

Benefits for Groups

Discounted group entry rates to parties of 15 or more
Free entry for coach drivers and group organisers
Free coach parking and greeting on arrival
A refreshment voucher for the driver to use in our café
Exclusive options for private guided tours
Special group menus and private dining areas
Harewood House has always been a family home.

Built between 1759 and 1771 for Edwin Lascelles, it was designed and decorated by the greatest craftsmen of their day.

Marvel at York-born architect John Carr’s impressive work, gaze at the ceilings by interior designer Robert Adam and view the most impressive collection of Thomas Chippendale furniture. Groups benefit from being able to book private tours and view areas not usually seen by the public.

No visit would be complete without exploring Below Stairs. With rooms including the Servants’ Hall, Old Kitchen and Terrace Gallery, visitors can see what it was like to live and work in an 18th-century country house. Visitors should allow at least an hour to view the house.

The House

Discover more and book a private tour of the House, Garden or Bird Garden on your visit. Your visit helps Harewood, as a charity, conserve this beautiful House and its collection for everyone to enjoy. Read more about tours on page 11.
Bird Garden, Grounds & Gardens

2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Harewood’s Bird Garden, home to over 40 species of birds from around the world.

Visit, and you will see the critically endangered Bali starling, charismatic and colourful parrots, as well as our popular colony of Humboldt penguins.

Learn about the birds that we care for, explore their characteristics, their conservation status and what makes them unique.

The grounds and gardens have long fascinated visitors to Harewood.

With soft, rolling hills and mature, established tree lines, groups can view the best of what Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown designed for the landscape.

Why not let our expert gardeners take you on a guided tour. Enjoy an overview of Harewood’s gardening history, as well as its current planting schemes. With over a hundred acres of grounds to explore, with highlights including the Victorian Terrace, Himalayan and Walled gardens, there is plenty to enjoy all year round.

Join us and help celebrate 50 years of Harewood’s Bird Garden – meet the critically-endangered Bali starling, as well as our 50-year-old Flamingos. Harewood is a charity and your visit gives vital support to look after these beautiful birds and take part in worldwide conservation projects.
With cafés and shops in the Courtyard and Below Stairs, plus exclusive group catering options, we have something for all tastes.

Should you wish to arrange refreshments for your guests, we are able to provide a wide range of delicious options. Why not enjoy tea and coffee on arrival, a soup and sandwich lunch or even an Afternoon Tea served in the Billiard Room which overlooks the Capability Brown landscape.

Groups also benefit from being able to dine together in their own private space. Please get in touch and enquire about the menus we can provide for your visitors.

Whilst visiting, why not stop by the shop and find a treat to take home? 100% of the profits from your purchase goes straight back into the conservation of Harewood and its animals, gardens and grounds.

Housed in the original 1755 stables Courtyard, The Shop at Harewood offers a handpicked collection of gifts, locally produced food & drink, books, jewellery, stationery, toys, garden essentials and homewares.

Visit Harewood in 2020 as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Bird Garden and much more.

50 Years of Harewood’s Bird Garden from Saturday 21 March

Visit the Bird Garden and you will see the critically endangered Bali starling, colourful parrots, as well as our popular colony of Humboldt penguins. Renowned feather artist Kate McCGwire’s exhibition Menagerie will also be displayed in the House.

Harewood on Film from Saturday 21 March

Explore Harewood’s role as an important filming location, from documentaries to soaps, to ITV’s Victoria and most recently, a featuring role in the Downton Abbey film.

Becoming the Yorkshire Princess from Saturday 21 March

A special display giving a first-hand insight into Mary’s life, bringing alive some of the fascinating narratives around her story, who she was, and her journey to becoming a Princess.

Christmas at Harewood 14 November 2020 to 3 January 2021

Groups are invited to explore the beautifully decorated house and grounds and enjoy opportunities for Christmas shopping, seasonal food and special tours as Harewood opens its doors again for Christmas 2020.
Visit Yorkshire’s most vibrant country home in 2020

Discounted group entry is available to parties of 15 or more.
Groups of 15 or more also benefit from one free admission for the group organiser and one free admission for the coach driver and a voucher to use in our Courtyard Café.

TICKETS

The Harewood Experience
One-hour Tour (either House, Bird Garden or Gardens)
Tea and coffee on arrival
£21.75 per person

Self-guided visits
Access to the House, Gardens and Grounds

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Accessibility
Areas of the House and Gardens have limited access. Please visit harewood.org/visit/access for a full accessibility statement or contact our Visitor Experience Team.

BOOK NOW
To book a group visit, call 0113 218 1017 or email groups@harewood.org
For more information, visit harewood.org/groups

OPENING TIMES

House, State Rooms & Below Stairs 11am–4pm (last entry 3.15pm)
Terrace Café 11am–4.30pm
Grounds, Gardens & Playground 10am–6pm (last entry 5pm)
Bird Garden & Farm Experience 10am–5pm (last entry varies by season)
Courtyard Café & Shop 10am–5.30pm

GUIDED TOURS

From hidden corridors to political scandal, Harewood has many stories to tell.
Book your very own guided tour and let our expert guides take you through the fascinating history of Harewood’s House, Gardens and Grounds. Tour prices below are in addition to the entry price.

2020 season exclusive
The Yorkshire Princess and Harewood on Film
£7 per person, minimum charge £105. 21 March to 23 October

Introductory House Tour
£5 per person, minimum charge £75
Tours are available from 10am providing exclusive access between 10–11am

Full House Tour
£11 per person, minimum charge £165

Specialist House Tours
£25 per person, minimum charge £375
Topics include Chippendale, French and Chinese Ceramics, Adam interiors and Great Masters of Portraiture

Bespoke House Tours
from £45 per person, minimum charge £450
Please contact directly to book and discuss requirements

Garden Tour
£5 per person, minimum charge £75

Bird Garden Tour
£5 per person, minimum charge £75

Please note that the State Floor will be closed prior to our Christmas opening, from 24 October to 11 November 2020. Below Stairs will be closed from 1 to 11 November.
‘Harewood is in Yorkshire.
The park seems very fine;
the view from the window is very pretty.’

Queen Victoria recalls her visit to Harewood, 1835