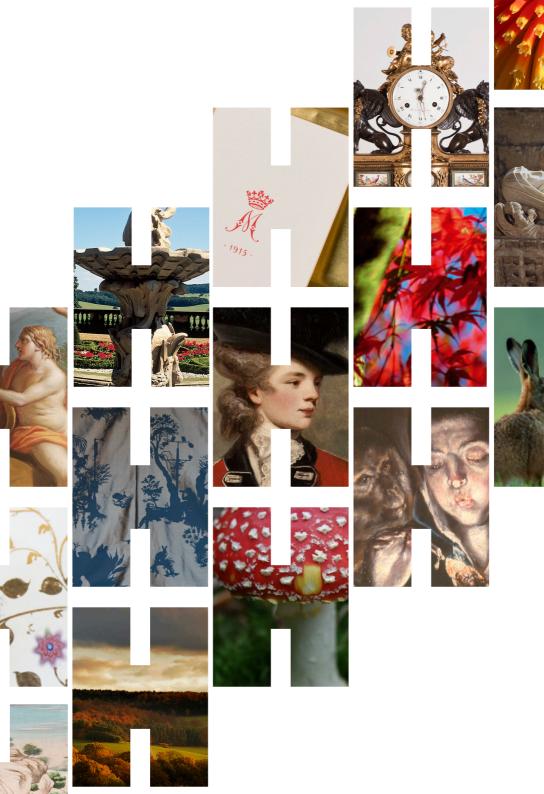


# **G**roup **V**isits













Enjoy a warm welcome into the family home of the Earl and Countess of Harewood.

"Harewood's history is still evolving – always changing, always striving to stay relevant to the present day. It must be alive, cared for by the people who inhabit it and enjoyed by the people who visit it. Harewood is a living history, one with many stories still to tell."

- David Lascelles, Earl of Harewood

Harewood sits in the heart of Yorkshire and is one of the Treasure Houses of England. The House was built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and has art collections to rival the finest in Britian. 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 as group catering. We even create bespoke tours, allowing you to tailor each aspect of your visit and create the perfect itinerary.

#### **Benefits for Groups**

- + Discounted group entry for parties of 10 or more
- + Free familiarisation visit prior to your booking
- + Free entry for coach drivers and group organisers
- + Free coach parking
- + Greeting on arrival
- + A refreshment voucher for the driver to use in our café
- + Special group catering menus and private dining areas
- + Dedicated groups team available 7 days a week for group enquiries and bookings







## The House

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 a collection of Thomas Chippendale furniture to rival the finest in Britain. Groups benefit from being able to book private tours outside of general opening hours 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 Still Room, visitors can see what it was like to live and work in an 18<sup>th</sup> century country house. Visitors should allow at least an hour to view the House.

Discover more and book a private tour of the House on your visit, led by our expert guides. Harewood is a charity and your visit helps to conserve this beautiful House and its collections for everyone to enjoy.

# The Gardens + Grounds

With soft rolling hills and mature established treelines, groups can view the best of what Lancelot 'Capability' Brown designed for the landscape.

There are over 100 acres of Gardens at Harewood, full of variety, with plants from all over the world.

Commanding breath-taking views over idyllic countryside, Harewood's magnificent Terrace is one of the most beautiful Victorian formal gardens in England. Built in the 1840s by Sir Charles Barry, best known as the architect of the Houses of Parliament in London, the Terrace is the largest of his projects at Harewood. He also undertook major alterations and improvements to the House commissioned by Louisa, Countess of Harewood, whose portrait hangs in the Dining Room.

Explore the Himalayan Garden, a redevelopment of the 'Rock Garden' nurtured by Princess Mary and her husband the 6th Earl of Harewood in the 1930s. It's a true paradise of plants and is also home to the Stupa, a Buddhist mounument built in 2004 by monks from the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan.

Or why not take a walk around the Lakeside, leading you to the Walled Garden, the oldest garden at Harewood, already under construction when building at Harewood House began in 1759. Its purpose was to provide the kitchens with the finest fresh fruit and vegetables, and it is still a working kitchen garden today.











## **Guided Tours**

With tours available across the House and Gardens there's something for every group to enjoy.

House tours are available at 10.15am, prior to the House opening, or at 3.15pm, after the House closes to the general public, giving your group exclusive access to the House.

#### Welcome to Harewood House

Discover the magnificent State Floor at Harewood with your very own expert guide. This tour is perfect as an introduction to Harewood.

#### **Topic Tours**

Unlock a new story every year with our tour series, Topic Tours. This tour will give groups the unique opportunity to view the State Floor through a different lens. Keep an eye on our website for topic tour announcements.

#### **Bespoke**

Experience Harewood with the ultimate private tour. Tailor-made for your group, the tour can focus on a subject of your choice, whether you are interested in Thomas Chippendale's greatest masterpieces, exploring the rich collection of watercolours or discovering the Renaissance paintings collected by the 6th Earl and Princess Mary.

# Cafés + Shops

### With cafés located in both the Courtyard and Below Stairs, plus exclusive group catering options, we have something for all tastes.

Discover the delights of homemade hot meals, sandwiches and more. Seasonal produce from our own Walled Garden is used throughout the catering offers at Harewood. Stop by the Terrace after exploring the House to enjoy a hot drink and some delicious cake as you look out onto the Capability Brown landscape.

Should you wish to arrange refreshments for your guests, we are able to provide a wide range of options. Relax with tea and coffee on arrival, a soup and sandwich lunch or even an Afternoon Tea served in the Billiard Room.

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 House, our Gardens and Grounds.

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









## How to get here



The village of Harewood is centrally placed in Yorkshire at the junction of the A61/A659 on the Leeds/Harrogate Road.

#### We are situated:

- + 7 miles from Leeds and Harrogate on the A61
- + 5 miles from Wetherby and the A1
- + 22 miles from York
- + 9 miles from Leeds Bradford Airport
- +8 miles from the M1

You may wish to use a route planner – our postcode is LS17 9LG, although Sat Nav users are recommended to try LS17 9LQ as this will bring you straight to the main Archway entrance to Harewood off the A61.

#### Access

Harewood is situated on a natural slope and some areas of the House and Grounds have limited access.

Visit harewood.org/visit.access for a full accessibility statement, read our accessibility guide or contact our team at groups@harewood.org

'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



Harewood House Trust Harewood, Leeds LS17 9LG

0113 218 1000 groups@harewood.org

harewood.org/groups

Registered charity in England no 517753