



BOWOOD

GROUP VISITS





WELCOME TO BOWOOD



Home of the Lansdowne Family,
Bowood House lies in 2,000 acres of Grade I
listed 'Capability' Brown parkland.

Explore the rich and fascinating history of
Bowood with tours of the historic house,
gardens and parkland.

GROUP ADMISSION TO
HOUSE & GARDENS (self-guided)
Adult (17+) £14.50
Senior (60+) £12.40

Another must see, is the spectacular
WOODLAND GARDEN.

A separate self-guided attraction on the
Bowood Estate offering vibrant colours from
over 30 acres of bluebells, azaleas, magnolias
and rhododendrons.
(Open mid-April to early June)
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DISCOVER BOWOOD HOUSE



Steeped in history, Bowood House has been home to the Lansdowne family since 1754 and has seen vast changes over the years.

A visit to the House & Gardens can be tailored to suit both those wishing to spend a full day or an enjoyable short visit between other attractions.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Queen Victoria's wedding chair.
- Napoleon's death mask.
- Laboratory in which Dr. Joseph Priestley identified Oxygen gas.
- Collection of art and historical treasures.

BOWOOD HOUSE 2026 EXHIBITION

*1776: Secrets, Spies and the
American Revolution*

Discover how the Americans and British both used ingenious methods to carry secret messages, from using invisible ink to hiding notes in unsuspecting places. Finishing with the Treaty of Paris, and the impact of the Revolution on Lord Shelburne's career.





HOUSE TOUR

Adult (17+) & Senior (60+): £18.00

Your guide will uncover the history of Bowood House and the evolution of the wider Estate.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Admission to Bowood House & Gardens.
 - 60-minute tour to include; sculpture gallery, orangery, library, chapel, laboratory and exhibition rooms.
- (excludes the private areas of the House.)

THE HISTORY OF BOWOOD TALK

Adult (17+) & Senior (60+): £16.00

An introductory talk, providing an outline of the 270-year history of Bowood under the stewardship of the Lansdowne family. (Option to request this as a seated talk, delivered within the Chapel).

TALK INCLUSIONS:

- Admission to Bowood House & Gardens.
- Lasts approx. 20 minutes, with additional 10 minutes for Q&As.

Following any House Tour or Talk, visitors have the opportunity to continue with self-guided access of the House, Gardens and Pleasure Grounds, (including the Arboretum, Doric Temple, Cascade and Hermits Cave). Access to the Walled Garden is available from 12:00–16:30. Access to the House & Terrace Shop is from 11:00.

Does your Group have a specific interest?

House Tours can be requested to focus on a specific theme to suit your group, i.e. Priestley's Scientific Discovery, Art – The Watercolour Collection, War Time to incl. Napoleonic memorabilia or Bowood's historical connection to the Royal Family.

GARDEN TOURS



A guided tour of the gardens surrounding Bowood House, including the Terrace Garden plus exclusive access in the Walled Garden.

Commencing from the Italianate Terrace Garden at Bowood House, the tour will be conducted by one of our experienced guides who will walk you through the upper and lower terraces.

The tour continues along the East Border, then enters the Walled Garden to explore all four acres, each distinctly different in design and function.

All tours are tailored to suit the season and the flowers in bloom, from the cascading wisteria to the vibrant wall of roses.





Adult (17+) & Senior (60+): £19.50

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Admission to Bowood House & Gardens.
- 90-minute tour.

Only morning garden tours have exclusive access to the Walled Garden, prior to general opening between 12:00–16:30.

Following the tour, visitors have the opportunity to continue with self-guided access of the House, Gardens and Pleasure Grounds (including the Arboretum, Doric Temple, Cascade and Hermits Cave). Access to the House & Terrace Shop is from 11:00.

Please note: This tour requires walking on some uneven terrain and may not be suitable for those with mobility issues.



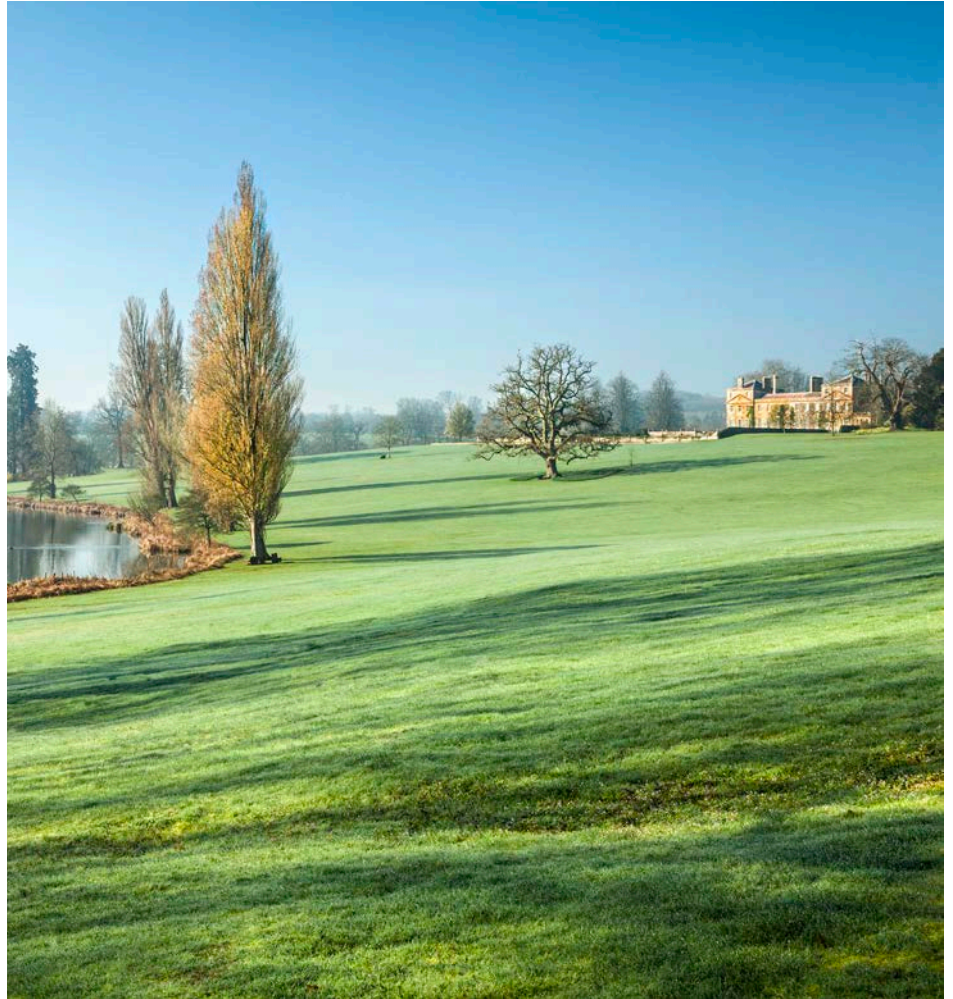
HISTORIC PARKLAND & ARBORETUM TOUR



Bowood is considered to be one of 'Capability' Brown's finest landscapes.

An expert guide will lead you through the Pleasure Grounds to explore how Bowood's landscape and architecture has evolved over the years.

Commencing from the East Lawn at Bowood House, the tour walks through the Arboretum, down to the Lake to view the Cascade and Doric Temple, while exploring all the wider aspects of the historic landscape.





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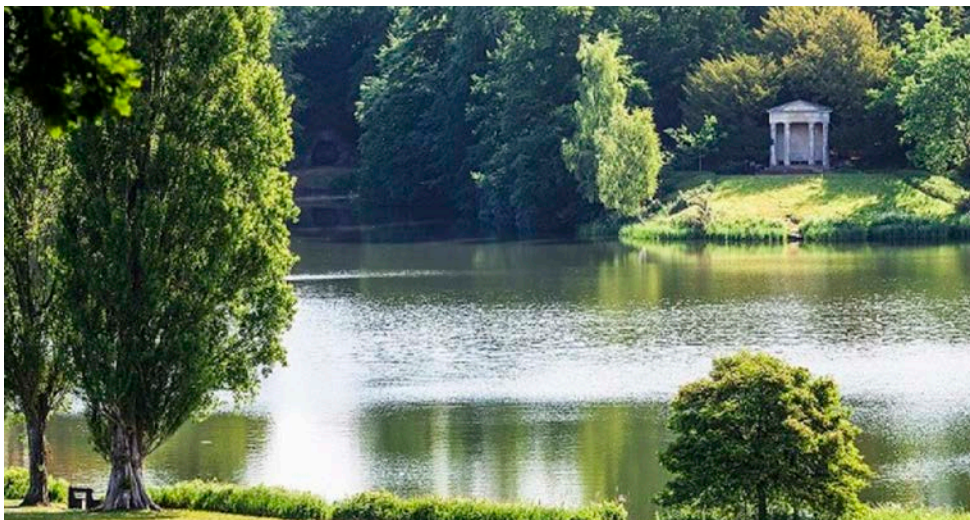
TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Admission to Bowood House & Gardens.
- 60-minute guided walk.

Following the guided walk, visitors have the opportunity to continue with self-guided access of the House, Gardens and Pleasure Grounds (including the Arboretum, Doric Temple, Cascade and Hermits Cave).

Access to the Walled Garden is available from 12:00–16:30. Access to the House & Terrace Shop is from 11:00.

Please note: This guided walk requires walking on some uneven terrain and may not be suitable for those with mobility issues.



WOODLAND GARDEN

(OPEN MID APRIL TO
EARLY JUNE)



Located just two miles from Bowood House, the spectacular Woodland Garden is a separate attraction to Bowood House & Gardens.

Follow the 'Walk of the Week' amongst the bluebells in April, the magnificent magnolias and amazing azaleas in early May, and rhododendrons throughout May.

Self-guided visits through the 30-acre Woodland Garden, each step opens a new vista of breathtaking beauty, from the initial detail of the individual flower to the grand sweep of colours formed by hundreds of shrubs.

Perhaps you may wish to extend your visit to the House & Gardens?

Located approximately a five minute drive from the Woodland Garden, discover the House, Gardens and Grounds (including the Arboretum, Doric Temple, Cascade and Hermits Cave).





WOODLAND GARDEN ADMISSION

Adult (17+): £8.30

Senior (60+): £7.30

WOODLAND GARDEN PLUS BOWOOD HOUSE & GARDENS

Adult (17+): £19.50

Senior (60+): £17.50

Please note: The Woodland Garden will require walking on some uneven terrain and may not be suitable for those with mobility issues.



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Map Key

- Bluebells
- Mausoleum
- Rhododendrons
- Refurbishments
- Toilets
- Incline
- Viewpoint

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Woodland Walks & Rides

There are over two miles of meandering paths through the Woodland Garden.

The Walks and Rides are named after members of the family. The exceptions are Pauline's Ride, named after the horse Mrs. Spencer-Clay David's Ride named after a retired Head Groundsman and Sir Henry's Walk named after a family friend.

A separate attraction on the Bowood Estate.



BOWOOD HOTEL, SPA & GOLF RESORT

Situated one mile from Bowood House & Gardens lies the stunning 43-bedroom Bowood Hotel.

The property is one of the finest luxury hotels in the South West.

Group rates are available,
please contact the Hotel on
01249 822 228 or
email: resort@bowood.org



HELPFUL INFORMATION & PRICING

OPENING DATES AND TIMES

Bowood House & Gardens is open daily, from 27th March to 1st November 2026, 10:30 groups can arrive early from 10:00/10:15.

Bowood House and Terrace Shop opens at 11:00.

Admission costs to Bowood House & Gardens includes; Bowood House, Gardens and Pleasure Grounds (including the Arboretum, Doric Temple, Cascade and Hermits Cave). Access to the Walled Garden is available for all visitors, 12:00 – 16:30 daily.

We do not open the admission gates until 10:30 however the Café by the car park is open from 10:00 should the group wish to purchase any refreshments prior to entry. Last entry into Bowood House, the Stables and the Terrace Shop is 16:00 and these areas close at 16:30 and all other areas by 17:30 (Car Park closes at 17:45).

The Woodland Garden is open from mid April to early June, please enquire for exact dates. Free parking for all visitors, including coaches, is available at Bowood House & Gardens and the Woodland Garden. Full details will be provided prior to your visit.

BOOKING YOUR VISIT

The minimum group size is 15 people. All prices in this brochure are based on per person and include VAT, prices are correct upon going to print and are subject to change without notice.

Booking your visit is easy, simply call us on 01249 810968 or email l.kent@bowood.org.

Please note deposit payments apply for all visits and we request payment in full 14

days prior to your visit. Payment can be made via BACS or credit / debit card.

Please note that prices may be subject to change until bookings are confirmed.

Full Terms & Conditions will be provided upon enquiry.

ACCESSIBILITY

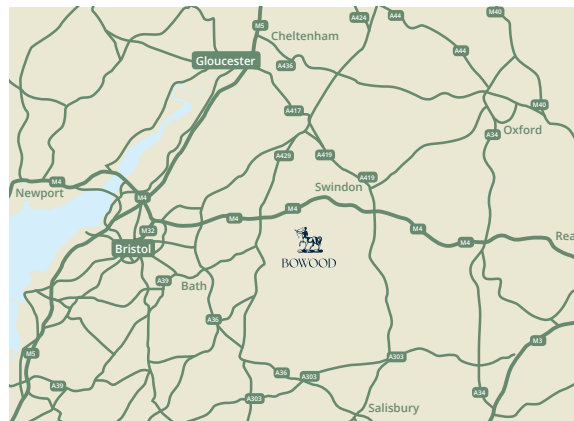
We make every effort to ensure access for all our visitors, however please note that some of the outdoor terrain may be unsuitable for wheelchairs or those with mobility issues. The upper sections of the House are only accessible via a staircase.

Please ask us for further clarification.

HOW TO FIND US

Bowood House & Gardens is located off the A4 between Chippenham and Calne in Wiltshire. Easily accessible from the M4 at Junction 17 from the West and J16 from the East. Please use sat nav: SN11 9NF.

Bowood Woodland Garden is located off the A342, between Derry Hill and Sandy Lane. Please use Sat Nav: SN11 9PG.



GROUP PRICES

GROUP ADMISSION TO BOWOOD HOUSE & GARDENS (self-guided visit)

Adult (17+)	£14.50
Senior (60+)	£12.40

GUIDED HOUSE TOUR including admission to Bowood House & Gardens

Adult (17+) & Senior (60+)	£18.00
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HISTORY OF BOWOOD TALK including admission to Bowood House & Gardens

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GROUP ADMISSION TO BOWOOD HOUSE & GARDENS AND THE WOODLAND GARDEN

	General Admission	Incl. Guided House Tour	Incl. Guided Garden Tour	Incl. History of Bowood Talk
Adult (17+)	£19.50	£23.00	£24.50	£21.00
Senior (60+)	£17.50	£21.00	£22.50	£19.00

GROUP ADMISSION TO WOODLAND GARDEN (self-guided visit)

	General Admission
Adult (17+)	£8.30
Senior (60+)	£7.30

GROUP BENEFITS

- FREE parking including coaches
- FREE General Admission for the Group Organiser (self-guided visits only) and the Coach Driver (if applicable)
- 10% OFF Catering for all Group Visitors
- 10% OFF Gift Shop purchases



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