

We warmly invite Arts Society members and guests to join us for a tour of the highlights of the Ashmolean with optional free time to explore Oxford.



The Ashmolean came into existence in 1682, when the wealthy antiquary Elias Ashmole gifted his collection to the University. It opened as Britain's first public museum, and the world's first university museum, in 1683.

Though the collection has evolved considerably, the founding principle remains: that knowledge of humanity across cultures and across times is important to society.

The Ashmolean was refurbished in 2009, and opened to multiple-award-winning acclaim. Its world-famous collections range from Egyptian mummies to contemporary art, telling human stories across cultures and across time.

The museum is fully accessible for those with mobility issues, with level access to the front door and lifts to all floors. There is level access to galleries, shop, café and restaurant. There are accessible toilets on the lower ground floor and Floor 4. Free wheelchairs are also available.

Following the tour, the rest of the day is free for you either to explore the museum further, visit some of the Oxford colleges, visit the Botanic Gardens, enjoy a leisurely lunch or simply take it easy.

The Ashmolean is hosting several exhibitions during our visit:

Bruegel to Rubens: Great Flemish Drawings - £15.30 or £14.30 concessions. ***You will need to book this online yourself.***

Kabuki Kimono – free

Money in Renaissance Germany – free

The Wilton Diptych will be on display in the England Gallery on the 2nd floor

The total cost is £34.50 for members (£44.50 for guests) and includes coach travel and the one-hour tour.

The cost does not include lunch or refreshments or entrance to any of the other Exhibitions.

Places are on offer to Arts Society members and guests.

Please book early to avoid disappointment (see overleaf for details of the outing).

We hope that you can join us and we are very much looking forward to your company.

A 'Tourist Guide to Oxford' sheet will be provided in advance so that you can plan your day.

Oxford – Tuesday 11th June 2024

Timings:

08.00 – 8.15	Arrive at Barnwell Village Hall
08.30	Depart by coach
10.30	Arrive at the Ashmolean
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee (if time!)
11.00 – 12.00	Guided tour
12.00 – 16.30	Free time
16.30	Depart from the Ashmolean
18.30	Arrive Barnwell

*The cost includes coach travel and guided tour. It does **not** include lunch or refreshments.*

Please send the Booking Form below to:

Stefan Pijanowski, 24 Clifton Drive, Oundle, Peterborough, PE8 4EP.

Payment by cheque, payable to “The Arts Society Oundle”

or by BACS using Sort Code 54 21 22 Account 31157025.

Reference: Please give your Surname, followed by Ash (e.g. Potts Ash)

Emergency Contacts: gillpotts25@gmail.com or 07710 290984 or 07904 703990.

Booking Form

Applications to reach the Society by **Friday 26th April** please.

Name:

Address:

Telephone numbers:

Email address:

Number of places required at £34.50 (or £44.50 for guests):

Names of attendees not given above:

Payment method : Cheque or BACS (Please circle your chosen method)