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# Stourhead travel trade guide





# Welcome to Stourhead

A world-famous 18th century picturesque garden and Palladian villa, set in 2,650 acres of ancient and beautiful Wessex landscape.

Stourhead house is a treasure-packed grand country house and a family home. It houses a unique Regency library, significant artwork and a bespoke collection of Chippendale furniture. Visitors can immerse themselves in tales of aspiration, inspiration and the creativity of the Hoare family who created what you see today.

Stourhead's acclaimed landscape garden is an enchanting inspirational work of art. Twisting paths lead through the eighteenth-century arcadian landscape where trees, plants, classical temples and grottos are reflected in the glistening lake. Hidden views are revealed at every turn and each season paints a different picture, tempting visitors back again and again.

Stourhead makes a great visit for groups or independent travellers. Take your time to explore the house & garden at your leisure or pre-book a specialist tour and experience it with a knowledgeable guide.

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Find out more at [nationaltrust.org.uk/stourhead](https://nationaltrust.org.uk/stourhead)



## Specialist tours & experiences

Whether you're a special interest group, U3A, tour operator or a group of friends, we have a variety of group packages and guided tours for all interests which offer a truly memorable experience.

We tailor each tour to suit the desires of your group, whether it be an informal introduction to the property, or a premium experience hosted by knowledgeable experts in their fields.



### House & garden tour

We offer guided tours of Stourhead house and our internationally significant designed landscape gardens. Groups size 15-30 pax. Tours of the house available 10am - 11am prior to opening

### Walled Garden tour

Exclusive 90-minutes tour of the Stourhead Walled Garden, hosted by a Stourhead Gardener. A truly special experience as each tour is tailored to suit the season and the flowers in bloom, from the trailing wisteria to a wall of climbing roses. Featuring four distinctly different one-acre growing areas. Includes admission to the house and garden. Available mid-April - October. Groups size 15+ or equivalent fee.

### Premium garden tour

Often referred to as 'Paradise', lying in secluded privacy in its own valley, Stourhead is one of the finest landscape gardens in the world. Hosted by a renowned local garden writer, your group will have a 2-hour tour of the designed landscape, temples, and collection pieces whilst being immersed in the intricacies of what makes this an internationally significant garden. Includes admission to the house & garden. Groups size 15+ or equivalent min fee.

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**Add a catering package for lunch or afternoon tea to any of these pre-booked tours. We recommend pre-booking at least 28 days in advance.**



# Celebrate the seasons

Stourhead offers a mesmerizing display of seasonal colours that captivate visitors throughout the year.

In spring, the garden awakens with a burst of pastel blossoms and fresh greenery, as rhododendrons, azaleas, and magnolias bloom in a symphony of pinks, whites, and purples. The lush foliage and vibrant flowers create a rejuvenating and picturesque scene.

Summer brings deeper greens and a profusion of colourful flowers, enhancing the garden's serene beauty. As autumn approaches, the landscape transforms into a warm tapestry of reds, oranges, and yellows, with the leaves of ancient trees reflecting in the tranquil lake, creating a strikingly beautiful and tranquil setting. Even in winter, the garden retains a stark, serene beauty with its evergreen trees and the occasional dusting of frost, highlighting the elegant architecture and serene waters.

Each season at Stourhead offers a unique and breathtaking display of nature's artistry for visitors to enjoy all year round.

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[Find out more at Stourhead events](#)

# Experience the magic of Christmas at Stourhead

*(End Nov to beginning of Jan)*

Step into a winter wonderland at Stourhead, where history and holiday magic come together. Celebrate the 300th anniversary of the house, beautifully adorned and sparkling with festive decorations. Glimpse Father Christmas and enjoy the after-dark illuminated trail, where the garden comes alive with twinkling lights and captivating displays.

**Find out more about Christmas at Stourhead**





# Group benefits

There are a range of benefits for bookings of 15 or more visitors  
*(excluding coach driver and tour guide)*

- Discounted admission prices
- Free coach driver admission and a lunch voucher
- Free group organiser/tour guide admission
- Free coach parking when pre-booked
- Dedicated group booking team available (9.30am-4pm weekdays)
- Free familiarisation visit for 2 adults per organisation
- Helping you sell Stourhead – leaflets and stunning images can be provided to help you promote your visit.



# Educational visits - A warm welcome to eager minds

Stourhead welcomes education and school groups from Keystage 1 up to Tertiary and university visits. Whether local or international, make Stourhead the place for your pupils and students to explore and enjoy!

Purchase the Education Group Access Pass for students or members who are in full-time or early years education. It is valid for one year and includes free admission and parking.

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**Find out more about the Educational Group Access Pass**



# Making the most of your visit

A visit to Stourhead is a truly memorable experience. It's a full day out with so much to see and do with plenty of refreshment and shopping options.

Relax and recharge with a morning coffee, delicious lunch or traditional afternoon tea. There are several catering options including homemade seasonal dishes served in the National Trust restaurant, traditional local food served in the Spread Eagle Inn. For a quick bite to eat there's the take-away kiosks and ice cream parlour.

The Stourhead shop and plant centre open daily for gifts, treats and mementos. There is also a gallery and second-hand bookshop. And don't miss the farm shop selling local produce from tenant farmers and from the Walled Garden.

**Catering packages can be added to specialist tours – please request further information when booking.**





# Access facilities

There are some steep routes with steps and uneven surfaces at Stourhead. Accessible toilets are available in the Spread Eagle Inn courtyard and at the top courtyard. Mountain trike wheelchairs / 'Trampers' electric mobility scooters are available to hire from the access hub next to the visitor reception.

A stairclimber is also available enabling wheelchair users to access the house.

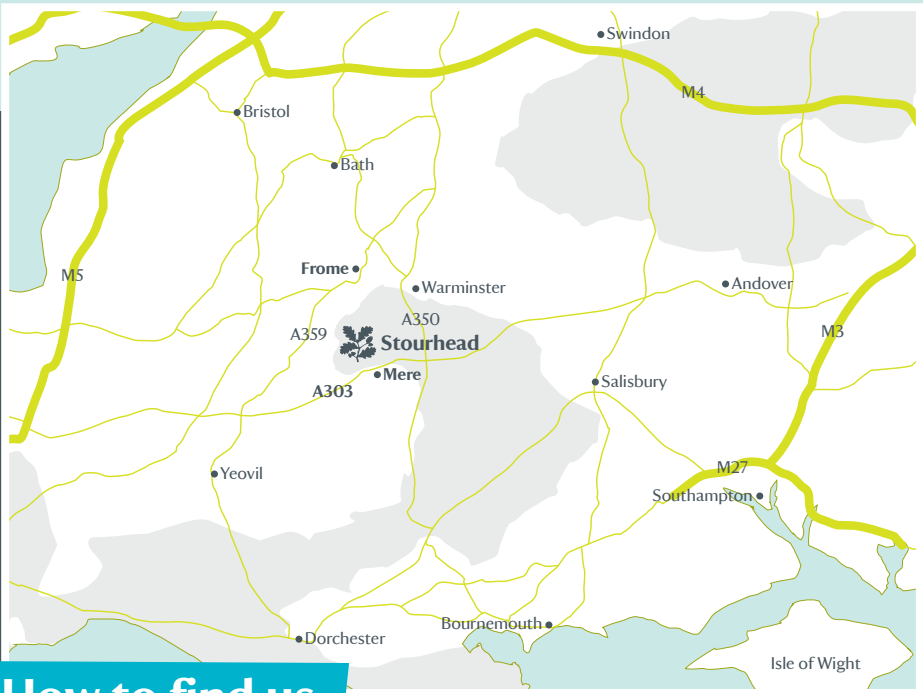
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## How to book

To pre-book your group or contract a trade visit please email [stourhead@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:stourhead@nationaltrust.org.uk) or call the **group booking team on 01747 841152**. You'll be required to complete and return a booking form 14 days in advance of your visit to qualify for all the group benefits.

If you are looking to book a tour as a part of your visit, please send the booking form 28 days in advance.



## How to find us

Just off the B3092, three miles northwest of Mere (off the A303) and eight miles south of Frome (A361).

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