

## SUDELEY CASTLE & GARDENS

# **GROUP GUIDE** 2024-2025

A historic gem in the heart of the Cotswolds

Home to Elizabeth, Lady Ashcombe, and the Dent-Brocklehurst family, Sudeley Castle and Gardens is a Tudor jewel with 1,000 years of history, formal gardens, events, tours, and exhibitions.

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## Your Visit

Discover 1,000 years of English royalty, romance, ruin and revival. Your visit will follow in the footsteps of kings, queens, the good, the great and the controversial, providing stories and memories your customers will want to return to again and again.

## Gardens

Explore ten award-winning gardens, including The Queen's Garden filled with many varieties of roses in Tudor Parterre fashion.

## **Exhibitions**

Acquaint yourself with the lives and treasures of past owners and visitors, some of whom have been amongst England's most illustrious figures.

## **Talks & Tours**

An ideal way to offer your group a more specialised experience, our knowledgeable guides will share insights into key moments of interest in Sudeley's past and present:

- Garden Tour
- History of Sudeley
- Historic Grounds

Between £8-£12 per person. Talks and tours are exclusively booked for your group.

## Shopping

Choose from gifts and locally sourced products, with many ranges created exclusively for Sudeley Castle.



# Must See Attractions

## St Mary's Chapel



Discover the resting place of Queen Katherine Parr, the sixth and final wife of Henry VIII.

### **Castle Rooms**



Sudeley's family rooms are home to many treasures, objects, and paintings including Turner, van Dyke, as well as 'The Allegory of the Tudor Succession' commissioned by Elizabeth I.



Rambling roses tumble over the timesoftened gothic ruins of the 15th century royal apartments which became a target for Oliver Cromwell's troops during the English Civil War.

### **Animal Ark**



Enjoy a 'sculpture safari'! Discover elephants, rhino, orangutan and a giant hedgehog who share their wildlife stories.

## **Plan Your Visit**

## **CATERING DEALS**

Our group catering deals offer groups of 15 or more great meal options throughout the day. Your group will enjoy exclusive dining use of our beautiful wrought iron glass Orangery.

Simply select the option that best suits your itinerary!

Option 1 – Morning tea or coffee before 11:00

Including a freshly baked breakfast pastry or muffin.

£6.00 per person

#### Option 2 – Brunch

Treat your group to an indulgent brunch of bacon & Gloucester Old Spot sausages in local artisan bread rolls, seasonal frittata served with crisp potato rosti and mini breakfast pastries. Served with fresh orange juice, tea, or coffee.

£16.00 per person Add a glass of Bucks Fizz,£7.50

#### Option 3 – Light lunch

Platters of open sandwiches served on local artisan bread, small savoury eats, garnished with home-made coleslaw and kettle crisps. Served with a choice of tea or coffee.

£9.50 per person Add a bowl of homemade seasonal soup, £4.50 per person

#### Option 4 – Chef's lunch

Seasonal gourmet two or three course lunch followed by tea or coffee. Served with still or sparkling water or elderflower. Group lunch menus are available, please contact our us to discuss your requirements: <u>email@sudeley.org.uk</u>.  $\pounds 24.00$  per person for 2-courses

£27.50 per person for 3-courses £6.00 Glass of wine option upgrade

Option 5 – Sudeley Afternoon Tea A selection of finger sandwiches & savouries, miniature cakes & scones served with Cornish clotted cream and English strawberry jam. Served with a choice of tea or coffee.

£19.50 per person Add a glass of Bucks Fizz,£7.50

Contact details +44 (0)1242 602 308 groups@sudeley.org.uk

## **TOUR OPTIONS**

#### **45 - MINUTE HISTORY OF SUDELEY TALK**

£8.00 per person

Enjoy a fascinating introduction into the history of Sudeley from the warmth of our Orangery adjoining the castle. Led by a knowledgeable guide, this seated talk will cover the key moments in Sudeley's Royal and turbulent history. **MON-FRI** Start times 10:00 - 11:30 *Add tea & coffee, £2 per person.* 

#### 90 - MINUTE GARDEN TOUR

#### £12.00 per person

Discover the horticultural secrets and history of Sudeley's ten award winning gardens with one of our passionate and knowledgeable gardeners.

**MON-FRI** Start times 10:00 - 11:30 & 14:30 - 15:00 Capacity up to 16 people

#### 90 - MINUTE HISTORIC GROUNDS TOUR

#### £12.00 per person

Embark on a journey through time with this exploratory walking tour of Sudeley's castle buildings. Led by an expert guide, you will discover the castles stories of creation, destruction and revival through the ages.

AVAILABLE DAILY Start times 10:00 - 11:30 & 13:30 - 15:00 Capacity up to 25 people

All talks and tours are booked exclusively for your group. Pre booking with the Group Sales Team is essential. Subject to availability. Prices exclude admission.

## Accessibility

Sudeley Castle welcomes all visitors and we want everyone to enjoy their time with us. Carers are admitted free of charge with two manual 'off-road' wheelchairs available to prebook. **Telephone: 01242 604244** 

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As part of our commitment to providing an accessible attraction, we have implemented wheelchair-friendly pathways around Sudeley.

Assistant dogs are admitted into all facilities.

## Useful Information

## **Group Benefits**

Benefits of visiting as a group (15+ paying guests)

- **Discount** on admission tickets & guide books
- One tour leader admitted free of charge
- **Free admittance** for commercial coach drivers
- plus food voucher for use in the cafe
- Free all-day coach car parking
- Themed talks, exclusive for your group

### **2024 Admission Prices**

Prices are subject to change. Known changes will be highlighted at time of booking.

| Castle & Gardens Ticket  | Pre-booked Group Price |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Adult                    | £17.50 (saving £4.50)  |
| Children (3-15yrs)       | £8.00 (saving £2.00)   |
| Under 3 yrs              | Free                   |
| Historic House Members   | Free                   |
| Coach Drivers            | Free                   |
| Group Leaders            | Free                   |
| Carers                   | Free                   |
| Blue Peter Badge Holders | Free                   |

Historic House Membership cards are required for free admission.

### How to Book

To ensure your visit to Sudeley Castle is as enjoyable and good value as possible, we request that bookings are made at least 48 hours in advance.

For assistance with your booking please be in touch with the group bookings team:

#### Email: groups@sudeley.org.uk Telephone: 01242 602308

Open daily from 19th March – 3rd November 2024 Exceptional closes: 18th – 21st April & 20th & 21st July

## **Opening Times**

| 10am | Gardens open   |
|------|----------------|
| 11am | Castle opens   |
| 3pm  | Last admission |
| 4pm  | Castle closes  |
| 5pm  | Site closes    |
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Sudeley Castle is located in The Cotswolds, just 8 miles from Cheltenham and Broadway, with easy access from the M5, M4, M50 and A40.

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