



SUDELEY CASTLE  
& GARDENS

# GROUP GUIDE 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.







*“Sudeley Castle has been my home for fifty years, and it gives me huge pleasure to be able to share it with you and your groups.”*

Elizabeth, Lady Ashcombe,  
Chatelaine of Sudeley Castle



# 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.



## 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.*



## Exhibitions

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



## Shopping

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





# Must See Attractions

## Katherine Parr



Visit the final resting place of Henry VIII's final Queen; the wife who survived in the intimate chapel of St Mary's.

## 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.

## New for 2025: FIREBRAND



View the costumes worn by stars including Jude Law & Alicia Vikander, and discover the story behind the stunning new Tudor film that shines a light on the legacy of Queen Katherine Parr.

## Royal Ruins



Under Richard III's stewardship a splendid Banqueting Hall was built. Now a rose-covered ruin, traces of its vanished splendour can be seen today.

## The Tithe Barn & Pond



The ancient remains of this 15th century barn frame the castle with its crumbling walls and beds of roses, bluebells and foxgloves. Giant carp swim in the mirror-like pond between the castle and the barn.



# 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

Including a freshly baked breakfast pastry or muffin.

*£6.50 per person*

### Option 2 – Light lunch

Platters of sandwiches served with delicious savoury eats, garnished with home-made coleslaw and kettle crisps.

Served with a choice of tea or coffee.

*£15.00 per person*

*Add a bowl of homemade seasonal soup, £2.50 per person*

### Option 3 – Hot lunch

Choose from traditional favourites including Sudeley Shepherd's pie, rich lasagna, vibrant vegetarian curry or tasty fish pie.

Comfort dishes and desert options to suit all tastes.

*£18.00 per person for 1-course*

*£22.50 per person for 2-courses*

*£6.00 Glass of wine option upgrade*

### Contact details

+44 (0)1242 602 308

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## TOUR OPTIONS

### HISTORY OF SUDELEY TALK

*45 minutes. £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.*

### GARDEN TOUR

*90 minutes. £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

### HISTORIC GROUNDS TOUR

*90 minutes. £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

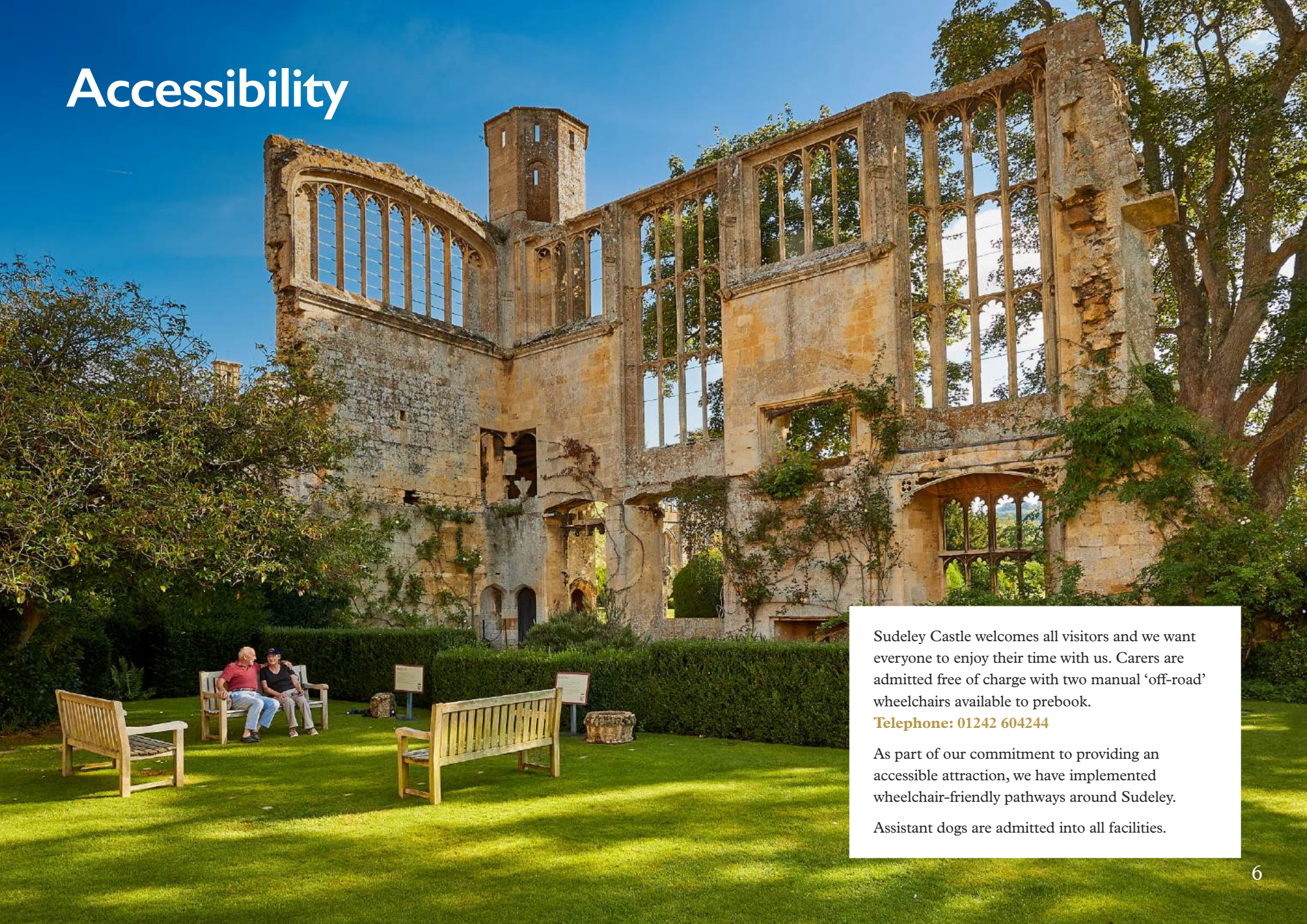
*All talks and tours are booked exclusively for your group.*

*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**

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

## 2025 Admission Prices

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](mailto:groups@sudeley.org.uk)

**Telephone:** 01242 602308

## Opening Times

10am	Castle & Gardens open
<b>3pm</b>	<b>Last admission</b>
4pm	Castle closes
5pm	Site closes

*Open daily from 17th March – 2nd November 2025*

*Exceptional closes: July: 12th, 18th, 19th, 20th & 21st*

*August: 2nd & 23rd*



# Find Us

Sudeley Castle is located in The Cotswolds, just 8 miles from Cheltenham and Broadway, with easy access from the M5, M4, M50 and A40.

