
Ely Cathedral and Cromwell's House

Thursday 18 October 2018

This visit has been arranged by Bill Metcalf.

During the day, we will visit Ely's 12th century Cathedral and climb into the 14th century Octagon tower, followed by a visit to Oliver Cromwell's house in the afternoon.

Ely is a charming market town totally dominated by the Cathedral which was built *circa* 1090. Many will be familiar with it as the setting for *The Crown*, *Elizabeth the Golden Age*, *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *The King's Speech*.

Where and when to meet: recognising that most people will travel by train, we will meet at the 'Ely Food Station' on Platform 1 for coffee (excellent!) and a biscuit. There is parking immediately outside for those of you that travel by car.

We will walk to the Cathedral up through Cherry Hill Park and past the monastic buildings; the guided tour will start at 11.30 and last for approximately 1½ hours. Warning: to reach the Octagon we will have to climb 215 ft (66m) involving 288 spiral steps in stages.

Lunch: Lunch will be at the [Lamb Hotel](#) just across the road from the Cathedral and they require pre-booking from the menu on the RHS of the web page under 'Book a Table'. Details to [Bill Metcalf](#) in due course please.

After lunch we will walk across the road to [Cromwell's House](#) where we will have a guided tour lasting for about one hour.

After the tour there is a short walk down to the station but, for those who would like to stop off, we can have afternoon tea at [Julia's Tea Rooms](#) in the High Street.

Getting Home: There are regular trains from Ely for King's Cross that depart roughly every half hour (16.17, 16.47, 16.53, 17.17) and take ~1½ hours. There is no peak-time restriction when travelling from Ely.

Timetable (times are approximate):

09.12	Train from King's Cross to Ely	N.B. Travel in front four carriages
10.22	Arrive Ely	Meet at 'Ely Food Station on Platform 1
10.50	Walk to Ely Cathedral	~20 minutes
11.30	Guided tour of Ely Cathedral	
13.00	Walk to Lamb Hotel for lunch	~15 minutes including getting settled
14.20	Walk to Cromwell's House	~ 5 minutes
14.30	Guided tour of Cromwell's House	
15.30	Either walk to Ely station	~15 minutes (16.17, 16.47 or 16.53 trains)
	Or, tea at Julia's tearooms	~15 minutes to Ely station

Size of party: 14 max limited by tour of the Octagon.

Cost: £27.00 per person including both entrance fees.

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