

DLN TRAVELS

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Guests will travel Friday afternoon to the English county of Norfolk for a relaxing stay at the beautifully decorated and architecturally significant Palladian estate, Wolterton Hall.

JOURNEY TO NORTH NORFOLK

FAR AWAY FROM LONDON rests some of the most important country houses in all of England. Thomas Ripley, William Kent, Colen Campbell were all busy at work in the area during the 1700's building large stately homes in the Palladian manner.

DLN members will have special access to these homes, shopping, relaxing and fun over four days after the London Summit. We will base out of Wolterton Hall commissioned by Horatio Walpole in 1725 and now carefully restored by Peter Sheppard and Keith Day.

“From its stately saloon to its sweeping parkland, everything about Wolterton Hall in Norfolk reflected the status of Horatio Walpole, an envoy and prime minister Sir Robert's younger brother. Now it is home to a couple whose mission is to sensitively — diplomatically even — restore this most gracious of 42-bedroom Palladian mansions.”

— WORLD OF INTERIORS

DATES

November 8 – 12, 2019 (4 days, 4 nights)

PRICE

From \$3,300 per person

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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DAY 1 | FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

Guests will arrive at Norwich station early evening and will check into rooms at Wolterton Hall. After getting settled, everyone will take a short walk to Saracen's Head for a relaxed supper.



DAY 2 | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

- A full English breakfast will be served in the dining room in the East Wing.
- The morning will provide for a friendly competition of clay pigeon shooting.
- A simple buffet lunch followed by an afternoon of shopping or a trip to the coast.



DAY 2 | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

- A three course dinner at the Gunton Arms

The Gunton Arms, owned by notable dealer Ivor Braka and designed by Robert Kime, is situated in the one thousand acre deer park which surrounds Gunton Hall near Cromer in Norfolk. Gunton Hall was almost destroyed by fire in 1882 and lay derelict for nearly a century before British architect Kit Martin bought the hall in 1980 and converted it into individual houses. Kit Martin, son of Sir Leslie Martin, Professor of Architecture at the University of Cambridge, has specialised in the saving and restoration of country houses since the 1970s. He is an advisor to the Prince of Wales on the safeguarding of major historic buildings and remains an Advisor to The Prince's Regeneration Trust. Martin has restored and converted twelve houses, eight in England and four in Scotland, as well as other types of historic buildings. At his home, Gunton Park, Martin also restored the historic designed landscape, winning the Country Life Genius of the Place Award for 2007. Martin was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 2012 Birthday Honours for services to conservation.



DAY 3 | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

- Continental Breakfast in the dining room in the East Wing
- Coffee and Tea served in the Saloon at Wolterton Hall
- Tour the Hall with owners, Peter Sheppard and Keith Day
- Traditional Sunday lunch in the State Dining Room with wine
- Canapés and champagne will be served in the Saloon
- Head to the Walpole Arms for drinks or stay in, watch movies and a light dinner.



DAY 4 | MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

- A full English Breakfast will be served in the dining room in the East Wing at Wolterton Hall.
- Private tour of Raynham Hall and light lunch with the owner of the estate.

Raynham Hall is one of the most splendid of the great houses of Norfolk. After a false start in 1619 and the accumulation on site of a large quantity of Ketton stone, it was rebegun in 1622. By Sir Roger Townshend's death in 1637 it was substantially complete, though some rooms had not been fitted out. Whether or not Raynham Hall was "the first of its kind in England" as the genealogist G. E. Cokayne averred, it was "one of the outstanding country houses of the period." Raynham was built in an entirely new style, abandoning native tradition and following the Italian form and plan.



DAY 4 | MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

- Tour Houghton Hall and afternoon tea with Lord Cholmondeley.

Built in the 1720s for Great Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, Houghton Hall is one of Norfolk's most beautiful stately homes and remains one of England's finest Palladian houses. A collaboration between the two defining British architects of the age – Colen Campbell and James Gibbs – and with lavish interiors by William Kent, Houghton was built with an eye to reflecting the wealth, taste, and power of its owner. During the eighteenth century, Walpole also amassed one of the greatest collections of European art in Britain, and Houghton became a museum to the collection. The centuries that followed would see the fate of Houghton and its remarkable contents hang in the balance.

- A three course dining experience at Wolterton Hall paired with a gin tasting with experts from Bullards, high-end handcrafted Norfolk Gin.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

AM Guest depart by coach to Heathrow airport.







The Design Leadership Network was founded in 2003 with an inspiration and a vision to support design firm principals through educational programming and a peer-to-peer community. What began as intimate regional meetings with high-level designers, architects, landscape architects, and industry influencers is now a national organization of top tier design industry professionals across multiple disciplines, corporate brands, and media outlets. Members are among the most highly respected individuals in their fields.

TRIP INCLUSIONS

- Round trip transportation from Central London to Wolterton Hall
- Four Night, Five Day stay at Wolterton Hall, inclusive of meals and beverages
- Planned Tours and onsite activities

TRIP EXCLUSIONS

- Airfare to home cities



In order to attend, you must be a current member of the DLN and attend the 2019 London Summit.

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