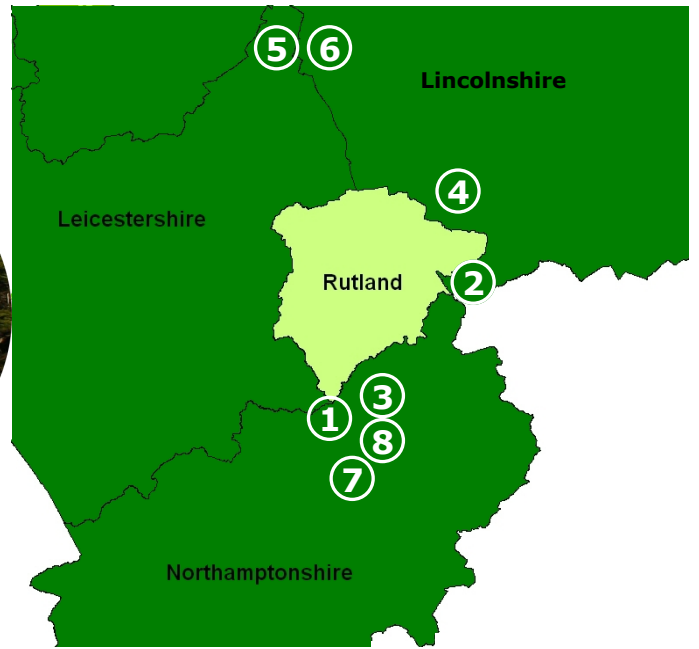


# Suggested Itineraries



## Stately Homes



Rutland is the perfect base for exploring some of England's finest stately homes, many of which are frequently used for film & television productions, such as *Pride & Prejudice*, *Jane Eyre* and *The Da Vinci Code*.

### ① Rockingham Castle

This magnificent castle was built by William the Conqueror and was a Royal residence for 450 years. Still family owned, there is something to interest all the family; architecture, furniture, art & great events all year round.



Opening Information  
**Easter to the end of May**  
 Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays

**June to September**  
 Tuesdays, Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays  
 Open 12pm - 5pm  
 Grounds open at 12pm, Castle opens 1pm  
 Closed Saturdays.

Rockingham  
 Market Harborough  
 Leicestershire  
 LE16 8TH  
 01536 770240  
[www.rockinghamcastle.com](http://www.rockinghamcastle.com)

### ② Burghley House

Well known as one of the largest and grandest houses of the Elizabethan age, built by William Cecil and kept in the Cecil family for over 400 years. As well as the quarter mile of state rooms to explore, there is the Gardens of Surprise & country walks around the parkland with the resident herd of fallow deer, not forgetting the Orangery restaurant & gift shop.



Opening Information  
**Open daily** from Saturday 20th March until Sunday 31st October 2010 excluding Fridays but including Good Friday.  
 Open 11am - 5pm

Stamford  
 Lincolnshire  
 PE9 3JY  
 01780 752451  
[www.burghley.co.uk](http://www.burghley.co.uk)

### ③ Deene Park

This fantastic building has grown from a Mediaeval manor to a Tudor & Georgian mansion, allowing visitors to see rooms of different periods. This interesting property is still owned by the Brudenell family who first occupied it in 1514, the rooms on view are still used by the family and their friends today. There is also the 'Old Kitchen' tea room & a gift shop open 2pm - 5pm.



Opening Information  
**April:** Sunday 4th & Monday 5th  
**May - August:** Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays  
**May & Jun:** Wednesdays  
**September:** 8th, 15th & 22nd  
 Park Opens at 1pm, last entry 4pm

Corby  
 Northamptonshire  
 NN17 3EW  
 01780 450278  
[www.deenepark.com](http://www.deenepark.com)

### ④ Grimsthorpe Castle

Built for a visit by Henry VIII in 1541 and still owned by the de Eresby family, this imposing castle is surrounded by formal gardens, extensive woodland with deer and a 50 acre lake. There is also a tea room, shop, family cycle trail, picnic area, adventure playground and tours available for both castle and park.



Opening Information  
**April & May:** Sundays, Thursdays & Bank Holiday Mondays  
**June to September:** Sundays to Thursdays inclusive  
 Grounds open 11am - 6pm  
 Castle open 1pm, last entry 4.30pm

Grimsthorpe  
 Bourne  
 PE810 0LY  
 01778 591205  
[www.grimsthorpe.co.uk](http://www.grimsthorpe.co.uk)

## ⑤ *Belvoir Castle*

Home of the Duke & Duchess of Rutland, Belvoir (pronounced Beaver) offers visitors the contrast of the grand State Rooms with the scene of life below stairs in the Old Kitchen & Bakery. Children can experience Regency lessons in the School Room & Nursery.



### Castle Opening Information

**April:** 2nd - 5th inclusive

**May:** 2nd, 3rd, 30th & 31st

**June & July:** Closed

**August:** Sundays to Thursdays

**September:** Closed

**December:** 1st to 12th

Gardens: open March 14th to

October 3rd, Sundays to Thursdays

Nr Grantham  
Leicestershire  
NG32 1PE

01476 871002

[www.belvoircastle.com](http://www.belvoircastle.com)

## ⑥ *Belton House*

Managed by the National Trust, this 17th Century house has room displays from that time, Regency, Victorian and the 1930's. Plus extensive grounds with tranquil gardens & delightful lakes. Guided tours are available, plus there is a shop and restaurant.



### Opening Information

**House:** 28th February to 8th March, Saturday & Sunday.

15th March to 2nd November Wednesday to Sunday

**Gardens:** Open more regularly;

See website below for details

Grantham

Lincolnshire

NG32 2LS

01476 566116

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-beltonhouse](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-beltonhouse)

## ⑦ *Boughton House*

Known as 'The English Versailles' Boughton House is the Northamptonshire home of the Dukes of Buccleuch and Queensberry (Montagu Douglas Scott)



Opening Information: **House:** May: Sunday 2nd & Monday 3rd. August 1st to September 1st: 7 days a week, 2pm to 5pm, with last entry at 4pm.

Guided tours on Mondays & Fridays, except Bank Holidays or 1st August. The House is open for pre-booked educational groups throughout the year - please contact the Trust to arrange.

**Grounds and Park:** May 1st

to September 1st. Daily,

(except Saturday), 1.00pm - 5.00pm

May 1st to July 31st.

Daily, August 1st to September

1st, noon to 5.00pm.

Kettering  
Northamptonshire  
NN14 1BJ

01536 515731

[www.boughtonhouse.org.uk](http://www.boughtonhouse.org.uk)

## ⑧ *Kirkby Hall*

Kirkby Hall is one of England's greatest Elizabethan and 17th-century houses. It was purchased by one of Queen Elizabeth's 'comely young men' and later her Lord Chancellor. Although this vast mansion is partly roofless, most of its walls survive to their full impressive height.



Kettering  
Northamptonshire  
NN17 3EN

01536 203230

### Opening Information

**1 Apr-30 Jun:** 10am-5pm:

Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat, & Sun.

**1 Jul-31 Aug:** 10am-6pm: [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun, & Bank Hols.

**1 Sep-31 Oct:** 10am-5pm: Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat, & Sun.

**1 Nov-31 Mar:** 12pm-4pm: Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat, & Sun

Closed 24-26 Dec and 1 Jan. May close early, please call.

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- > Belton House
- > Belvoir Castle
- > Burghley
- > Grimsthorpe Castle
- > Rockingham Castle
- > Doddington Hall (near Lincoln)

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[www.discover-rutland.co.uk](http://www.discover-rutland.co.uk)