



HOLKHAM

Where the sky meets the sea





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Holkham is an exceptional place, rich in history, architecture and wildlife but probably best defined by its epic landscape. The combination of coast and countryside makes for a spectacular destination which we are privileged to protect and preserve for future generations.

At the heart of the estate is the magnificent Palladian hall, the inspiration of one man, my forebear, Thomas Coke. The story of his six year Grand Tour of Europe in the early 18th century is highlighted in our exhibition: 'Treasures and Trophies – the Making of a Gentleman and a Great House'. Three hundred years on, we invite you to step back to this pivotal time for Coke, as we bring to life his dream to see an Italian villa on the north Norfolk coast, built to house the unique collection he amassed on his tour.

Beyond the walls, the hall is surrounded by a lyrical landscape, part designed by the great English landscape designer, Humphry Repton. 2018 sees the national celebration to mark the bicentenary of Repton's death. In the famous 'Red Book' he produced for Holkham to set out his plans, he described the parkland as "a vast expanse of lawn, an immense sheet of water and woods...too large for painting to express." The park and its panoramic beauty are enjoyed by many and is still the same inspiring place today.

No two visits to Holkham are the same; from lazy summer days on the beach to crisp winter walks in the park. With a myriad of attractions and delicious local food, we have developed a wonderful variety of days out for visitors of all ages to enjoy. This leaflet shares the very best of them.



The Earl of Leicester

AMAZING LANDSCAPES & WILDLIFE

SAND, SKY AND SEA

Holkham National Nature Reserve – somewhere to catch your breath in this busy world. Follow the boardwalk through the sweet-scented pinewoods to reach the beach where wide horizons, golden sands and tidal pools make for that perfect day. Our new visitor facilities at Lady Anne's Drive will open this summer.



ADVENTURES IN THE TREES

Children, there's great fun to be had in our woodland adventure play area. Test your head for heights amongst the trees and climb up to our tree house and high level walkways. Or get your feet off the ground with our amazing swings and zip wire. We've thought of toddlers too, with their own special play area. Entry is free once you've paid for parking, so it's a perfect place to play in the fresh air.





GET PEDALLING

We've got cycles for all the family to hire on high days and holidays, with mountain bikes, tag bikes, child seats and trailers too. So get on your bike and explore the picturesque parkland. You'll be amazed at the abundance of wildlife and interesting, historical landmarks you'll see following our waymarked routes. Why not try our fun cycle stamp trails too – they are a great way to make your cycle ride even more enjoyable.



GETTING AFLOAT

In the summer months there's a chance to explore Holkham's watery world and hire a boat. Get to grips with paddles and oars and put your handling skills to the test with our range of rowing boats, canoes and kayaks. The man-made lake is a beautiful stretch of water and a haven for wildlife. It is over a mile long and there's the added challenge of two islands to navigate around.

A COASTAL TREASURE

A MAGNIFICENT FAMILY HOME

Holkham Hall is an unforgettable part of any visit with its incredible architecture, stunning art, original furniture and classical statuary. This 18th century masterpiece is an amazing treasure trove and, above all, still very much a lived-in family home. Let our room stewards share with you the secrets and stories of Holkham's residents past and present.



TREASURES AND TROPHIES NEW

Thomas Coke, creator of Holkham Hall, was 15 years old when he began his Grand Tour of Europe. Returning six years later in 1718, he was educated, refined and eager to start building this great house. See the art and treasures he collected and journey back 300 years as we delve into the archives discovering the stories of his travels.



FIELD TO FORK EXPERIENCE

The fun and interactive story of food and farming at Holkham. Climb on board our virtual tractor; let our 'talking tools' tell you their use; find out who puts the malt in Maltesers; test your foody knowledge with our quick fire, table-top game; enjoy our 'Holkham Year' film and don a Holkham tweed jacket and bowler hat for a selfie. Discover farming without having to put your wellies on!



SEE HOW THE GARDEN GROWS

Step through the ornate Venetian gates and enjoy the walled garden's tranquil atmosphere, stunning array of flowers, fruit and vegetables and beautiful colours and scents. An impressive display of Victorian greenhouses, our own vineyard and even chickens and bees make up the six acres.



OUR FOODIE FAMILY & RETAIL THERAPY



THE COURTYARD CAFÉ IN HOLKHAM PARK

It's time to take a seat and enjoy some welcome refreshments. Dine alfresco in the sunny and sheltered courtyard, or relax in style inside our café with its tempting menu. Enjoy a morning coffee, light lunch or indulge with a slice of one of our moreish cakes. Whatever tickles your taste buds.



HOLKHAM GIFT SHOP

Spoilt for choice! We are sure you will enjoy browsing the many delights in our gift shop showcasing the work of talented local producers and artisans. There's something for everyone and we've even thought of man's best friend too with our canine collection. Our special Christmas shopping evenings on 15th and 29th November are dates for your diary.

BEACH CAFÉ, NEXT TO WELLS BEACH

A coastal gem, our café is just a stone's throw from the beach with its iconic, colourful beach huts. It's the perfect place to drop in for brunch, a snack, some beach bites, ice cream and ice cold drinks or a cup of our excellent coffee. Bring your four-legged friend too, as we make them really welcome and we've got our very own K-9 Club for them to join!



THE VICTORIA, ON THE COAST ROAD

You'll find a relaxed blend of style and comfort at The Victoria. It's a great place for a refreshing drink, lunch or evening meal. Enjoy delicious, locally sourced, seasonal food, much of it grown and raised on the Holkham Estate, with a bold emphasis on freshness, simplicity and value.



MORE TO TEMPT YOU

On our doorstep in Holkham village, a visit to the specialist shops is a must. There's an opportunity to treat yourself, with everything from fashion and outdoor clothing, wines, beers and spirits to gifts, homeware and landscape photography.

BE OUR GUEST



THE VICTORIA

Just outside the north gates of Holkham park you will find comfort and quality at 'The Vic'. With its enviable location opposite Holkham National Nature Reserve and the golden sands of the beach, The Victoria offers perfect accommodation for anyone looking for a relaxing coastal break, keen bird-watchers or families wishing for a memorable holiday. This traditional inn just oozes style with its twenty elegant, individually-designed bedrooms and en-suite bathrooms. We've even got a special bed for your dog too.



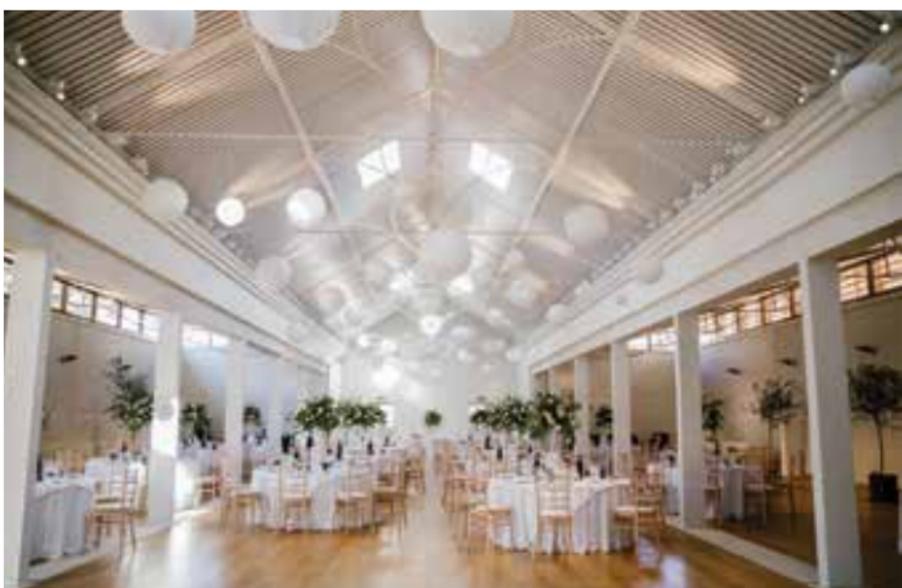
PINEWOODS HOLIDAY PARK

Wide open skies, the beach on its doorstep and the bustling port of Wells-next-the-Sea as its neighbour, our five-star caravan park is set in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. What better location for a coastal holiday than Pinewoods. Book a caravan or a wooden lodge or pitch your tourer – it's time to relax and enjoy north Norfolk.



VENUE WITH A VIEW

The magnificent 18th century Palladian hall, the idyllic temple tucked away in the woods, the tranquil and secluded walled garden or a marquee by the lake with its panoramic views; all are perfect if you are looking for a unique venue to hire. We are here to help you organise anything from getting married or celebrating a special occasion to a fun team-building day or business meeting.



THE LADY ELIZABETH WING

Our stunning, contemporary events venue, adjacent to Holkham Hall, offers an amazing setting for all types of events, both large and small. With all the behind the scenes facilities you would expect, The Lady Elizabeth Wing is a flexible space and works perfectly for weddings, parties, drinks receptions, product launches, exhibitions and awards ceremonies. It's an ideal venue where you can celebrate in style.

EVENTS AT HOLKHAM

We have an exciting calendar of events for all ages. For information, prices and online booking visit www.holkham.co.uk.

MAGICAL MUSIC

Chamber music, evenings of opera and a summer open-air concert with Lionel Richie, all in a perfect setting.



Saturday 28th April, 7pm
Chamber Music – Daniel Kharitonov, piano

Programme includes music by Mozart, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov.

Saturday 16th June, 7pm
Chamber Music – Benjamin Appl, baritone and James Baillieu, piano

An evening of song by Schubert, Liszt and Mahler.

Sunday 24th June, evening
Open-air Concert – Lionel Richie
Picnic and dance the night away with this international superstar.

Friday 27th July, 7pm
Diva Opera – Die Fledermaus
Strauss's operetta set around a New Year's Eve masquerade ball in Vienna.

Saturday 28th July, 7pm
Diva Opera – The Abduction from the Seraglio
Mozart's Singspiel, the tale of two men rescuing their lovers from a Pasha's harem in Turkey.

Sundays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th August, 1pm-4pm
Courtyard Music – Summer Sounds
Relax and enjoy a summer Sunday of fabulous live music.

Friday 5th October, 7pm
Chamber Music – Sacconi Quartet
Programme to include works by Haydn, Debussy and Schubert.

Saturday 3rd November, 5.30pm
Chamber Music – Ruisi Quartet with a pre-concert talk by Simon Rowland-Jones
Music by Stravinsky, Beethoven and Bartók, preceded by an exploration into Bartók's Second String Quartet.

Sunday 4th November, 3pm
Chamber Music – Aquinas Piano Trio
Enjoy works by Haydn, Chopin, Rowland-Jones and Schumann.

Tuesday 11th December, 7pm
Chamber Music – Luis Gomes, tenor and Carole Presland, piano
Songs and arias to include Fauré, Rachmaninov, Liszt and Mozart.

SPECIAL INTEREST

Explore your creative side, browse fine antiques and local produce and step back 300 years with our Grand Tour exhibition.

**25th March to 31st October,
Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays,
12noon-4pm**
Treasures and Trophies

Our exhibition in the hall explores the 'Making of a Gentleman and a Great House'.

**Wednesdays 25th April, 30th May,
27th June, 11th July, 29th August,
26th September and 31st October,
11am-12.30pm**

Hidden Passages and Servants' Stairs
Discover the labyrinth of corridors and unseen rooms with our behind the scenes tours of the hall.

Wednesday 9th May, 9.30am-4.30pm
Photography Workshop – Holkham's Interiors Through a Lens

Capture the magnificent architecture inside Holkham Hall.

**Saturday 16th June, 10am-12.30pm
& 2pm-4.30pm**
Walled Garden Floral Workshop

Create your own floral arrangement using freshly-cut flowers and foliage.

Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July
Outlaw Half Triathlon

Have you got what it takes to swim, cycle and run this challenging course?

**Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th July,
10am-4pm**
Photography Workshop – Scenes of Summer

Two days of photographing the natural surroundings, fauna, flora and architecture.

**Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd
September, 10am-4pm**

North Norfolk Food and Drink Festival

A chance to try delicious local food and drink in the wonderful setting of the walled garden.

Sunday 9th September, 10am-5pm
Art Workshop – Palladian Paper Cuts

Sketch the Palladian splendour of Holkham Hall and create a Matisse style paper cut.

Saturday 15th September, 10am-5pm
Creative Writing Workshop

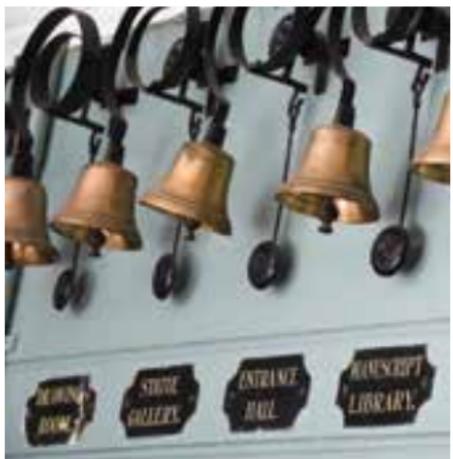
Spend a day in the walled garden to inspire innovative poetry and short fiction writing.

**Wednesdays 26th September
and 10th October, 9.30am-4.30pm**
Photography Workshop – Deer in Autumn

Picture perfect. Capture these majestic animals on camera.

**Friday 19th to Sunday
21st October, 11am-4.30pm**
Lomax Antiques Fair

The Lady Elizabeth Wing hosts this antiques fair. With furniture to jewellery and ceramics to art there will be plenty to tempt you.



FAMILY FUN

Crafts, entertainment and the great outdoors.

Friday 30th March to Monday 2nd April, 10am-5pm

Easter Fun

Calling all Easter bunnies. Hop along and join us for an egg-citing time!

Saturdays 14th April, 12th May, 9th June, 14th July, 11th August, 8th September and 13th October, 10.30am-12noon & 1pm-2.30pm

Green Fingers Gardening Club

Engage your child's natural curiosity with our brand new gardening club.

Thursdays 19th April, 17th May, 21st June, 19th July, 20th September, 11th October, 15th November, 10am-11.30am

Twiglets Toddler Group

Explore the natural world with our outdoor parent and toddler group.

Sunday 10th June, 10am-5pm

Open Farm Sunday

A national event – learn all about farming at Holkham.

Sunday 17th June, 10am-12noon & 1pm-3pm

Father's Day Dens and Fire

Escape to the woods and learn some essential survival skills.

Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th October, 10am-5pm

Halloween at Holkham

Ghoulish adventures, fun and frights to set your heart racing!

Tuesdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November, 10am-11.30am

Courtyard Café Crafts and Coffee

Enjoy a coffee whilst your child has fun at our free craft activities.



FOR GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS

Holkham has a passion for gardening on a grand scale.

Thursdays 26th April and 28th June, 11am-12noon & 2pm-3pm

Walled Garden Ramble

Take a guided stroll with one of our gardeners.

Friday 18th May, 10am-12noon

Walled Garden Workshop – Propagation

Get hands-on and learn how to grow your own propagated plants.

Sunday 27th May, 11am, 1pm & 3pm

Spring Tours of the Private Gardens

An opportunity to view the gardens and terraces surrounding the hall.

Sunday 15th July, 11am, 1pm & 3pm

Summer Tours of the Private Gardens

See the private gardens surrounding the hall in all their summer glory.

Friday 17th August, 10am-12noon

Walled Garden Workshop – Pruning

Learn important summer pruning skills to keep your plants healthy.

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th September, 10am-5pm

Plant Fair in the Walled Garden

Regional nurseries displaying a wide range of plants and gardening essentials.

Sunday 4th November, 11am, 1pm & 3pm

Autumn Tours of the Private Gardens

Enjoy the autumnal tones of Holkham Hall's private gardens.

IN TOUCH WITH NATURE

Explore stunning landscapes, diverse habitats and abundant wildlife.



Thursdays 29th March, 26th April, 31st May, 28th June, 26th July, 30th August, 27th September, 25th October, 29th November, 27th December, 10am-12noon
National Nature Reserve Ramble
See the rich variety of wildlife on the reserve throughout the year.

Tuesday 3rd to Sunday 15th April, Monday 28th May to Saturday 2nd June, Wednesday 25th July to Friday 31st August and Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th September, 11am, 12noon, 1.30pm, 2.30pm & 3.30pm
Tractor Trailer Tour – Field to Fork
Families, discover the crops we grow and livestock we keep.

Sundays 15th April, 9th September, 21st October and 23rd December, 10am-12noon
Beach Clean
Help us keep the beach a special place, free of plastic and debris.

Saturdays 28th April and 5th May, 5.30am-7.30am
Dawn Chorus
Listen to the early morning sounds of the National Nature Reserve's avian woodland residents.

Saturdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th May, 6th and 13th October, Sundays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May, 7th and 14th October, Thursday 18th to Tuesday 23rd October, 11am, 12noon, 1.30pm, 2.30pm & 3.30pm
Tractor Trailer Tour – Deer Safari
An opportunity to see the red and fallow deer up close.

Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd May and 12th, 19th and 26th September, 11.30am & 2pm
Tractor Trailer Tour – Parkland Heritage
Enjoy the landscaped parkland and architectural landmarks on a tour.

Tuesdays 29th May, 31st July, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August, 4th September; Wednesdays 30th May, 25th July, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August, 10am-11am, 11am-12noon, 1pm-2pm & 2pm-3pm
Park Discovery Day – Pond Dipping
Hands-on fun finding what lurks in the water of Holkham lake.

Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th June, 11am & 12noon
Tractor Trailer Tour – Explore with the Experts
Find out about farming, gardening, forestry and gamekeeping.

Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th June, 11am only; Wednesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th October, 11am & 2pm
Deer Discovery Walks
Fascinating tours to learn about the deer herd of Holkham park.

Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th August, 7.30pm
Bat Walks in Holkham Park
Learn about British bats using detectors to listen for the species which can be found here.

ON STAGE AND SCREEN

Rip-roaring theatre productions and cult cinema.

Friday 29th June, 9.15pm
Open-air Cinema – Pretty Woman
Romance for an unlikely duo and their different worlds.

Saturday 30th June, 9.15pm
Open-air Cinema – Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
Follow Harry in his first year at Hogwarts.

Wednesday 25th July, 6.15pm
Outdoor Theatre – The Railway Children
Full steam ahead for adventures and excitement by the railway.

Wednesday 1st August, 6.15pm
Outdoor Theatre – Treasure Island
Join Jim Hawkins as he crosses the world in search of treasure!

Wednesday 8th August, 6.15pm
Outdoor Theatre – The Adventures of Dr Dolittle
Set forth with Dr Dolittle on a mission to heal the animal kingdom!

Wednesday 15th August, 6.15pm
Outdoor Theatre – Journey to the Centre of the Earth
Follow the expedition of a lifetime, unlocking the secrets of our mysterious planet.

Thursday 23rd August, 5.45pm
Outdoor Theatre – The Midnight Gang
David Walliams' bestselling story of magic, mischief and memory making.

Wednesday 29th August, 6.30pm
Outdoor Theatre – The Tempest
Shakespeare's spellbinding story of poetry, high comedy and tender love.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN TRUE HOLKHAM STYLE!

Festive fun for everyone.

Friday 30th November and Saturday 1st December, 7pm
Diva Opera Christmas Show
A sparkling evening of song, perfect to get you into the festive spirit.

Saturdays 1st and 8th, Sundays 2nd and 9th December, 10.30am-12noon & 1pm-2.30pm
Craft Workshop – A Natural Christmas
Children, help prepare for Christmas and make your own decorations.

Sundays 2nd and 9th December, 12noon-5pm
Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th, Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th and Monday 17th December, 3pm-8pm
Christmas Candlelight Tours
Timed tours with our guides to see Holkham Hall adorned with opulent decorations and flickering candlelight.

Wednesdays 5th and 12th December, 10am-12.30pm & 2pm-4.30pm
Workshop – Festive Wreath Making
Create your own winter wreath with greenery from Holkham's parkland.



Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th December, 10am-5.30pm, pre-booked 45-minute timeslots.
An Audience with Father Christmas
A chance for children to meet the bringer of festive magic.

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th December, 10am-4pm
Festive Food Fair
A Christmas market with a difference and full of festive fayre.

Tuesday 18th December, 10am-12.30pm & 2pm-4.30pm
Workshop – Festive Flowers
Create your own floral arrangement to display at home.

VISITOR INFORMATION

HOW TO FIND US

The main entrance for the public is via the north gates of Holkham park – sat nav NR23 1RH.

Coach access is via the B1105, follow 'Holkham Hall Coaches' signs and enter through the south gates.

The Coasthopper bus service stops in Holkham village.
www.stagecoachbus.com



ACCESSIBILITY

The ground floor of the hall is accessible, as is the first floor; for most manually operated wheelchairs using our stair-climbing machine. A full access statement can be found at www.holkham.co.uk

LAVATORIES

Lavatories, including accessible facilities, plus baby changing, are located in the courtyard. Lavatories are also in the hall and walled garden.

DOGS ARE WELCOME

Dogs need to be on a lead at all times and are allowed in the ticket office, Field to Fork Experience, gift shop and in the seating areas of the café. Only assistance dogs are allowed in the hall. During warm weather please do not leave your dog in your vehicle.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF HOLKHAM ESTATE

Photographs of the Holkham Estate (including the hall, Holkham and Wells beaches and the Holkham National Nature Reserve) can be taken for personal use only. Commercial photographers must obtain written consent. The use of drones is not permitted.

TREASURE HOUSES

Holkham Hall is proud to be one of the ten Treasure Houses of England. They include Beaulieu, Blenheim Palace, Burghley, Chatsworth, Castle Howard, Harewood, Hatfield House, Leeds Castle and Woburn Abbey. Visit the hall and you'll receive a voucher to visit one of the other houses on a two for one basis, www.treasurehouses.co.uk

OPENING TIMES & ADMISSION 2018

MAIN SEASON – 25TH MARCH TO 31ST OCTOBER

Holkham Hall: Open 12-4pm Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays.

The hall is also open on Good Friday and Easter Saturday for our Easter event plus 26th and 27th October for our Halloween event. *Please note that the hall will be closed on Sunday 29th July.*

Field to Fork Experience, Walled Garden, Café, Gift Shop & Play Area: Open 10am-5pm every day.

Cycle Hire & Boat Hire: For opening information and prices please visit our website.

Holkham Park: Open 9am-5pm every day.

Please note the park may be closed at short notice for estate management reasons.

MAIN SEASON ADMISSION

Holkham Hall, Field to Fork Experience & Walled Garden: Adult £16, Child* (5-16yrs incl.) £8, Family (2 adults & up to 3 children) £44.

Field to Fork Experience & Walled Garden: Adult £7.50, Child* (5-16yrs incl.) £3.75, Family (2 adults & up to 3 children) £21.

Field to Fork Experience: Adult £5, Child* (5-16yrs incl.) £2.50, Family (2 adults and up to 3 children) £13.50.

Walled Garden: Adult £3, Child* (5-16yrs incl.) £1.50.

Car Parking: £3 per day redeemable on purchases of £12 or more from our gift shop.

Woodland Play Area: Free entry. Car parking charge applies.

Book Online: Save 10% on your tickets. Visit our website for details.

Group Rate: (15+) 20% discount, free entry to group organiser, café voucher for coach driver. Pre-booking required.

Private Guided Tours: Minimum 12 people, price per person £22. Please contact us for details.

**For our special events the child age is 2-16 years inclusive, however please note that the Walled Garden only ticket is not available for these special events.*

Details in this leaflet are correct at time of printing and may be subject to change. For full terms and conditions see our website.



WINTER SEASON – 1ST NOVEMBER TO 21ST DECEMBER

Once again we have extended our opening season so that you can drop into the Courtyard Café for a cuppa and a light bite after a walk in the park. Or, if you are looking for that special Christmas present, then there's plenty of choice in our Courtyard Gift Shop. There's a chance to join in the Christmas celebrations too with our Diva Opera Christmas Show, festive Candlelight Tours of the hall to see the magnificent decorations and the very special family event 'An Audience With Father Christmas'.

Café & Gift Shop: Open 10am-4pm every day.

Holkham Park: Open 9am-4pm every day.

Please note the park may be closed at short notice for estate management reasons.

Christmas Events: See our website for details.

WINTER SEASON ADMISSION

Car Parking: £3 per day redeemable on purchases of £12 or more from our café or gift shop.

GET IN TOUCH

For full details on the contents of this leaflet, visit our website www.holkham.co.uk

Holkham Hall, Field to Fork Experience, Walled Garden, Play Area, Café & Gift Shop

Holkham Estate, Wells-next-the-Sea, NR23 1AB (Sat Nav: NR23 1RH)
E: visitorinformation@holkham.co.uk T: 01328 713111

Groups/Private Tour Bookings

E: e.bushell@holkham.co.uk T: 01328 713105

Beach Café, Beach Road, Wells-next-the-Sea, NR23 1DR

E: beachcafe@holkham.co.uk T: 01328 713055

Pinewoods Holiday Park, Beach Road, Wells-next-the-Sea, NR23 1DR

E: holiday@pinewoods.co.uk T: 01328 710439

The Victoria Inn, Park Road, Holkham, Wells-next-the-Sea, NR23 1RG

E: victoria@holkham.co.uk T: 01328 711008

*A Jewel in Norfolk's Crown.
Discover a superb Palladian hall,
explore beautiful rolling parkland,
indulge in some fabulous food,
enjoy the many attractions
and events...*

*and the best beach
in England.*



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