



Sussex



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Lothar Götz, Dance Diagonal, Brewers Towner Commission, Towner Eastbourne, 2019.

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28 September – 2 October 2026 - 5 days from *£995pp

For our Autumn 2026 trip we are heading south to the green hills and weald-land of East Sussex where late 19th and early 20th century arts and crafts are well represented with a series of museums, houses, churches and galleries demonstrating the core artistic, design and architectural values of this inspirational and influential movement. Some of the highlights of the area are explored on this tailor-made tour.



Ditchling Museum of Art & Craft

Photo: Ditchling Museum



Farleys House

Photo: Simon Harriott, Uckfield, Wikimedia

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*Based on minimum 25 passengers and 2 people sharing a twin/double room.



Wardown House

Itinerary

Day 1: Monday 28 September 2026

Travel to Sussex, Wardown House en route.

Depart York by private coach and travel to Sussex with an enroute stop at Wardown House, a beautifully restored Victorian mansion which was once a private home, then a WWI military hospital, and now serves as a museum showcasing the town's history, art and culture. We continue on to Sussex. On arrival we check-in to our hotel for four nights, the Holiday Inn Brighton Seafront. Welcome drink and dinner in the hotel.

Day 2: Tuesday 29 September 2026

Farleys House and Towner Eastbourne Art Gallery

This morning we head to the village of Chiddingfold to Farleys House, the Sussex home of Lee Miller and Roland Penrose. Farleys House became a meeting place for some of the leading figures from the world of 20th century art, including Pablo Picasso who stayed in 1950, as well as Max Ernst, Dorothea Tanning, John Craxton and Eileen Agar, among others. Works by these artists regularly feature in the house, when not being loaned to galleries around the world. Farleys also boasts two galleries, and a sculpture garden to enjoy views of the South Downs from. We enjoy a private opening of the house, and an included lunch. In the afternoon we travel to Art Fund's Museum of the Year 2020, Towner Eastbourne which has been exhibiting contemporary art for nearly 100 years. It is best known for its modern British art, and also has a growing collection of international works with a focus on landscape, women artists and moving image. Return to hotel Evening at leisure.

Day 3: Wednesday 30 September 2026 Ditchling Museum of Art & Craft, and Charleston in Lewes

Our first visit today is to the Ditchling Museum of Art & Craft, a hidden gem nestled in the village of Ditchling which celebrates the rich legacy of artists and craftspeople who made this village a hub of creativity in the early 20th century. Featuring a permanent collection of works by renowned figures like Eric Gill, Edward Johnston, and Ethel Mairet, the museum tells the story of the Guild of St Joseph and St Dominic—a Roman Catholic artistic community devoted to craftsmanship and communal living. Free time for lunch then we visit Charleston, a cultural centre in the heart of Lewes, which includes exhibitions of contemporary and historical art, artist-led workshops, and a studio for students to gain hands-on experience in the arts. Evening at leisure at the end of the day.

Day 4: Thursday 1 October 2026

Charleston Firle, Berwick Church, and Monk's House

We start the day with a visit to the original Charleston house in Firle, a vibrant meeting place for the Bloomsbury Group—some of the 20th century's most influential writers, artists, and thinkers. We have a free flow visit of the modernist home and studio of the painters Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant, where we discover how they conserve and maintain their collection and absorb the unique atmosphere of this living, breathing work of art. Next, visit the nearby Grade I listed St Michael & All Angels Church at Berwick, famous for its stunning interior including 20th Century Bloomsbury murals. Later, we visit Monk's House, a charming 17th-century country retreat which was once home to author Virginia Woolf. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner in a local restaurant.



Charleston, interior



Garden, Farleys House

Day 5: Friday 2 October 2026

Return to York, Henry Moore Studios enroute

Our time in East Sussex draws to a close but we have one last attraction to see enroute to York, the Henry Moore Studios and Gardens, the artists' former home and sculpture gardens. Featuring acres of countryside showcasing Moore's sculptures, the preserved studios reveal his creative process, and his family home is filled with his personal art collection. From there we continue onto York.

Where you stay

Holiday Inn Brighton Seafront

Modern four-star hotel located on Brighton's seafront, around 15 minute walk from the Lanes. The hotel has a restaurant, bar, terrace, and well appointed, comfortable bedrooms with all modern amenities.

Included in the price

- Private coach throughout tour
- Accommodation as detailed
- Breakfast daily, two dinners & one lunch
- Drinks: Welcome drink on Day 1
- Coach touring as per the itinerary
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary

Not included

- Holiday insurance
- Double for sole use supplement (£299 per person)
- Meals and drinks not specified
- Gratuities