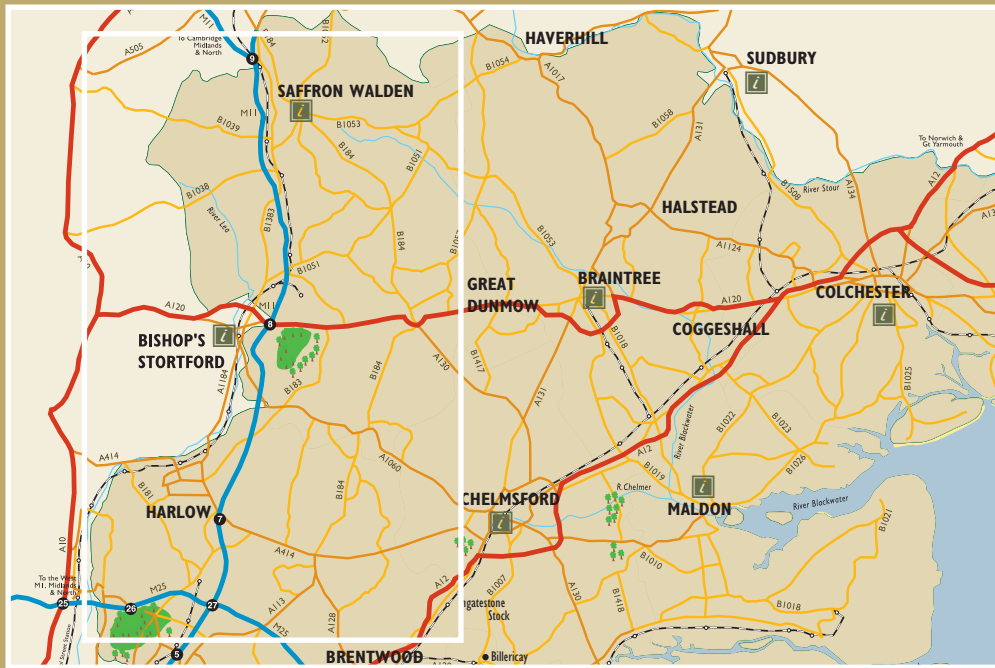


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Restaurants

The Cricketers

Clavering, nr Saffron Walden
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www.thecricketers.co.uk

Starr Restaurant

Great Dunmow
Tel: 01 371 874321
www.the-starr.co.uk

The Crown House

Great Chesterford
Tel: 01 799 530515
www.crownhousehotel.com

Axe & Compasses

Arkesden
Tel: 01 799 550272
www.axeandcompasses.co.uk

Loch Fyne Restaurant

Loughton
Tel: 0208 532 5140
www.lochfyne.com

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Historical West Essex

A fascinating tour of west Essex that starts at the historically important Royal Gunpowder Mills and heads through the royal hunting forest of Epping, once the haunt of Dick Turpin. You will pass through charming towns with their magnificent churches standing proud against the skyline. Look out for the windmills, a feature of the Essex landscape, before arriving at the splendid Audley End House and Gardens.

Historical West Essex

To fully appreciate the sights and attractions of this tour, we recommend that you allow two days - so why not make a weekend of it? Please see the back page for details of accommodation. To avoid disappointment please check with the attractions for opening times and accommodation for availability before setting off.

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8 Audley End House and Gardens.
A magnificent Jacobean house built in the 17th century. It was later re-modelled by Robert Adam in the 18th century with grounds designed by Capability Brown. There is also a Victorian Kitchen Garden where you can purchase organically grown produce.
Tel: 01799 522399
www.english-heritage.org.uk



3 North Weald
Visit the atmospheric museum at North Weald Airfield, which tells the story of the site from 1916.
Tel: 01992 523010 / 714162
<http://fly.to/northweald>



1 Royal Gunpowder Mills, Waltham Abbey
Combining fascinating history, innovative science and 175 acres of natural parkland. View this once secret Ancient Monument. Regular events also include costumed living history events. Please call in advance for details.
Tel: 01992 707370
www.royalgunpowdermills.com



2 Epping Forest
The 6000 acres of pollarded woodlands, grassland and reed-fringed ponds is all that remains of a former royal hunting forest. Queen Boudica reputedly fought the Romans here. Centuries later, Dick Turpin preyed upon unwary travellers.
Tel: 0208 508 0028
www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk

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Starr Restaurant with Rooms

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7 Saffron Walden
Explore this lovely old town and admire the pargeiting (plaster design). Look out for the Wisbech Giant on the charming, former Sun Inn on Church Street or walk around the largest turf maze in the world. Alternatively, visit the restored Victorian Bridge End Garden recently featured in the 'Hidden Gardens' series on BBC.
Tel: 01799 510444
www.uttlesford.gov.uk/tourism



6 Thaxted
A stunning town dominated by its timber-framed Guildhall, church, almshouses and windmill, all of which are worth a visit.
Tel: 01371 831641
www.thaxted.co.uk



5 Great Dunmow
An attractive market town nestling in the heart of north west Essex. It is well known as the home of the ancient Flitch Trials - the traditional test of a happy marriage. Visit the Maltings dating from c.1560. A superb restored example of architecture and building techniques, uniquely retaining infrastructure used to produce malt.
Tel: 01371 878979
www.greatdunmowmaltings.co.uk



4 The Rodings
Visit Aythorpe Roding Mill, a post mill in full working order. (Turn left after the village, towards the church).
Tel: 07887 662177