

The St Ives Tour



The Norris Museum, St Ives



St Ives Bridge & Chapel

Morning: Norris Museum, St Ives

The A1096 links St Ives to the dual carriageway A14, from where access is gained to the A1. The Norris Museum is in the centre of St Ives, on The Broadway (call the Museum for more detailed directions as it can be hard to find).

The Norris Museum tells the story of Huntingdonshire from earliest times to the present day. On display are the fossil remains of the great marine reptiles that lived here in the age of the dinosaurs, including the life-size model of an Ichthyosaur. See the tusk of a mammoth from the Ice Age and flint tools made by the oldest human inhabitants of the area. There are arms and armour from the Cavaliers and Roundheads, bone ship models made by prisoners of war who fought for Napoleon and old ice skates used in the fens. An art gallery shows pictures of local scenes and is also used for special temporary exhibitions. The Museum building is set in a picturesque riverside garden.

Opening times: May to September: Mon to Sat: 10am - 5pm.
Sun: 2pm - 5pm.
October to April: Mon - Fri: 10am - 4pm. Sat: 10am - 1pm.

Average visit time: 30 minutes

Max. group: 57

Min. group: No minimum

Coach parking: Drop-off outside the Museum and then park at the bus station (except Monday and Friday when you must park at the St Ivo Leisure Centre). In both cases, please call to let them know you're coming. Call the bus station on 01480 464287 or the St Ivo Leisure Centre on 01480 388500.

Contact: Bob Burn-Murdoch on 01480 497314.

Notice required: 1 week

Toilets: Not in the Museum, but there are public toilets (including wheelchair accessible toilets) at Globe Place car park, which is a short walk from the Museum.

Cost: Free

Disabled facilities: There is wheelchair access to the Museum. For the visually impaired there are some objects on open display, which it's possible to touch. Assistance available. Visitors with guide dogs welcome.

The St Ives Tour at a glance

Morning: Norris Museum and guided tour of St Ives

Lunch: Golden Lion Hotel, St Ives

Afternoon: The Manor, Hemingford Grey

Walking requirement: Some walking required if your group wishes to have a tour of St Ives.

The Manor is approximately 15 minutes drive from St Ives.

St Ives Guided Tour

The group may also like to take a guided tour of the historic centre of St Ives, with an experienced tour guide. Alternatively, St Ives Town Trails are available at the Norris Museum for a self guided tour. If you would like a guided tour, please call the Norris Museum on 01480 497314, and they will provide you with more details.

Farmers' Markets in St Ives take place every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Please email: tcm@goingtostives.info for more details or visit www.goingtostives.info.



Lunch: Golden Lion Hotel, St Ives

Opening times:	Food is served: Monday to Thursday: 12pm - 2.30pm and 5pm - 9pm. Friday and Saturday: 12pm - 7.30pm and Sunday: 12pm - 3pm.
Max. group:	57
Min. group:	No minimum
Coach parking:	See details for Norris Museum.
Contact:	Duty Manager on 01480 492100
Notice required:	1 week
Toilets:	Ample toilet facilities
Catering:	Speak to the Duty Manager who will send you a menu.
Disabled facilities:	Wheelchair access and wheelchair accessible toilets. Large print menus. Assistance available. Visitors with guide dogs welcome in the restaurant & bar.



Bridge Street, St Ives

Afternoon: The Manor, Hemingford Grey

The Manor, Hemingford Grey, is located off the A14, 5 miles east of Huntingdon and 13 miles west of Cambridge.

The Manor was built in 1130 and is one of the three oldest continuously inhabited houses in Britain. It was made famous by the author Lucy Boston, who recreated it as the house of Green Knowe in her magical books. The house contains so many items featured in the stories that readers feel as if they are walking into the books. In the winter, Lucy Boston made exquisite patchworks, which are displayed in the house (she made her last one at the age of 92!). The collection is the only one of its calibre in the world that can still be seen in the house where they were made.

The garden is surrounded by a moat, and contains a beautiful collection of old roses, coronation and chess topiary and many herbaceous borders with all year round interest. There are also many Dyke medal winning irises, which Lucy Boston bought throughout the 50s and 60s (each year the Dyke's medal award goes to one iris that is voted by all the irisarians as the best).

The scenery around The Manor is idyllic and it's possible to stroll by the river, which runs directly past The Manor's garden.

Opening times:	All year by prior arrangement.
Average visit time:	One hour thirty minutes to two hours for a group of 57 to fully enjoy the house, the garden and the surrounding countryside.
Max. group:	57 (split into 3 groups)
Coach parking:	You'll be sent a map and directions.
Contact:	Mrs Diana Boston on 01480 463134
Noticed required:	2 weeks
Toilets:	None. Visit The Cock on Hemingford Grey High St, for a drink & toilet stop.
Cost:	Call for details.
Disabled facilities:	Disabled access is currently limited in the house, but assistance is available to bring visitors in wheelchairs into the main ground floor room, where it is possible to appreciate many of the exhibits. Wheelchair accessible toilet. Ramp access from the tow path to the garden. There is a short walk from where the coach drops off to The Manor, but Diana Boston (Lucy Boston's daughter-in-law) is happy to collect those who have difficulty walking.
Other facilities:	Gift shop



St Ives Market



The Manor at Hemingford Grey

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Please phone each attraction prior to your visit. Thank you.