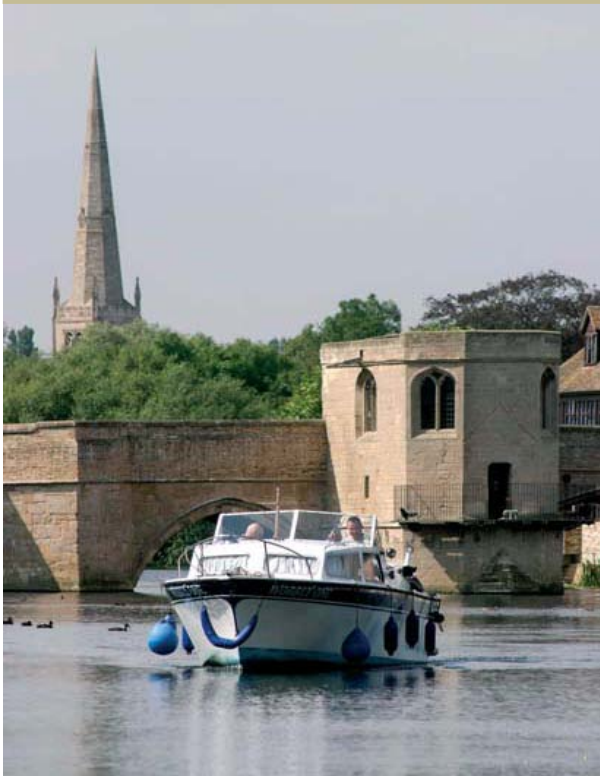


# The St Ives Tour



**The Norris Museum, St Ives**



## 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.

## **Morning: The Norris Museum, The Broadway, St Ives, PE27 5BX**

The oldest items on show are fossils and reconstructed models of animals that lived here in the time of the dinosaurs. More recent specimens include remains of the Woolly Mammoth and archaeological remains from the Stone Age onwards. There are special displays on the Civil War, on French prisoner-of-war work from the prison camp at Norman Cross and the local sport of ice-skating on the flooded Fens.

**Opening times:** Visits by groups are by **appointment** contact the Museum direct  
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**Email:** [info@thenorrismuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@thenorrismuseum.org.uk)  
**Website:** [www.thenorrismuseum.org.uk](http://www.thenorrismuseum.org.uk)

**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.

**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.

## **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](mailto:tcm@goingtostives.info) for more details or visit [www.goingtostives.info](http://www.goingtostives.info)



## Lunch: Golden Lion, Market Hill, St Ives, PE27 5AL

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**Coach parking:** See details for Norris Museum

**Toilets:** Ample toilet facilities

**Disabled facilities:** Wheelchair access and wheelchair accessible toilets. Large print menus. Assistance available. Visitors with guide dogs welcome in the restaurant & bar.

## Afternoon: The Manor, Hemingford Grey Hemingford Grey, St Ives, PE29 9BN

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. A tour of the house will uncover many original medieval features and also a brief history of those that lived there before the present owner.

The house 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, between writing, 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.

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**Opening times:** All year by prior arrangement.

**Coach parking:** You'll be sent a map and directions.

**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.



**Bridge Street, St Ives**



**The Manor in Hemingford Grey**



**Chess pieces in the gardens at The Manor**



**Please phone each attraction prior to your visit**