



# Sherborne Castle & Gardens

**D**iscover Dorset's best kept secret - Sherborne Castle & Gardens. Enjoy a fabulous day out at this glorious venue. The castle was built by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1594 and has been the home of the Digby family since 1617. Take a tailor-made guided tour of the Castle - customised to your group's interests. Walk in the footsteps of Sir Walter Raleigh and Royalty. The castle comes to life through the "Great Stories" and "Great Women of Sherborne Castle" series which focus on the key moments of history. The castle reflects over 400 years of decorative styles. See magnificent staterooms, nationally important collections of art, furniture and porcelain, Raleigh's kitchen, fossil display and a Family Museum packed with family curios including Lord Digby's false teeth. This is an immersive and interactive experience.

The Castle is set in 42 acres of "Capability" Brown landscape gardens which surround a 50-acre serpentine lake. A short and long walk is available taking you to garden features including: a fossil house, cascade, folly, Raleigh's seat, sunken garden, orangery and gingko lawn, boat house pier with views overlooking the ruins of the Old Castle. Colour is provided throughout the year. In Spring, swathes of daffodils, narcissus, anemones and tulips light up the landscape. High summer colour is provided in the herbaceous borders and the spectacular Autumn colours are reflected in the lake. The garden is home to many notable champion trees and unusual plants. This natural setting is fabulous for watching a host of wildlife on the lake - a photographer's paradise. It's a perfect setting to relax, and for a picnic too! We have a children's trail and dogs are welcome on short leads.

Lunch can be taken in the Walled Garden Restaurant and remember to take home a bottle of our very own Sherborne Castle Wine! The Castle is a 10-minute walk from the centre of Sherborne, an historic market which boasts an Abbey, another castle (ruined), famous Schools, fabulous independent shops with an emphasis on antiques, fashion and gifts.

Free coach parking is available at the castle and drivers are given discount voucher for the Walled Garden Restaurant. A memorable day out awaits you!



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- ✦ Magnificent staterooms
- ✦ Nationally important collections
- ✦ Raleigh's kitchen | Cellars museum
- ✦ Discover the "Great Stories" of Sherborne Castle
- ✦ Explore acres of Capability Brown gardens

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