

Group Information Pack 2023

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Welcome to Gilbert White's House & Gardens

Be inspired by Gilbert White, Frank Oates and Lawrence Oates to take a journey into the Natural World. The beautiful historic house that was once the home to Gilbert White is now home to an eclectic museum, gardens and visitor centre.

Explore the museum that commemorates Gilbert White, pioneering 18th Century naturalist, Frank Oates Victorian explorer and Lawrence Oates, member of the tragic Terra Nova expedition to the South Pole. We are lucky to be situated in one of the most beautiful areas of the South Downs, and have 25 acres of garden for our visitors to enjoy. The garden is beautiful all year round, and a fascinating mixture of restored heritage garden and natural conservation. Visit our excellent café, which is perfect for groups. Our newest addition to the site is our tap room named the Jubilee Tap. We serve Gilbert White's beer which is brewed on site from our restored 18th century brew house. The Jubilee Tap also serves a variety of wines, cocktails and guest ales.

How to Book

Simply contact us via e-mail or telephone, once a date has been agreed, please complete and return the attached form to confirm your booking. Please do not wait until the last minute to send in the form, even if you are unsure of the details. Our opening times are listed on our website.

Packages

Peak Package (Valid March–October) The standard admission price for a pre-booked, pre-paid group is £12 per head. This includes a introductory talk and admission to the museum and gardens. Tours and catering options can be added.

Winter Package (Valid November–February) Admission is £10 per head. This includes a introductory talk and admission to the museum and gardens. Tours and catering options can be added.

Introductory Talk

An introductory talk is offered to all groups at no extra cost, and will give a further insight into the history of the house and the three explorers of the natural world that we celebrate.

"We were a group of middle to late middle-aged members of a village book club on a day out from about 80 miles away. The visit itself was truly 5-star." Trip Advisor

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Tours

Garden Tour With over twenty acres of ancient parkland and some five acres of restored gardens with a focus on 18th century planting, a garden tour is a fascinating way to learn about Gilbert White the Gardener and the plants and features described in his writings.

House Tour Get a special insight into the house and galleries, with an guided tour. Only available to groups under 10 people due to size of the rooms.

All Tours are by prior arrangement only. House tours start from £20 ,which is for up to 10 people maximum. The tours can only take 10 people at a time due to the size of the rooms within the museum.

Catering

Please speak to one of the team about our catering availability.

Parking

Our car park is a 2 minute walk from the House. It is situated just off the main road behind the Selborne Arms. The car park can take cars and coaches; when it's busy visitors can be dropped outside the House and coaches parked in lay-bys approximately a mile distant either North or South of the village.

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Selborne Village

The pretty historic village of Selborne is located within the South Downs National Park. There are superb walks, including up Gilbert White's ZigZag path on to the Selborne Hanger. There is a pottery, a selection of village shops, and a café on the high street, and The Selborne Arms Pub. The village church, where Gilbert White is buried, has two stained glass windows commemorating him, is directly opposite the Museum, and well worth a visit.

Payment

We require payment in full for group admission, tours and catering a minimum of fourteen days prior to your visit. We will send a invoice to you that must be paid 14 days prior to your visit. Alternatively you can send a cheque for the amount. We do not accept over the phone payment. If you are sending a cheque make sure it is payable to '**Gilbert White & The Oates Collections**'.

Queries

Please contact us if you have any queries or wish to make a booking. Our aim is to make your day out as enjoyable and stress-free as possible. Let us know if your group have any specific interests as we aim to be flexible and for you to get the most out of your visit.

Drivers and Group Organisers

Drivers and group Organisers can enjoy free admission.

Stop & Refresh

Gilbert White & The Oates Collections is a great place to rest on a long journey situated between the A3 & The M3. We have a café, toilets and shops available to use free of charge.

Group Visit Booking Form 2023

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Name of Group / Society			
Name & Address of Organiser (for correspondence)			
Telephone Number			
Email			
Date of Visit		Number in Group (minimum of 10)	
Arrival Time		Departure Time	
How did you hear about us?			
Package (Please Tick)	Peak (£12)	Winter (£10)	
Please Select Group Add-Ons	Introductory Talk (Free)	Garden Tour (Min 10) (£2pp)	House Tour (Min 10)(£2pp)

You can fill out this form using the 'PDF Sign' facility and email it to groups@gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk or print and post to

Gilbert White's House and Gardens, High Street, Selborne, Hampshire GU34 3JH

Payment is required in full at least 14 days prior to your visit at the prevailing rate.

We are always happy to accommodate additional numbers after the 14 days advance payment deadline, however these will be charged our standard admission and catering rates.

Please send a cheque payable to 'Gilbert White & The Oates Collections' or telephone to pay by credit/debit card.

Total Package charge (package x group no.)	
Total Tour charge (tour x group no.)	
GRAND TOTAL TO PAY	
Signed	Date