

Exclusives from Avenue Six

Duchess Day Experiences

Her grace, Emma, 11th Duchess of Rutland, invites you to visit her home, Belvoir Castle, ancestral seat of the Dukes of Rutland and popular filming location for 'The Crown' series.

Belvoir Castle is a historic gem. The first of four castles that have existed on the site was built in the 11th century. The latest dates from the early 1800s and rises over the Vale of Belvoir like an illustration in a romantic fairy-tale. Its interiors are the epitome of grandeur and include the Regent's Gallery and Elizabeth Saloon (both inspired by Versailles), the Ballroom, the Old Kitchen and Armory.

The name Belvoir, pronounced 'beaver', means 'beautiful view' in French and the views from the turrets and towers across three English counties are certainly stunning. The grounds are extensive and include formal gardens and landscapes originally designed by Capability Brown and recently restored by the current Duchess.

Belvoir Castle can be enjoyed as a day trip from London, or part of a longer stay in the UK. The Duchess personally hosts guests on two Wednesdays in 2023 and on these days only there is the option to extend the visit and stay overnight in the castle.



The Duchess of Rutland on the Belvoir estate

Option 1, Day trip from London

Dates	Wednesdays, May to September 2023
Travel	Train from London Kings Cross to Grantham 1hr, taxi or car to Belvoir, 20mins OR car from London 2.5hrs
Activity	Refreshments on arrival, castle tour, aperitifs, lunch, garden and grounds tour, afternoon tea
Pricing	£300 per person. Travel not included.

On arrival you are welcomed with refreshments by a senior member of the household staff who will give a talk about living in the castle and conduct a private guided tour of the state rooms including the Regent's Gallery and Elizabeth Saloon (both inspired by Versailles), the Ballroom, the Old Kitchen and Armory.

Aperitifs are served in the Elizabeth Salon followed with a 2-course lunch to set you up for an afternoon guided tour of the formal gardens and a 'tour on wheels' of the Capability Brown designed grounds in the company of the head gardener. Afternoon tea, a concept that was invented at Belvoir Castle, is served in the Aviary Tearoom. Morning and afternoon tours can be switched around as the weather dictates.

*** EXCLUSIVE:** On Wednesday 7th June 2023 and Wednesday 6th September 2023, Her Grace, Emma, 11th Duchess of Rutland will be your host for the day.

Greeted by a bagpipe player as you approach the castle, the Duchess will welcome you in person. She will talk about her home, share her secrets of living in 'England's most romantic and impractical castle' and then host lunch and afternoon tea as you enjoy this exclusive day.

NB: There is a supplement of £100 per person for the exclusive Duchess days and guests can cancel, free of charge, up to 90 days prior to arrival on these dates.



Belvoir Castle



The Elizabeth Saloon, inspired by Versailles

Option 2, Twenty-four hours at Belvoir Castle

Dates	7th June and 6th September only
Travel	Train from London Kings Cross to Grantham 1hr, taxi or car to Belvoir, 20mins OR car from London 2.5hrs
Stay	1 night, Belvoir Castle
Activity	Arrival and refreshments, castle tour, aperitifs, lunch, garden and grounds tour, afternoon tea, aperitifs, dinner, bed and breakfast
Pricing	£1700 one person, £2500 couple. Travel not included. Guests can cancel free of charge up to 90 days prior to arrival.

As an extension to our exclusive Duchess hosted days, guests can opt to stay overnight in the Castle.

You will spend the day with the Duchess as described in option 1 and when other guests depart you stay on and start the evening with aperitifs hosted by the Duchess in the Elizabeth Salon. This is followed by a three-course dinner in the private library with drinks served by the Butler.

After dinner you will retire to one of the castle’s magnificent bedrooms. A good night’s rest will be followed with a full English breakfast before departure.



The Duchess at home



Guest bedroom



The Chinese dressing room



A view of the Castle’s formal gardens