

VISIT TO LONGFORD CASTLE & ROCHE COURT

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The coach "Solent Coaches" arrived as punctual as ever with Dave our regular driver. Both destinations are near Salisbury and we went the scenic route via Burley and Ringwood avoiding the queues at Lyndhurst.



We arrived at Longford Castle but missed the gates so had a small diversion via the Salisbury Park and Ride to enable the coach to turn around.

We arrived at Longford Castle still within the estimated arrival time and was met by two guides. One Guide gave us a brief overview of the history of Longford Castle before we split into two groups. Both guides were extremely knowledgeable and it was full of many artworks by famous artists both old and modern. A very enjoyable two hours was spent touring the house which is still a family home as can be witnessed by the many family photos on tables. A half hour walk around the colourful garden followed.



A five minute drive took us to the Radnor Arms where a buffet lunch awaited us. A pleasant time was had with good fellowship and food.

A half hour drive took us to Roche Court where many sculptures of abstract and modern designs were placed in their gardens. Again we were split into two groups where each had very knowledgeable guide and each work of art was explained to us. A enjoyable time was had by all, finished off by tea and a slice of cake.



We left promptly at 4.30 arriving home at Lymington at 6pm coming back on the same route.