



AUTUMN GATHERING TOUR TO NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



21 - 25 SEPTEMBER 2025



TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1—Sunday 21st September 2025

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Arrival by own arrangement to Rushton Hall Hotel & Spa, Rushton, Kettering NN14 1RR
4pm welcome tea/coffee/cake. Time to rest before a drinks reception at 7pm, followed by dinner in the hotel, with wine included.

Subject to demand, coach transport will be available from the Newark area, at additional cost.

Day 2—Monday 22nd September 2025

(BLD)

Breakfast. Depart by private coach for a visit to a livestock farm with a contracting business. Continue on for lunch.

Afterwards, visit Saxby's Cidery & Orchards.

Originally an arable farm, Saxby's diversified into cider making in 2011. The apples grown on their own farm, as well as other local farms around Northamptonshire and Herefordshire, are all pressed and bottled on the farm. Learn about the process of making cider and visit the orchards, if timed right they will be covered in blossom! Enjoy a tasting of the cider's after the tour.

Afterwards, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.



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Day 3—Tuesday 23rd September 2025

(BLD)

Breakfast. Transfer for a visit to Farrington Oils, join Duncan Farrington, a fourth generation farmer, for a tour and talk about growing rapeseed and producing his own cold pressed rapeseed oil on his family farm to LEAF standards. Duncan's products are sold by big and small merchants across the country, such as Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Booths and Co-op. Continue to Stanwick for lunch.

Next, travel to Kimbolton to visit a 1200 acre family farm, owned by the Hunter family since 1947, with 200 head of pedigree Devon Cattle.

Conservation and the environment remain central for the farm, it is commercially run balancing good yields without detriment to the environment, producing their own electricity with wind turbines.



Afterwards, drive back for dinner in a local pub restaurant before returning to the hotel for overnight.

Day 4—Wednesday 24th September 2025

(BLD)

Breakfast.

Visit to a large estate. Lunch in the local area.

Transfer for a visit to a family run livestock farm on the Northamptonshire border, with 300 native pedigree suckler cows. They finish approximately 1000 cattle each year, including over 20 bulls direct from the farm. The farm also has small flocks of pedigree Oxford and Charollais, selling grass fed shearling rams direct from the farm.

Return to the hotel for the final dinner and overnight, with wine included.

Day 5—Thursday 25th September 2025

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Breakfast. Check out by 11am, depart at leisure.

Coach return to the Newark area, subject to demand and additional cost.

End of tour arrangements

(Meal basis: B - Breakfast / L - Lunch / D - Dinner)

Tour Cost:

Based on 30 travellers.

£1048.00 per person

(Sharing a twin/double room)

£250.00 Single Supplement

Tour Includes:

- 4 nights in 4* Rushton Hall Hotel and Spa accommodation
- Meals as indicated B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner
- Private coach transportation
- Wine with dinner for first and final night
- Technical and touristic visits as stated, subject to local conditions at the time of travel (weather, crops etc)
- Escorted by FFT tour leader

Tour Excludes:

- Travel to/from Northampton
- Meals other than stated
- Gratuities
- Drinks / personal items

Other Info:

- No compulsory health requirements, but consult your doctor or health centre for professional advice.

To secure a place on this tour, please complete a booking form enclosed and return with your deposit of £100.00 per person.

Notes: The itinerary is subject to change without notice (local conditions, availability of visits at the time of travel, etc) and to terms and conditions as per the Company's booking conditions.

