



Chawton
House

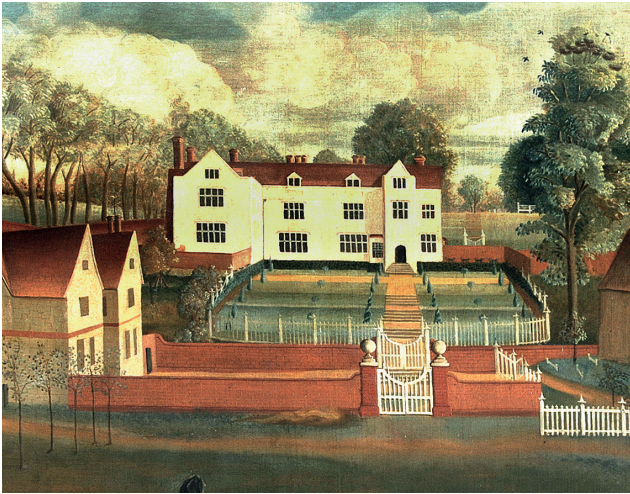
GROUP VISITS & PRIVATE TOURS

Chawton House, near Alton in Hampshire, was known to Jane Austen as the 'Great House', and was owned by her brother Edward. Jane lived in a cottage on his estate and would stroll up to 'dawdle away' many an hour in the grand Elizabethan manor and its picturesque gardens.

Today, the House, Gardens and Parkland are home to many treasures: an extensive collection of early women's writing; Austen heirlooms, such as the dining table at which Jane would have enjoyed family meals; and historic landscape features. Whether your group's interests lie in Jane Austen and women's writing or historic houses and gardens, there is something for every visitor to Chawton House.



GUIDED GROUP TOURS



HOUSE TOUR: Explore how the estate has evolved over the years. Discover the many captivating secrets of the 'Great House' including superstitious anti-witch marks dating from the 16th century, a piece of Regency graffiti on a painting, and a message in a bottle from a Victorian squire.

JANE AUSTEN AT THE GREAT HOUSE TOUR: Discover the story of our connection to England's greatest woman writer. Enjoy selections from Jane Austen's novels and letters as you see 'the Great House' through her eyes, from the Parkland and Gardens she walked to the table she dined at and the portraits that appear in her novels.

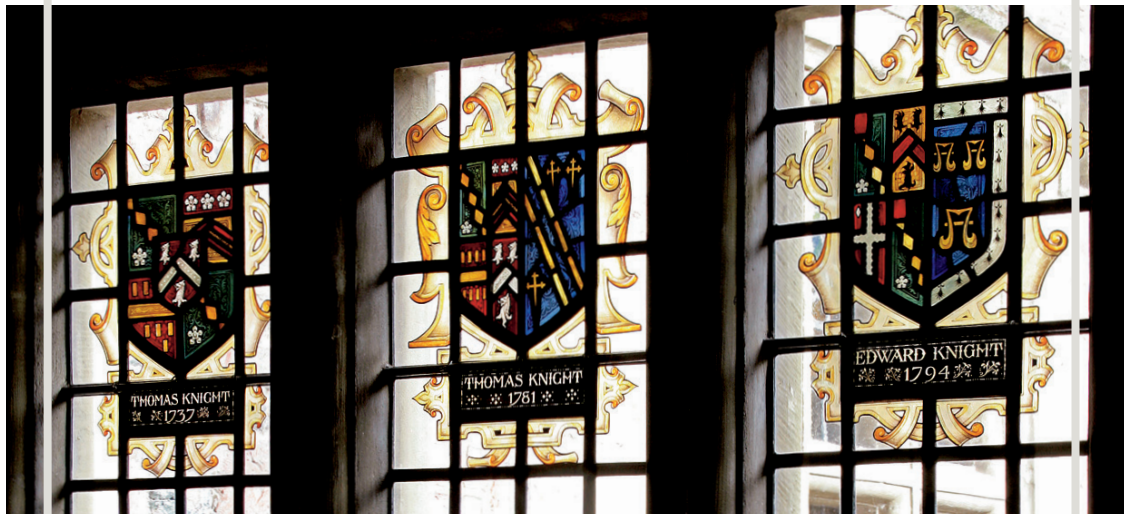
CURATOR'S TOUR: Find out more about the unique collection of early women's writing held at Chawton House in a guided tour of the current exhibition. 2026 exhibitions: *Sisters of the Pen: Jane Austen, Influence, Legacy* (until March) *Homemade Histories* (March-September) and *Dressing Up: Fashion & Nightlife* (September +).

GARDEN TOUR: Discover the beautiful gardens of Chawton House and the landscape that inspired Jane Austen. From the Library Terrace to the Walled Garden, through the rambling Wilderness to the avenue of limes and the hidden ha-ha, you'll learn about how the grounds have transformed over the years.

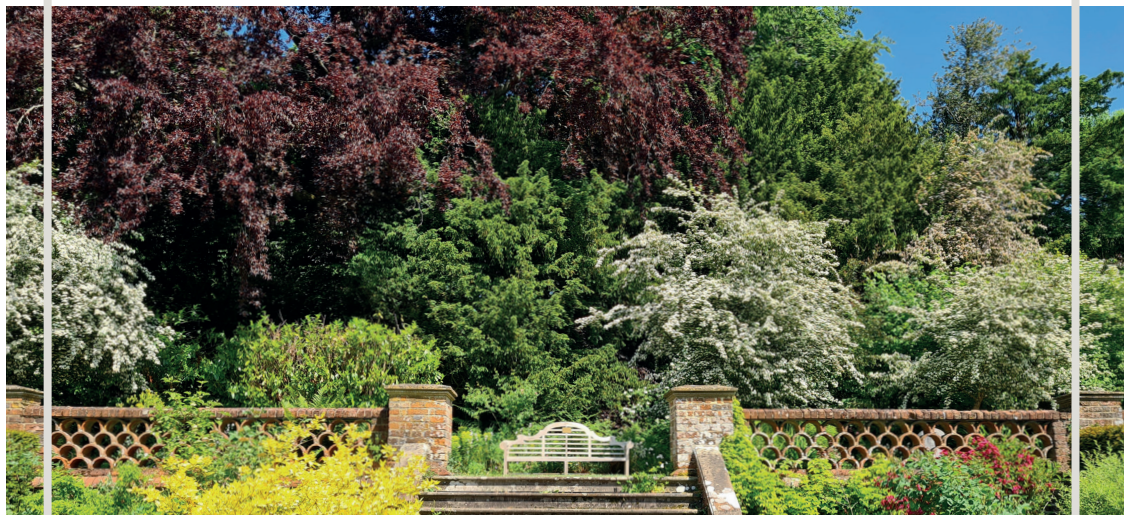
*Guided tours for groups of up to 20 take approximately 1h 15.
We can accommodate larger parties in separate groups.*

PRIVATE TOURS

For something extra special...

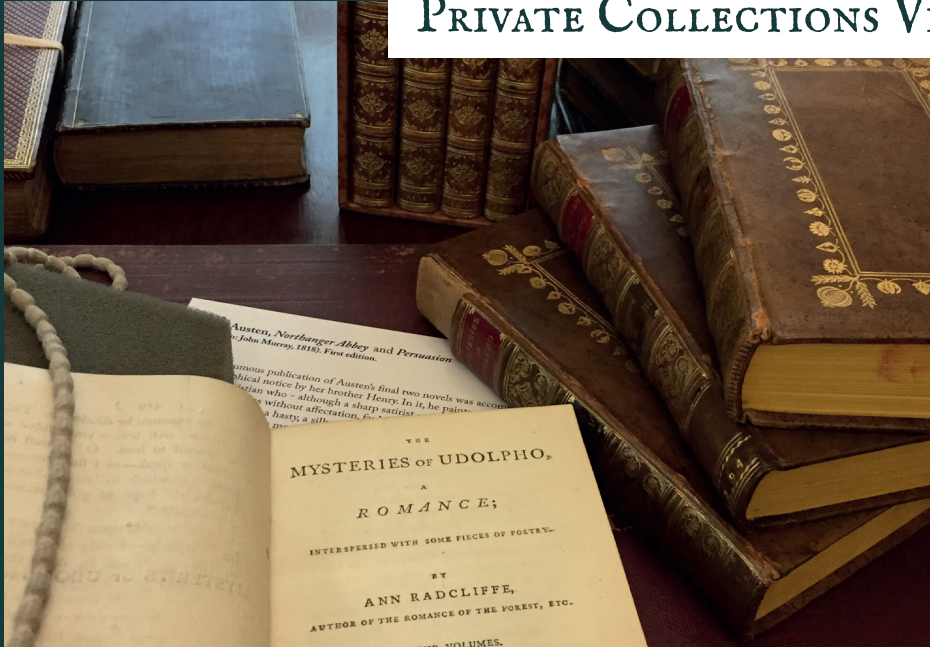


PRIVATE HOUSE TOUR: Led by our Chief Executive, Deputy Director or Curator, and tailored to your interests. Max number: 16.



PRIVATE GARDEN TOUR: Led by our Head Gardener or Chief Executive, and can also include an Estate Walk. Max number: 16.

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS VIEW



Led by a member of the Curatorial Team, enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at 8 objects not on public display in the beautiful surroundings of the Library or Reading Room. Choose from one of the following themes: Jane Austen and Chawton House; Botanical writing and illustration in the Chawton House collection; Treasures of Chawton House: the women's writing collection .
Max number: 10.

Or let us come to you...

We offer a range of in-person or virtual talks and tours on our specialist topics, including the history of Chawton House, the Knight family, and the Gardens, as well as our women's writing collection, from botanical women and the history of feminism, to Jane Austen, and Gothic literature. Please get in touch to discuss your requirements.

GROUP CATERING

TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS

£4PP

PICNIC BOX

£12.50PP

Sandwiches, crisps, snack bar & bottled water, provided in a picnic bag for you to eat indoors or take outside

CREAM TEA

£7.50PP

Freshly-baked sweet scone, butter, clotted cream & strawberry jam | served with tea

Vegetarian & vegan options available. Please let us know allergies and dietary requirements at least 1 week in advance.



PRIVATE DINING OPTIONS

The Old Kitchen can provide tailored catering options, including a private kitchen supper*, afternoon tea, cream tea, coffee and homemade cake, cocktails in the Courtyard*, mulled wine in front of the fire*, or lunch in one of the historic private rooms.

*After hours only

DINING LOCATIONS: We can accommodate groups of 20 (Billiards Room), 10 (Maids' Sitting Room), or a group of 30 across both rooms. During the summer months, groups are welcome to picnic in the grounds. **PLEASE NOTE:** We cannot accommodate groups in the Old Kitchen Tearoom or the Great Hall on open days. Refreshments must be pre-booked.

PRICES...

CHOICE OF GUIDED TOUR INCLUDES ENTRY TO HOUSE AND GARDENS	£15PP
GROUP VISIT TO HOUSE & GARDENS GREAT HALL INTRODUCTION INCLUDED BUT NO GUIDE	£12.50PP
EARLY BIRD PACKAGE GUIDED TOUR OF CHOICE + TEA & COFFEE ON ARRIVAL, 10AM START	£18PP
PRIVATE HOUSE TOUR	£25PP/ £35PP OUT OF HOURS
PRIVATE GARDEN TOUR	£25PP/ £35PP OUT OF HOURS* *DAYLIGHT ONLY
PRIVATE HOUSE TOUR	£25PP/ £35PP OUT OF HOURS
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS VIEW INCLUDES PRIVATE TOUR	£50PP/ £75PP OUT OF HOURS
OFFSITE TALK	£100 + TRANSPORT
ONLINE TALK	£60

How to Book...

To book, please email
hire@chawtonhouse.org

with your requirements (tour & catering choices, date, time & estimated numbers). We require a 25% non-refundable deposit to secure your booking, with full payment due 1 week before your visit, upon confirmation of numbers & dietary requirements.

We hope you enjoy your time with us!



PARKING:

We can accommodate minibuses in our car park with prior notice. There is also disabled parking available. However, for larger coaches, we ask that the coach driver drop visitors off at the entrance of the drive to Chawton House. The turning point is tight, but it is possible. Coaches are not permitted to come up the drive to the turning circle. Coach and car parking is available on the local road, leading off the main entrance drive.

For further information and to book, visit
<https://chawtonhouse.org/visit/group-tours/>