



COLCHESTER DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

A member society of the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies

The Fry Art Gallery & Audley End

Tuesday, 20th June 2017

Cost £37 including coach, morning coffee at The Fry Art Gallery, and entrance fee to Audley End House & Gardens. Admission to Audley End is free for English Heritage and Art Fund Members (please indicate below and **remember to bring your membership cards on the day**), thereby reducing the cost of the visit for you to **£24**.

In the morning we visit **The Fry Art Gallery**, originally built in 1856 by the Quaker banker, Francis Gibson, to house his art collection. It is now held in trust and is devoted to the works of artists, past and present, who have lived and worked in NW Essex, particularly The Great Bardfield Artists, but also including Grayson Perry. This year's special exhibition features works by Michael Rothenstein RA, after The Fry Art Gallery recently became the holder of the largest collection of his work. There will also be free time to explore the delightful medieval town of Saffron Walden, visiting some of its other attractions (Bridge End Gardens, Museum, St. Mary's Church).

At mid-day we continue on to **Audley End** where various lunch options are available in the Servants' Hall Tea Room (**not** included). You could take a picnic to enjoy in the grounds or even pre-order a hamper from Audley End (see their website). The impressive House, which is now only about a third of the size of the vast mansion created in about 1605–14 by Thomas Howard, 1st Earl of Suffolk, retains much of its original character and contains fine Robert Adam and Jacobean revival interiors. A guided tour is **not** included but stewards are located in the principal rooms to answer any questions. The gardens and landscape, shaped by various owners to complement the House, reflect the many changes in English garden fashion. You can also visit the Stable Block, housing a museum on the landscaping and development of the Estate, the Service Wing and gift shop. Refreshments are available in The Servants' Hall Tea Room.

Itinerary

8:15 am	Depart promptly from Marks Tey Hotel, London Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1DU.
9:15 am	Arrive in Saffron Walden.
9:30 am	Visit The Fry Art Gallery and places of interest in the town.
12:15 pm	Depart Saffron Walden for Audley End.
12:30 pm	Free time for lunch (not included) and to explore Audley End.
4:30 pm	Leave Audley End to arrive in Colchester by 5:30 pm.

N.B. All times are approximate.

Please complete the form below and return it with cheque payable to **Colchester DFAS** to:

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Refunds are only available up to and including 13th June.

Please reserve place(s) for **The Fry Art Gallery & Audley End** I/We enclose a cheque for £.....

Name/s: Tel:

Postal or Email address:

Car registration, if parking at Marks Tey Hotel: English Heritage/Art Fund Member: Yes / No

Contact details please in case of accident or emergency: