

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU

A camera so you can take photos of the grounds and exterior of the Castle. A jumper or coat in case it is chilly when you visit. A brolly is an essential item too! A small picnic as the food on sale can be quite expensive.



WHAT DO I WEAR?

As always, the British weather can be extremely temperamental so it is definitely worth taking a peek at the weather forecasts before you travel. Comfortable shoes are a must as there will be a fair amount of walking involved especially in the grounds.



Oh my dears. Is it really true? I can't believe it! The Door2Tour.com MINIGUIDE TO DOWNTON ABBEY AKA. Highclere Castle



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IS THERE A GUIDED TOUR?

Unfortunately not, however, there are guides in each of the rooms who will happily answer questions should you have any. It might be worthwhile purchasing a guide book so you can find out more about Highclere Castle, its history & connections with Egypt.

ARE THERE ANY CATERING FACILITIES?



The Tearooms are open from 10am to 5pm for morning coffee or afternoon tea. Light lunches are served from noon until 2pm.

CAN I TAKE PHOTOS?

You are not allowed to take photographs when inside the Castle but you can take pictures of the grounds as long as they are for personal use only.



CAN I BRING THE CHILDREN?



Yes but the Castle is not really suitable for them so they may get a little bored. Pushchairs are not permitted in the Castle, however, if there is space at the Front Hall, you can leave them here but they are left at the owners risk.

WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR WHEN VISITING?

You can walk up and down the spectacular staircases and see the state rooms, including the leather-walled saloon and massive library where most of the memorable scenes of 'Downton Abbey' have been filmed. Some of the bedrooms are also available to view.



WHAT WILL I NOT BE ABLE TO SEE?

Unfortunately, you will not be able to see the servants quarters or kitchen that feature in 'Downton Abbey', because these scenes are filmed at Ealing Studios in London. Highclere Castle is also a private family home so do expect some areas to be restricted to the public.



WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT?

Highclere Castle is closed until Easter then open on limited days through June and on Sunday through to Thursday from July to mid-September.



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WHAT IF I AM IN A WHEELCHAIR?

There is accessibility in most areas of the Castle however please note that it is an historic building and there is no lift available. If you cannot get to the first floor, there is a photo album of pictures of the bedrooms for you to look at. There are a limited number of manual wheelchairs available for hire.



WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO SEE?

The Egyptian Exhibition allows visitors to discover Highclere's links with Egypt. The 5th Earl of Caernarvon worked alongside Howard Carter & is famous for discovering the tomb of Tutankhamun. He bought back with him, many artefacts from his visit there & created one of the most extraordinary collections in the world. You'll see faces, figures, beautiful crafted jars and a coffin of a noble woman from 3,500 years ago!



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CAN I BRING MY MOTORISED SCOOTER?

Unfortunately, these are not allowed when in the Castle. However you can use them along the pathways around the lawns of the grounds.

