



## INCLUSIVE PACKAGES – LOW SEASON ONLY\*

**The Exbury Experience**  
 £14.50 per adult; £ per child  
 The simple, easy way to enjoy the very best of Exbury Gardens. Available on a first-come, first served basis, we can only offer one Exbury Experience Group Booking per day. Minimum number – 15, maximum number – 45 (not available on Ghost Train dates).



The following information is available free of charge:  
 2012 Exbury Gardens leaflets

(\* Low season is March and 11 June – 26 October).

## PAYMENT

Payment for groups should be made on arrival at the Gardens. The Group Organiser or coach driver should approach the group counter (High Season) or gate (Low Season) and pay for all Garden admissions before allowing groups to disembark. Your group should be advised that buggy tickets (and Railway tickets, if not purchased in advance) should be purchased independently once in the Gardens.

## EXBURY WEBSITE

Do you wish us to promote your tour free of charge on the Exbury website? YES / NO

Please advise what prompted your booking to the Gardens:

Recommendation  Internet listing

Previous visitor  Group Travel Fair (please specify).....

Advertisement  Other (please specify).....

The following information is available free of charge:

Please send me:	Quantity
2011 Exbury Gardens leaflets	
Exbury Gardens Map Guide*	
Exbury Gardens Accessibility Maps*	
Exbury Gardens posters A4	
Group Lunch menus	

Please return to:  
**The Estate Office**  
**Exbury Gardens**  
**Exbury**  
**Hampshire SO45 1AZ**

Tel: **023 8089 1203**  
 Fax: **023 8089 9940**  
 or visit our website and complete a booking form online:  
**www.exbury.co.uk** (our staff will ring to confirm booking details)

Tick box if you wish to receive details of future events and news from Exbury Gardens

(\*Up to x6 copies can be mailed out. These leaflets will form part of your welcome pack on arrival.)

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED .....  
 CONFIRMATION DETAILS SENT YES / NO  
 PAYMENT RECEIVED YES / NO



## EXBURY GARDENS AND STEAM RAILWAY EVENTS PROGRAMME 2011

(all events included within admission price, other than those marked \* which are separately priced ticketed events).

**Sat 10 March – Sunday 1 April** – Lachenalia Exhibition  
**Sun 18 March** – Mothering Sunday  
**Fri 6 April – Sun 10 June** – Four Seasons Artists Exhibition, Five Arrows Gallery  
**Sat 7 / Sun 8 / Mon 9 April** – Easter at Exbury – Parrot (Tree) Trail and family train rides  
 Easter is a wonderful time at Exbury, with a beautiful ‘cloth of gold’ Daffodil Meadow leading down to the Beaulieu River. There are surprises in store on the Railway – who will spot the Easter Bunnies hiding in the woods? Special Garden trails and Easter treats for the children. Fun for all the family!  
 Price included within Gardens Admission price. Train rides are extra £3.50 per person, under 3’s are free.  
**Sat 14 April – Sun 10 June** – The Glory of the Garden  
 See the Rothschild Collection of rhododendrons and azaleas at this spectacular time of year  
**Sat 9 / Sun 10 June** – Petal Fall Weekend & Wartime Walks  
**Sat 25 August** – Chapterhouse open-air theatre production Romeo and Juliet, performance commences 7.30pm; gates open 6.30pm.  
 Chapterhouse Theatre Company presents the greatest love story ever told as Shakespeare’s unforgettable tale of romance and passion tours comes to Exbury Gardens. Join family and



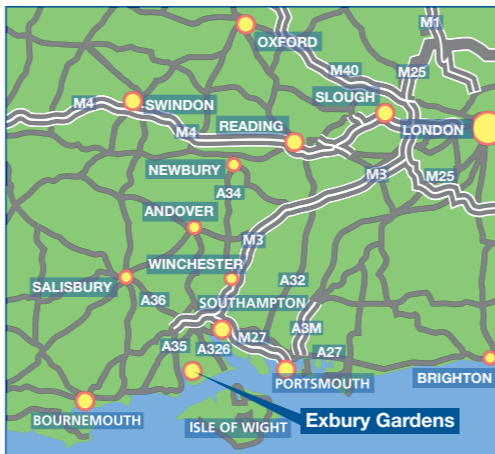
friends to picnic under the stars and enjoy this wonderful new production, alive with magnificent costumes and original music.  
**Mon 1st Oct – Sun 4th November** – Nerine Exhibition and Wild Autumn Art Display, Five Arrows Gallery  
**Mon 1st Oct – Sun 4 November** – Festival of Autumn Colours  
 Regularly listed amongst the Top 10 Place to see autumn leaves by Visit England, take a self-guided trail to see the dazzling autumn colour and Exbury’s National

Collection of Nysa and Oxydendrum.  
**Sat 13 / Sun 14 October** – Big Draw  
**Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 November** Exbury Ghost Train  
 Listed by “The Guardian” as top Halloween event in the country – treat your group to a “Phantom-mime” to remember! Visit the autumn colours and enjoy a great day out.  
**Sat 8, Sun 9, Sat 15, Sun 16, Sat 22, Sun 23 Dec** - Exbury Santa Steam Specials  
 Take a steam train journey through a wintery landscape, full of Christmas characters. Visits to Santa; warming punch and mince pies; Christmas Trails and Christmas shopping, and lots of festive fare in the Restaurant.

Check the Exbury website for details of other events, including Head Gardener Breakfast Walks, car rallies and for news of exciting exhibitions.

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:

Moonhills – New Forest ponies are in abundance here, a Forestry Commission site on the delightful Summer Lane approach road to the Gardens. 1½ miles from the Gardens.  
 Lepe Country Park – A favourite Hampshire Country Park; on the sea, with fabulous views over to the Isle of Wight. 2½ miles from the Gardens. Visit website at [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk)  
 The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu. 3 miles from the Gardens. Visit website at [www.beaulieu.co.uk](http://www.beaulieu.co.uk)



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White Horse Ferries, Hythe – check out the website for details of “Big Ship” sailing times – why not combine a visit to Exbury with a trip on the Hythe Ferry and get close to the great ocean liners. 6 miles from the Gardens. Visit website at [www.hytheferry.com](http://www.hytheferry.com)  
 Please check the Exbury website [www.exbury.co.uk](http://www.exbury.co.uk) for listings of other New Forest attractions and useful websites. Enquire for combination tours with partner New Forest Attractions, including nearby Buckler’s Hard, or visit [www.thenewforest.co.uk](http://www.thenewforest.co.uk)

## HOW TO GET TO EXBURY

20 minutes south of Junction 2, M27 West. Take the A326 following the brown tourist signs to Exbury Gardens & Steam Railway. Approximate driving times: Southampton 30 minutes; Bournemouth 45 minutes; Oxford 1 hour 30 minutes; London 2 hours.  
 From early summer to mid-September, the New Forest Open Top Tour Bus is scheduled to visit the Gardens up to eight times a day. For more info call **023 8061 4459** or visit [www.newforesttour.info](http://www.newforesttour.info)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Website: [www.exbury.co.uk](http://www.exbury.co.uk)  
 e-mail: [nigel.philpott@exbury.co.uk](mailto:nigel.philpott@exbury.co.uk)  
 Mr Eddy’s Restaurant and Tea Rooms: 023 8089 8737  
 e-mail: [exburygardens@hotmail.com](mailto:exburygardens@hotmail.com)  
 Plant Centre and Gift Shop: 023 8089 8625

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 Best Gardens  
**WINNER**

EXBURY GARDENS – THE ROTHSCHILD COLLECTION OF RHODODENDRONS, AZALEAS, CAMELLIAS, RARE TREES AND SHRUBS

## GROUP ORGANISER MANUAL 2012

Created by Lionel de Rothschild in the 1920s, Exbury Gardens in the New Forest near Beaulieu is a stunning realization of his ambition, showcasing 200 acres of natural beauty and horticultural variety. Offering peace, tranquility and relaxation, a day spent at Exbury is a day spent in paradise. Echoing to the names of the famous plant-hunters, explore the Gardens on foot, by chauffeur-driven buggy or travel on the Exbury Gardens Steam Railway.

## NEW FOR 2012

Children are welcome free to Exbury Gardens in 2012. Explore the new walk being introduced near Jubilee Pond to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HM The Queen. Discover Exbury’s magnificent tree collection with Head Gardener John Anderson’s new Tree Guide.



## OPENING TIMES FOR 2012:

Saturday 11th March – Sunday 4th November  
 10am – 5pm last admission. Gates close 6pm or dusk if earlier.  
 Please call for winter opening arrangements.

## SPECIAL OFFER 2012

Visit between 10 March and 10 June 2012, purchase a ticket for the Gardens and Steam Railway and receive a FREE Gardens return ticket\* to enjoy the developing autumn colours (\* return visit may be made between 25 Aug – 26 Oct 2012).

## VISITING TIMES

We recommend you allow a minimum 2½ - 3½ hours to explore the Gardens (but up to 5 – 6 hours in the spring), plus time spent in the restaurant and on the railway.

	Adults/Seniors/Concessions/Students	Children under 16	Railway extra (under 3’s free)	Rover ticket (extra for unlimited travel)	Buggy (30/45min tours)	The Exbury Experience (for bookings in March and 11 June onwards)
Group* prices 2012	£8.50	FREE	£3.00 if booked in advance, £3.50 if purchased on day of visit.	£1.00	£3.50/£4.00 pay buggy driver on day.	£14.50 adults £5.45 children

\* **Group** = 15 or more people. Accompanying carers may visit the Gardens free of charge on a 1:1 basis.

**Meet and Greet** £45; **Senior Guide Tour** £65; **Head or Senior Gardener Tour** £90. Guided tours are for a maximum of 25 people per guide (50 for Meet and Greet). For description of tour options, see page 2. Group Organiser receives free entry into the Gardens and a ride on the Steam Railway. Coach drivers are entitled to £5 cash, free entry into the Gardens and a train ride for each group admitted to the Gardens, plus a meal in Mr Eddy’s Restaurant.



## GARDEN FLOWERING TIMES

- March:** Daffodils, heathers, camellias and magnolias  
**April:** Magnolias, rhododendrons & primroses – full colour  
**May:** Rhododendrons, azaleas, bluebells, wisteria – full colour  
**June:** Water Gardens, candelabra primulas and *Stewartias*  
**July:** Summer Lane Garden (Railway) and wild flowers  
**August:** Hydrangeas, *eucryphias* and shady riverside walks
- September:** September: Herbaceous beds & exotic flowers in Sundial Garden. Hydrangeas and early autumn colour.  
**October:** Autumn colour of maples, sweet gums & dogwoods, nerines & National Collection of *Nyssa* and *Oxydendrum*  
**November:** Late Autumn colour

Please check the Exbury website [www.exbury.co.uk](http://www.exbury.co.uk) for up-to-date information and photographs of flowering conditions.

## GUIDED TOURS

Available only by prior arrangement when booking, in conjunction with Gardens' entry

**Meet & Greet** £45 (a 30 minute introduction to the Gardens and their history, with a summary of current flowering conditions. Usually taken with a gentle stroll towards the Home Wood, but can also take place on a coach, or – if previously arranged with the Exbury Caterers – in the Restaurant.)



**Senior Guide Tour** £65 (a 1½ / 2 hour historical tour of the Gardens, recounting stories and anecdotes of the Rothschild Family and visiting the best of the colour. Tours start at the main gate, and can finish

at the gate, steam railway, Tennis Court Tea Gardens, or within the Gardens themselves, by arrangement.)

**Head or Senior Gardener Tour** £85 (for the more specialist group, tours can focus by request on any aspect of the Rothschild Collection according to the season – camellias, magnolias, rhododendrons, azaleas, summer exotics or autumn colour. Lots of advice and tips

will be passed on. Sensory tours available. Tours last 2 hours.

See our 2012 SPECIAL OFFER

## THE EXBURY GARDENS STEAM RAILWAY



The popular Exbury narrow gauge steam railway takes visitors on a magical journey around the north-east corner of the Gardens and through the Summer Lane Garden planted with bulbs, herbaceous perennials and grasses. The journey lasts 20 minutes and features include a bridge, tunnel, viaduct and North Lake. After your journey, take time to explore Exbury's roomy Engine Shed, and learn about the "Dream that Became Steam." The Railway celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2011 with a visit from TRH The Prince of Wales (following in his mother's footsteps) and The Duchess of Cornwall. Trains depart Exbury Ventral regularly from 11am\*. Tickets can be ordered in advance using the Group Booking Form at a discounted rate of £3.00, or can be purchased on arrival at the Gardens for £3.50. (\* During quieter periods or on special event days timings may differ, and these will be advertised at the gate).

## THE EXBURY EXPERIENCE

(AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS IN MARCH AND FROM 11 JUNE ONWARDS EXCEPT GHOST TRAIN DATES)

Let your group explore the best of Exbury with our simple and great value Exbury Experience ticket. Consisting of entrance to the Gardens, 30/45 minute buggy tour with commentary and anecdotes, 20 minute steam railway journey around the Summer Lane Garden and across the Rock Garden, plus the chance to discover Exbury's mighty leviathans on a walking

(\*High Season is 1 April - 5 June)



## BUGGY TOURS

Exbury's chauffeur-driven buggies (7 passengers plus driver) are available throughout the year and offer a trip around the Garden encompassing the best of the colour and interest. Organised on a numbered ticketing system, up to 5 buggies operate during the high season. Tickets for the buggies are collected from a dispenser inside the Gardens entrance, with payment made direct to the driver. In the High Season,\* buggies cannot be pre-



booked. However, groups may pre-book buggies as part of the Exbury Experience package. The buggies are extremely popular and there can be lengthy waits on busy days in May. However, there is plenty of seating available at the buggy halt, which is directly next to the gift shop and plant centre. During quieter periods running of buggies may be subject to restrictions, advertised at the gate. Tours last for 30 or 45 mins according to the season.

## CORPORATE EVENTS, WEDDINGS AND BIRTHDAY PARTIES



Exbury Gardens provides a delightful setting for marquee events for between 50 – 400 people. The Gardens are licensed to host civil weddings in three venues – the Exbury Engine Shed (200 persons);



Mr Eddy's Restaurant (200 persons) and the Five Arrows Gallery (60 persons). The Exbury Gardens Railway can be chartered for birthday parties or special occasions (see our website for more information).

## ACCESS FOR ALL

Exbury Gardens is widely accessible, with the majority of pathways on level ground. Wheelchairs are available on a first come, first served basis, free of charge. The buggy tours and the steam railway are a good way of seeing the Gardens with your feet up!

The steam railway has 4 wheelchair friendly carriages. The restaurant, plant centre and gift shop are all accessible and a leaflet summarising accessibility is available on request. Main toilets have wheelchair access. Baby changing facilities are available.

## CATERING AT EXBURY



Dine in comfort at Mr. Eddy's Restaurant and Tea Rooms. Our caterers, Pabulum, would be delighted to discuss group lunch menus for your party. Early morning tea/coffee and pastries; lunches and afternoon cream teas may all be pre-booked for your group. Pabulum can be contacted on 023 8089 8737 during Gardens' open hours. A selection of menus can be found on the Exbury website [www.exbury.co.uk](http://www.exbury.co.uk) The Tennis Court Tea Garden will be open daily during the high season and for limited hours during the low season, serving a selected range of refreshments within the Gardens.

## EXBURY PLANT CENTRE AND GIFT SHOP

Take home a souvenir of Exbury and bring some colour to your garden! The Exbury Plant Centre stocks a wide range of the very finest rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias, plus an excellent selection of roses, alpines, herbaceous plants, pots

and composts. The Exbury Gift Shop sells a wide range of Exbury souvenirs, including guidebooks, videos and puzzles, postcards and gift cards, jams, chutneys, railway goods and an excellent range of gift ideas for all.

## PROMOTE YOUR TOUR FREE OF CHARGE

Would you like us to publicise your trip to Exbury Gardens on the Exbury website? We receive a large number of telephone calls about organised trips to the Gardens, and we would like enquirers to visit our website and see an up-to-date list of tours departing for Exbury from around the country.

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Contact Name.....

Address.....

Telephone..... Fax.....

E-mail.....

Date of Visit..... Number in Group..... Approx time of Arrival.....

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