

# Full day tour

## Historic Colchester (am)

## Beth Chatto Gardens (pm)

Colchester is perfect for garden and heritage lovers alike. Spend the morning exploring Colchester's glorious Castle Park, Colchester Castle and the city centre, before heading off to the Beth Chatto Gardens for the afternoon. A perfect summer trip for groups.

### ► Arrive 10am in Colchester

**DROP OFF** at the coach drop-off point on the High Street, just two minutes walk to the Visitor Information Centre and Colchester Castle in Castle Park CO1 1UE. Park at Sheepen Road lorry park CO3 3LE (book free parking in advance through the Visitor Information Centre subject to availability).

The city centre is compact and all venues are within easy walking distance of each other.

Make time to visit the Colchester Visitor Information Centre on the ground floor of Hollytrees Museum where the team will be happy to help with city centre maps and information plus the chance to buy Colchester gifts and postcards.

**10am to 1.30pm** free time to explore the city centre or take an organised tour with an official city guide.

Spend time visiting Colchester Castle and Hollytrees Museum (entry fees apply), Firstsite and the Natural History Museum and enjoying beautiful Castle Park and historic sites such as the ruins of St Botolph's Priory and the Roman Walls. More information at: [visitcolchester.com/things-to-do](http://visitcolchester.com/things-to-do)

**GUIDED TOURS:** The Visitor Information Centre (contact details below) can arrange guided tours around the historic city centre, perfect for those who wish to delve a bit deeper into the history of Colchester from the Romans to the present day.



**LUNCH:** visit Colchester's many tearooms, café's pubs and restaurants. You'll find something to suit all tastes and budgets.

**DON'T FORGET** to take advantage of our Coach Incentive Scheme, which includes free coach parking in Colchester, and 50% discount on entry to Colchester Castle for everyone in your group. For more information, please visit: [visitcolchester.com/groups/information-for-coach-drivers](http://visitcolchester.com/groups/information-for-coach-drivers)

### ► 1.30pm

Depart from the coach drop off point on Colchester High Street CO1 1UE for the 20-minute drive to Beth Chatto Gardens, Elmstead Market, CO7 7DB, approx 5 miles from the city centre.

Arrive 2pm.

**ONSITE COACH PARKING:** For more information, visit: [bethchatto.co.uk](http://bethchatto.co.uk)

World-renowned gardener Beth Chatto took an overgrown wasteland of brambles, parched gravel and boggy ditches, transforming it using plants adapted by nature to thrive in different conditions. A must for gardeners and non-gardeners alike. There is a tearoom and plant nursery for afternoon refreshments and shopping (allow two hours).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** and help to plan your trip visit our website: [visitcolchester.com](http://visitcolchester.com) or contact our friendly team:

Colchester Visitor Information, Hollytrees Museum, Castle Park, Colchester CO1 1UG.

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