



HIGHCLERE CASTLE

Having spent considerable time at Highclere Castle organising private tours, country pursuits and wonderful dinners in the evening, we unreservedly recommend a visit to this historic and truly unique English estate and are extremely grateful to The Earl and Countess of Carnarvon for allowing us into their home.



Highclere Castle has been the seat of the Carnarvon family since 1679. Built on an ancient site dating back 1300 years and recorded in the Domesday Book, the Castle and estate provide a fascinating insight into England's landscape and building heritage. The present day Castle was designed in 1842 by Sir Charles Barry, the architect also responsible for building the Houses of Parliament in Westminster. The Castle's history also includes a fascinating connection with ancient Egypt, as the 5th Earl, with Howard Carter, discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings in 1922. The Castle houses an exhibition to commemorate this historic event, including some rare antiques from the 5th Earl's earlier Egyptian excavations.



A visit of the Egyptian Exhibition accompanied by one of Highclere's tour guides can be combined with a tour of the state rooms of the Castle including remarkable works of art, paintings and furniture with fascinating historical links. As part of an **exclusive use** visit the Highclere chef can offer a superb range of canapés, buffet lunch or dinner during your visit.



Highclere Castle has been chosen as a film location for major movies such as Stanley Kubrick's 'Eyes Wide Shut' and more recently for the acclaimed new drama series 'Downton Abbey' written by the Oscar winning screenwriter Julian Fellowes who recently took his seat in the House of Lords as Lord Fellowes of West Stafford. It premiered in autumn 2010 and has deservedly gone on to achieve an unprecedented worldwide following resulting in the making of three further series.

We hope this taste of what Highclere has to offer will inspire you to embrace this cultural and fascinating opportunity.

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