

Update Number Two

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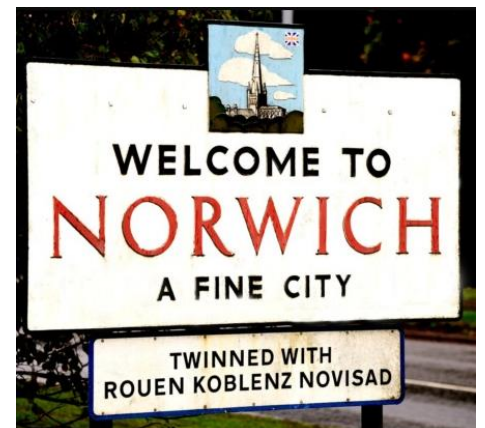


“That’s all there is. There isn’t any more”

The Norwich Convention is FULL with 140 people booked with ten months still to go. This is great and I thank everyone for booking early. The hotel cannot free-up any further rooms as they have long term contracts with offshore workers. So we can’t increase our capacity but what we will do is open ‘a reserve list’ for anyone who may still want to attend but hasn’t yet booked. If you know of anyone in your tent in that situation, please do advise them to contact me so they can be added to the list. In the event of anyone who has booked having to cancel (and this often happens) we will offer the place to the person at the top of the list.

Norwich

In this Update Number Two, we will tell you about some of the sights to be seen in the City of Norwich. Attendees will have free time to explore this ‘fine’ city on Saturday.



The Cathedral

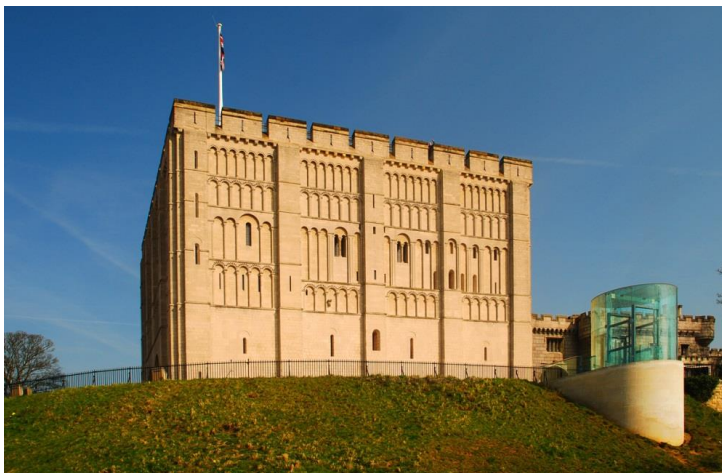
The most famous building in Norwich is the Cathedral. It is the most complete Norman Cathedral in England. It is particularly famous for the glorious cloisters. It is located in beautiful peaceful grounds. Visits are FREE (donations welcome) and there are regular tours capturing the 900 years of history. A visit, even if it is just a quick glimpse, is a MUST.



The Market

Norwich has one of the largest outdoor markets in England with 200 stalls. It is situated in the city centre. A market has operated in Norwich since the eleventh century. The brightly painted roofs of the neat stalls make it very distinctive. Local food on sale includes jam, chutneys, bread and cakes. There is a wide range of new goods for sale including clothing,

leather goods, arts and craft gifts and jewellery. Second hand books, antiques and collectables can also be found at this extensive market.



The Castle Museum

The medieval castle has served Norwich as a fortification and a Royal Palace. It is now also a museum with an impressive collection of art, natural history and archaeological exhibits. There is a charge for entry into the Castle Museum

Riverside Walk

The River Wensom runs through Norwich and the tranquillity of a picturesque riverside walk is a stark contrast to the nearby busy streets of the city.





Shopping

Norwich centre is relatively small. It is full of surprises. One moment you can be in a new shopping arcade and soon after walking in a narrow, winding a cobbled lane. Old established shops can be discovered selling books, toys, crafts and, of course you can come across an old ale house now and again!

Laurel & Hardy Plaque

The Boys performed in Norwich in 1954 at the Hippodrome, which has long since gone. We will give you information on where the plaque is located – it is a bit challenging to locate but, of course, essential to see it.



This is just a taste of things to do and see in Norwich. One way to explore the city is on the sightseeing bus which takes an hour to go around the city. But please be aware that time is limited. We will arrange a bus transfer back from the city centre to the hotel at specified times. If you miss 'our' bus, then you will have to make your own way back to the Mercure Hotel by public bus or taxi. It is about three miles.

...and finally

Just a reminder that you can book direct with the Mercure Hotel if you wish to stay extra nights before or after the Convention. I suggest that you do not book until AFTER November as the hotel will then have the rooming plan – this will hopefully ensure that you stay in the same room.

If you have any questions then do contact me by phone, e-mail but not FaceACHE

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