

PRESS RELEASE

Behind the scenes of Grimsthorpe Castle with Hambleton Hall





[10th Jan 2022] What is it like to live in a castle filled with priceless art and royal thrones? Why not ask trustee Major Sebastian St Maur Miller as you enjoy a private tour of the majestic Grimsthorpe Castle thanks to a unique collaboration organised by Hambleton Hall. You will also be joined by Emma Miller, Collections Manager of Grimsthorpe, who will guide you around the estate's magnificent collection of art and one of the largest collections of royal thrones and furnishings outside the Royal Palaces.

Grimsthorpe Castle is the final masterpiece of Sir John Vanbrugh, known for Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard. This 16th century estate was presented by Henry VIII as a wedding gift to William, 11th Lord Willoughby de Eresby and Maria de Salinas, lady-in-waiting and confidante of Henry's Queen, Katherine of Aragon. The ownership of Grimsthorpe has remained in successive generations of the same family united under one ancient title, the Barony of Willoughby de Eresby.

Hambleton Hall in Rutland is located close to many of the country's most interesting private homes containing incredible art and sculpture collections. Hambleton's owner Tim Hart has been fascinated by these historic houses for decades and has authored an informative guide, available here.

The new accommodation package comprises:

- ~ 2 nights (double occupancy) at Hambleton Hall in a standard room on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis
- ~ 2 hour private tour of the castle with collection manager, Emma Miller and a 1 hour private tour of the gardens with the estate's head gardener
- ~ A bottle of champagne and canapes to enjoy with Emma and Sebastian Miller in the Chinese Drawing Room
- ~ A signed copy of Old Homes, New Life by Clive Aslet featuring Grimsthorpe on the cover.

From £2,085 per couple for two nights. This goes on sale in January 2022 and is valid from 24 May to 30 September 2022. Places are limited to a maximum group size of eight. Enquiries to www.hambletonhall.com/special offers/behind-the-scenes-of-grimsthorpe-castle or by email to hotel@hambletonhall.co.uk







Links and resources:

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High res images of **Hambleton Hall**

High res images of Emma and Sebastian Miller and Grimsthorpe Castle

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