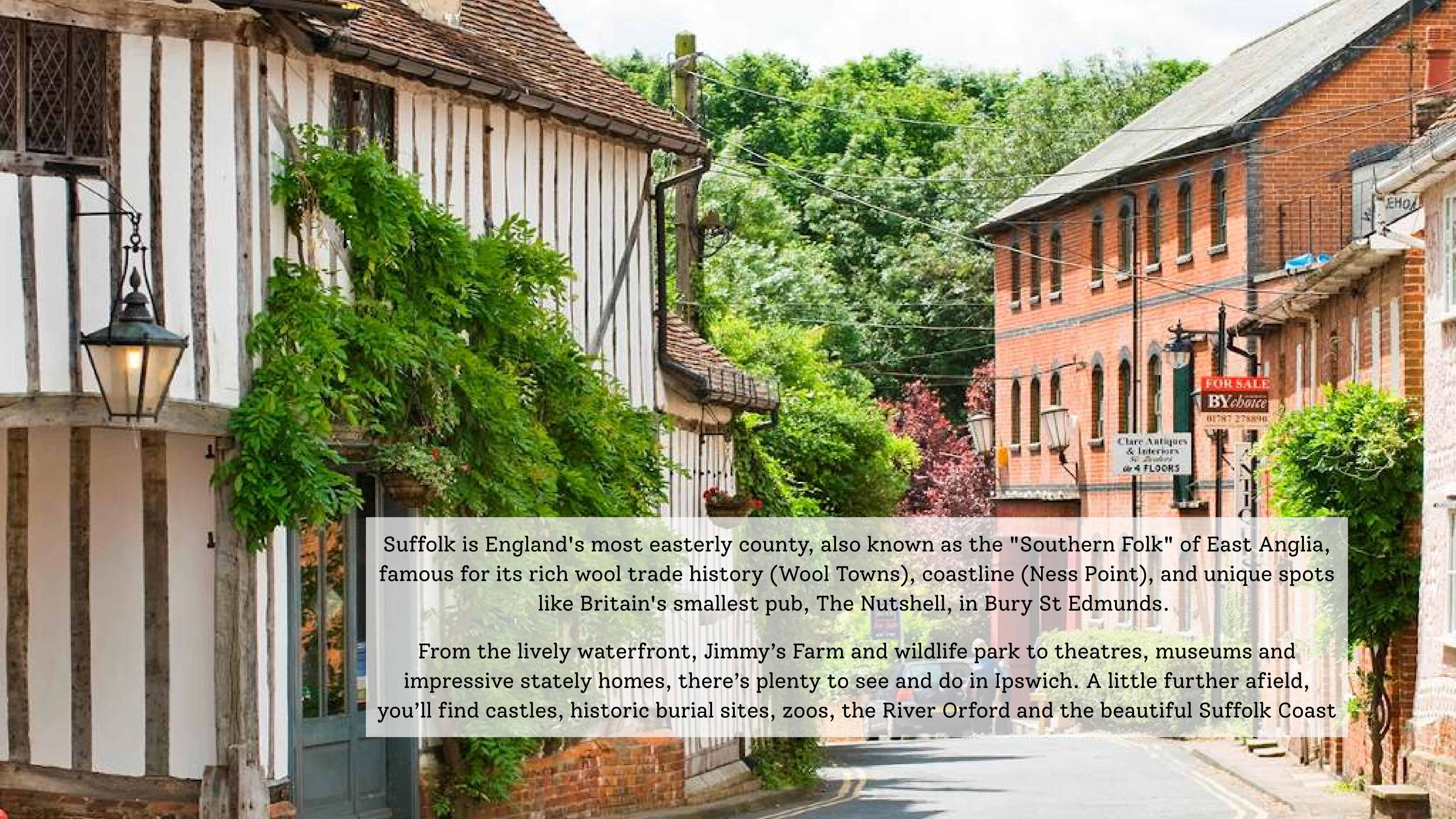




# Discover the Soul of Suffolk





Suffolk is England's most easterly county, also known as the "Southern Folk" of East Anglia, famous for its rich wool trade history (Wool Towns), coastline (Ness Point), and unique spots like Britain's smallest pub, The Nutshell, in Bury St Edmunds.

From the lively waterfront, Jimmy's Farm and wildlife park to theatres, museums and impressive stately homes, there's plenty to see and do in Ipswich. A little further afield, you'll find castles, historic burial sites, zoos, the River Orford and the beautiful Suffolk Coast



## **ADNAM'S BREWERY & DISTILLERY TOURS**

### **SOUTHWOLD**

Established in 1872, Adnams is best known for its beer. Adnams Tours allow visitors to explore the brewery and distillery and discover how they create their award-winning beers and spirits.

Visitors can also get creative and make their very own gin!

## **EUSTON HALL EUSTON, THETFORD**

Built by Lord Arlington in 1666, this Palladian historic home is set in 10,500 acres of landscaped gardens, parkland, ancient broadleaf woodland and agricultural farmland.

The Hall is currently home to the 12th Duke of Grafton and his family, who invite the public to visit during open days throughout the summer months. Euston Hall also hosts a number of events in the grounds and parkland, from music festivals to equine endurance challenges.



## **BETH CHATTO GARDENS**

### **ELMSTEAD, ESSEX**

Located near Colchester, Beth Chatto Gardens were created by award-winning gardener, author and lecturer Beth Chatto.

The gardens are an inspiration to gardeners and garden lovers and welcome visitors from all over the world. They are also a renowned nursery, stocking over 2000 varieties of plants, many propagated from plants in the gardens.

## **JIMMYS FARM & WILDLIFE PARK WHERSTEAD, IPSWICH**

Jimmy's Farm & Wildlife Park is an award winning wildlife park, rare breeds farm, restaurant and wedding venue based in the heart of Suffolk.

From pigs to polar bears the park is a centre of excellence for British rare breeds as well as home to camels, primates, tapir and crocodiles amongst other animals.

Visitors can hand feed some animals and get even closer with special animal talks & activities on every day included in your admission.



# SUTTON HOO

## WOODBIDGE

Part of the National Trust and is a 255 acre Anglo-Saxon royal burial site. There's so much to see and do here, from walks in nature exploring the burial grounds and woodland walks, to learning about the history behind Sutton Hoo and who the Anglo-Saxons were.

There is also a cafe which serves a range of hot and cold food and a gift shop if you're looking for a reminder of your visit, or a gift.



# HELMINGHAM HALL

## STOWMARKET

Helmingham is an amazing day out. Whether you love history, wildlife or plants it all comes together to create a truly unforgettable experience. Every visit is unique, as the gardens transform with the seasons – from vibrant spring blooms to rich autumn colours.

Whether you're exploring the stunning moated gardens, enjoying the café, or browsing the shops, there's always something new to discover.

# EAST ANGLIA TRANSPORT MUSEUM

## LOWESTOFT

The East Anglia Transport Museum is a living museum where visitors can journey back in time by travelling on a few of the "exhibits" along the museum's streets. The museum has a wide range of preserved vehicles in action and is known among enthusiasts as the 'home' of the preserved London trolleybus, with No's 260, 796, 1201 and 1521 in residence.

Vehicles wind their way along a street scene of houses and shops, complete with authentic street furniture of bygone days.



# COLCHESTER ZOO

## COLCHESTER, ESSEX

In 1963, Colchester Zoo was first established by Zoologists Frank and Helena Farrar in the grounds of Stanway Hall Estate. The site was around 25 acres in size and contained a small collection of animals ranging from lions to kangaroos.

The site has since developed into 60 acres of beautiful parkland and lakes, and is now home to over 150 different species, including critically endangered Amur leopards and Bornean orangutans.



## CLACTON PIER

### CLACTON

Clacton Pier is a pier located in the seaside resort town of Clacton-on-Sea in England. It was named Pier of the Year in 2020 by the National Piers Society. The pier hosts rides, ten-pin bowling, arcades, 4D dinosaur exhibit, golf and a soft-play centre – as well as numerous food, drink and retail outlets.



## MELFORD HALL

### LONG MELFORD

It's fair to say that Melford Hall has had its share of trials and tribulations, but it's thanks to many generations from medieval monks to the Hyde Parker family who still live here, that this home still stands.

Around every corner there's a new twist in the story – from Beatrix Potter sketches to collections of naval paintings and Chinese porcelain – everything tells a story and everyone has left their mark.

Devastated by fire in 1942, it was nurtured back to life by the Hyde Parker family and it remains their much loved family home to this day. It is their stories of family life at Melford – from visits by their cousin Beatrix Potter through to our visitors today that make this house more than bricks and mortar.



## REGENT THEATRE

### IPSWICH

With almost 100 years of history, East Anglia's largest theatre remains the beating heart of unmissable live entertainment in Ipswich.

Seating over 1,500 people, this Grade II listed building provides a grand backdrop to a varied programme of comedy, music, dance, musicals and our popular annual pantomime – there's not a bad seat in the house.

The Regent Theatre continues to host an incredible programme of touring shows, West End musicals, big-name comedians, and much more.

## SEALIFE

### GREAT YARMOUTH

Dive into the underwater world of sealife and be wowed by the many strange, beautiful and fascinating creatures of the deep. Prepare for astonishing close views of everything from humble starfish to tropical sharks, all in displays which carefully recreate their natural habitats.

Become a rockpool explorer and touch a crab and a starfish as you discover the wildlife of the rocky coastline in our native and tropical rockpools.

Learn the truth about the much-misunderstood shark; the plight of the endangered sea turtle, the remarkable lives of seahorses, West African Dwarf Crocodile sisters, and our comical and endearing Humbolt penguins.



# ICKWORTH ESTATE

## BURY ST EDMUNDS

Ickworth's story can be traced to 1086 when Domesday Book records a small settlement of 16 households owned by the Abbey of Bury St Edmunds.

With over 1800 acres of parkland, gardens and 26 miles of paths to enjoy, Ickworth Estate is the perfect place to get back to nature.

Discover formal gardens, pleasure grounds, rolling Suffolk landscape and woodlands all which invite gentle strolls, long walks, runs, bike rides and picnics.



## BENTWATERS COLD WAR MUSEUM RENDELSHAM, WOODBRIDGE

Bentwaters Cold War Museum is based in the United States Air Force (USAF) hardened command post on the former Bentwaters airbase.

The airbase closed after the withdrawal of the USAF in 1993 and is believed to be the only such building open to the public in the UK and Europe.

Today, the site is run by volunteers from Bentwaters Aviation Society. Visitors can experience the Cold War history with guides and talks about the operations of the base with detailed displays of the units stationed at both RAF Bentwaters and nearby RAF Woodbridge since WWII.

# AFRICA ALIVE

## KESSINGLAND

Big cats, playful primates, colourful birds and curious reptiles. Wherever you turn, there's something wild to discover.

With outdoor play, live talks, and moments that stop you in your tracks, Africa Alive is packed with unforgettable experiences.

Wide-open spaces, extraordinary animals and big adventures!

With 300+ animals, 75+ habitats, and wild moments all day long, Africa Alive brings the African savannah to life in Suffolk.



## LANGUARD FORT FELIXSTOWE

Landguard Fort defends the approach to Harwich Harbour, a safe haven for shipping. The current fort was built in the 18th century, and modified in the 19th century, with substantial additional 19th and 20th-century outside batteries.

It was manned through both World Wars and played an important anti-aircraft role during the Second World War. After 10 years of military neglect, the Fort was sealed up and left to quietly disintegrate until the 1980's when local interest was aroused.

# IPSWICH TRANSPORT MUSEUM

## IPSWICH

Ipswich Transport Museum is a collection of over 100 major transport and engineering objects which were made or used in the Ipswich area. The collection started 60 years ago with just one bus and has grown into one of the most comprehensive collections of its kind.

You can see buses and bicycles, prams and a police car, lawnmowers and lorries, fire engines and a funeral hearse. The amazing selection of local vehicles is supported by a variety of small exhibits, display material and ephemera.



## KENTWELL HALL

### LONG MELFORD, SUDBURY

A stunning mellow redbrick house with two forward wings of the early 16th century, surrounded by a broad moat, built by the Clopton family with wealth realised from landowning.

Its main features are its impressive, little-altered exterior elevations and its separate 15th Century part half-timbered service building. The interior shows the changes made by successive owners most notably of about 1800, most pronounced of 1826 and by the Phillips family since 1972.

The Gardens at Kentwell reflect how many people may imagine an old-fashioned Country House Garden. The Gardens have evolved over five centuries with elements of all this attention still visible.

# NORFOLK & SUFFOLK AVIATION MUSEUM

## BUNGAY

The Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum is a museum collection of aircraft and aviation-related artefacts, located near the former RAF Bungay airfield in Flixton in the north of the English county of Suffolk.

The museum houses a varied array of over 60 complete or partial aircrafts. In addition the museum also houses thematic collections devoted to subjects including the Royal Observer Corps, RAF Bomber Command, RAF Air-Sea Rescue and RAF Coastal Command.



## WOLSEY THEATRE

### IPSWICH

The New Wolsey Theatre has been at the heart of Ipswich's cultural life for 25 years, but their story starts even earlier.

They proudly stand on the legacy of The Arts Theatre, Ipswich's much-loved repertory theatre, which for decades was a vital part of the town's cultural landscape. When the

Wolsey Theatre opened in 1979, it carried that tradition forward, but after closing briefly in 1999, it was brought back to life in 2001 by the New Wolsey Theatre Company – a registered charity committed to making high-quality, diverse, and accessible theatre for all.



## Snape Maltings

### Snape

Snape Maltings sits on the bank of the River Alde, surrounded by an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, just six miles from Aldeburgh. A beautiful heritage destination, with its converted Victorian buildings, is home to independent shops, galleries, a restaurant and dog-friendly café, and several performance venues.

Snape Maltings is famous for the Snape Maltings Concert Hall, established by Benjamin Britten, and opened by HM Queen Elizabeth in 1967.

## Christchurch Mansion

### Ipswich

One of Suffolk's most treasured buildings, this beautiful Tudor mansion is the jewel in the crown of Ipswich's historic past, boasting over 500 years of history.

Explore the period rooms from the Tudor kitchen to the sumptuous Georgian saloon and the beautifully detailed Victorian wing.

Gaze at the fine collection of art from Suffolk artists including the biggest collection of Thomas Gainsborough and John Constable paintings outside of London.



## Framlingham Castle

### Framlingham

Visit Suffolk's Castle on the Hill and explore the towering walls behind which Mary Tudor was proclaimed Queen of England.

Surrounded by parkland and a picturesque lake, Framlingham Castle was once at the centre of a vast network of power and influence.

Muster your courage, walk the spectacular wall walk and explore the towering walls behind which Mary Tudor was proclaimed Queen of England. From the remarkable 10.5 metres high curtain wall, take in breathtaking views of the Suffolk landscape and imagine life over 500 years ago.

## Eastern Farm Park

### Woodbridge

Home to many friendly resident animals, including curious calves, cheeky goat kids and adorable lambs, Easton Farm Park never ceases to be a popular family day out for all ages!

The peace of the Deben river valley, together with the stunning Victorian-listed buildings and all the fun of the farm animals combine to offer a relaxing family day out, or holiday on the farm.

The farm was built in the late 1880s at the bequest of the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton, who owned Easton Mansion.

They were not building the farm for practical reasons however; instead the farm was purely decorative and many of the original Victorian brick buildings are still in situ.



# Constable Country

In a National Landscape of pastoral beauty, this is a destination where tranquil water meadows, riverside paths and horizons with church spires under big skies remain largely unchanged since John Constable made them famous.

This gently timeless countryside was made for walking and cycling, with lanes and trails that follow the River Stour past mills, bucolic countryside and quiet villages. You'll be transported back to a time of Romanticism and Regency.

Hire a rowing boat at Dedham, discover magnificent galleries, not least Gainsborough's House in Sudbury, relax in waterside pubs, and mooch in boutiques, antique and reclamation shops. Whether you visit for the views or the atmosphere, it's Suffolk at its most quietly restorative.



## ALDEBURGH

Aldeburgh is world-renowned thanks to its connection with Benjamin Britten, the founder of the Aldeburgh Festival, which takes place in June every year.

Pastel-coloured 19th Century holiday villas line the promenade and to the east, the pebble beach with fisherman's huts selling the daily catch.

The town is famous for its outstanding fish and chips with the local fish and chip shop, owned by the Cooney family having received rave reviews from national publications.

The Martello tower in Aldeburgh is recorded as the largest in the UK, being made up of four towers joined together, it has been converted into holiday accommodation and is a unique place to stay when visiting the town.



# Suffolk Coastal

## FELIXSTOWE

Felixstowe is a charming Suffolk coastal town famously known as the home of the UK's largest and busiest container port. It is also celebrated as a classic British seaside resort, home to the country's first permanent beach huts, and the site of centuries-old military history.

The John Bradfield Viewing Area at Landguard Point offers stunning views across the estuary to the Shotley Peninsula and the Essex towns of Harwich and Dovercourt and if the weather is really clear you can even see the off-shore wind turbines beyond The Naze.

From Felixstowe, you can also enjoy a trip to Harwich on the ferry with Harbour Ferry Boat Rides; departing from Landguard, the ferry offers the unique opportunity to sail past the huge container ships coming into Felixstowe Port along with beautiful sailing boats and cruise liners.



