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SPRING SEMINAR Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
INFORMATION SHEET**

**About Coombe Abbey**



<http://www.coombeabbey.com>

Built in 1150 by Cistercian monks, this grade I listed building was a monastery until the Dissolution of the Monasteries ordered by King Henry VIII between 1536-1541. The Abbey then became a Royal property. Elizabeth of Bohemia, the daughter of King James I was educated at the house, sometime during the 17th Century, when it played a part in the infamous Gunpowder Plot.

In 1682 the abbey's west wing was constructed by the architect Captain William Winde, who is also known as the architect behind the original Buckingham Palace. In 1771 the famous landscaper Capability Brown redesigned the gardens and added the lake you see today. For 300 years Coombe Abbey was owned by the Craven family, with whom it remained until 1923.

In 1964 Coventry City Council purchased Coombe Abbey along with 150 acres of land. Coombe Abbey Country park was then opened 2 years later. The house was purchased again in 1992 by No Ordinary Hotels, when work began on the hotel that you see today.

**Address**

Coombe Abbey Hotel  
Brinklow Road  
Binley  
Warwickshire  
CV3 2AB

telephone +44 2476 450 450

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.414394,-1.408038,17z>

## Directions

### By Air

Birmingham Airport – approx. 30mins taxi ride

### By Rail - for times and booking see [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

- **Coventry Railway Station** -15 mins taxi ride. There is a taxi rank at the station  
Black 'London-style' cabs operate and display a yellow official licence at the rear  
You can also call Central Taxis - 024 7633 3333 or 024 7677 7777
- **Rugby railway station** - 20 mins taxi ride. There is a taxi rank at the station.  
Or ring Call a car – 01788 540 800 or Busy Cab 01788 575 757  
See also <http://www.taxiregister.com/rugby>
- **Birmingham railway station** – 30 min taxi ride. There is a taxi rank at the station  
See also <http://www.traintaxi.co.uk>

### By Road

#### From the North

##### M1 Southbound

Leave M1 at junction 21 and join the M69 following signs for coventry and the A46. At the end of the motorway ignore exits for M6 and follow lanes for A46. At the first main roundabout on the A46 take the second exit to the right (signed Walsgrave, Coombe Park) at the next roundabout turn left (signed Coombe Park) and at the traffic lights turn left onto the B4027. Coombe Abbey is one mile on the left.

##### M6 Southbound

Leave M6 at junction 2. Follow signs for 'M40 Warwick, Coventry S&E.'. After joining the A46 (dual carriage way) at the first main roundabout take the second exit to the right (signed Walsgrave Coombe Park). At the next roundabout turn left (signed Coombe Park) and at the traffic lights turn left onto the B4027. Coombe Abbey is one mile on the left.

#### From the South

##### M1 Northbound

Leave M1 at junction 19. Join M6. Leave M6 at junction 2 follow signs for M40 Warwick, Coventry S&E. After joining the A46 (dual carriageway), at the first main roundabout take the second exit to the right (signed Coombe Park). At the next roundabout turn left (signed Coombe Park) and at the traffic lights turn left onto the B4027. Coombe Abbey is one mile on the left.

##### M40

Leave M40 at junction 15. Follow signs for coventry and the A46. Continue following signs for the A46 Leicester (you will temporarily leave A46 for A45). At this roundabout take the third exit following signs for the M69. At the next roundabout take the second exit, follow signs for the M6 & M69 (you are now back on the A46). At the next roundabout filter left (TGI Fridays and Morrisons food store will be on your right). Carry straight on going across three roundabouts (following signs for the city centre) until you reach the traffic lights. Turn right (signed Lutterworth) at the next set of traffic lights follow the road round to the right, the B4027 to Lutterworth. Coombe Abbey is one mile on the left.

## **Hotel rates**

Bed & Breakfast rate - £120 per night, including VAT

Check in – from 3pm on day of arrival

Check out – 11am on the day of departure

Guest are welcome to extend their stay – please fill out the relevant section on the booking form

Please note you have up to 3pm the day prior to arrival to cancel any room reservations, after this time you will be charged full cancellation. This charge is payable directly with the hotel

## **Hotel Facilities**

- Free WiFi
- Free Parking
- 500 acres of beautiful gardens, woodland and lakeside walks

## **Monday Social Evening at Warwick Castle**



## **Brief history of the castle**

Warwick Castle is a medieval castle developed from an original built by William the Conqueror in 1068. The original wooden motte-and-bailey castle was rebuilt in stone in the 12th century. During the Hundred Years War, the facade opposite the town was refortified, resulting in one of the most recognisable examples of 14th century military architecture. It was used as a stronghold until the early 17th century, when it was granted to Sir Fulke Greville by James I in 1604. Greville converted it to a country house and it was owned by the Greville family, who became earls of Warwick in 1759, until 1978 when it was bought by the Tussauds Group.

## **Coach transfer**

Guests will be collected from Coombe Abbey at 18:15. The journey will take about 30 minutes.

**The coaches will then collect all guests at 22:15**

## **Activities on offer for those not attending the conference**

- Spa days
- Visit Coventry where you can visit Coventry Cathedral or Coventry Transport Museum
- Visit Shakespeare's home town, Stratford-upon-Avon

**For further information on hotel, excursions or transport arrangement please contact [Stephanie@monetevents.co.uk](mailto:Stephanie@monetevents.co.uk) or [Jen@monetevents.co.uk](mailto:Jen@monetevents.co.uk)**