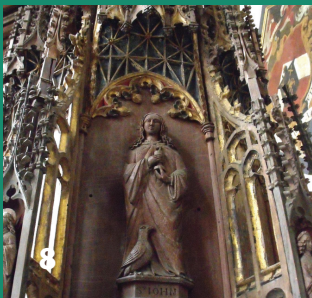


History and heritage



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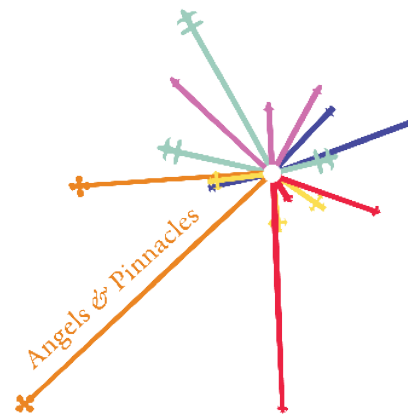
Suffolk is famous for its medieval heritage and many of our featured sites are set in unspoilt countryside.

Driving a classic open-topped sports car along the lanes of Suffolk is an unforgettable way to discover these historic treasures and an experience you should not miss.

Angels & Pinnacles, the tourism project of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, has teamed up with Open Top Touring to offer a Bells and Battlements tour featuring six stunning medieval churches, the fascinating ruin of a 12th century leper chapel, an ancient friary and a spectacular castle.

You can hire your classic car for the day or take an extended package with a luxury overnight stay. Open Top Touring is based near the historic market town of Woodbridge and can be contacted on 01394 460813.

Visit the website at www.open-top-touring.co.uk for full details of the classic car range and how to book.



Bells and Battlements

Explore Suffolk's medieval heritage in a classic cabriolet



www.angelsandpinnacles.org.uk

Bells and Battlements sites

1. Ramsholt - Remote and beautiful location with stunning river views for this tiny gem of a church with its curious oval tower.

2. Orford - Park by the quay with its colourful fishing boats and follow in the steps of Benjamin Britten to the remarkable Norman church of St Bartholomew where he premiered some of his first works. Stay for freshly brewed coffee at the little market square.

3. Iken - St Botolph's church is on an ancient site on the Alde estuary where he built a church in 654. See the rare Saxon cross shaft discovered in the tower and hear the cry of the oystercatcher over the water.

4. Dunwich St James's churchyard - Here in the 'lost city' of Dunwich you will find a former leper chapel with a fascinating story. Take a short walk to stroll among the ruins of Dunwich Greyfriars before lunch at the historic Ship Inn.

5. Blythburgh Holy Trinity - The 'Cathedral of the Marshes' has an iconic and breathtaking angel roof. Prepare to be amazed.

6. Framlingham Castle - Walk the battlements where Mary Tudor was confirmed Queen of England in 1553.

7. Framlingham St Michael - See the spectacular tombs of the Howards, Dukes of Norfolk, the most powerful Tudor family after the Royals.

8. Cruise back to Ufford for one last stop at the parish church and its famous treasure, the soaring and exquisitely-carved font cover.



Your choice of classic car

At Open Top Touring, you can choose from classics such as a 1973 MGB Roadster - once the proud possession of tennis star Virginia Wade - or you can turn heads with an Alfa Romeo Spider as seen in the 1960s movie 'La Dolce Vita'.

Get a taste of the elegant 1930s with the quintessential British sports car, the Morgan 4/4 - or for sheer performance, the TVR -S is another British legend.

If you want to make it a family day out, the Triumph Herald four-seater ensures no-one is left behind.

Prices start from £145 per day and include fully-comprehensive insurance for one driver (extra driver £25) and AA Roadside Assistance (full details at www.open-top-touring.co.uk)

Your heritage route

Your day starts at 9am when you collect your car from Open Top Touring and receive a short briefing. You are now ready to start your tour.

Our route is approximately 80 miles long and a pleasurable drive in an open-top classic car. Your day will include a comprehensive route map and an information pack on the history of each church you visit.

There will be ample time to relax over morning coffee and lunch as well as afternoon tea and arrive back in Ufford at 6pm.

Framlingham castle is managed by English Heritage and there is a charge for entry. Dunwich Greyfriars and all the churches are free to enter and any donation you wish to give will be used to help them stay open for visitors to enjoy.

Please note that your refreshments and any admission or parking charges are not included in the package price.



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