



WHY SUFFOLK?

Whilst little Dom was spending his school holidays in Cork, Ireland, little Lilah was spending hers at Granny Budge's in Aldeburgh, Suffolk. Both places are extremely close to our heart and we have found sharing them with each other extremely special.

Aldeburgh is the town over from Thorpeness, where our wedding will be taking place. Only two hours from London, full of lovely memories and by the seaside — it's the perfect place to get married.

Both Aldeburgh and Thorpeness have many places to stay and lots to do if you plan to make a weekend out of your stay.

Here are our tips, tricks and recommendations for the area, including:

Trains & Buses



Local Taxis



Where to stay



Foodie recs



Walks & Nature



More to do







HOW TO GET THERE

When travelling to Aldeburgh and Thorpeness from London, you can:



Either drive (around 2 hours from North London) – this is easiest!



Or book the train from Liverpool Street and take a Greater Anglia Train, changing at Ipswich to Saxmundham.

From Saxmunham to Aldeburgh and Thorpeness



You can get a taxi (next page)

Bus (timetable below)

LOCAL BUS ROUTES

Route	Days of Operation	Frequency	Operating Hours
521	Mon–Fri & Sat	Every ~90–120 minutes	~07:35 to ~15:39 (Mon–Fri); ~07:35–15:10 (Sat)
522	Weekdays only	Once daily at ~15:10	One service around 15:10



PLD LOCAL TAXIS

Firm Name	Telephone Number
Hart Cars	01728 602 009
A2B Travels	01728 633 003 / 01728 440 310
Aldeburgh Shuttle / New Penny	01728 452 142
Henderson Taxis	01728 830 101

Our Top Tips

These firms will be able to take you to and from the station or from Thorpeness Country Club to where you are staying after our wedding (if you decide to stay the night).



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Local firms only have a few drivers so the earlier you book the better.



Short trips (like Thorpeness to Aldeburgh) might have a minimum fare at night.



Cash is king - we recommend you have cash unless you've checked they take card upon pre-booking





PLACES TO STAY

Here are some of the local hotels and Inns we recommend if you'd like to stay the night after and/or before our wedding! Similarly, there are loads of holiday cottages and Airbnbs in the area.



Aldeburgh

- The Wentworth
- The White Lion
- The Brudenel
- The Cross Keys



Thorpeness

- Thorpness Golf Club
- The Dolphin Inn



Nearby towns

- Leiston
- Aldringham
- Saxmundham









FOOD AND DRINK

As you all know, we are massive foodies. Here are some of our favourite places to eat in the area:



Pubs/ drinks

- The Dolphin, Thorpeness sit down pub food
- Thai Street Cafe, Aldeburgh (great Thai food + they do takeaway)
- White Hart Inn, Aldeburgh Pizza truck outside
- Cross Keys, Aldeburgh- favourite pub, and was frequented by Lilah's mum as a teenager
- Brudenell Hotel Terrace, Aldeburgh have a drink overlooking the sea



Cheap/ Casual Eats

- The Aldeburgh Fish and Chip Shop best fish and chips but go early there will be a queue!
- The Kitchen @ Thorpeness it also has a cute antique shop
- The Two Magpies Bakery, Aldeburgh
- Munchies Cafe, Aldeburgh







Resturants

- Regatta, Aldeburgh Fish and seafood
- Prezzo Italian
- The Lighthouse
- Delphine's Diner



WALKS & NATURE



 Aldeburgh to Thorpeness Coastal Walk - walk along the sea between the two and see the "Scallop" sculpture by artist Maggi Hambling.

- RSPB North Warren Nature Reserve
 heath, woodland and birdwatching.
- Aldeburgh Marshes one of our favourites and just by Granny's house.
 Wetland paths and even some cows!
- Thorpeness Meare & House in the Clouds - village walk with water views.
 At the Meare you might choose to feed the ducks (you can buy duck food at the cafe or get a rowing boat).
- Sailors' Path (Aldeburgh to Snape Maltings) - classic Suffolk estuary walk.





MORE TO DO



Shopping

- Vintage Angels Clothes really cool vintage shop just outside Aldeburgh
- Delphine's Diner has a really cool vintage rail
- Browse Aldeburgh charity shops
- Seasalt



Art & Culture

- See Barbara Hepworth's statues at Snape Maltings, have a coffee and wander round the homewear and farm shop
- · Catch a film at Aldeburgh Cinema
- Wander in and out of the art gallerys along Aldeburgh High Street



& more

- Friday Street Farm Shop really cute farm shop with a cafe and 'pick your own' near Aldeburgh. And has a 'Cheese Cave' for fellow cheese lovers.
- Aldeburgh boating pond sail toy boats and have an icecream or coffee at Libardi's Ice Cream Kiosk & see Snooks the dog statue
- Get fresh fish from the fisherman along the beach front



