

# Norwich Castle

## Over 950 Years of History

Norwich Castle Keep is one of the finest surviving secular Norman buildings in Europe. At a time when most buildings were small, wooden structures, the stone Keep towered above the city – a striking reminder of the power and rule of the Norman kings. From the 14th to the 19th century, the Keep was used as a county gaol. In 1894 it opened as a civic museum. Now Norfolk's principal museum, the Castle boasts the best collections anywhere of work by the Norwich School of Artists, Norwich silver, Lowestoft porcelain and ceramic teapots, alongside archaeology and natural history collections of national and international importance. Following a major development project between 2020 and 2025, with substantial support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Norwich Castle and its Keep have been reborn, modifying the Victorian arrangements and creating a twenty-first-century museum worthy of its nationally significant collections.

