

# SECRET SYON

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Syon House is famous for its 18<sup>th</sup> century Georgian interiors designed by the neo-classicist Robert Adam. But there is so much more to the history of this building, so many secrets hidden inside its walls. So this tour digs a little deeper:

- by looking at Adam's influence from a different angle – the theatre of illusion that his genius created and those elements included in his original design that were never realised;
- by searching for tangible traces of the original Tudor house, now lost from view, as well as the long-demolished medieval abbey, the first building to inhabit this site;



- and by seeking out the private areas behind the public façade, entering the world of the servants beneath our feet whose incessant labours underpinned the apparently effortless glamour of the upstairs realm.

