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48 hours in...

...Windsor

You can't say the word Windsor without conjuring up images of the world's oldest and largest inhabited castle, royalty, horse racing, the changing of the guard, the River Thames and Eton College. Windsor thrives on its royal patronage, rich cultural heritage, stunning architecture and beautiful natural scenery. Add to this an abundance of quaint one-of-a-kind shops and culinary scene headed by the likes of Heston Blumenthal and you'll have a reasonable idea of the treats in store for you in Windsor.

Getting to Windsor by car

Windsor is just 30 miles west of London and is easily accessible via the major motorway networks. From M3 exit at junction 3 (bagshot); from M4 exit at junction 6 for Windsor; from M25 exit at junction 13 (Egham) and from M40 exit at junction 4 (Marlow) or junction 2 (Beaconsfield).

Long stay car parks are located at Romney Lock, King Edward VII Avenue and Alexandra Gardens. All are cheaper than the more central (shopper) car parks and are less than a 10-minute walk to Windsor Castle.

Top 5 must see places

Windsor Castle - The oldest & largest castle in the world. Today HM The Queen spends most of her private weekends here which is also used for ceremonial and state occasions. www.royalcollection.org.uk

River Thames Boat Trips - Enjoy the history, stunning scenery and wildlife of this famous river. French Brothers Boats operate cruises year round. www.boat-trips.co.uk

Eton College - One of the oldest and most famous schools in England offers guided tours from Easter to October. www.etoncollege.com

Horse Drawn Carriage Rides - The best way to explore this charming town and the beautiful Windsor Great Park. www.orchardpoyle.co.uk and www.ascotcarriages.co.uk

Shopping & Dining - Variety, choice and quality with independent and specialist retailers and Michelin starred chefs at every turn. www.windsor.gov.uk

the Beautiful South

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Day one

Built by William the Conqueror within what was the royal hunting forest (now Windsor Great Park), Windsor Castle has been successfully enlarged, adapted and rebuilt by monarchs from Henry II to Queen Elizabeth II. Their legacy can be seen throughout the Castle which is also home to some of the greatest paintings and works of arts in the world.

Time your visit so that you can catch the Changing of the Guard Ceremony that takes place in Lower Ward. This is the only place outside of London where you can see this colourful display whilst listening to the military band.

Relax after lunch on a gentle 40-minute cruise along the River Thames as it meanders past famous sites such as the Eton College Chapel and Royal Windsor Racecourse.

An afternoon tour of Eton College gives a fascinating insight into one of England's oldest institutions. Founded by Henry VI in 1440 to provide 70 "worthy boys" with a free education. Today the school is a very modern institution whilst retaining its distinctive "school dress", age-old traditions, language and sports.

Round your day off with a visit to Windsor's Theatre Royal which hosts the greatest names in theatre and many a pre West End show.

Day two

To learn more about this charming town and its history it's worth taking a guided tour with a local expert. Walking tours with professional Blue Badge Guides start at the Royal Windsor Information Centre at 11am every Saturday and Sunday from April to September. Nobody knows Windsor quite like they do.

A 45-minute tour on a City Sightseeing open top bus is a fun and interesting way to further explore Windsor and Eton. The ticket is valid for 24-hours and there are 11 hop on and off stops along the way giving you the perfect opportunity to spend more time at places that interest you.

The Savill Garden provides a wealth of beauty and interest in all seasons and is the perfect place to unwind and enjoy the natural environment. The world-renowned 35 acres offers ornamental gardens and woodland including national collections and rare international species. The award winning Savill Building is the gateway to the Royal Landscape.



Where to stay

The Macdonald Windsor Hotel
A contemporary townhouse in the heart of Windsor.
www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/windsor 0844 879 9101

Sir Christopher Wren's House Hotel.
An elegant Grade II listed town house on the banks of the River Thames.
www.sirchristopherwren.co.uk 01753 861354

Coworth Park
Luxury country retreat in 240 acres of parkland.
www.coworthpark.com 01344 876600

Frances Lodge
Contemporary B&B a short walk from Windsor Castle.
www.franceslodge.co.uk 01753 832019

Rainworth House
Spacious guesthouse in 3 acres of grounds.
www.rainworthhouse.com

Where to eat

The Royal Oak
Impressive pub in the shadow of Windsor Castle.
www.windsorpubco.co.uk 01753 865179

The Green Olive
Specialists in Greek Meze.
www.green-olive.co.uk 01753 866655

The Windsor Grill
Simple, honest food served up by celebrity chef Anthony

Worrall Thompson.
www.awtrestaurants.com 01753 859658

Gilbey's Bar & Restaurant
Modern British food in a relaxed but stylish setting.
www.gilbeygroup.com 01753 854921

Strok's
Fine dining in a stunning riverside setting.
www.stroks.co.uk 01753 442422