

New accommodation: Fairmont Windsor Park

Located on the edge of historic Windsor Great Park, the hotel is surrounded by 40 acres of open green space and features a tranquil lake. Designed to reflect the site's heritage while offering modern elegance, Fairmont Windsor Park offers 200 rooms and suites decorated with a combination of natural stone and soft textures, a variety of dining options, luxurious Spa & Wellness facilities, and activities within the grounds to enjoy the great outdoors. https://www.fairmont-windsorpark.com/

New accommodation: The Dower House

Great Fosters, near Windsor has launched a new collection of seven suites & rooms in the beautifully restored 17th century Dower House, designed for indulgent weekends, get-togethers with friends and family, and for longer stays. Located on the Cloisters promenade a brief stroll from the Main House The Dower House is edged with ornamental gardens, a grand yet understated residence, for those in the know.

https://www.alexanderhotels.co.uk/great-fosters/accommodation/the-dower-house/

New accommodation: North Lodge at Coworth Park

A private gatehouse cottage has been unveiled on the Coworth Park estate - the Dorchester Collection's Michelin-starred country house hotel and spa near Ascot. Beautifully restored to offer three bedrooms, a state-of-the-art kitchen and an idyllic country garden, the standalone cottage is located on the outskirts of the 240-acre grounds. Guests have their own private garden with an outdoor dining area and also have full access to the estate facilities including spa, equestrian centre, and various dining options. The lodge is available to book for up to six guests and rates start from £3,500 per night for a minimum five-night stay. https://www.dorchestercollection.com/en/ascot/coworth-park/rooms-suites/north-lodge/

New event: Windsor Great Park Illuminated Thursday 18 November – Sunday 09 January

The first Christmas light trail to take place in Windsor Great Park will see hundreds of thousands of colourful lights, lasers, projections, and holograms create an enchanting experience and fun activity for friends and families to enjoy in a safe, outdoor environment.

Celebrating and respecting the natural surroundings near Obelisk Pond, the light installations will include floating water lilies, fountains of projected flowers and mythical creatures. The 2.2km trail takes visitors through a dreamlike laser-scape among the trees, a cathedral of light and an ethereal ship in recognition of Britain's naval past. The trail will take approximately $1 \frac{1}{2} - 2$ hours to walk, accounting for stops and refreshments at cost tepee rest stops along the way with food

stalls, mulled wine, hot chocolate and specially designed firepits for outdoor marshmallow toasting. For those looking for a briefer journey, a shorter 45minute route is available as well.

Hours: 4.30pm – 10pm (last time entry 8pm slot)

Ticket Prices:From £21.45 adult, from £13.20 child, from £62.70 family (including fees)Check the website for all available tickets and time slots

Booking: Online: <u>www.windsorilluminated.com</u>

New attraction: Seventeenth-century Persian paintings at Windsor Castle

Two newly conserved paintings by the mysterious 17th-century Armenian artist Marcos have been installed in the King's Dining Room at Windsor Castle, 150 years since they were last recorded at the Castle in the early 1870s. The paintings can be seen as part of a visit to Windsor Castle from Thursday, 23 September.

https://www.rct.uk/visit/windsor-castle

New activity: Bike hire available to guests staying at The Runnymede hotel.

Explore the local National Trust sites and the river towpath on the doorstep at £20 for 4 hours or £30 for the day (8 hours). This activity joins clay pigeon shooting, tennis and paddle boarding offered at the hotel.

https://www.runnymedehotel.com/activities-at-the-runnymede/outdoor-pursuits/

Autumn Activities 2021

Opening of Windsor Castle's Semi-State Rooms Thursday from 30 September

Originally created as private apartments for George IV, the rooms blend the Classical, Gothic and Rococo styles to create a dazzling suite of interiors, complete with specially designed furniture and furnishings. After severe damage during the fire of 1992, today, they're among the most richly decorated areas in the Castle and used by The Queen for official entertaining. https://www.rct.uk/visit/windsor-castle

Autumn events 2021

Art in the Garden 22 September – 02 November

Discover over 65 inspirational sculptures inspired by the natural world exhibited in The Savill Garden by the Surrey Sculpture Society. From modern abstract to more classical pieces, each is accompanied by the artist's statement with information on the sculpture. The exhibition is included in the entry price for The Savill Garden.

Garden opening times until 31 October - 9.30am to 6pm daily. Last admission at 5pm. Adult £13.50, Groups of 10+ £10, Children 5-16 £6.50.

Garden opening times 1-2 November - 9am to 5pm daily. Last admission at 4pm. Adult £7.50, Groups of 10+ £6, Children 5-16 £3. Under 5s free.

https://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/art



Halloween Brick or Treat 14 – 31 October

LEGOLAND Windsor Resort transforms into a pumpkin-filled wonderland for the annual spooktacular and frightfully fun event when Lord Vampyre throws the ultimate Halloween party. Includes Haunted House Monster Party Ride and NEW for 2021 Harbour Show, Creepy Crypt Trail, Monster Rocker's fang-tastic Pumpkin Trail, costume competitions plus all rides and brand new land LEGO MYTHICA: World of Mythical Creatures. Ticket prices starting from £39. https://www.legoland.co.uk/explore/special-events/brick-or-treat/

Fireworks Spectacular Family Raceday Saturday 30 October

Ascot's jumps season returns with a bang for the annual fireworks spectacular. A high-quality card featuring the £100,000 Sodexo Gold Cup Chase is followed by one of the region's largest fireworks displays – a pyro-musical show featuring over 20,000 fireworks. Family activities include creepy crawly animal handling, pumpkin carving, spooky themed arts and crafts, a slippery slime workshop and Magician School for young racegoers to learn a few tricks.

Fireworks only tickets available giving access to the racecourse from 4pm onwards, with the display due to begin at 6.30pm. Prices starting from £27.00. <u>https://www.ascot.co.uk/horse-races-and-events/halloween-raceday-fireworks-spectacular/fireworks-spectacular-family-raceday</u>

Jurassic Windsor Fireworks Event Saturday 06 November

Windsor Racecourse plays host to animatronic dinosaurs, pyrotechnics, fair rides, food and drink stalls. The fireworks start at 19:45. Adults £13, children aged 3-15 £6, (under 3's go free), Family ticket £32 (2A+2C).

https://www.windsor-racecourse.co.uk/whats-on/jurassic-firework-night-6th-november

Fireworks Spectacular Friday 05 – Sunday 07 November

Celebrate the end of LEGOLAND'S 25th Birthday Season with a bang, these aren't just any fireworks; the LEGOLAND Windsor Resort's fireworks cascade across the sky into exploding LEGO[®] bricks with the special Brick Glasses.

Book online in advance and save – prices from £44. https://www.legoland.co.uk/explore/special-events/fireworks-spectacular/

Windsor on Ice

Friday 26 November – 02 January

Situated in Alexandra Gardens, the covered main rink has an outside ice-skating track, viewing area, festive food court and attractions and rides including dodgems and the waltzer, so non-skaters can relax and stay warm. Ice-guides to teach basic skating techniques are available with advance booking. Sessions last 45 minutes. Adults from £13.50; Children from £11.50; Family (1+3 or 2+2) £45; + £1 online booking fee.

www.windsoronice.com

News for 2022

Platinum Jubilee Celebration 12 – 15 May 2022

This celebratory event will see over 500 horses and 1,000 performers create a 90 minute piece of arena theatre with actors and artists, musicians, international military displays from the Commonwealth and Europe, our own Armed Forces, dancers, and global equestrian displays.



Performed live to an audience of over 5,000 each of the four nights, the event will also be broadcast to the nation on Sunday 15th May by ITV.

The Show takes place in the same arena used by Royal Windsor Horse Show during the day and is the fourth in a series of events at the same venue that have marked significant moments in the life of The Queen. These include The Golden Jubilee Pageant, The Diamond Jubilee Pageant and The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration, which won a BAFTA for the Best Live Event in 2016.

The production takes a gallop through history from Elizabeth I to the present day with moments of humour, great theatricality, pomp, and pageantry. Leading the narrative will be 'The Queen's Players', a group of actors and artists especially brought together for the event and based on the travelling players of the Elizabethan period, which includes some of the UK's greatest performers.

https://tickets.windsor.gov.uk/sales/arts-and-events/the-platinum-jubilee-celebrati

Destination website www.windsor.gov.uk

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