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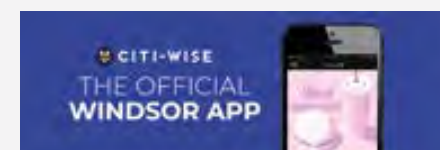
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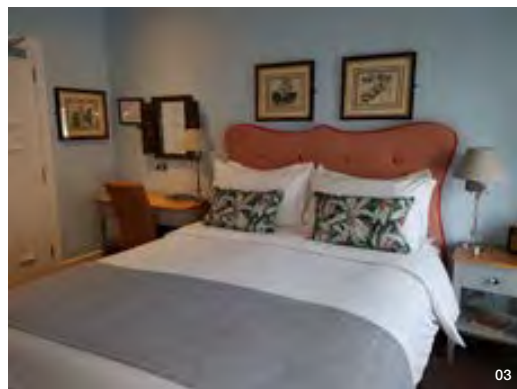


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# 48 Hours in Windsor & Eton



With so much to see and do in Windsor, why not make a weekend of it?

You can't say the word Windsor without conjuring up images of the world's oldest and largest inhabited castle, royalty, horseracing, changing 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 a 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.

- 01 The Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park
- 02 Founders Yard, Eton College
- 03 Gilbey's Bar, Restaurant & Townhouse, Eton
- 04 The Long Walk, Windsor Great Park
- 05 Changing the Guard, Windsor

## DAY ONE

With almost 1,000 years of history to discover, 13 acres (5 hectares) of buildings including the magnificent State Apartments, Queen Mary's Dolls' House and St George's Chapel you need at least two hours at Windsor Castle. It doesn't matter how many times you've visited before there's always something new to see or experience. From Conquer the Tower tours to summer band concerts and visits to the Moat Garden this iconic attraction has to be top of your must-visit list.

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

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Relax after lunch on a gentle 40-minute cruise along the River Thames as it meanders past famous sites such as Eton College Chapel and Royal Windsor Racecourse. On a fine day you'll feel like royalty and enjoy spectacular views of Windsor Castle from the Long Walk during a horse-drawn carriage ride. The carriages are available from the top of the Long Walk and tours take you away from the hustle and bustle of the town into Windsor Great Park.

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Take a stroll over the bridge to the opposite bank of the Thames into Eton with its world-famous school. Eton is an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary retail bringing together antiques and modern art, traditional medicines and complementary beauty therapies, English roast dinners and fine European cuisine. The mile-long high street leading down to Eton College boasts a fine selection of independent retailers and gives you a sense of stepping back in time when you see the boys in their traditional school dress. Follow The Eton Walkway to discover 18 fascinating points of interest around the town. Pick up a free guide at the Royal Windsor Information Centre before you set off.

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Round off your day with a visit to Windsor's Theatre Royal or one of two fantastic arts centres in the borough – Norden Farm or The Old Court. They all offer a programme of drama, comedy, music, dance and film so check online for details of what's on during your stay.



## DAY TWO

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If you love exploring on foot book a professional Blue Badge Guide through the Royal Windsor Information Centre. Nobody knows Windsor quite like they do and they'll bring the town's history alive with their amazing insights.

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For a fun way to experience Windsor and Eton jump on The Original Tour. Your ticket is valid for 24 hours and there are 11 hop-on hop-off stops along the way allowing you to get off and explore the places that interest you. Or head to the Duck Stop outside the Theatre Royal to catch the Duck Tour, an amphibious vehicle that takes you on a circular tour of the town on road and water.

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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 offer ornamental gardens and woodland including National Collections and rare international species.

01 Windsor Castle, view from The River Thames.

# Our TOP TIPS to make the most of your break

- If you're looking for the finest culinary experience head to Bray, less than 6 miles from Windsor town centre, for Michelin star heaven at The Waterside Inn and The Fat Duck. Avoid disappointment by booking at least three months in advance. Alternatively you can book one of Blumenthal's other restaurants in the same village – The Hinds Head or The Crown at Bray.
- Extend your weekend and stay for a Monday night race meeting (from April to October) at Royal Windsor Racecourse. The perfect place to be on a summer's evening and so easy to get there with riverboat shuttles running between the town and racecourse throughout the evening.
- Enjoy Evensong in St George's Chapel, one of England's most beautiful ecclesiastical buildings. It's free of charge for all and a truly wonderful experience in a magnificent setting.
- Pick up a loyalty card from the Visitor Information Centre to get discounts in the shops and restaurants within Windsor Royal Station.
- Go and see the team at the Visitor Information Centre for up-to-the-minute advice on what's on, what's open and what's on offer!



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01 Windsor & Eton,  
– Photo © Doug Harding

# *Iconic Windsor & Eton*

It may seem surprising but the town of Windsor is considerably older than the castle. It dates from the 7th century with royal ownership probably from the 9th. At first Windsor was located three miles away but moved to its current site before 1110, changing its name to New Windsor. So much has happened in Windsor's 1000 year history. Here's a selection of not-to-be-missed locations to help you discover more of this wonderful little town and its close neighbour Eton.

## HENRY VIII GATEWAY

The symbolic link between castle and town, originally there was a moat and drawbridge. Today the great oak gates are secured with a heavy bar against the cobblestones when closed. Henry VIII built his gateway in about 1511. The panel above the archway displays heraldic badges of the king, with the pomegranate of Queen Catherine of Aragon, his first wife.

## GUILDHALL ISLAND

Windsor proved to be a successful new town and by the late 13th century the temporary market stalls were replaced by permanent shops covering the area now known as Guildhall Island. The medieval market place was not a gentele place: its streets were unpaved until the 18th century and it was dirty with putrid air owing to its many noxious trades. Fish sellers occupied Fish Street, now Church Street, and the town's slaughterhouses and butchers were located near the present day Guildhall. The medieval town also had a "red light" street located behind the market place. Only the poorest people lived in this area while the wealthy lived on Peascod Street.

## GUILDHALL

Designed by Sir Thomas Fitz and built in 1691 Windsor Guildhall replaced the first guildhall built in c.1360 which faced the castle gates. By the late 17th century the royal preference was for newer palaces closer to London, such as Hampton Court or Whitehall, with the result that Windsor Castle was ignored and neglected. This was a disaster for the town, as its economy was based on the castle. The commissioning of a new guildhall, which the town could barely afford, was an attempt to breathe new life into its economy.



## MARKET CROSS HOUSE

This strangely leaning 18th-century building, previously a butcher's shop, then a beer shop, demonstrates the advantages of timber framed buildings. If it had been built of brick it would have fallen down years ago!

## PEASCOD STREET

Literally Peapod Street, makes reference to the area's pea fields and the favourite medieval snack of buttered pea pods, probably sold on this street from the 12th century.

## QUEEN VICTORIA STATUE

The statue was presented to the town to mark her Golden Jubilee in 1887. Victoria was particularly associated with Windsor because following the castle's renovation between 1820-40 it became her principle residence. The renewed presence of the royal court in Windsor brought new prosperity and, linked with the arrival of the railways in 1851, the town was largely rebuilt, accounting for its appearance today.

## IRISH GUARD STATUE

Unveiled by the Duke of Cambridge, Colonel of the Irish Guards, in 2011, the statue depicts a soldier in modern combat gear and body armour, as used in Afghanistan. The 6ft figure was sculpted by former Army officer Mark Jackson, using bronze from statues salvaged during the conflict in Iraq. It stands on a plinth surrounded by cobbles from Afghanistan. The Irish Guards were stationed at Victoria Barracks in Windsor. They suffered three casualties during a six month tour of Afghanistan.



01 Henry VIII Gateway  
02 Henry VIII  
03-04 Guildhall Island / Guildhall  
05 Market Cross House  
06 Peascod Street  
07 Queen Victoria Statue  
08 Irish Guard Statue

## LONG WALK

The great ceremonial route from the castle to Windsor Great Park, stretching 2.65 miles to the Copper Horse, the equestrian memorial to George III. Originally laid out by Charles II in 1685, it was an avenue of oak and elm trees used by the King for walking and hunting stag in the Great Park. Queen Anne added the central carriageway in 1710. Jeffry Wyattville redesigned it in 1824 as a ceremonial route to the castle. State visit processions enter the castle via Park Street and the Long Walk.

## CENTRAL STATION

The Great Western Railway links Windsor to Slough as it has done since 1849. When it was built it made a huge difference to the people of Windsor since they could now live in the town and travel to London each day for work. Queen Victoria frequently travelled by train, having become, in 1842, the first monarch ever to take a train ride. She didn't enjoy the experience as much as the Prince Consort. It was leaving the station in March 1882 that a deranged man tried to shoot her. The station building as you see it today was completed in 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

## CURFEW TOWER

Originally called Clewer Tower and later Bell Tower it stands within Windsor Castle and can be seen from Thames Street. It was built between 1227 and 1230 to buttress the castle's defences following a siege during the reign of King John. It's one of the oldest parts of Lower Ward with walls 13 feet thick and 100 feet high. The tower contains a dungeon where prisoners were held and executed. The bodies of traitors were hung from the battlement as a warning to miscreant townsfolk. The remains of a sally port tunnel beneath the High Street also survive. This was means of escape should the castle be sieged but was never used as far as we know.



01 The Long Walk, Windsor Great Park  
02 Central Station, Windsor  
03 Curfew Tower  
04 Red Post Box, Eton High St.  
05 Windsor Bridge  
06 Eton High Street



The Curfew Tour also houses the bells of St George's Chapel, held within a massive medieval timber frame, originally planned as a spire for the chapel but never installed. Three times a day, at 09:00, 12:00 and 18:00, the chapel bells chime the tune of St David's.

## WINDSOR BRIDGE

This iron bridge, connecting Windsor to Eton across the River Thames, was built in 1822 and replaced a succession of timber bridges dating from c. 1170. In the 12th century bridges were both rare and costly. Windsor Bridge was important because it brought trade to Windsor's market, underpinning the new town's economy. River and road tolls were collected at the bridge until the 19th century and claimed by the crown until the 16th. Royal processions from Westminster to Windsor passed along Eton High Street, over Windsor Bridge to the castle, one of the most famous being the funeral in 1537 of Jane Seymour, the third (and favourite) wife of Henry VIII.

## RED POST BOX, ETON HIGH STREET

Near The Cockpit at 47-49 Eton High Street you'll find a rare pillar box dating from 1856. Still used today it was made by Smith and Hawkes Eagle Foundry in Birmingham and is one of only 10 surviving. Its unusual vertical slot for posting letters and fluted Doric decoration illustrates where the name "pillar" came from. Earlier postboxes were painted green, to blend in with their surroundings, but people kept walking into them! And another claim to fame – Eton was the first village in England to have a post office.



## THE HERSCHEL OBSERVATORY, ETON

Sir William Herschel was King George III's astronomer, the first such appointment and probably the most famous of the 18th century. On March 13 1781 Herschel discovered Uranus. The remarkable feat was achieved through mapping the sky at night with his sister, Caroline, whilst he was sitting in the garden of his house in Bath, now Herschel Museum of Astronomy. He was given a royal appointment as astronomer and an income of £200 for his discovery and so moved to Herschel House in Slough to be closer to court in London. He was the first astronomer to correctly describe the spiral structure of our Milky Way Galaxy. In 1800 he also discovered Infrared. Clever man!

Discover more...

## THE QUEEN'S WALKWAY

A self-guided walking trail covering 6.3km, connecting 63 of Windsor's most significant attractions. It was designed by The Outdoor Trust, in partnership with local people, to recognise the moment on 9th September 2015 when Her Majesty The Queen had reigned for 63 years and more than 7 months to become Britain's longest reigning monarch. Pick up your free guide from the Visitor Information Centre and explore this historic town.



## THE ETON WALKWAY

A 2-mile, circular walking tour connecting 18 points of interest in this famous little town. Starting at Windsor Bridge it celebrates Eton's diverse community and rich heritage. Free guides are available from the Visitor Information Centre.





# Eight free things to see and do in the Royal Borough



## See the Guards March

Windsor Castle Guard marches up Windsor High Street to Windsor Castle from Victoria Barracks daily from April to July and alternative days from August to March (except Sundays) at 10.50am usually accompanied by a military band. The best viewing point is the Corn Exchange at the famous Windsor Guildhall. The Guard Changing Ceremony takes place inside Windsor Castle and requires payment of the entry fee.



## Explore Maidenhead Heritage Centre

Maidenhead's history ranges from the Romans to racing cars. The Air Transport Auxiliary collection is of national importance. There is a programme of exhibitions and regular lunchtime lectures (second Tuesday of the month). Browse photo albums and discover Maidenhead life in the 'good old days'.

## Stroll along The Long Walk and through Windsor Great Park

Charles II created the three-mile-long Long Walk from the castle leading into the Great Park. The Great Park, part of a vast Norman hunting chase, is set in 2,020 hectares (5,000 acres) of countryside stretching from Windsor Castle to the north and Ascot to the south. The varied landscape and sweeping deer lawns, woods, coverts and huge solitary ancient oaks means the park is alive with wildlife.



## Attend Evensong at St George's Chapel

The service lasts approximately 45 minutes and is beautifully sung by the Chapel Choir, one of the leading church choirs in the country. They perform Evensong at 5.15pm (sung every day except Wednesdays).



Photo: St Georges Chapel © The Dean and Canons of Windsor 2019 Photographer: Doug Harding



## Visit St John's Parish Church

In the shadow of Windsor Castle, Windsor Parish Church is open 7 days a week and contains a beautiful painting of the Last Supper. Of unknown origin, the painting is considered a National Treasure; it was given by George III following alterations to the royal chapel and was restored in 2003.



## The Queen's Walkway

63 gunmetal plaques marked with HM The Queen's personal royal cypher connect this walking trail around 63 of Windsor's finest sights. Pick up a free map and leaflet at the Visitor Information Centre or download the app before you set off.

[www.outdoortrust.com/commonwealthwalkways](http://www.outdoortrust.com/commonwealthwalkways)

## The Eton Walkway

Follow 18 bronze Eton coat of arms markers on a circular tour of this historic town. You'll discover a fascinating heritage and many fun facts to impress your friends with when you return home. There's a free printed guide or you can download the mobile app at [www.outdoortrust.com/commonwealthwalkways](http://www.outdoortrust.com/commonwealthwalkways)



## Walk the Riverside

Escorted by the Royal Boatmen, the Royal Family once used the Thames to travel between royal palaces. It's less common these days to see royals on the river, but walks along the Thames Path are not to be missed. Start from Old Windsor, and once past the weir at Old Windsor Lock, cross Albert Bridge for a detour into the village of Datchet – you'll soon return over Victoria Bridge into Home Park, with picture-postcard views of both Windsor Castle and Eton.





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# Windsor Castle & Frogmore House

Founded by William the Conqueror in the 11th century, Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world and is open to visitors year-round. The Castle has been the home of 39 monarchs, and today The Queen spends most of her private weekends at the Castle.



Each monarch has made their own personal mark on the Castle and their legacy can be seen throughout, from the late medieval St George's Chapel to the Tudor houses of Lower Ward, from Charles II's baroque remodelling of the State Apartments to the exquisite Gothic interiors of the Semi-State Rooms, rebuilt for George IV. The fire of 1992 gave the Castle a new legacy, including the superb new interior to the historic St George's Hall and in 2002 the Jubilee Garden was added to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen.

More recently, George IV's Inner Hall has been revealed to visitors for the first time in 150 years. Created by George IV in the 1820s as a space to receive official guests, the hall has been restored and now, for the first time since its closure by George's niece Queen Victoria, serves its original purpose as a magnificent welcome area for visitors to the Castle.

The opening of the Inner Hall also reinstates the sequence of spaces linking the visitor entrance on the North Terrace with the State Entrance on the south side and the uninterrupted view across the ground floor of the Castle. For the first time, visitors can see the State Entrance, where guests of Her Majesty The Queen are welcomed to Windsor, and enjoy the spectacular view of the two-and-a-half-mile Long Walk, created by Charles II in the 1680s.

The Castle remains an important venue for ceremonial visits from heads of state of other countries. It is also home to some of the greatest paintings and works of art in the Royal Collection, which are displayed throughout the Castle's splendid interiors.

01 The Long Walk, Windsor Castle  
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# The History of Windsor Castle



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01 The Round Tower, Windsor Castle  
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02 The Grand Reception Room  
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Photographer: Peter Smith

03 Moat Garden, Windsor Castle  
- Photo © Gill The Photographer

The Castle is the largest inhabited castle in the world and is the oldest royal residence to have remained in continuous use by the monarchs of Britain. The Castle covers an area of about 5 hectares (13 acres) and contains, as well as a royal palace, a magnificent collegiate church and the homes or workplaces of many people. In many ways, the Castle embodies the history of the nation in its development from an early fortification to the royal palace we see today.

The earliest part of the structure is the artificial earthen mound in the middle, which was raised c.1070 by William the Conqueror. It supports the Round Tower built by Henry II, who adapted a purely defensive fortification as a residence by building the first royal apartments on the north side of the Upper Ward. The Upper Ward was converted into a huge Gothic palace by a

succession of medieval kings, notably Edward III in the 14th-century. He also founded the Order of the Garter and the associated College of St George in the Lower Ward. Edward IV built the present St George's Chapel in the 15th-century.

Charles II reconstructed the State Apartments in Baroque taste in the 1670s, and the whole of the Upper Ward was reconstructed to its present picturesque Gothic appearance and the Round Tower heightened by George IV in the 1820s.

He was also responsible for acquiring much of the magnificent art collection which now fills the rooms of the Castle. Following a serious fire in 1992, a new roof was designed for St George's Hall, and the adjoining Lantern Lobby and the Private Chapel were rebuilt in the modern Gothic style.

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# Visiting the Castle

*(We recommend you allow 2 to 3 hours for your visit)*

Windsor Castle is one of the major homes of the Royal Collection, where incomparable works of art are displayed in the historic setting for which they were collected or commissioned by successive monarchs. Pictures and works of art are also frequently lent to exhibitions all over the world, so the arrangement may vary from time to time. Visitors are also able to visit St George's Chapel. On Sundays, the Chapel is only open to worshippers.

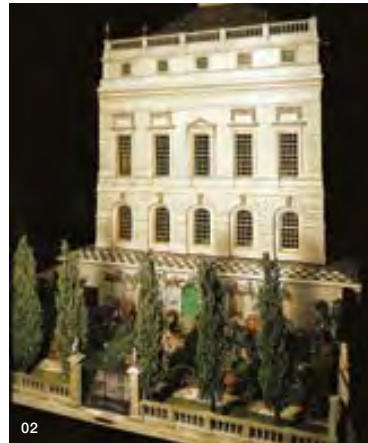
Queen Mary's Dolls' House is a masterpiece in miniature, created by the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens for Queen Mary and given to the nation in 1923. The house is built on a 1 to 12 scale and took three years to complete, involving the work of 1,500 tradesmen, including leading artists of the day. Every item is perfectly manufactured, each room is exquisitely furnished, and every piece made exactly to scale. Working lifts stop at every floor; there is running water in all five bathrooms and electricity throughout the house.

The State Apartments, the magnificent formal rooms used for Court ceremonial, State and official occasions, range from the smaller intimate rooms of Charles II's private apartments to the extravagance of the Waterloo Chamber, built to celebrate the famous victory over the French in 1815. Magnificent ceilings by Antonio Verrio and fine woodwork by Grinling Gibbons complement masterpieces by Holbein, Rubens and Van Dyck and glorious tapestries by Gobelins. A new display which tells the story of 'The British Monarchy and the World' has also gone on show in the State Apartments. Including more than 250 objects, the selection spans works of art from every continent and from every reign from George III to Her Majesty The Queen.

The Semi-State Rooms were created by George IV in the 1820s as part of a new series of royal apartments for his personal occupation. Damaged in the 1992 fire, they have been restored to their original appearance and contain furniture and works of art chosen by George IV. These rooms are only open at certain times of year; please check Royal Collection Trust's website for further details: [www.rct.uk](http://www.rct.uk).



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01 St. George's Hall, Windsor Castle  
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Photographer: Mark Fiennes

02 Queen Mary's Dolls' House  
Royal Collection Trust / © Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2020

03 The Queen's Drawing Room, Windsor Castle  
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Photographer: Peter Smith

04 The Queen's Gallery, Windsor Castle  
Royal Collection Trust / © Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2020  
Photographer: Peter Smith

05 Inner Hall with a view of the Long Walk  
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06 St George's Hall at Christmas  
Royal Collection Trust / © Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2020

St George's Chapel is one of the most beautiful ecclesiastical buildings in England. It is the chapel of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Britain's highest order of chivalry founded by Edward III in 1348. Members are selected by The Sovereign and include foreign monarchs and previous Prime Ministers. In June 2008 Prince William became the 1000th Garter Knight. Ten monarchs are buried in the Chapel including Edward IV himself, Henry VIII and Charles I. The Chapel was also the setting for the wedding of TRH The Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

Guided tours to the top of Windsor Castle's world-famous Round Tower are available for individuals in the summer, while groups can book the special visits 'Restoring Windsor: The Castle After the Fire', and 'Royal Weddings at Windsor'. For an extra special visit, you can also book an Exclusive Evening Tour which offers a behind-the-ropes experience in the State Apartments, tours run during August and December.

Christmas is a magical time to visit Windsor Castle: the State Apartments are decorated with trees, lights and garlands, showing how the festive season has been celebrated by past royal families.

## OPENING TIMES & FURTHER INFORMATION

### WINDSOR CASTLE

The Castle is open throughout the year with the exception of Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day and royal events. Windsor Castle is busiest immediately after opening and throughout the morning. Arrival after midday is recommended. As Windsor Castle is a working royal palace opening arrangements and access to various areas of the Castle may be subject to change at short notice. Please check before planning your visit. For general information and advance tickets telephone +44 (0)303 123 7304 or book online at [www.rct.uk](http://www.rct.uk). Guided tours of the Castle Precincts introduce Windsor's history and the Castle's role today. They depart at regular intervals from the Admissions Centre and are included in the ticket price. An audio tour is available in English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Chinese (Mandarin), Brazilian Portuguese and Russian. Conquer the Tower Tours are available to individuals in August and September. Private Evening Tours of the State Apartments and our Special Visits are available for pre-booked groups, for further information please telephone +44 (0)303 123 7322 or visit [www.rct.uk](http://www.rct.uk)

### FROGMORE HOUSE

Guided tours and Private Evening Tours for pre-booked coach groups are available in August.



# Frogmore House

Set amidst the extensive Home Park of Windsor Castle, Frogmore House is surrounded by fine and picturesque gardens. The house dates from the 1680s and was purchased for Queen Charlotte in 1792. Here The Queen was able to indulge her love of botany and laid out the garden with many rare and unusual plants.

At one time the house was the home of Queen Victoria's mother, the Duchess of Kent. After her death, her son-in-law, Prince Albert, commissioned the building of an elegant mausoleum to hold her remains. Queen Victoria was particularly fond of Frogmore's peaceful ambience and it became her favourite retreat. Victoria and Albert's love of Frogmore led them to break with tradition and build a much larger and grander mausoleum for themselves. Favoured also by King George V and Queen Mary, they used Frogmore for entertaining during Ascot Week. Today with its handsome house and tranquil gardens, it is easy to imagine the love Frogmore inspired in its former residents.

Private Guided Tours are available for pre-booked groups in August each year, for further information please telephone +44 (0)303 123 7322 or visit [www.rct.uk](http://www.rct.uk).



01 Frogmore House  
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02 The Duchess of Kent's Drawing Room, Frogmore House.  
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03 A tour of Frogmore House.  
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Look out for fantastic children's activities at Windsor Castle, The Theatre Royal, Ascot and Windsor Racecourses and don't forget Maidenhead Festival during the school summer holidays. Here are some of our ideas to help you plan a great family day out.

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# RAMY DAY OPTIONS

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## Maidenhead Heritage Centre - Spitfire Simulator

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## The Odeon Cinema, Maidenhead

This 8-screen multiplex is within easy walking distance from Maidenhead railway station. Films are shown all day, giving a greater choice of not only what you watch but when. On Saturday and Sunday mornings the cinema offers a greater choice of films for the younger audience, making life a little easier to keep the children occupied at weekends.





# BACK TO NATURE



## Windsor Great Park

A vast open space providing a natural playground for children. Ideal for picnics, ball games, cycling and kite flying – the dog can go too.

## Bachelor's Acre

Bachelor's Acre in central Windsor offers picnic areas, park benches, full playground areas and small water sprinklers for children to play in.

## Alexandra Gardens

On the river front, Alexandra Gardens is home of Extreme Motion. For a fun-packed day for all the family the adventure park offers a skate park, bike hire, adventure golf, bungee trampoline and rock climbing. Hire bikes, get your maps and explore for miles on cycle paths and routes around Windsor, Eton and the surrounding areas. At the Skate Shop there is a range of bikes, skateboards, skates and clothes on offer.

## Braywick Nature Centre

In Maidenhead, Braywick Nature Centre offers a variety of scheduled events and workshops as well as daily activities that are both fun and educational. Learn about the environment surrounding the Thames and all parts of its ecosystem.

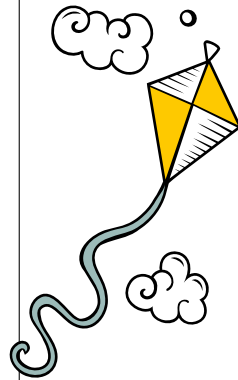
## The Brocas

Enjoy a family picnic on this large meadow adjacent to the Thames. Belonging to Eton College it affords magnificent views of Windsor Castle, loads of space to run around or to simply relax and watch all manner of rivercraft cruise past.

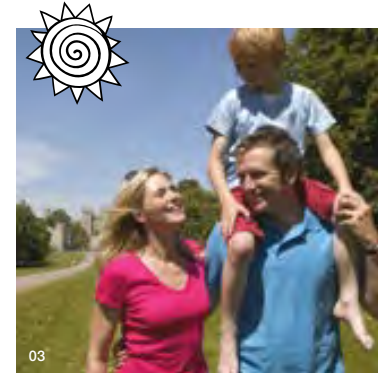


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# SEASONAL EVENTS



Over the Christmas period a programme of events in Maidenhead and Windsor provide the perfect winter entertainment for the whole family. Fantastic children's activities are also held throughout the year at Windsor Castle, the Theatre Royal, Windsor and Ascot racecourses and in and around the towns of Windsor, Eton, Maidenhead and Ascot.



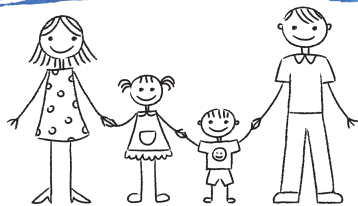
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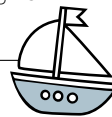


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# GET CREATIVE



## GET CREATIVE

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### Norden Farm Centre for the Arts

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### The Old Court

There are a range of great shows and activities for children at the The Old Court. A variety of classes in crafts, drama and dance are programmed throughout the year for kids of all ages (0-18 years).

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- 01 Hurley Lock
- 02 Cookham
- 03 Cookham High Street
- 04 Sir Stanley Spencer self portrait
- 05 Stanley Spencer Gallery

## HURLEY, BISHAM AND COOKHAM

The river has always been central to the history of Hurley with records of a ford going back to the 6th century. Here you'll find the Olde Bell Inn which, dating from the 12th century, is one of the oldest pubs in England.

The dense woods at Bisham provide a dramatic backdrop to its historical buildings. The best-known sight in the village is Bisham Abbey, actually a 13th-century manor house built by the Knights Templar.

Heading downstream you reach Cookham, a beautiful Thames retreat. Prior to the First World War Cookham was a rural community almost cut off from the outside world. The High Street contained a forge, a baker, a butcher and a chemist, and the local brewery was down School Lane. Today the High Street has a lovely selection of pubs, restaurants and independent retailers making it well worth a visit.

Iconic and immediately recognisable images of Cookham can be seen at the Stanley Spencer Gallery at the top of the High Street. One of the greatest British artists of the 20th century, Sir Stanley Spencer was born in the village in 1891. The youngest but one child in a large, spirited and talented family, Stanley and his siblings were all taught to play a musical instrument by "Pa" – a self-styled "Professor of Music". The family would gather after mealtimes to hear him read great literature and Bible stories and he made sure the house was full of books, music and conversation. Stanley and his younger brother Gilbert both became professional artists. Stanley worked ceaselessly through the first half of the 20th century and many of his paintings grew from ideas prompted by memories of his early life in the village and those family Bible readings, with works set in familiar Cookham places. A visit to the gallery is highly recommended followed by a walk around the village in the footsteps of the genius himself. A village he regarded as a "Holy Suburb of Heaven".



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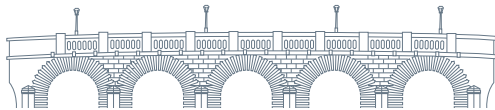
## MAIDENHEAD

From Cookham the river flows towards Boulter's Lock at Maidenhead, immortalised in Edward John Gregory's painting *Boulter's Lock, (Ascot Sunday Afternoon)* (1895), a busy Renoir-esque scene of boats and day trippers. Ray Mill Island, accessed via a pretty bridge over the lock, is a tranquil spot, the peace only broken by the roar of the weir at the far end of the island. The beech woods that rise steeply on the east bank of the river here are part of the Cliveden Estate. Set on the cliffs 200 feet above the Thames, Cliveden was once the home of Lady Astor; later in its history it was the scene of an incident that sparked the Profumo scandal of the 1960s. The house is now a hotel, surrounded by nearly 400 acres of National Trust gardens and woodland including a splendid parterre, a water garden and winding woodland paths.

Edwardian Maidenhead had a risqué atmosphere as somewhere where Londoners came to let their hair down, a reputation that continued well into the 1960s and beyond.

Today the town – the largest in the royal borough – still has the charm that earned it the name “Jewel of the Thames”, but has shed its decadent image, retaining just a touch of glamour thanks to several resident media and show business personalities.

Don't miss Isambard Kingdom Brunel's famous brick-built Sounding Arch, which carries the rail line over the Thames just downstream of Maidenhead Bridge. A technical wonder now as then, the arch was the setting for Turner's lyrical and dynamic painting *Rain, Steam, Speed* (1844).



Notable among Maidenhead residents are William Henry Grenfell, otherwise known as Lord Desborough, and Sir Nicholas Winton who lived most of his life in Pinkneys Green.

Lord Desborough became a Knight of the Order of the Garter in 1928. He was a Member of Parliament before being raised to the House of Lords and served as High Steward of Maidenhead. William was a writer and war correspondent, and also a dedicated sportsman – he twice rowed for Oxford in the Boat Race, including in the ‘dead heat’ race of 1877. He climbed the Matterhorn three times, and was President of the MCC and the Lawn Tennis Association. He was heavily involved in organising the 1908 London Olympics, being the President of the organising committee. He was a generous benefactor of the town and many places are named after him.

Sir Nicholas Winton was a remarkable man who masterminded the rescue of children destined for concentration camps in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia. In total he helped smuggle 669, mainly Jewish, children on the eve of the Second World War. They were transported to Britain and rehomed. A statue of Sir Nicholas stands on platform 3 of Maidenhead railway station. Similar statues can be found at Liverpool Street station in London and Prague's main railway station. His astonishing achievement only came to light many years after the war; he was knighted for services to humanity in 2003 and in 2014, on his 105th birthday he received the Order of the White Lion, the Czech Republic's highest honour. The Sir Nicholas Winton Memorial Garden, at Oaken Grove Park, Maidenhead was officially opened in 2017 by the Prime Minister and Maidenhead MP, the Rt Hon Theresa May.



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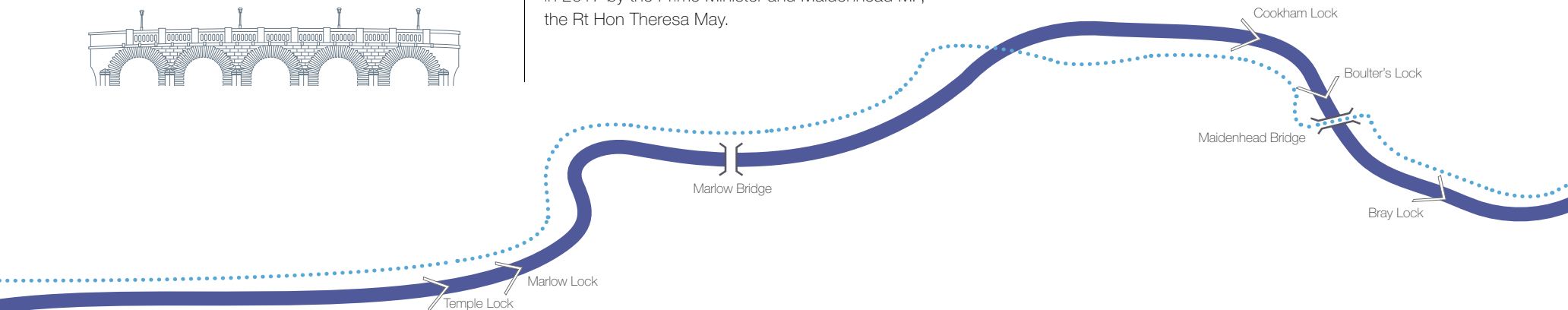


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01 Maidenhead Bridge  
02 Boulter's Lock  
03 Sir Nicholas Winton Statue,  
Maidenhead Railway Station





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## BRAY

Downstream from Maidenhead the attractive houses and period cottages of Bray cluster around the old Church of St Michael. One former vicar in the 16th century was Simon Alwyn, known as the Turncoat Vicar of Bray due to his swerving attempts to stay on the right side of politics. He is buried in the churchyard his story is told in the Hinds Head restaurant.

The village has achieved modern day worldwide acclaim due the Michelin stars acquired by its resident chefs, the most famous of whom is culinary experimenter Heston Blumenthal. In this quaint village there are seven stars – three at the Waterside Inn, three at the Fat Duck and another at The Hinds Head.

A famous hotel not far from the village centre is the Monkey Island Hotel, named after the islet in the Thames on which it stands. The name of the island is thought to come from the painted monkeys pictured fishing and



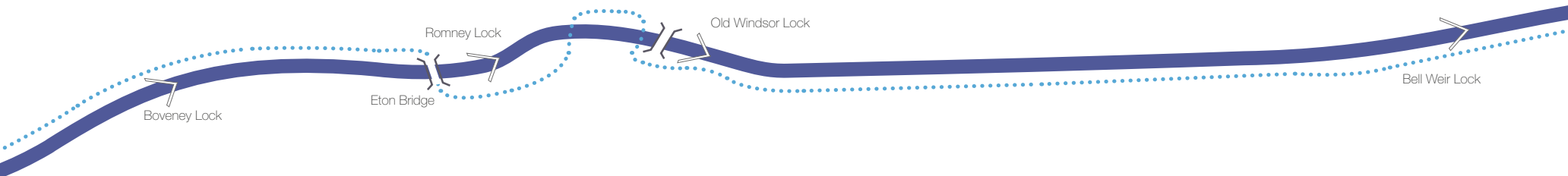
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shooting on the hotel ceiling. However, it was originally Monk's Eyot (Island) and was used by the monastics from the nearby Merton Priory at Amerden. In 1744 the 3rd Duke of Marlborough had a fishing lodge built there for use when attending the Kit-Kat Club at Down Place, Water Oakley on the outskirts of Windsor, hence the monkey paintings by Andieu de Clermont. Some people, however, say they represent the pet monkey of George III who was banished here during his mad fits. The building was converted into a hotel in 1840 and has always been popular with high society. H.G. Wells and his lover, Rebecca West, were frequent visitors. Edward VII and Queen Alexandra were also particularly fond of the place.



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02 Bray High Street  
03 Monkey Island Estate

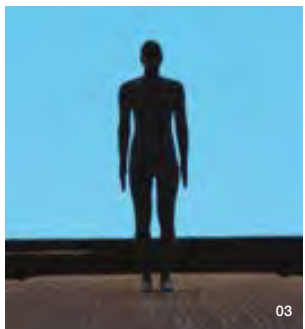




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01 Garter Day, Windsor Castle  
 02 Eton High Street  
 03 Edge II, Gormley statue  
 04 Windsor Bridge

## WINDSOR, ETON AND DATCHET

As you approach Windsor from Bray the riverbanks offer the most stunning views of Windsor Castle. The Round Tower dominates the skyline and you can easily imagine William the Conqueror's original wooden fortress looming large above the water protecting the town from invasion.



For hundreds of years Windsor existed primarily to house courtiers, the garrison and their families and visitors. The real expansion of the town didn't happen until Queen Victoria's reign and the coming of the railways.

On the opposite bank of the Thames, Eton has been a settlement since Saxon times although Roman and Celtic remains suggest an even earlier origin. The town quickly grew along the present High Street during the Middle Ages in response to the growth of Windsor. The river was never seen as a barrier and Eton flourished due to fish farming. The stones used to build Eton College Chapel, the spires of which you can see from the river, were conveyed here by barge. Today of course Eton is famous for its boys' school, founded in 1440 by Henry VI. Then aged 18, he was a shy and peace-loving man who not only founded the school but also created a centre of pilgrimage, modelling the new college on Winchester. The school buildings dominate the north of the town but there is much to discover if

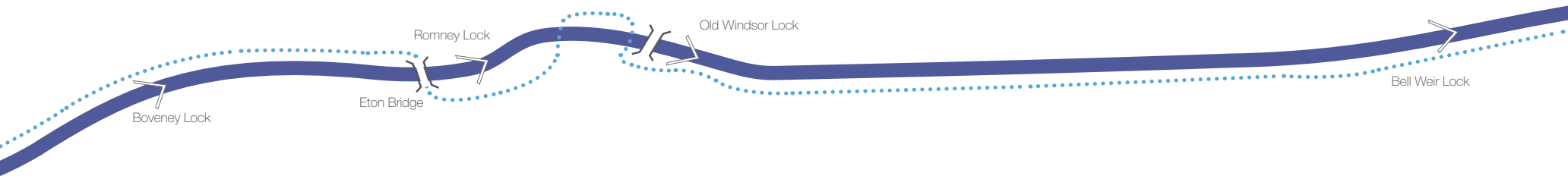


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you take a stroll from the bridge along the High Street and back. Don't miss an original marker for the first-ever modern marathon route from Windsor to London from the 1908 London Olympics, or the metal steps on the road side of the 1717 wall enabling the boys to climb up to watch the frenzy of the Wall Game taking place below. You'll love Sir Anthony Gormley's *Edge II* statue attached to Common Lane House and Timbralls where James Bond creator, Ian Fleming, lived during his time at Eton. Coincidentally the lamp post outside is numbered 007!

As the Thames widens and grows in strength, it brings you to the attractive village of Datchet, the inspiration for Sir Izaak Walton who wrote *The Compleat Angler*. Shakespeare certainly knew Datchet, which was mentioned in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, along with Datchet Mead where Falstaff was dumped into a ditch by the Thames. To commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887 the oak tree was planted in the middle of the village; a neighbouring tree was planted for her Diamond Jubilee.

The two world wars affected Datchet as they did every village and the war memorial, erected in the 1920s, is a particularly fine one.



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# Five hidden gems



## Dorney Court

This magnificent brick and timber Tudor mansion is still privately owned by the family who has occupied it for nearly 500 years, the interiors crammed with paintings, panelling and lacquer furniture. Now the village enjoys a new status as home to Dorney Lake which hosted the rowing and canoeing events during the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The house is open to visitors over bank holiday weekends in May and all of August. Groups are welcome during the rest of the year by appointment only.



## Stanley Spencer Gallery

**– one of Britain's most influential artists**

Sir Stanley Spencer, English painter and fellow of the Royal Academy, was born in Cookham. The Stanley Spencer Gallery, a former Methodist Chapel he attended as a child, holds over 100 of his works. Although many are biblical in theme and feature local villagers, Spencer was a commissioned war artist and his works also cover army life and shipbuilding on the River Clyde. Buried in the village churchyard, he once referred to Cookham as "a village in heaven". A 2011 poll of 1,000 British painters and sculptors named Spencer as one of the top 10 most influential British artists of all time. Open all year (Tues-Sun from April – Nov and Thurs – Sun from Nov – Mar).



## Taplow Court

**– home to sporting legends, war poets and Buddhists**

Taplow Court is a mid-19th-century mansion set high above the Thames near Maidenhead. William Grenfell, Lord Desborough, known as 'the best all-round sportsman' of his time and President of the 1908 London Olympics, lived here from 1866 to 1945. His eldest son Julian was one of the First World War poets. Today Taplow Court is the home of SGI-UK, a lay Buddhist society. The house is open to the public on certain Sundays during the summer months. On these days you may picnic in the 85 acres of grounds. Guided tours of the house and cream teas are also available on these days.



## Eton College Museums

On Sundays from 2.30pm to 5pm Eton College opens the doors of three marvellous museums to the general public. The Natural History Museum has more than 16,000 specimens and exploring themes including Thames Valley wildlife, biodiversity, evolution, and ecology. The Museum of Antiquities contains, amongst other things, a remarkable collection of Egyptian artefacts, a generous bequest from old boy Major William Joseph Myers to the Head Master of Eton College at the end of the 19th century. The Museum of Eton Life brings alive various aspects of the Eton experience across six centuries. It is housed in an undercroft below College Hall, a space that was used to store beer for the scholarship boys until the early 20th century.

## Waltham Place Estate

**– Berkshire's best kept secret**

Waltham Place Farm is a 220-acre organic and biodynamic farm of which 50 acres is woodland, a lake, ornamental and kitchen gardens. Over 20 years it has matured into a thriving environment and a small farm shop sells home-grown produce including fruit and vegetables and home-reared meat. The tea rooms and farm shop open May-September, on a Wednesday from 10am to 4pm. The gardens can be viewed on Wednesdays – regular "Walks with the Gardener" tours at 11am & 2pm in aid of the National Garden Scheme Day. Groups can arrange a visit on Tuesdays and Thursdays.





01 Afternoon Tea, The Langley

# *The Perfect Getaway*

Enjoy a luxurious break and stay in one of the region's upmarket country house hotels, which offer spa and fitness facilities for a spot of pampering and pummelling. If you fancy being in the outdoors, a round of golf might suit: the area is home to some of the finest championship golf courses including Wentworth, Sunningdale and Stoke Park. Many local hotels have their own 9-hole courses or arrangements for guests to play at nearby clubs.

And of course Windsor is synonymous with all things horsey, from a trek through the park to a round of polo. The Royal Windsor Horse Show is very popular, while a day at the races in Ascot is synonymous with style, offering unparalleled racing. Although best known for flat racing, proudly hosting the Royal Ascot Meeting each June, the racecourse also hosts jump meetings from November to April. Whether you want to book a fine-dining package with a champagne reception or organise a day out with a group of friends, there's something for just about everyone at Ascot.

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Set in 165 acres of scenic countryside on the banks of the Thames and overlooked by Windsor Castle, Royal Windsor Racecourse makes for a memorable outing. The first meeting at Royal Windsor was held in 1866 but the local area has links with the sport dating back to the time of Henry VIII. There are now 26 race days a year from April to October, with regular Monday evening fixtures and theme nights with live music during the summer. To make your journey part of the whole experience, take a boat to the racecourse from Windsor promenade.

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For trekking and lessons, the riding schools in Windsor and Maidenhead will guide you through glorious English countryside, including across the historic Great Park. A less energetic but wonderfully romantic way to explore Windsor and the surrounding countryside is to hire a horse-drawn carriage, available from the top of the Long Walk in Windsor and at The Savill Garden in the Great Park.

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The sport of kings – polo – features heavily in the sporting calendar here, with three top-class clubs in Windsor and Ascot including Guards Polo Club founded by Prince Philip. At the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club you can actually participate in the game: their coaching method enables a beginner to play with confidence quickly. Part of the Dorchester Collection, exclusive Coworth Park is the UK's only hotel with its own polo field and equestrian centre (as well as gorgeous spa facilities). Guests can learn the sport and enjoy other country pursuits such as a hack round the estate.



01 & 02 Cliveden Estate  
03 Great Fosters



Cycling and walking are encouraged in the Royal Borough, with 300km of public rights of way. The national cycle network offers a safe and attractive route through parts of Maidenhead and Windsor. Windsor Cycle Hire has bikes available for a half or full day or longer if you're having fun!

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Take to the water in your own cruiser and you'll see just how the other half live. The riverbanks house a fascinating mix of stunning private homes, hotels with intriguing history and bustling marinas. Stop off for a picnic or enjoy a leisurely lunch at one of a choice of restaurants between Runnymede and Marlow. A perfect escape on a lazy summer's day. If you simply want to spend your break relaxing the Borough's spas create the perfect environment to melt away stresses and strains. With a tranquil atmosphere, exceptional facilities and products and treatments to indulge your senses you'll leave renewed and revitalised. For the more energetic, purpose-built gyms, dance studios, tennis courts and running tracks abound. With the freedom to do your own thing or join an organised session, there's plenty to get hearts pumping and raise fitness levels every day of the week.

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After all that fresh air, exploring and pampering a perfect getaway wouldn't be complete without a special night out. Why not combine an early supper with an evening of cultural entertainment at Windsor's Theatre Royal or one of the borough's arts centres?

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With everything from opera to comedy and contemporary dance to art movies there's always something different to enjoy. Alternatively start the night with cocktails on a riverside terrace before a romantic dinner for two – Windsor and the surrounding area is blessed with some of the best restaurants in the country and there is a wealth of old inns in the towns and villages where you can retreat for traditional English pub grub.

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01 SUP on The River Thames



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## BUNGEE JUMPING

If you're looking for the ultimate adrenaline-pumping activity, one that will leave you feeling euphoric for the rest of the day, look no further than a bungee jump at Bray Lake. Nothing excites like a jump from 160 feet except, that is, a jump from 300 feet, if you're feeling really brave! The view from up there is stunning, if not a little daunting, but the feeling that will soon follow your leap is indescribable. As you plummet downwards the adrenaline kicks in and the rest is just pure pleasure!



## SEGWAY RIDING

It's the epic adventure with a down-to-earth twist. Cruise and explore Swinley Forest floor on an all-terrain, self-balancing electric segway or master the skills of a segway at Bray Lake as you use your weight to navigate the twists and turns of your chosen Segway Rally course. An activity like no other, your Rally experience will provide you with a fantastic and unforgettable ride.

## WINDSURFING AND STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING

Take to the water at Bray Lake for the fun and invigorating challenges of windsurfing. You don't need the strength and agility of an Olympic gymnast however you will quickly find windsurfing is a great way to get into shape! Stand Up Paddleboard or SUP is a new and rapidly growing water sport with its routes firmly in surfing culture. There are many past examples of people standing up and paddling a variety of boards around their local bit of water but this occasional pastime has come of age and now revitalised it has made the jump to a mainstream sport in its own right. Incredibly easy to learn, it provides a fantastic all-over body work out, especially good for strengthening core muscles and upper body, plus it helps to tighten buttocks, thighs and legs.

01 Mountain Bike Trails in Swinley Forest

02 Bungee Jump at Bray Lake

03 Segway Rally Experience

04 Windsurfing, Bray Lake

05 SUP, Bray Lake

## WAKEBOARDING

Liquid Leisure is the UK's leading watersports facility, set on one of the most beautiful private freshwater lakes amongst stunning parkland in Datchet. Here you can experience the thrill of wakeboarding on a cable system that uses the most advanced equipment and obstacles on the market. Developed from a combination of waterskiing, snowboarding, and surfing techniques, wakeboarding is certain to get your heart pumping! Cable tows have revolutionised the sport (especially for first-time riders and beginners) by ensuring that just one rider is using the cable at any one time. This means the instructor can control the starting and riding speed based on the experience of the person using the system. If you fall into the water then the instructor just stops the carrier and waits for you to get back into the start position. Easy!

## HORSE RIDING

Hundreds of people every year experience horse riding through some of Windsor Great Park's most exhilarating and challenging routes. Whatever your horse riding experience you'll love rides that are literally fit for kings and queens! Escorted rides are offered by local schools such as Tally Ho through stunning ancient oak forests and wide open deer parks under the distant gaze of Windsor Castle. For experienced riders there is a challenging range of routes which will test your skills. The Great Park is such a large and varied place you'll always see something different whether it's one of the many monuments dotted about, a close-up experience with the semi-wild deer herds or the magic of an evening ride in the summer watching the stars come out overhead.

## POLO

Whether learning to ride a horse for the first time or not, why not take on the challenge of the world's oldest, most graceful and adrenaline-charged sport of polo? The borough's polo schools deliver unique 'hands on' activity alongside a fascinating insight into this quintessentially English sport. Top-class coaching enables even non-riders to take part in their first chukka within one session!



01 The Queen's Cartier Cup  
02 Liquid Leisure  
03 Trekking in Windsor Great Park



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01 Eton College

# A *Beginner's Guide to Eton College*

You might know a little about Eton College: possibly that it is an exclusive boarding school for boys only and that Princes William and Harry were educated there. But nearly 600 years after its foundation there is a fascinating history to discover.





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In 1440 Henry VI founded "The King's College of Our Lady of Eton beside Windsor" and a year later, King's College, Cambridge which was to be supplied with scholars from Eton. 70 "worthy boys" were provided with free education.

Life in the fifteenth century was sometimes harsh, with some scholars having to share beds in Long Chamber, waking at 5am, chanting prayers whilst they dressed and starting work in Lower School by 6am. In the early days all teaching was in Latin and if they spoke English they were flogged! Today, the school is a very modern institution whilst retaining its distinctive 'school dress' and has a fame that is second to none. From the 70 scholars for whom Henry provided, Eton College has expanded to over 1,300 boys aged from 13 to 18. Entry is by competitive examination and 1 in 5 boys receive financial help to enable them to be educated there. 1 in 10 boys at Eton is from overseas. To go to school here you just need to be a boy and to pass an examination.

01 Eton College Library  
 02 Eton College boys  
 03 Eton College boys  
 04 HRH Prince Harry  
 05 Eddie Redmayne OBE, Actor  
 Credit: AP/ASSOCIATED PRESS  
 06 Eton coat of arms



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## Here is our **BEGINNER'S GUIDE** TO THE LANGUAGE, DRESS, SPORTS & AGE-OLD TRADITIONS

- 1 The Head Teacher or Head Master is known as the Head Man and all other teachers are beaks.
- 2 The 'Burning Bush' is an ornate 19th-century lamp post and is a popular meeting place.
- 3 'Chambers' is the masters meeting held every morning.
- 4 The boys, other than the King's Scholars (Collegers), are known as 'Oppidians' (of the town) and are accommodated in 24 houses around Eton.
- 5 School Prefects (The Eton Society) are known as members of Pop and can be identified by their colourful waistcoats and spongebag trousers.
- 6 Div is a class, form or set.
- 7 The Wall Game is played throughout the winter by boys of all ages and is a form of football played along College Wall.
- 8 Boys who row are 'Wet Bobs', those who play cricket are called 'Dry Bobs'.

### SOME FAMOUS OLD ETONIANS

- The Duke of Wellington
- Princes William and Harry
- Ian Fleming  
Author and creator of James Bond 007
- Boris Johnson  
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19 former Prime Ministers including  
 Walpole, Pitt the Elder,  
 Gladstone, MacMillan,  
 Douglas-Home and Cameron
- Eddie Redmayne OBE  
Actor
- Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall  
Celebrity chef, food writer and presenter
- Bear Grylls  
English adventurer, writer and presenter
- George Orwell  
Writer of Animal Farm and 1984.  
Poets
- Bysshe Shelley and Thomas Gray
- Thomas Lynch and Thomas Nelson  
Two signatories on the US Declaration of Independence.

# *Glorious Gardens & Beautiful Landscapes*

Visitors to Windsor and the surrounding area may be surprised to find how much deep and beautiful countryside they can easily access. To the north is more than 1000 acres of National Trust land, while to the south is the vast sweep of the Crown Estate: all 4800 acres of it. Glorious gardens, parks and open spaces offer space to run around, plenty of fresh air and always an abundance of colour and interest no matter what the season.



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01 The Savill Garden,  
Windsor Great Park



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01 The Hinds Head at Bray  
 02 The Thames, Maidenhead  
 03 *The Jurors*, Runnymede  
 04 The Long Garden, Cliveden, National Trust  
 05 Cliveden, National Trust  
 06 The Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park

## MAIDENHEAD & BRAY

The Thames at Maidenhead is one of the many attractions of the town, and you can make forays along its banks to the attractive small settlements of Cookham, Marlow and Bray. There's a landing stage on the river for visiting the National Trust's Cliveden Estate, where restoration work has restored the gardens to their former bountiful glory. The celebrated bedding displays on the Parterre, originally designed by Victorian gardener John Fleming, have been recreated and include sixteen formal beds with box hedging and exuberant yew topiary. Two floral displays a year provide rich colour from spring to September. The impressive Cliveden Maze is a re-creation of a Maze designed and built for Lord Astor, the former owner of Cliveden, in 1894. Don't worry. Although the maze is more complicated than it first looks, most people solve it in less than 20 minutes. Also in Maidenhead, the Braywick Nature Centre is a community project promoting awareness of the nature with events, walks and talks. It's located in an old stable block, and includes the Garden Café.

## RUNNYMEDE

This verdant spot is the site of one of the most significant moments in British history. It was here at the ancient 'meeting meadow' that King John sealed the Magna Carta in 1215, establishing the principle of constitutional monarchy and affirming the individual's right to justice and liberty. Nearby you can walk the acre of land given to the USA by Her Majesty The Queen where a memorial has been raised to John F Kennedy. High on the hill is another poignant memorial, this one to the men and women of the air forces of the British Commonwealth who lost their lives in World War Two. This most peaceful place offers visitors a place to contemplate, as well as enjoy magnificent views across the green sweep of the Thames Valley. Across the river you can explore ancient Ankerwycke, which shelters the tranquil ruins of the Benedictine priory and a 2,500 year old yew tree.

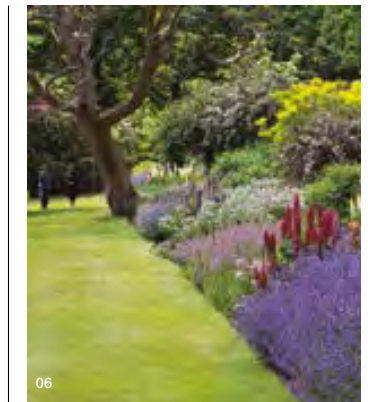
*The Jurors* is an artwork by Hew Locke for Runnymede, marking 800 years since the sealing of Magna Carta on



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this ancient meadow. The Jurors is formed of 12 bronze chairs, each decorated with images and symbols relating to past and ongoing struggles for freedom, rule of law and equal rights. The Jurors is not a memorial but rather an artwork which challenges visitors to consider the ongoing significance and influences of Magna Carta.

## WINDSOR GREAT PARK

The Long Walk that cuts from Windsor Castle through the park to the equestrian statue on Snow Hill is aptly named: you'll need to set aside a few hours to explore even a corner of the wonderful greenery on offer here, from stately oak trees to the shimmering lake of Virginia Water. The optimum time for a visit is late May and early June, when the rhododendrons and azaleas are dense with bright blooms.

Measuring around 24km in circumference, this is much more than your average park. Landmarks include a lofty totem pole, an 18th-century ornamental waterfall, Roman ruins (bizarrely imported from Libya by George III) and a towering obelisk. There are some wonderful formal gardens and long avenues of trees, but you'll find that large areas are thickly wooded and even untamed, while some sections are cultivated as farmland. Tall beeches and great oaks predominate, some dating back as far as the Norman conquest. The elegant grace-and-favour houses dotted throughout the park give you a sense of how the other half live – don't miss the sight of noble steeds and their riders on the polo ground. If this inspires you to jump on a horse there are a couple of stables where you can be taken out on rather more sedate escorted trips round the park.

The park was enclosed for boar and deer hunting in the thirteenth century, and in 1580 Lord Burleigh ordered that it should be stocked with trees to replace timber lost during the war with Spain. The famous Long Walk was planted by Charles II in 1680. And it was here that George III famously leapt from his carriage, addressing an oak tree as the King of Prussia. The monarch, known as Farmer George, brought agriculture to the former hunting ground. Going further back in history, legend has it that the park has been haunted for one thousand years by Herne the Hunter, who you'll recognize from his stag antlers, black stallion and the hounds that race at his feet. Don't say we didn't warn you.

Legend aside, if you have one focus for your visit make it the Savill Garden, 35 acres of ornamental garden and woodland, including National Collections and rare international species. Spring in the garden is heralded by hosts of daffodils and the bright blooms of magnolias, rhododendrons and azaleas. In summer the herbaceous borders bring more bright colour, contrasting with the pastel shades of the Golden Jubilee Garden. The autumn colours are a glory to behold, and even in winter the garden has an austere beauty.

Blooms in the Rose Garden are chosen for their scent and repeat flowering, with 2,500 plants in unusual interlocking crescent borders. The Queen Elizabeth Temperate House is designed for tender plants, including mahonias from the National Collections. When you've wandered enough, visit the Savill Building with its award-winning grid-shell roof made from sustainable Windsor wood. Here you can have a restorative homemade cake and an English cuppa.

Elsewhere in Windsor, take a wander through the riverside Alexandra Gardens, created in 1902 when they were planted with London plane trees to celebrate the Coronation of Edward VII and his Queen, Alexandra. You'll also see a bandstand, and the Dyson Memorial Fountain, which honours a 19th-century piano dealer and former mayor.



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01 The Long Walk, Windsor Great Park

02 The Bandstand, Alexandra Gardens

03 The Sculpture Trail, Savill Garden

04 Windsor Great Park

05 Jubilee Fountain, Windsor

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01 Windsor Royal Shopping

# Where to Shop

Shopping in the Royal Borough means variety, choice and quality. Scattered through the area's towns and villages are a host of specialist retailers ready to give you advice on their products and help you make an informed purchase. The area's main towns, Maidenhead, Windsor and Eton, offer their own range of independent stores, as well as top High Street names and international brands.



## WINDSOR

Elegant and distinctly well-heeled, the Royal Borough offers a wealth of good shopping opportunities, whether you're after original handmade items, vintage gems, quality high-street goods or lush plants for your house or garden.

At the heart of Windsor is Windsor Royal Shopping, a mostly covered area that occupies the site of an 1850s railway station: you can still see Queen Victoria's royal waiting room. Here you can shop for upmarket brands such as Le Creuset and Jo Malone in a continental café setting, and you might also be intrigued by Artique, an art gallery with a consultancy service. From Windsor Royal Shopping, steps lead down to Windsor Yards, a pedestrian-friendly collection of good high street stores, including a branch of Lakeland where you can invest in the latest cooking gizmo.

Peascod Street, the car-free road that runs down the hill directly opposite the castle, has more high-quality high street brands including Superdry and Seasalt. You might want to pop into vintage store Really Me at no 44 which sells clothing, accessories, furniture, bric-a-brac, books and vinyl and also helps fund Thames Hospice. Lower Peascod Street and St Leonard's Road are where Windsorians love to shop. Here you'll find a part of town where cosy cafés meet traditional crafts and fine foods, with a bit of fashion thrown in for good measure.

The High Street, Thames Street and the 17th-century Guildhall enjoy a scenic location beneath the castle, and specialist shops entice visitors with local jewellery, pottery and woollens, as well as royal regalia in the form of souvenirs. Jersey Pearl, in the aptly nicknamed Crooked House next to the Guildhall, combines pearls sourced directly from pearl farmers with Britain's finest design talent to create jewellery with the perfect combination of value and desirability.



01 Windsor Royal Shopping  
02 The Savill Building, The Savill Garden  
03 Peascod Street, Windsor

## ETON

Stroll from here across the bridge over the Thames and you'll come to Eton High Street, leading towards the famous college – you can't miss the pupils in their chalk-stripe trousers, blazers and waistcoats. Aside from the school, Eton is renowned for its art and antique shops and appealing small family businesses, including jewellers, bookshops and gift shops. On the mile-long strip of shops between the Thames and Eton College you can browse for original paintings, prints and photography, handmade jewellery, haute couture and leather goods. There are even bespoke tailors, as well as plenty of traditional pubs and eating places to stop and refuel.

## MAIDENHEAD

Neighbouring Maidenhead has a good range of well known High Street names complimented by a wide variety of independent and specialist stores for you to explore. Step off the High Street and you'll find some hidden gems for that special something.

The Nicholsons Shopping Centre offers a selection of over 60 stores including well known names such as Next, WH Smiths, Argos, Robert Dyas Topshop/Topman and much more all under one roof.

Maidenhead boasts a wide variety of regular and visiting markets including continental, farmers' and arts markets offering shoppers a unique experience.

## FURTHER AFIELD

At the other end of the scale, the picture-postcard villages of Ascot, Cookham, Sunninghill and Sunningdale offer fine boutiques, arts and crafts stores, florists and wine merchants.

# Where to EAT

The Royal Borough is a truly tasty destination, lending its name to hearty Victorian delights such as Brown Windsor Soup and the crowd-pleasing Eton Mess. There's a wide range of restaurants, bars and cafés for all palates and budgets. But before expanding on its variety, we'd like to turn your attention to the riverside village of Bray immediately to the west. Unlikely as it may seem, this is one of the culinary capitals of the UK, if not the planet, boasting seven Michelin stars!



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- 01 Tudor Room at Great Fosters
- 02 The Savill Building
- 03 Bella Italia
- 04 Tapas Revolution
- 05 Bill's Restaurant

First up is The Waterside Inn (run by the Roux family), which has been turning out impeccable and sophisticated French dishes since 1972. Then there's Heston Blumenthal's outrageously- experimental Fat Duck made famous by offering such delights as snail porridge and whisky wine gums and once voted the best restaurant in the world. Blumenthal has taken over the two local pubs – the 15th-century Hinds Head (now with its own Michelin star) and the low-beamed 14th century Crown at Bray. And if all this wasn't enough, Caldesi in Campagna offers the finest of Tuscan cooking on the banks of the Thames at Bray.

Back in Windsor, there's fantastic culinary and cultural diversity on offer. Al Fassia is a stylish Moroccan restaurant decked out with wooden shutters and rich fabrics; they serve homemade tagines, couscous and lots of vegetarian dishes such as zaalouk (grilled aubergines with tomato) and mangoub (broad bean stew).

Always popular for breakfast, lunch or supper you'll find Bill's Restaurant, Café Rouge, Bella Italia and Wagamama's in

and around Windsor Royal Station. At The Real Greek you'll find delicious Mediterranean food and a wonderfully friendly atmosphere. Windsor Grill on St Leonard's Road is a swanky little restaurant with an elegant interior and unpretentious British grill menu; this discreet restaurant is loved by locals and visitors alike.

For great British pub grub, traditional real ales and fabulous cocktails head to The Boatman with its enviable waterfront location or The Royal Windsor nestling against the mighty walls of Windsor Castle. Just over the bridge in Eton you've not had the real burgers until you've had the Flaming Cow experience! At The Eton Mess you'll find a great British menu with locally sourced ingredients, an extensive range of Gins, craft and local beers.

Away from Windsor, Stanley Spencer's scenic birthplace Cookham has some good options: Malik's is an award winning Indian tandoori place, and Bel & The Dragon, located in one of the oldest coaching inns in England offers modern British cuisine. Coppa Club in Maidenhead focusses

on thoughtful, unfussy, European food from small plates and snacks to grilled mains, sourdough pizzas and healthy salads.

There's another Michelin star to catch at Restaurant Coworth Park within Dorchester Collection's secret hideaway amongst rolling fields and ancient woodland in Ascot. Yet another Michelin star twinkles brightly at The Crown, Burchetts Green in Maidenhead. Well-sourced ingredients from France and some of the UK's best independent food and wine producers, ensure a wholly English-French experience.

Also in Ascot you'll find the modern Ascot Grill and The Stag pub where you can enjoy Gloucestershire Old Spot Sausages and cask ales, while the Belvedere Arms in Sunninghill is renowned for its Sunday roast.

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# *A night on the town*

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Most people associate Windsor with drifting herds of deer and the glorious symmetry of the castle. But the area has a rich musical and theatrical tradition and this, combined with two innovative arts centres and some attractive ancient pubs, provides visitors with the potential of a great night out.



## LIVE PERFORMANCE & FILM

Windsor's major arts venue is the Edwardian Theatre Royal which sits directly across from the castle. The advent of the movies in the late twenties saw the building turned into the picture house, but in 1938 it returned to its theatrical roots to become a great repertory theatre. It helped launch the career of Sir Peter Hall who went on to found the Royal Shakespeare Company, and is known as a try-out space for future West End productions.

The Theatre Royal has been run by impresario Bill Kenwright since 1997 and features an eclectic programme of musicals, light opera, live music and kids' shows. And if you're in Windsor in December or January, be sure to dip your toes into the bawdy, gaudy tradition of British pantomime, complete with song, dance, cross-dressing and glorious confusion.

Just a fifteen-minute walk from Windsor and Eton Riverside Station is The Old Court, a hothouse for movies, live music, theatre, dance and exhibitions. For evening drinks choose from the range of champagnes in the café/bar, where you can dance alongside the digital jukebox.

If you're in the area and looking for a great night out which includes a live gig, be it a band or an acoustic duo, check out what The Old Ticket Hall has to offer. As the name suggests, this space, which is now utilised for live music, was once the original ticket office for the Riverside train station in Windsor. The quirky Grade II listed building still boasts many of its

original features! Windsor was home to several influential live music bars. The Ricky Tick Club in the mid-sixties hosted many important acts such as The Rolling Stones, The Who, Jimi Hendrix, Pink Floyd and Cream. Then more recently, The Old Trout in the nineties played Oasis, Blur, Supergrass, Suede and many more. Today, The Old Ticket Hall proudly promotes itself as the only venue in Windsor that is dedicated to live music five days a week.

Neighbouring Maidenhead has an arts centre too, Norden Farm, which is less rustic than it sounds, showing low-budget releases alongside mainstream movies; it is also a venue for touring dance, drama, comedy, music and exhibitions. Enjoy a pre-show dinner in the Café Bar, order interval drinks, drop in for a cappuccino or evening meal.

Smokey Joes Roadhouse is a live music venue located right in the middle of Maidenhead Town Centre. The venue has three distinct areas. The main room has a great relaxed, fun atmosphere, and is extremely unpretentious. There is also a covered and heated rooftop balcony area with seating ideal for smokers and those that just want to have a quiet moment; and a luxurious VIP lounge bar complete with booth seating and a waterfall centrepiece.

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- 01 The Dime Notes
- 03 Joe Black by Greg Bailey at Norden Farm
- 03 Swan Lake at Norden Farm
- 04 Ballet at The Theatre Royal, Windsor
- 05 The George Inn, Eton
- 06 Theatre Royal, Windsor

## PUBS AND CLUBS

The Royal Borough features a great selection of pubs, from slick places to traditional old inns, where real ale and half timbers are the setting for an evening out. The brick-built Two Brewers at the Cambridge Gate entrance to the Great Park in Windsor is one of the best. This 17th-century former coffee house is adorned with hanging baskets in summer, while in winter you can enjoy the log fire.

You'll also find a log fire at Henry VI in Eton, though the pub has recently had a sympathetic makeover with a funky frontage. There's a courtyard garden, and Sunday roasts are on the menu as well as traditional hearty bar food.

The riverside village of Bray to the west of Windsor is home to the half-timbered 16th-century Crown at Bray; it's owned by Heston Blumenthal, so as you'd expect food is a highlight. Here though, pub grub rather than wildly experimental food is the order of the day.

Simpler food is to the fore at the Hand & Flowers in Maidenhead, where you can dine on beef and ale pie, burgers, scampi and pizza while Jagz in Ascot is at the funkier end of things, with band competitions, an acoustic café, DJ nights and live jazz.

In the heart of Windsor by the railway station, the Goswell Arches house a collection of drinking and clubbing venues, from The Fuzzy Bear with its comedy and cocktails to the relaxed friendly atmosphere and fantastic music at the Scotch Bar. This is the perfect place for a great night out!



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01 Cocktails at The Royal Windsor  
02 Henry VI Pub, Eton  
03 Royal Windsor Racecourse

## HORSE RACING

Another archetypal night out in equestrian obsessed Windsor is an evening race meet in summer at Windsor Racecourse, where the pleasures of a flutter on the horses can be combined with a cool glass of champagne and some prime people watching. Round off the night and celebrate your winnings enjoying one of the many themed music events throughout the summer season from Salsa nights to Irish nights and boy bands to 80s pop idols.

And if this kind of partying seems like too much hard work, a twilight walk in the park or a stroll along the riverside might just provide your perfect Windsor night out.



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11th	JAZZ DELOREAN - SOLO PIANO, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
12th	NEW YEAR'S CONCERTINI WITH THE BRASS FUNKEYS, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
15th to 25th	THE CAT AND THE CANARY, THEATRE ROYAL WINDSOR
17th	BURNS NIGHT CEILIDH, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
18th	PURPLE ZEPPELIN, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
18th	MATCHBOOK CLARENCE HOUSE CHASE RACEDAY, ASCOT RACECOURSE
25th	CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS, MAIDENHEAD
25th	THE VINYL FRONTIER: ALBUM CHAMPIONSHIPS - GREATEST HITS VERSION, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
26th	MOZART BIRTHDAY CONCERT, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
27th	NICKY'S FAMILY - HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY EVENT, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
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30th	ISQ - REQUIEM FOR THE FAITHFUL TOUR, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD



## February

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19th	SHE'KOYAKH - FIRST DANCE ON SECOND AVENUE, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
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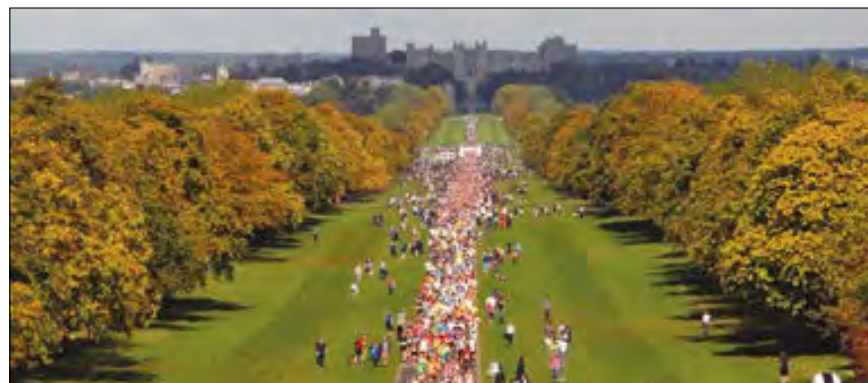
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20th	MATT RICHARDSON - IMPOSTER, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
21st	THE VINYL FRONTIER: KEANE'S HOPES & FEARS VS THE SCISSOR SISTERS' SELF-TITLED DEBUT, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
22nd	MOTHER'S DAY SING ALONG CONCERTINI WITH MAIRI COWIESON AND FRIENDS, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
22nd	MOTHER'S DAY SING ALONG CONCERTINI WITH MAIRI COWIESON AND FRIENDS, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
22nd	THE STORY OF WALTER AND HERBERT, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD MARCH CONTINUED
24th to 28th	SOME MOTHERS DO 'AVE 'EM, THEATRE ROYAL WINDSOR
26th	MARLON SOLOMAN - CONSPIRACY THEORY: A LIZARD'S TALE, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
26th	MARCH TO 1ST NOVEMBER 2020 STANLEY SPENCER SUMMER EXHIBITION "FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE: SPENCER'S WOMEN", COOKHAM
29th	SCRATCH, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
29th	SPRING FAMILY RACEDAY, ASCOT RACECOURSE
29th	DOM JOLY'S HOLIDAY SNAPS - TRAVEL & COMEDY IN THE DANGER ZONE, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD

## April

1st	HARRY BAKER - I AM 10,000, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
3rd	NORDEN FARM NIGHT MARKET, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
4th & 5th	RHS SPRING ORNAMENTAL COMPETITION, THE SAVILL GARDEN, WINDSOR GREAT PARK
4th	ECHOES BY MI FLAMENCO, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
6th	EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA RACEDAY, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
6th to 19th	<p>QUEST FAMILY FEST, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD</p> <p>Navigate your way through two weeks of creative adventures at Norden Farm this Easter! Quest is a fun-packed fortnight of new experiences for children and this Easter holiday – running from Monday 6 April to Sunday 19 April! The festival includes family-friendly shows, films and activity clubs plus daily craft and storytelling.</p>
11th	ROBIN MORGAN - WHAT A MAN, WHAT A MAN..., NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
15th to 18th	DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID JR, THEATRE ROYAL WINDSOR
16th	THE GRAHAMS, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
17th	ONLY FOOLS AND BOYCIE, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
18th	100% SIMON BRODKIN, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
18th	THE VINYL FRONTIER: ELECTRIC DREAMS - JEFF'S HISTORY OF ELECTRONIC POP MUSIC IN 12 TRACKS, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
19th	ADAM ROWE - PINNACLE, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
20th	MONDAY AFTERNOON RACEDAY, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
23rd	JACK TUCKER, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
27th	FREE RACE NIGHT, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
27th to 2nd May	JANE EYRE, THEATRE ROYAL WINDSOR
29th	ROYAL ASCOT TRIALS DAY, ASCOT RACECOURSE

## May

Until 2nd	JANE EYRE, THEATRE ROYAL WINDSOR
4th	ARMED FORCES DAY, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
8th	MAY RACING WEEKEND: MAY FRIDAY, ASCOT RACECOURSE
9th	MAY RACING WEEKEND: VICTORIA CUP RACEDAY, ASCOT RACECOURSE
11th	MONDAY NIGHT RACING, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
13th to 17th	ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW
14th to 16th	THE PAGEANT - ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW
16th	LET'S ROCK THE MOOR, COOKHAM
16th	THE AMY WINEHOUSE EXPERIENCE, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
18th	MONDAY NIGHT RACING, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
22nd to 24th	<p>RUNFESTRUN, WINDSOR GREAT PARK</p> <p>RunFestRun is the nation's new running festival. We believe running is for everyone. No matter your shape, size, age or gender – we've got a route to suit you across 3 days of glorious running. Whether it's your first run or your hundredth, grab your trainers and join us for the nation's big, new running party.</p>
25th	FAMILY FUN DAY, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
29th	NEVER 42, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
30th	LUCY PORTER: BE PREPARED, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD



## June

1st	CIDER FESTIVAL FT. LIVE MUSIC, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
2nd to 8th	SEPTEMBER ROYAL WINDSOR STEAM EXPRESS RUNS LONDON WATERLOO TO WINDSOR EVERY TUESDAY
8th	IRISH NIGHT FT. LIVE MUSIC, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
14th	ROYAL WINDSOR TRIATHLON
15th	ASCOT PREVIEW, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
15th	GARTER CEREMONY, ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE
16th to 20th	ROYAL ASCOT, ASCOT RACECOURSE
18th to 22nd	ROYAL ASCOT
22nd	MONDAY NIGHT RACING, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
23rd to 27th	THE BOODLES TENNIS, STOKE PARK Year on year, The Boodles attracts the world's best tennis players as they finalise their preparations for Wimbledon.
27th	ROYAL WINDSOR DUCK RACE AND SUMMER FAYRE
27th	WINDSOR SUMMER FESTIVAL DAY 1: GENTLEMAN'S DAY FT. LIVE MUSIC, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
28th	WINDSOR SUMMER FESTIVAL DAY 2, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
28th	PARALLEL WINDSOR, WINDSOR GREAT PARK
29th	WINDSOR SUMMER FESTIVAL DAY 3: JAZZ RACENIGHT FT. RONNIE SCOTTS, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE

## July

2nd to 5th	WINDSOR CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW
6th	CUBAN RACENIGHT FT. LIVE MUSIC, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
10th	SUMMER MILE RACING WEEKEND: PROPERTY RACEDAY, ASCOT RACECOURSE
11th	SUMMER MILE RACING WEEKEND: SUMMER MILE FAMILY RACEDAY, ASCOT RACECOURSE
13th	GIN FESTIVAL RACENIGHT FT. LIVE MUSIC, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
18th	ROYAL WINDSOR ROSE & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW, ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL, WINDSOR CASTLE
18th & 19th	MAIDENHEAD FESTIVAL
20th	RUM N REGGAE RACENIGHT FT. LIVE MUSIC, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
20th to 24th	(TBC) SWAN UPPING (VARIOUS LOCATIONS ALONG THE RIVER THAMES)
23rd to 23rd August	THE MAIDENHEAD BEACH, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
24th & 25th	QIPCO KING GEORGE WEEKEND, ASCOT RACECOURSE
27th	ROCK AT THE RACES FT. LIVE MUSIC, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE





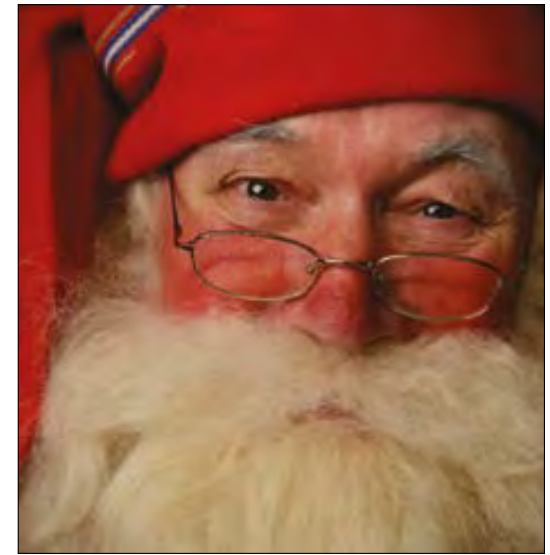


## August

Until 23rd	THE MAIDENHEAD BEACH, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD
3rd	VEGAS RACENIGHT FT. LIVE MUSIC, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
8th	DUBAI DUTY FREE SHERGAR CUP & CONCERT, ASCOT RACECOURSE
9th	FAMILY FUN DAY, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
10th	PROSECCO FESTIVAL RACENIGHT, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
17th	MONDAY NIGHT RACING FINALE, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
20th to 23rd	BBC COUNTRYFILE LIVE WINDSOR, WINDSOR GREAT PARK BBC Countryfile Live comes to Berkshire's Windsor Great Park showcasing the very best of our countryside.
29th	MUSIC LIVE, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
30th	KITE FESTIVAL, NORDEN FARM, MAIDENHEAD

## September

4th & 5th	ITALIAN TOURIST BOARD FESTIVAL OF FOOD AND WINE RACING WEEKEND, ASCOT RACECOURSE
6th	MAIDENHEAD HALF MARATHON
7th	COUNTRY FAIR RACEDAY, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
19th to 3rd October	WINDSOR FESTIVAL
23rd to November	ART IN THE GARDEN, THE SAVILL GARDEN, WINDSOR GREAT PARK
26th to 10th October	WINDSOR FRINGE
26th	WINDSOR WOMEN'S 10K, WINDSOR GREAT PARK
27th	WINDSOR HALF MARATHON, WINDSOR GREAT PARK



## October

Until 3rd	WINDSOR FESTIVAL
Until 10th	WINDSOR FRINGE
2nd & 3rd	AUTUMN RACING WEEKEND & ASCOT BEER FESTIVAL, ASCOT RACECOURSE
4th	PALACE TO PALACE CYCLE, PALACE TO PALACE WALK
4th & 5th	OKTOBERFEST RACEDAY, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
12th	AUTUMN AFTERNOON RACING, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
17th	QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY, ASCOT RACECOURSE
19th	AUTUMN AFTERNOON RACING, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
31st	FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR FAMILY RACEDAY, ASCOT RACECOURSE

## November

4th	FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR, ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE
19th	ETON CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON
20th & 21st	DISCOVER RACEHORSE OWNERSHIP WEEKEND, ASCOT RACECOURSE
21st	WINDSOR CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

## December

1st to 24th	LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR, WINDSOR
5th	REINDEER PARADE, WINDSOR
5th	NORDEN FARM COMMUNITY LANTERN PARADE, MAIDENHEAD
11th	TBC CAROLS ON THE HILL, WINDSOR
18th	CHRISTMAS RACING WEEKEND: CHRISTMAS RACEDAY, ASCOT RACECOURSE
19th	CHRISTMAS RACING WEEKEND: CHRISTMAS FAMILY RACEDAY, ASCOT RACECOURSE



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01 Windsor Carriages outside Windsor Castle, Windsor

# Getting Here & Getting Around

The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead is just 30 miles west of London with Heathrow Airport even closer, just 15 minutes away. Luton and Gatwick Airports are within an hour's drive. The whole of the Royal Borough is easily accessible via the major motorway networks of the M3, M4, M25 and M40 and is well served by public transport.

## Arriving by air

### WINDSOR

The Royal Borough is just 12 miles from London Heathrow Airport and easily accessible from London's other airports making it a perfect first or final stop on a tour of the UK. On arrival in Windsor, why not visit the Royal Windsor Information Centre? Our friendly and knowledgeable staff are waiting to help visitors with enquiries about Windsor and the Royal Borough and can help with finding accommodation, tickets for attractions, etc. Please note due to security reasons there are no left luggage facilities available in Windsor town centre.

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### HEATHROW AIRPORT

[www.heathrowairport.com](http://www.heathrowairport.com)

- Bus routes 8, 9, 10 and 703 operate up to every 30 minutes, providing direct services between Windsor town centre and Heathrow Terminal 5. Journey time are approximately 40 minutes to 1 hour. Connections from Slough to Heathrow Terminal 5 are more frequent with buses every 15 minutes during the day and every half hour overnight.
  - All services use modern, air conditioned buses with space for luggage. They operate seven days a week from early until late.
  - There are free shuttle bus transfers between all terminals at Heathrow Airport.
  - To plan your bus journey, visit [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk).
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### GATWICK AIRPORT

[www.gatwickairport.com](http://www.gatwickairport.com)

- From Gatwick Airport take the train to Clapham Junction and then take the train to Windsor and Eton Riverside. Journey time is typically 1 hr 23 mins.
  - To plan your rail journey and purchase tickets, visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk).
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## Arriving by train

### WINDSOR

- Windsor is served by two train stations, Windsor and Eton Central and Windsor and Eton Riverside. Both are situated within a few minutes' walk of Windsor Castle and the town's other attractions.
- Great Western Railway operates services between London Paddington, Reading and Oxford, as well as destinations across South Wales and the West of England. Change trains at Slough to catch the branch line service to Windsor and Eton Central. The journey from London takes between 24 - 48 minutes depending on stopping patterns and connections.
- South Western Railway operates direct services from London Waterloo to Windsor and Eton Riverside station. The journey time from London is typically 56- 58 minutes
- Visit the operators' websites for details of current offers such as combined rail and shuttle bus tickets, or 2 for 1 entry to local visitor attractions when travelling by rail:  
[www.gwr.com](http://www.gwr.com)  
[www.southwesternrailway.com](http://www.southwesternrailway.com)

# FIVE MESS ABOUT ON THE RIVER



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## MAIDENHEAD

- Maidenhead is served by trains travelling between London Paddington, Reading and Oxford, which are operated by First Great Western. The journey time from London takes between 20 - 50 minutes depending on stopping patterns.
- Maidenhead town centre is a short walk from the station, while the River Thames is just over a mile away.
- Change trains at Maidenhead for branch line services to Cookham, Bourne End and Marlow.
- Visit the operator's website for details of current offers such as 2 for 1 entry to local visitor attractions when travelling by rail: [www.gwr.com](http://www.gwr.com)

## ASCOT

- Ascot Station lies on the junction between the London Waterloo to Reading line and the branch line to Guildford, which are operated by South Western Railway. The journey time from London Waterloo is just over 50 minutes. Ascot Racecourse is within walking distance of the station – extra trains are laid on for the Royal Ascot meeting.
- Ascot trains call at Sunningdale, which is a short walk from Sunningdale Golf Course.
- Visit the operator's website for details of current offers such as 2 for 1 entry to local visitor attractions when travelling by rail: [www.southwesternrailway.com](http://www.southwesternrailway.com)

## RAIL INFORMATION

For timetables, journey planner, fares and live information for all rail services, visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk).



## Arriving by bus & coach

### EXPRESS COACH SERVICES

- The Green Line 702 service provides an hourly bus service from London Victoria Coach Station to Windsor and LEGOLAND, with stops at Hyde Park Corner, Royal Albert Hall, Kensington High Street and Hammersmith.
- Green Line also operates the 703 service from Heathrow Terminal 5 to Windsor, LEGOLAND and Bracknell.
- For timetables and route maps, visit [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk).

## Arriving by Car

M4 Exit Junction 6 for Windsor or junction 8/9 for Maidenhead

M3 Exit junction 3 (Bagshot)

M25 Exit junction 13 (Egham)

M40 Exit junction 4 (Marlow) or junction 2 (Beaconsfield)

## Parking

### WINDSOR

Visitors are advised to use one of the long-stay car parks in Windsor, including:

- Romney Lock and King Edward VII Car Parks on Datchet Road
- Alma Road and Alexandra Gardens, next to the Coach Park.

These car parks are all less than 10 minutes' walk to Windsor Castle and the town centre and are much cheaper than the short-stay car parks in the middle of town.

Variable message signs on roads around the town show live information on which car parks have spaces.

For details of Windsor car park locations and charges, visit [www.rbwm.gov.uk](http://www.rbwm.gov.uk).

### MAIDENHEAD

The car parks in Maidenhead are all very central to shops and restaurants in the town.

You'll also find parking at Maidenhead riverside close to Boulters Lock. Variable message signs on roads around the town provide live information on which car parks have spaces.

For details of Maidenhead car park locations and charges, visit [www.rbwm.gov.uk](http://www.rbwm.gov.uk).

## Park and Ride

Park and ride operates from Home Park and King Edward VII car parks on Datchet Road, Windsor. A free shuttle bus runs from the car parks to Windsor Guildhall every 20 minutes between 7am and 9pm, from Monday to Friday. The Home Park car park is not available at weekends due to the park being used for sporting events.



## Parking for Disabled Visitors

### ON-STREET PARKING

Blue Badge holders can park in shared use bays (resident and pay and display), on-street pay and display areas and limited waiting areas for the maximum time as displayed on the signage present. There is a maximum stay of three hours in any on-street disabled parking bay. Blue Badge holders are not permitted to park in resident only bays, taxi bays, bus stops, loading bays/zones and clearways.

### OFF-STREET CAR PARKS

Blue Badge holders can park free of charge in any borough car park when displaying a valid Blue Badge. Please adhere to the maximum stated time for each car park as outlined on the tariff board and ensure your vehicle is parked within the bay markings.

## Legoland Shuttle

The Legoland shuttle operates in the summer holidays between Windsor town centre and the resort. Bus stops can be found outside the Parish Church on the High Street or outside the Theatre Royal on Thames Street. There is a charge for this service.

Alternatively visitors can catch the 702 / 703 Green Line coach service. For timetables and route maps, visit [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk).

## Camper Vans & Caravans

Please note that camper vans and caravans are not permitted to park overnight in the car parks. The nearest sites for overnight stays are:

Amerden at Dorney Reach – Tel: 01628 627461

Hurley Farm, near Maidenhead – Tel: 01628 823501

## Travelling with a disability?

The nature of the Royal Borough presents some inherent problems common to many historic towns and cities. The Castle is on a steep hill and some of the shops, restaurants and hotels are less accessible to wheelchair users because of their historic nature. Access information is available online at [www.windsor.gov.uk](http://www.windsor.gov.uk) or from the Royal Windsor Information Centre. **Tel:** 01753 743900 or **E-mail** [windsor.tic@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:windsor.tic@rbwm.gov.uk)

## Wheelchair & Disabled Access Hackney Carriages

A number of taxis have been adapted to meet the needs of disabled people and wheelchair users. Please call the following telephone numbers to book their services:

- Windsor (01753 862020)
- Ascot (01344 874237)
- Maidenhead (01628 634311)

## People to places: Shopmobility

The Borough's Shopmobility service provides manual and powered wheelchairs and scooters for use in Windsor and Maidenhead town centres. The service is also available at shows, events and rambles during the summer months. Shopmobility is for anyone who has difficulty walking. A small charge is made on an annual, six-monthly or single visit basis. Shopmobility parking is free to members using a Shopmobility vehicle.

Book a vehicle in advance to avoid disappointment. Subject to the availability of volunteers, we also offer an escort service for those who need help with their shopping.

### CONTACTING SHOPMOBILITY

Maidenhead Shopmobility – Located at Nicholson's Car Park, Broadway. **Tel:** 01628 543038

**E-mail:** [shopmobility@people2places.org.uk](mailto:shopmobility@people2places.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.shop-mobility.org](http://www.shop-mobility.org)

**Opening Times:** Mon - Sat, 10am - 5pm

Windsor Shopmobility –

Located at Windsor Coach Park, Alma Road

**Tel:** 01753 622330

**E-mail:** [shopmobility@people2places.org.uk](mailto:shopmobility@people2places.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.shop-mobility.org](http://www.shop-mobility.org)

**Opening Times:** Mon - Sat, 10am - 5pm

For further details of parking or assistance with planning your journey to the Royal Borough please visit [www.windsor.gov.uk](http://www.windsor.gov.uk) or telephone the Visitor Information Centre on 01753 743918.

# Flying visit



Regular bus services operate between Heathrow and Windsor 7 days a week, from early until late.

## Route 8

[firstgroup.com/berkshire](http://firstgroup.com/berkshire)



## Route 10

[thamesvalleybuses.com](http://thamesvalleybuses.com)



## Route 703

[greenline702.co.uk](http://greenline702.co.uk)



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01 Ascot Carriages at Obelisk Pond,  
Windsor Great Park

# Getting Around

## BUS

- There is a comprehensive network of bus routes that serve destinations in and around the Royal Borough. This includes a dedicated shuttle bus between Windsor and Legoland.
- Most bus companies offer day tickets that are valid across their network, as well as discounted tickets for group travel.
- All buses operating within Windsor and Maidenhead are fully accessible and can accommodate at least one wheelchair user.
- To plan your journey, visit [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk). Alternatively, visit the Royal Windsor Information Centre to pick up a timetable.

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## TAXIS & PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

Taxis (Hackney Carriages) and private hire vehicles are a convenient way of getting around. Taxis can be hailed on street or from a rank, but private hire vehicles must be prebooked by phone, post or in person at the operator's office.

### THE MAIN TAXI RANKS ARE:

- Thames Street, Windsor (outside the castle)
- Farm Yard, Windsor (outside Windsor and Eton Riverside Station)
- Station Forecourt, Maidenhead
- Station Forecourt, Ascot

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## BIKE

The Royal Borough Cycle Map and Guide shows quiet roads that are suitable for cycling as well as dedicated cycle routes. It also shows locations of local bike shops and town centre cycle parking. Copies of the leaflet are available from the Royal Windsor Information Centre.

Windsor Great Park is an ideal location to explore by bike. Motor vehicles are restricted, so visitors will often enjoy traffic-free roads. Cyclists must keep to permitted roads and paths, and off-road cycling is not permitted. A guide to cycling in the Park can be downloaded from [www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk](http://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk).

### BIKES ARE AVAILABLE TO HIRE FROM:

Windsor – [www.extrememotion.com](http://www.extrememotion.com) (01753 830220)

- Windsor – [www.thebikecompany.co.uk](http://www.thebikecompany.co.uk) (01753 751007)
- Ascot – [www.britishbikehire.co.uk](http://www.britishbikehire.co.uk) (07720 631482)
- Sunningdale – [www.banjocycllessunningdale.com](http://www.banjocycllessunningdale.com) (01344 874611)

# The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead



— THAMES PATH

FOR CYCLE MAPS, FOOTPATH MAPS, WALKS & TRAILS LEAFLETS,  
BUS AND COACH INFORMATION CONTACT:

Royal Windsor Information Centre: Telephone 01753 743900

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# Our Top 20 things to see and do in the Royal Borough



**1** *Information Centre*  
Pop in for tickets to attractions and events, local information, details of where to stay, guidebooks, postcards, what's on information and much more.



**2** *Windsor Castle & Frogmore House*  
The oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. Today The Queen spends most of her private weekends at the castle which is also used for ceremonial and state occasions.



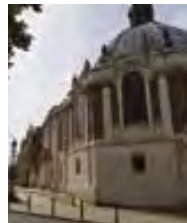
Frogmore House, set in the private Home Park, is renowned for its beautiful landscaped garden and 18th-century lake.



**3** *Windsor & Eton Shopping*  
Top retail brands rub shoulders with excellent cafés and restaurants providing a welcome break from serious shopping. This is the place to meet and be seen.



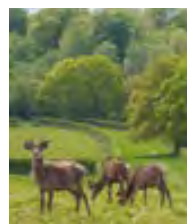
**4** *Legoland® Windsor Resort*  
A family park with hands-on activities, rides, themed playscapes and more LEGO® bricks than you ever dreamed possible. Catch the shuttle bus from Windsor Town Centre.



**5** *Eton College*  
One of the oldest schools in England. The Eton College Natural History Museum, Museum of Eton Life and Museum of Antiquities are open on Sunday afternoons.



**6** *Ascot Racecourse*  
Synonymous with quality, style and excellence, providing unparalleled racing and a memorable day out.



**7** *Windsor Great Park*  
Windsor Great Park covers 4,800 acres, parts of which are open to the public. Its present area was determined in the 1360s and was popular with Saxon kings as a hunting forest.



**8** *The Savill Garden*  
Within Windsor Great Park, The Savill Garden covers some 35 acres and was formalised in 1932 by Sir Eric Savill. It is open all year round and there is a stunning visitor centre, large airy restaurant and a shop offering interesting gifts.



**9** *Stanley Spencer Gallery*  
The Stanley Spencer Gallery is unique, being the only gallery in Britain devoted exclusively to an artist in the village where he was born and spent most of his life.



**10** *Windsor & Royal Borough Museum*  
Come and discover the history of the town and the area. Listen to the stories of people who lived and worked here. The museum has on display a selection of some of the many objects from the collection including a 100,000-year-old mammoth's tusk, prehistoric tools, Bronze Age, Roman and Saxon artefacts.



### 11 Windsor Duck Tours

Windsor's Amphibious Tour begins in the heart of the town and takes in many of the historical sights before splashing down in the River Thames for a breathtaking view of Windsor Castle.



### 12 The Queen's Walkway & Eton Walkway

Two walking trails to help you discover Windsor & Eton's best attractions, landmarks and views. The Queen's Walkway celebrates HM The Queen becoming Britain's longest reigning monarch and The Eton Walkway brings together the town's diverse community and rich heritage.



### 13 Maidenhead Heritage Centre

Discover the story of World War II heroines in the centre's permanent exhibition "Grandma Flew Spitfires!" Also in the museum are displays and exhibitions about other aspects of local history: Hammer Horror films, Vanwall racing cars, the great engineer Brunel and the heyday of riverside Maidenhead in Victorian and Edwardian times.



### 14 Cliveden National Trust Gardens

This spectacular estate overlooking the River Thames has a series of gardens, each with its own character, featuring topiary, statuary, water gardens, a formal parterre and woodland and riverside walks with magnificent vistas.



### 15 Horse-Drawn Carriages

The best way to see more of Windsor town and Windsor Great Park including the Long Walk.



### 16 Windsor Racecourse

Set in 165 acres of beautiful countryside on the banks of the River Thames and overlooked by Windsor Castle, Royal Windsor Racecourse offers a delightful blend of traditional and modern.



### 17 French Brothers Boats

French Brothers run public trips from Windsor, Runnymede and Maidenhead. Choose from a short return trip or a full-day cruise.



### 18 The Original Tour

The open top double decker guided bus tour of Windsor & Eton is the most convenient, fun and interesting way to explore this wonderful area.



### 19 Boulter's Lock

Made famous by one of the best known works of Edward John Gregory (1850-1909); *Boulter's Lock - Sunday Afternoon*.



### 20 Windsor & Eton Brewery

See first hand the inner workings of a craft brewery. Open tours happen three times a month and the shop and tap room are open 6 days a week.

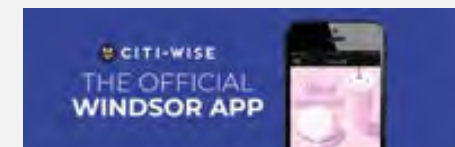


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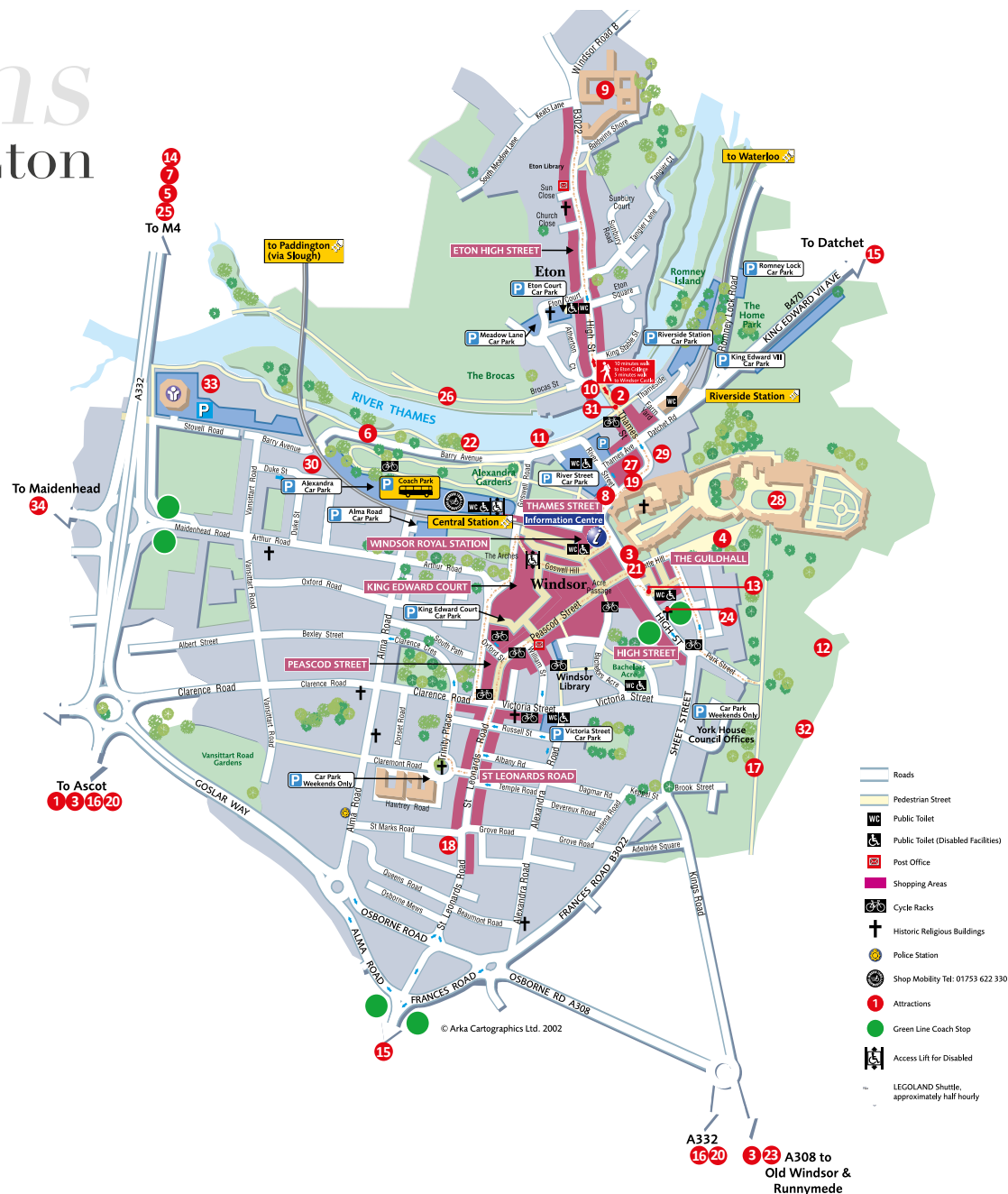


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Email [windsor.tic@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:windsor.tic@rbwm.gov.uk)  
or visit: [www.windsor.gov.uk](http://www.windsor.gov.uk)



## Ascot Carriages

Carriage tours start from The Savill Garden TW20 0UJ, with Ascot Carriages, 10 mins by car from Windsor Castle. Enjoy this beautiful royal park throughout the year on scheduled dates between 11am - 4pm. Discover 18th-century lakes of waterlilies, ancient woodlands, polo fields, and Spring Garden, 'Azalea' & Autumn Colour 'Acers' rides. Romantic Wedding Proposals ride with Champagne and Summer Lunchtime picnic rides stop by Cow Pond complete with Georgian Footbridge and Diamond Jubilee Harbour unveiled by Her Majesty the Queen in 2012. Advance booking recommended, and pay on the day as it's weather permitting. Please refer to the website for prices.

Tel: 07811 543019 Email: [info@ascotcarriages.co.uk](mailto:info@ascotcarriages.co.uk) Website: [www.ascotcarriages.co.uk](http://www.ascotcarriages.co.uk)

## Ascot Racecourse

Ascot, SL5 7JX

One of the world's most famous and best-loved racecourses, where spectators come from far and wide to witness first-class Flat and Jumps racing. Racedays are stylish social events in their own right, with each one providing a chance to come together and celebrate with friends and guests amongst magnificent surroundings. With a wide range of food and drink options available, as well as exciting off the track entertainment and the country's best racing, there is something for everyone at Ascot. Enjoy Fine Dining which offers exclusivity and unsurpassed service, an opportunity to make an exciting occasion unforgettable. Or why not get swept up in the action from your very own Private Box? Group rates apply throughout the year and kids go free at Ascot racedays when accompanied by an adult.

Tel: 0344 346 3000 Email: [enquiries@ascot.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ascot.co.uk) Website: [www.ascot.co.uk](http://www.ascot.co.uk)

## Bateaux Windsor – The Willow Room

Thames Side, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1QN

Combining contemporary food cooked on board and stunning views from the river, this unique dining experience captures the excitement of Windsor and Maidenhead from a truly special perspective. The Willow Room, is a beautifully crafted river boat with large, arching windows that provide uninterrupted views of the Thames and Windsor's lush landscape. The interior features hardwood finishes and rich burgundy furnishings – only adding further to this luxurious restaurant experience. Bateaux Windsor runs four public cruises throughout the week; the lunch cruise with a sightseeing commentary, the Sunday lunch cruise, the relaxing afternoon tea cruise and the luxurious evening dinner cruise.

Tel: 020 7695 1800; Email: [reservations@bateauxlondon.com](mailto:reservations@bateauxlondon.com);  
Website: [www.bateauxlondon.com/restaurants/willow-room](http://www.bateauxlondon.com/restaurants/willow-room)

## Bray Lake Watersports

Monkey Island Lane, Windsor Road, Maidenhead, SL6 2EB

Open 7 days a week throughout the year Bray Lake is a great place to spend time on the water. Sit on Top Kayaks can be hired by the hour and are an ideal way of getting on the water for those new to watersports. For those keen to learn to sail, windsurf, or paddle Bray Lakes's sheltered waters are perfect for learning the basics but still challenging enough for the budding enthusiastic intermediate. Lessons are available for adults and juniors in groups or as private tuition and for those that can there is a wide range of dinghies, windsurfers canoes, kayaks and SUP equipment to hire.

Tel: 01628 638860 Email: [info@braylake.com](mailto:info@braylake.com) Website: [www.braylake.com](http://www.braylake.com)

## Cliveden, National Trust

Taplow, Maidenhead SL1 8NS

Set high above the River Thames, Cliveden's magnificent gardens and breathtaking views have been admired for centuries. The colourful planting schemes capture the grandeur of a bygone age and delight throughout the seasons. Formal gardens give way to majestic woodland and picturesque riverbank walks. For families it's a special place to explore with a storybook themed play area, a massive maze and plenty of space to run around. Garden Open: All year round except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 10am to 5.30pm or 4pm over winter. Admission applies for non-members. National Trust members are free.

Tel: 01628 605069 Email: [cliveden@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cliveden@nationaltrust.org.uk)  
Website: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cliveden](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cliveden)

## Dorney Court

Dorney, Nr Windsor, SL4 6QP

Open in 2020 – 8th, 9th & 10th May; 24th & 25th May; August 1st to 31st daily.  
First tour: 1.30pm - House closes at 5pm. Free parking and delicious cream teas.  
Private Tours by appointment at any time (minimum price based on a group of 20).

Dorney Court is one of the country's finest stately homes. The Tudor manor house dates from 1440 and has charm in abundance as well as a ghost. The house remains the family home of the Palmers as it has been for nearly 500 years. Grade 1 listed and recognised for being of outstanding architectural and historical importance, the rooms are full of original furniture and artwork which span the lifetime of the building. Family portraits and fine needlework compete for space with six centuries of treasures.

Tel: 01628 604638 Email: [info@dorneycourt.co.uk](mailto:info@dorneycourt.co.uk) Website: [www.dorneycourt.co.uk](http://www.dorneycourt.co.uk)

## Dr Choc's Windsor Chocolate Factory

**23 Thames Street, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1PL**

Open Monday to Sunday from 10.30am to 7pm. Workshops run until 5.30pm.

Let's make chocolate in the heart of Royal Windsor! Visit Dr Choc's Windsor Chocolate Factory and discover why chocolate is the best medicine. Situated opposite Windsor Castle, our chocolate-making workshops are perfect for adults and children. You can become a chocolatier in just 15 minutes! All our chocolate is palm oil-free and organic with top quality ingredients.

We also do afternoon tea, birthday parties, hen parties, office parties and school trips.

*Please call to discuss.*

**Tel:** 01753 865222 **Email:** info@drchocs.com **Website:** www.drchocs.com

## Escape in 60 Windsor Escape Rooms

**Windsor Leisure Centre, Stovell Road, Clewer, Windsor SL4 5JB**

Open daily: Monday to Friday 10.00am to 9.30pm. Saturday and Sunday 10.00am to 8.00pm.

Times vary on bank holidays.

Escape in 60 is an escape room zone in the heart of royal Windsor. Discover three rooms: Escape the Castle, The Curse of the Lost Chamber and The Amber Room (opening early 2020). If you've ever fancied yourself as a bit of a Sherlock Holmes, and love solving mysteries and spotting clues when you watch television or films, then imagine doing this for real. You and your team will be shut in a room for 60 minutes where there'll be puzzles to solve and clues to find. It'll be the quickest 60 minutes of your life so bring your brain and keep your eyes peeled! Perfect for all the family, from ages 7 upwards.

**Tel:** 01753 396322 **Email:** info@escapein60windsor.com **Website:** www.escapein60windsor.com

## Escape Experience Windsor

**15a Goswell Hill, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1RH**

Open 7 days a week. 10:00am – 10:00pm (Check Website For Confirmed Times).

Prices From £20pp

Test your skills at the brand-new, interactive, and immersive escape room in Windsor. Find clues, solve puzzles, and crack codes to locate the key for your escape! Our team based, themed escape rooms are fun yet challenging. You have 60 minutes on the clock... Will you make it out?

**Tel:** 01753 866266 **Website:** www.Escapewindsor.co.uk

## Extreme Motion

**Alexandra Gardens, Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 5HZ**

March through to September. Open daily from 10.30am to 6pm; November through to March

Open weekends only from 11am to 5pm

Rock climbing and bungee trampolining only open at weekends and during school holidays; however private hire is available by prior arrangement, please call to discuss your requirements. In times of inclement weather please call ahead to check everything is fully open.

Located in the heart of Windsor, Extreme Motion provide visitors and residents with a range of exciting adventures for a family fun packed day out including bike hire, bungee trampolining, rock climbing and adventure golf.

**Tel:** 01753 830220 **Email:** info@extrememotion.com **Website:** www.extrememotion.com

## French Brothers Boats

**Clewer Boathouse, Clewer Court Rd, Windsor SL4 5JH**

Public sailings run January 1st until December 23rd. Group visits and private charters all year round. French Brothers offer a variety of public sailings from Windsor Promenade (SL4 1QX) including regular 40-minute round trips. Also there are scheduled sailings that bring visitors into Windsor by river in the style of monarchs past, from Maidenhead as well as historic Runnymede, famous for the Magna Carta of 1215. Group rates are offered for groups of 20 or more. Looking for something exclusive? French Brothers have boats for private charter suitable for birthdays, weddings and all other social functions. Regular winner of the Group Travel Awards.

**Tel:** 01753 851900 **Email:** info@boat-trips.co.uk **Website:** www.frenchbrothers.co.uk

## Hobbs of Henley Ltd

**Station Road, Henley on Thames, RG9 1AZ**

At Hobbs of Henley, we've been providing the finest hospitality anywhere on the Thames, since 1870. Our expert knowledge of the river, coupled with our fleet of stunning and luxurious boats for every occasion, means that we have the knowledge to make your trip special and memorable, whether it's a group day trip aboard one of our luxury passenger vessels, hiring one of our motor launches for a self-drive adventure, sipping champagne aboard one of our Edwardian Chauffeured launches or a sightseeing trip along the Regatta course or hire one of our 2 Linssen Motor Cruisers which sleep up to 6 people, perfect for that luxury river boating holiday on the Thames. There really is something for everyone!

**Tel:** 01491 572035 **Email:** boats@hobbsofhenley.co.uk **Website:** www.hobbsofhenley.com

## John Logie Motorboats Windsor

**Barry Avenue, Windsor, SL4 5HZ**

John Logie motorboats have been providing hire boats to locals and tourists alike for over 40 years.

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**Tel:** 07774 983 809 **Website:** www.johnlogiemotorboats.com

## Jump In Trampoline Arena

**550 Dundee Road, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 4LE**

Open year round – please check website for times.

Trampoline arenas are the hottest leisure craze in the UK at present. At Jump In Trampoline Arena Slough, over 80 interconnected trampolines and wall trampolines, foam pits, rope swing, dedicated toddler jump space and a Gladiators-style battle beam are on offer for children and adults to enjoy high flying fun. During your one- or two-hour session jumpers will have full access to all park facilities which include our main court of 50-plus floor and wall trampolines, tricks area, dodgeball, slam dunk basketball, foam pits with rope swing and battle beam.

**Tel:** 01926 356290 **Email:** hello@gojumpin.com **Website:** www.gojumpin.com

## Kris Cruisers

**Southlea Road, Datchet, Berks, SL3 9BU**

Open April to October - 9am to 5.30pm every day. Kris Cruisers is a family run business with over 50 years' experience in boating. We have one of the largest fleets of Day Boats seating from 2 to 12 people. Prices start from £30 per hour and £129 per day. We also operate a fleet of 4 & 5 star holiday boats, as graded by Visit England and British Marine, sleeping from 2 to 10 people. Prices start from £515 for a 3 to 4 night short break and £736 for a week's holiday. No licence or experience is required as you will receive a full briefing from one of our instructors. A friendly and personal service is always provided.

**Tel:** 01753 543930 **Email:** sales@kriscruisers.co.uk **Website:** www.kriscruisers.co.uk

## The LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort

**Winkfield Road, Windsor, SL4 4AY**

For an awesome family day out this year, visit the LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort and experience the ultimate LEGO® adventure! Whether you are earning your very first driving licence behind the wheel of a LEGO car at the LEGO City Driving School, helping at the LEGO City Coastguard HQ in your own LEGO boat, riding a Dragon through a medieval castle, attending Lord Vampire's birthday celebrations at The Haunted House Monster Party or discovering the lost metropolis of Atlantis in a Submarine – the LEGOLAND Windsor Resort has something for the whole family. With live shows and attractions set over 150 acres of parkland plus a fully LEGO themed hotel on site, the LEGOLAND Windsor Resort is a family destination that is not to be missed!

**Tel:** 0871 2222 001\* (\*Calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras) **Website:** www.LEGOLAND.co.uk

**Email:** Customer.services@LEGOLAND.co.uk

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## Maidenhead Heritage Centre

**18 Park Street, Maidenhead SL6 1SL**

Open year round (except Christmas/New Year)

We are open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm and Sunday 12pm to 4pm

Just 15 minutes from Windsor you will find a fabulous realistic SPITFIRE SIMULATOR suitable for anybody aged 9 to 90! Climb into the cockpit and fly yourself up the Thames through London or loop the loop over Windsor Castle or the Isle of Wight. Your friendly flying instructor will ensure you have a wonderful, brilliant, awesome, even EPIC experience. There's plenty more to see at Maidenhead Heritage Centre, where you can be sure of a warm and friendly welcome.

**Tel:** 01628 780555 **Email:** info@maidenheadheritage.org.uk **Website:** www.maidenheadheritage.org.uk

## National Trust Runnymede

**Runnymede Estate Office, North Lodge, Windsor Road, Windsor, Berks, SL4 2JL**

Open year round – please check website for details. Seen by many as the birthplace of modern democracy, this picturesque open landscape beside the Thames was witness to King John's historic sealing of the Magna Carta on 15 June 1215. Today Runnymede is the perfect place to relax outdoors, or to pause and reflect on the history of the struggle for freedom. As well as a monument to the democratic legacy of the Magna Carta, you'll find further memorials to John F. Kennedy and the Commonwealth Air Forces. There are two art installations to be discovered in the meadows. The Jurors by Hew Locke is a collection of 12 bronze chairs sat in the meadow, each intricately decorated with designs depicting current and past struggles relating to democracy and freedom. Writ in Water is a major architectural artwork by Mark Wallinger in collaboration with Studio Octopi celebrating the enduring significance of Magna Carta. The building features a labyrinth style entrance leading to a central chamber, where a pool sits below a central opening, reflecting in light from the outside.

**Tel:** 01784 432891; **Email:** enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk;

**Website:** www.nationaltrust.org.uk/runnymede-and-ankerwycke

## Norden Farm Centre for the Arts

**Altwood Road, Maidenhead, SL6 4PF**

Norden Farm is an entertainment venue presenting cinema, theatre, and music, with an on-site art gallery and Café Bar. Events include gigs (tributes, blues, classical, jazz), stand-up comedy, films (blockbusters, family, independent and arthouse), theatre, and exhibitions, plus classes for pre-schoolers, young people and adults. Enjoy a pre-show dinner in our Café Bar, order interval drinks or drop in for a cappuccino, while taking advantage of our free newspapers and WiFi.

**Tel:** 01628 788997 **Email:** boxoffice@nordenfarm.org **Website:** www.nordenfarm.org

## The Old Court – Community Arts Centre

**St Leonards Road, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 3BL**

Open all year: Monday to Thursday from 10am to 11pm, Friday from 10am to midnight, Saturday from 9.30am to midnight and Sunday from 9.30am to 10.30pm. The Old Court is a vibrant arts centre with an event programme that features an eclectic mix of live music, drama, comedy, and film and a bar run by Windsor & Eton Brewery. Based in a beautiful Edwardian building and former Magistrate's Court, Police and Fire Station, from which it takes its name, The Old Court attracts the best up-and-coming bands and comedy acts, and programmes a wide range of events including club nights, jazz, dance, theatre, classical music and film.

**Tel:** 01753 911333; **Email:** info@oldcourt.org; **Website:** www.oldcourt.org/sales

## The Original Tour Windsor

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**Tel:** 0208 877 1722 **Email:** info@theoriginaltour.com **Website:** www.theoriginaltour.com/windsor

## Private Boat Hire Ltd

Various riverside locations between Windsor and Marlow.

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**Tel:** 07977 448 117 **Email:** fringilla@hotmail.co.uk **Website:** www.privateboathire.co.uk



## Royal Windsor Racecourse

**Maidenhead Road, Windsor, SL4 5JJ**

Set on the banks of the River Thames just a stone's throw from Windsor Castle, Royal Windsor Racecourse is a beautiful, quintessentially British venue famous for its Monday evening summer racing. Perfect for entertaining clients or celebrating a special occasion with family and friends, the racecourse offers a range of hospitality and private suites. Boasting over 165 acres of beautiful grounds, Royal Windsor Racecourse is also ideally equipped for meetings, conferences and product launches as well weddings, private celebrations and special events.

**Tel:** 01753 498 400 **Email:** office@windsor-racecourse.co.uk

**Website:** www.windsor-racecourse.co.uk

## The Savill Garden

**Windsor Great Park, Wick Lane, Englefield Green, Surrey, TW20 0UJ**

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See website for seasonal opening times and ticket prices.

**Tel:** 01784 435544 **Email:** enquiries@thecrownestate.co.uk

**Website:** www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/savillgarden

## Segway Events at Windsor

Windsor Bray Lake Watersports Centre, Monkey Island Lane, Windsor Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 2EB

Check website for opening times and prices.

Segways are simple to use and unlike anything you've experienced before. Responding to the slightest shift in weight these green machines allow you to navigate around the twists and turns of our trails providing people of all ages with a fun and exciting Segway experience!

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**Tel:** 01226 982772; **Website:** www.segwayevents.co.uk

## Spirit of England Tours

Welcome! Herzlich Willkommen! Bienvenue! Make the most of your stay and book a tour tailored just for you! A private guided tour of Windsor Castle with front row view of the Guard Change maybe? Or a Town Walk across to Eton? Commentary on your coach through glorious Windsor Great Park via The Savill Garden, Runnymede and Ascot Racecourse or perhaps see the breathtaking Olympic venue Dorney Lake? Cycling Tours in Windsor Great Park. The choice is yours! Excellent for families, groups, individuals and Corporate Events. Professional Blue Badge Tourist Guides. Half-day English from £185, German/French from £210.

**Tel:** +44 (0) 7984 013 532 **Website:** www.spiritofengland.net

## Stanley Spencer Gallery

**High Street, Cookham, SL6 9SJ**

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**Tel:** 01628 471885 **Email:** info@stanleyspencer.org.uk

**Website:** www.stanleyspencer.org.uk **Twitter:** #spencercookham

## Theatre Royal Windsor

**32 Thames Street, Windsor, SL4 1PS**

The greatest names in theatre come to Theatre Royal Windsor, as they have since it opened in 1910. This intimate theatre boasts Bill Kenwright as its producer and audiences are treated to new productions before they transfer to London's West End or go off on tour around the country. There's a traditional pantomime every Christmas. Evening shows start at 8pm, Thursday matinees at 2.30pm and Saturday matinees at 4.45pm unless otherwise stated. Check with Box Office for details on specific shows and ticket prices. Sunday concerts are often running and more details can be found through the Box Office.

**Box Office Tel:** 01753 853888 **Group Bookings Tel:** 01753 848484

**Email:** info@theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk **Website:** www.theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk

## Visions of History

Guided tours in Windsor and the surrounding area with a local expert. Let me, a registered tourist guide, introduce you to this area rich in history and connections with English royalty. I'm available all year round for sightseeing tours. With me, you can explore Windsor Castle and the town of Windsor that grew up around it. Or there's Runnymede, sight of the sealing of Magna Carta. Other local attractions include Hampton Court, Henry VIII's great palace, the Thames Valley and the Chiltern Hills. I can offer tours anywhere in this region with its riverside towns, beautiful country and great houses.

**Tel:** 07768 426 443 **Email:** tony@visionsofhistory.co.uk **Website:** www.visionsofhistory.co.uk

## Windsor Castle Horse Drawn Carriage Tours

Award winning guided tours of Windsor Castle and The Great Park. All tours experience breathtaking views of Windsor Castle from the majestic perspective of The Long Walk. Scheduled guided tours run April to Sept and can be booked on the day with the Tourist Information Center. Bespoke tours available all year round, tailored to your interests in the Castle, town and/or Great park. Perfect for special occasion celebrations including engagements. Third party tour operator bookings welcome. Crown permitted tours since 1849.

**Tel:** 01344 538493 **Email:** tours@windsorcarriages.co.uk

**Website:** www.windsorcarriages.co.uk

## Windsor Castle

**Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1NJ**

Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world and has been home to 39 monarchs over the past 1,000 years. It is an official residence of Her Majesty The Queen. Highlights of a visit to Windsor include the richly decorated State Apartments, Queen Mary's Dolls' House and St George's Chapel\*. Open November to February 09:45-16:15 (last admission 15:00). Open March to October 09:30-17:15 (last admission 16:00). Closed 25-26 December, 10 April 2020 and during official events, please check our website before visiting.

**Tel:** +44 (0)303 123 7304 **Email:** bookinginfo@rct.uk **Website:** www.rct.uk

\*Owing to Future Programme works, some parts of the Castle may be closed from time to time, please check the website before visiting.

## Windsor Duck Tours, Windsor's Amphibious Tour

Fun for all ages! Come and join us on a unique and exciting journey. Exploring Windsor by both river and road all in one tour! Your road adventure begins in the heart of Windsor; our circular tour then takes in some of the historical sights of the town and its surrounding parkland, with unique views of Windsor Castle. Then it's time for splashdown! Entering into the Thames you then venture downstream, taking in the stunning view of the Castle rising from the banks of the River Thames. All the while your own live guide will keep you entertained and informed with what's right in front of you.

Booking in advance is highly recommended. Check the website for opening times and prices.

**Tel:** 01753 581158 **Email:** info@windsorducktours.co.uk **Website:** www.windsorducktours.co.uk

## Windsor & Eton Brewery

**1 Vansittart Estate, Windsor, SL4 1SE**

We're on a mission to make Windsor more famous for its beers than any other attraction. That's quite a challenge when you know who and you know what are on our doorstep. They've got a thousand-year head start but we are catching them up! Help us make beer the best thing about Windsor. Our shop and taproom are open 6 days a week (please visit our website for exact times) where we have 8 cask and 4 keg beers on draught. We also run our Duke Street Experience brewery tour every Saturday, so if you'd like to see first hand the inner workings of a craft brewery please give us a call to check availability and book a place!

**Tel:** 01753 854075 **Email:** online@webrew.co.uk **Website:** www.webrew.co.uk

## Windsor and Royal Borough Museum

Advantage card FREE entry

**Windsor Guildhall, High Street, Windsor, SL4 1LR**

Open: Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday and Bank Holidays 12pm to 4pm

Windsor and Royal Borough Museum is a family friendly museum bursting with interesting facts and interactive displays on the Royal Borough and its residents. Discover our unique and varied collection, from our 100,000 year old Mammoth tusk to a model of a Hawker Hurricane, the plane designed by Windsor born Sir Sydney Camm. When available we offer guided tours of Windsor Guildhall where portraits of monarchs adorn our walls. Please visit our website for further information on our events, talks and family activities.

**Tel:** 01628 685686 **Email:** museum@rbwm.gov.uk **Website:** www.windsormuseum.org.uk

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## Windsor Tourist Guides Ltd

**41A Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 3HN**

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**Tel:** 01753 850580 (office) or 0779 989 1578 (mobile) Amanda Bryett, Director

**Email:** abryett@windsortouristguides.co.uk **Website:** www.windsortouristguides.co.uk

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*Saturday, 15th February*  
**BETFAIR ASCOT CHASE RACEDAY**

*Sunday, 29th March*  
**SPRING FAMILY RACEDAY**

*Wednesday, 29th April*  
**ROYAL ASCOT TRIALS DAY**

*Friday, 8th - Saturday, 9th May*  
**MAY RACING WEEKEND**

*Tuesday, 16th - Sunday, 20th June*  
**ROYAL ASCOT**

*Friday, 10th - Saturday, 11th July*  
**SUMMER MILE RACING WEEKEND**

*Friday, 24th - Saturday, 25th July*  
**QIPCO KING GEORGE WEEKEND**

*Saturday, 8th August*  
**DUBAI DUTY FREE SHERGAR CUP  
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*Saturday, 17th October*  
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*Friday, 20th - Saturday, 21st November*  
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