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Lunch Stop

Patch on the Plaza – al fresco bar and restaurant close to Windsor & Eton Central station. Max 20.

Windsor & Eton Brewery – pre-booked groups served in atmospheric Tap Room. Max 60.

Bel & The Dragon – historic restaurant and tea room just outside the Castle walls. Max 60.

Côte Brasserie, Eton – relaxed dining with views over the river. Max 30.

ROYAL WINDSOR



There is no escaping the strong connection between the Royal Family and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. On 17 July 1917, George V changed the royal family's official name from Saxe-Coburg and Gotha to the House of Windsor. Today Windsor Castle is one of the official residences of His Majesty The King and the final resting place of Queen Elizabeth II.

Day 1 Exploring Royal Windsor

William the Conqueror saw the advantage of building a tower on high land above the Thames to help guard London. His son, Henry I, built a residence within the Castle walls and first held court there in 1110.

Windsor Castle

Not to be missed are the magnificent State Apartments, adorned by outstanding works of art and Old Master paintings, as well as a masterpiece in miniature, Queen Mary's Dolls' House. Within the Castle walls is St George's Chapel, the resting place of 11 British monarchs including Queen Elizabeth II and Henry VIII, as well as the site of recent royal weddings. Choose the right day and you'll also catch Changing the Guard.

Windsor Guildhall

Dating from 1690, Windsor Guildhall was chosen by Princes Charles for his wedding to Camilla Parker-Bowles and Sir Elton John for his civil partnership. It houses the Windsor and Royal Borough Museum and the Tourist Information Centre.

Windsor Royal Station

Set within the original Victorian rail terminus, opposite Windsor Castle, designed to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, Windsor Royal Station offers fabulous shopping and eating.

The Long Walk

Accessed from George IV Gate close to the south front of the Castle, it is the great ceremonial route from the Castle into Windsor Great Park, laid out by Charles II in 1685.

The Royal Farms Windsor Farm Shop

In 2001 The Duke of Edinburgh came up with the idea of selling high quality goods from the Royal Estates and other small local suppliers. Today coaches are welcome to pull in and passengers can enjoy tea in the Coffee Shop as well as buy edible souvenirs.

The Savill Garden

In 1932 Queen Mary gave Sir Eric Savill permission to develop The Savill Garden a 35-acre garden in Windsor Great Park. Delight in the colourful herbaceous borders and enjoy a pre-booked lunch or tea in The Savill Garden Visitor Centre.

Frogmore House

If you're visiting in August, book Frogmore House a royal retreat for over 300 years, and today used by the Royal Family for private entertaining.

Theatre Royal

This beautiful Edwardian theatre has over 200 years' history in the town. Round off your day with a play, comedy or Christmas pantomime.

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