

Royal Connections

A Royal Weekend just outside London

When it comes to royal connections the South East can do some serious name dropping. Kings and Queens of England have resided all around London, including the Royal Windsor area, for hundreds of years. Today visitors flock to Windsor Castle each year to see the State Apartments and St George's Chapel amongst others. Hampton Court Palace in Surrey has also many links with King Henry VII. Today, the palace housed the Young King Henry VIII Exhibition.

Day 1: Hampton Court Palace



Start your journey at [Hampton Court Palace](#), situated about 40min from London. Explore the Young Henry VIII exhibition, Henry VIII's Kitchens, The Chapel Royal and William III's apartments with an inclusive audio guide or a costumed guided tour for your group. Don't miss the famous Hampton Court Maze, the oldest hedge maze in the world and the amazing Great Vine.

Have lunch in the cafés of Hampton Court Palace, and then travel the 30min that separate you from Windsor.

In the afternoon, discover the magnificent [Windsor Castle](#) built by William the Conqueror, with an inclusive 1½ hour audio guide and a 30min free tour of the precincts with a Windsor Castle warden. Special tours are also available for pre-booked groups. Make sure you visit the beautiful [St George's Chapel](#) in the Castle grounds, in which 10 monarchs are buried and the State Apartments furnished with some of the finest works of art from the Royal Collection.

Choose one of the numerous historic pubs and restaurants of Thames Street and High Street for your lunch.

There is a wide range of places to stay in Windsor and the surrounding areas. For more information, please visit www.windsor.gov.uk/accommodation.

Day 2: Royal Windsor



The Royal Windsor area has been the residence of Kings and Queens of England for centuries. Book a walking tour with professional [Blue Badge Guides](#) to know more about its royal patronage, which starts at the award-winning Royal Windsor Information Centre; or a one hour open top bus tour.

Time your visit so that you can catch the Changing of the Guard Ceremony of [Windsor Castle](#), which takes place in Lower Ward at 11am.

Try some traditional English food at Monty Cafe or in typical pubs such as The Two Brewers or The Duchess of Cambridge.

In the afternoon, visit Eton College, one of the world's most well-known educational institutions and famous for educating members of the world's royal families. (*Owing to building work, Eton College cannot welcome visitors until autumn 2015*).

If you need any further information, please visit www.visitsoutheastengland.com/.