

Stay a little longer...

Suggested Itineraries



Berkshire

A county known for its connections with the Royal Family, the River Thames and many beautiful gardens, the county of Berkshire offers numerous ideas for a day out and all on London's doorstep. The county of Berkshire is renowned for its royal connections. Not only is Berkshire well known for its attractions including Windsor Castle, Eton College, Ascot Racecourse and The Savill Garden, the county is also the birthplace of the Royal family's newest member, the Duchess of Cambridge.

Day 1: Windsor

AM -

Visit **Windsor Castle**, M23/M25/M4/A335 (1 hour) the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world, and one of the official residences of Her Majesty the Queen. Tour the magnificent **State Apartments** furnished with treasures from the **Royal Collection** Watch the **Changing of the Guard**, the only place outside London where you can do so. Visit **St Georges Chapel**, started by Edward IV in 1475, one of the most beautiful ecclesiastical buildings in England.

PM - Travel to **The Savill Garden** (15 minutes from Windsor Castle). The Savill Garden was created in the 1930s by Sir Eric Savill. It began as a woodland garden, but has since evolved by incorporating many new plants over the years.



Windsor Castle and the Royal Guards

Day 2: River Thames & Cliveden

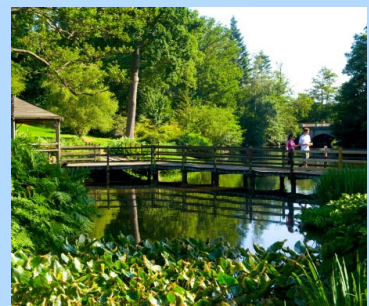
AM - Relax and take a **River Thames Cruise** along Britain's most famous river. A gentle 40-minute cruise along the River Thames meanders past famous sites such as the Eton College Chapel and Royal Windsor Racecourse. Enjoy the stunning scenery and wildlife. Cruises can be taken along many different stretches of the river, visiting everywhere from Henley to Oxford.

PM - Take the M25/M4/A4 (90 minutes) to Taplow. **Cliveden House** is set amid 376 acres of magnificent National Trust managed Grade I listed formal gardens and woodlands. Standing upon chalk cliffs that give the estate its name, the house commands panoramic views over beautiful countryside and an idyllic bend in the river Thames.



The River Thames at Windsor

The Savill Garden



Day 3: Windsor & Eton

AM - Spend the morning exploring the historic town. **Windsor Royal Shopping**, set amongst the grandeur of the refurbished Victorian railway station, Windsor Royal Shopping is located opposite Windsor Castle and has over 40 shops, continental style restaurants and bars and had a art and craft market open 7 days a week.

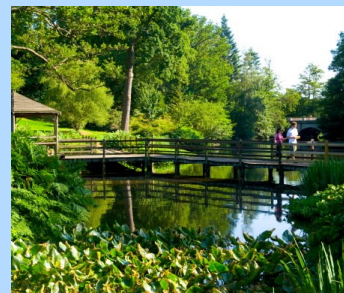
PM - An afternoon tour of **Eton College** (*10 minutes from Windsor Castle*) gives a fascinating insight into one of England's oldest institutions. Founded by Henry VI in 1440 to provide 70 "worthy boys" with a free education. Today the school is a very modern institution whilst retaining its distinctive "school dress", age-old traditions, language and sports.



Windsor Royal Shopping

Extend your stay

- See the town on a 45 minute tour aboard a **City Sightseeing** open top bus
- Take a **horse-drawn carriage** ride through Windsor Great Park in a sociable 4-6 seater carriage previously used by Her Majesty the Queen's Equerry and Horsemaster.
- Take a look around **Dorney Lake**, site of the London 2012 **Olympic** and **Paralympic** rowing events.
- Fly the Spitfire Simulator at **Maidenhead Heritage Centre**, described as "the best fun ever". Part of a permanent exhibition called "Grandma Flew Spitfires!" it tells a forgotten World War II story of courage, skill and sacrifice - the story of Air Transport Auxiliary and its civilian pilots who ferried over 300,000 warplanes between factories and RAF airfields.
- The **Stanley Spencer Gallery** in **Cookham**, opened in 1962 as a memorial to the artist Stanley Spencer (1891-1959) who was born and worked for much of his life in the village. He now has international stature and is widely recognised as one of the most important British artists of the 20th century.



The Casson Bridge at The Savill Gardens

Further Information

Where to stay:

www.visitsoutheastengland.com/accommodation
www.windsor.gov.uk/accommodation

Useful websites:

www.aroundgatwick.com
www.visitsoutheastengland.com
www.visitthames.co.uk
www.windsor.gov.uk
www.theroyallandscape.co.uk/landscape/savillgarden
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