

Suggested Itineraries



Stay a little longer...

Buckinghamshire

This surprising county contains some of Britain's national treasures. From the world's oldest model village, to a priceless Rothschild art collection to the famous WWII Enigma machine, Buckinghamshire has many unique and fascinating attractions. The surrounding countryside of the beautiful Chiltern Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty since 1965, makes this a relaxing destination for holidaymakers.

Day 1: Chalfont St Giles & Beaconsfield

AM - Visit **Chiltern Open Air Museum**, Chalfont St Giles (M25, 90 minutes from Gatwick), home to over 30 historic buildings, spanning 2000 years of history, all rescued from demolition and re-erected on the beautiful 45acre site.

PM - **Bekonscot Model village and railway** in Beaconsfield is the oldest original model village in the world. It portrays aspects of England mostly dating from the 1930s. Bekonscot has been run by the Church Army since 1978 and donates large amounts of money to charity.

Alternatively, travel to Great Missenden where the **Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre** houses all of Dahl's main papers: his manuscripts, business and personal correspondence and is "Ideas Book".

Beckonscot Model Village, Beaconsfield



Day 2: Stowe and Waddeson

AM - Visit **Waddeson Manor**, built in 1874-89 by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild to display his outstanding collection of art treasures and to entertain the fashionable world. The 45 rooms on view combine the highest quality French furniture and decorative arts from the 18th century. Waddeson has one of the finest Victorian gardens in Britain, famous for its Parterre, seasonal displays, shady walks and views, fountains and statuary.

PM - Travel to Quinton and visit the **Buckinghamshire Railway Centre**. Exhibits include a coach from the royal train of 1901 and one used by Churchill and Eisenhower 1944. Steam train rides available.



Waddeson Manor



Chiltern Hills at Great Missenden

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Day 3: Heritage

AM - Travel to historic Buckingham and visit **Buckingham Old Gaol**, which was one of the first purpose-built county gaols in England. Stroll the historic streets and browse in the specialist shops and street markets.

Just outside town, explore **Stowe Landscape Gardens**, one of the most remarkable creations of Georgian England.

PM - Discover **Bletchley Park**, Milton Keynes, historic site of secret British codebreaking activities during WWII and birthplace of the modern computer. This was the site of the Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS), where ciphers and codes of several Axis countries were decrypted, most importantly the ciphers generated by the German Enigma and Lorenz machines. It also housed **Station X**, a secret radio intercept station.



Buckingham Old Gaol Museum

Extend your stay

- Venture 300 feet under West Wycombe hill into **The Hell Fire Caves**, a series of handcrafted tunnels excavated for the 2nd Baronet, Sir Frances Dashwood in the 1750s. Steeped in local history, the tunnels and caves have remained practically unchanged and were once the secret meeting place of the notorious Hell Fire Club.
- Visit **Hughenden Manor**, owned by the National Trust. The Manor was the former home of the great Victorian statesman Benjamin Disraeli.
- With over 30 restored buildings, 45 acres of beautiful woodland and walks and special events throughout the year, **Chiltern Open Air Museum** makes a great family day out.
- Get behind the wheel and get your heart racing at the **Silverstone** circuit in the north of the county, have water-based fun at **Longridge Activity Centre**, an adrenaline tree top adventure at **Go Ape!** or even ski or skydive at **Xscape**.

Bletchley Park



Further Information

Where to stay:

www.visitsoutheastengland.com/accommodation
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Useful websites:

www.aroundgatwick.com
www.visitsoutheastengland.com
www.visitbuckinghamshire.org
www.mkheritage.co.uk/ogb
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowe
www.bletchleypark.org.uk
www.hellfirecaves.co.uk
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