

Windsor



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

First time visitors to Windsor are amazed and delighted at the proximity of the castle to the town. It was Henry VIII's favourite residence and HM The Queen spends most weekends here, away from her 'office' at Buckingham Palace. The castle covers the equivalent of 269 tennis courts and is more like a fortified town.

Wherever you go the River Thames is near. Time spent enjoying the sights and sounds of the river on a leisurely boat trip or from the Thames path should feature in everyone's to-do list.

One of the oldest schools in England, Eton has educated 18 former British Prime Ministers including the Duke of Wellington, current Prime Minister David Cameron and Princes William and Harry. The School Dress, which dates from the 1850s, still consists of a black tailcoat and waistcoat and pin-striped trousers. Visitors can experience the beauty and traditions of the College on guided tours

The Royal Borough is home to Bray; the only village in the world with two Three-Michelin Starred restaurants; Heston Blumenthal's 'The Fat Duck' and Michel Roux's 'The Waterside Inn'. There are gastro-pubs, hotel dining, bistros and cafes to suit all tastes and pockets. Royal Windsor Shopping and King Edward Court provide a wonderful combination of luxury stores and high street favourites.

Attractions :

- Windsor Castle
- Eton College
- Legoland Windsor
- City Sightseeing Open Top Bus Tours
- River Thames Boat Trips
- Shopping
- Dining
- Ascot and Windsor Racecourses
- Savill Garden
- Blue Badge Guided Walking Tours
- Stanley Spencer Galler



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Key Themes :

- Unique royal connections – weekend home of The Queen
- Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest in continuous use in the world.
- Eton College has educated 18 British Prime Ministers
- The Royal Borough has 20 miles of historic River Thames following through it.
- Less than 30 miles from Central London Royal Windsor is the perfect base for touring the capital and South East region.
- Ideal for families too with Legoland and Thorpe Park Peary
- Home to famous events such as Royal Ascot, Cartier International Polo, Garter Ceremony, Swan Upping
- Culinary excellence can be found in Bray, just 5 miles outside Windsor, home to 3 Michelin starred restaurants The Waterside Inn and The Fat Duck



Annual and Special Events

- Year round racing at Ascot and Windsor
- Royal Windsor Horse Show - May
- Royal Ascot Race Meeting - June
- Royal Windsor Triathlon - June
- Garter Ceremony - June
- Swan Upping – July
- Cartier International Polo - July
- Windsor Championship Dog Show - July
- Windsor Half Marathon – September
- Windsor Festival - September to October

Directions and distance from central London:

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is less than 30 miles west of London with Heathrow Airport just 15 minutes' drive 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.

- M4 Junction 6
- M3 Junction 3 for Bagshot then follow signs to Ascot and Windsor
- M25 Junction 13 for Egham then follow signs for Runnymede and Windsor

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