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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 is where The Queen spends the majority of her time and where the celebrations of her astonishing 70-year reign will be going on all year.

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 39 British monarchs including Henry VIII and Charles II, 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 Building.

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.

01 The Round Tower. Royal Collection Trust / © Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2022

02 Royal Windsor Station



Royalty & Racing

DAY 2 A Day at the Races

Her Majesty is renowned for her love of horse racing, training and racing her own stable of thoroughbreds. Her favourite race meeting is Royal Ascot, which she attends every year, arriving by carriage. Here, five days of unparalleled racing, style, fine dining and pageantry offer a unique setting for a group experience.

There are events and race meetings at Royal Windsor Racecourse as well.

The Royal Windsor Horse Show started in 1943 and takes place in May in the private grounds of Windsor Castle. It includes: International Jumping, The Land Rover International Driving Grand Prix, International Endurance and National Showing.

Accommodation

In Windsor

The Royal Adelaide Hotel – Named after Queen Adelaide, wife of William IV. A Georgian building favoured by the American boxer, John L. Sullivan. He trained in Windsor in 1883. Queen Victoria came to watch him train.

Near Windsor

De Vere Beaumont Estate, Old Windsor – An 18th-century mansion in Old Windsor with Green Tourism award. 429 rooms. 4.2 miles.

Great Fosters, Egham – Set in 50 acres of gardens. Henry VIII and Elizabeth I used the house as a hunting lodge. Above the main porch there is an original royal crest of Queen Elizabeth I with the date 1598. 56 luxury suites/bedrooms. 6.5 miles.

Coach Parking

Windsor Coach Park, Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3HY. Pay and display parking area for 74 coaches only.

Distances are from Windsor:

Windsor Farm Shop (2.1 miles), The Savill Garden 5.5 miles, Frogmore House (2.1 miles), Ascot (6.9 miles), Royal Windsor Racecourse (1.6 miles).

Self-guided walking route

The Queen's Walkway

This two hour walking route was created to mark the occasion of The Queen becoming Britain's longest reigning monarch and was opened by The Queen on her 90th birthday. It is a symbolic 6.373km long for the 63 years, 7 months and 3 days and links 63 of Windsor's best attractions, features and views.



Day Out of London

If you're based in London, head over to Victoria for a nostalgic day out by steam train on The **Royal Windsor Steam Express** which offers special group packages including theming your own carriage.

Combine with a **French Brothers Royal Steamboat Voyage** along the River Thames through the "back garden" of Windsor Castle.

There are a range of sightseeing tours departing daily from London that include Windsor: **Evan Evans Tours**, **Premium Tours** and **Golden Tours**.



For further information on Windsor: windsor.gov.uk/travel-trade

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Based on one of the first Great Roads commissioned by the Kings of England, the Great West Way winds its way through landscapes filled with the world-famous and the yet-to-be-discovered. Why not include a visit to the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead on your 'England's Great West Way' itinerary. greatwestway.co.uk

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