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CULTURE BREAKS



Explore Windsor's rich history, art and culture. There is plenty of choice for culture vultures around the Royal Borough, whether it's entertainment, museums, a festival or art fair you're looking for, so include an overnight or two!

DAY 1

Start your visit at **Windsor Castle**. The sequence of rooms built at Windsor for Charles II and his Queen, Catherine of Braganza, between 1675 and 1678, formed the baroque State Apartments, containing some of the most important works of art in the Royal Collection.

For an experience, groups won't forget, book a private evening tour of the State Apartments with an expert guide. Your group's behind-the-ropes tour will take you on a journey through 1,000 years of royal history, when the Castle is closed to the public for the day. 6-8.30pm on selected dates.

A Special Lunch

If you are organising a special trip, why not include a lunch with a speaker at **The Windsor Guildhall**, a Grade II listed building, where portraits of monarchs adorn the walls. It has provided sumptuous banqueting experiences for over three centuries. Completed in 1690 it was the home of Windsor's Town Council until 1974 and still hosts various council meetings and civil marriages and civil partnership ceremonies. HRH the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles were married here on the 9th April 2005. The same year, Singer, Elton John and his partner David Furnish had their Civil Partnership ceremony here on the 21st

December. The Queen most recently visited as part of her 90th birthday celebrations in 2016, meeting twenty, 90 year old local residents. Banqueting is available from 15-80.

Afternoon visiting art galleries and shopping

As well as offering some great shopping, **Windsor Royal Station** has two art galleries which host artist appearances and exhibitions: **Castle Fine Art** and **Artique Galleries** which has an award-winning portfolio of artists from across the globe including the likes of Gary Walton, Vincent Kamp and Louise Braithwaite.

Near to Windsor Castle is **Clarendon Fine Art**, a boutique gallery specialising in original works, limited editions and sculpture, alongside a collection of rare, signed editions from 20th century masters including Picasso, Hockney and Warhol.

Or enjoy art and a drink at **Contemporary Fine Art @ The Piper Art Bar**. Overlooking Windsor Castle, a free house bar, incorporating a wonderful art gallery, with room available for private functions seating up to 20 people, or up to 30 for a stand-up buffet. Real ales include local **Windsor and Eton Brewery**.

Entertainment

Theatre Royal - The Edwardian theatre sits directly across from the castle and features an eclectic programme of musicals, light opera and live music.

The Old Court - A hothouse for movies, live music, theatre, dance and exhibitions. The quirky Grade II listed building originally Windsor's police station, magistrates' court and fire station from 1907 to 1966.

The Old Ticket Hall - Once the original ticket office for the Riverside train station in Windsor. The quirky Grade II listed building still boasts many of its original features and is dedicated to live music five days a week.

TIME YOUR STAY WITH AN EVENT

Contemporary Art Fair (Nov) - Over 150 artists, printmakers, photographers, sculptors, ceramicists and galleries. With artwork, workshops and demonstrations.

Windsor Festival (Sep) - Performances are located in some stunning local venues including St George's Chapel.

Windsor Fringe (Sep/Oct) - An eclectic mix of the arts and entertainment.





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DAY 2

AROUND THE ROYAL BOROUGH

Eton High Street - Stroll down Eton High Street and pop into one of the antique shops including The Antique Bookshop or book a viewing at The Barker Gallery, a contemporary & modern art gallery. Enjoy lunch or dinner in one of the many al fresco cafes, and first class restaurants. Spot Sir Anthony Gormley's Edge II statue attached to Common Lane House and Timbralls where James Bond creator, Ian Fleming, lived during his time at Eton. The lamp post outside is numbered 007!

If you have a small tour and are visiting on a Sunday, you could take a look at **Eton College Museums**: The Natural History Museum, The Museum of Antiquities and The Museum of Eton Life brings alive various aspects of the Eton experience across six centuries. Sundays (2.30-5pm)

Norden Farm, Maidenhead - This entertainment venue offers cinema, theatre, and music, with an on-site art gallery and Café Bar.

Stanley Spencer Gallery, Cookham - A gallery dedicated to the work of Stanley Spencer, one of the greatest 20th-century British artists. Group talks and tours of the Gallery and surrounding village are available.



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Film and TV Locations

You loved the film or series, so why not visit one of the Royal Borough locations used in the movie? Bray is the home of Bray Film Studios, made famous in the 1950s and 1960s by the Hammer House of Horror Productions including Dracula.

Locations include:

Dorney Court - Private Connoisseur's Tour. Tour can be tailored to focus on the film locations, scenes shot there and the actors who have been there. Used as a location in: The Missionary, Sense & Sensibility, Elizabeth, Sliding Doors, Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels, To Kill a King, The Other Boleyn Girl, Cranford, Midsomer Murders, Elizabeth: The Golden Age, The Social Network.

Maidenhead - Carry On films from 1963 to 1975.

Bray - Inspector Morse, Midsomer Murders – Bring out Your Dead

Royal Windsor Racecourse – location used in Suffragette and Midsomer Murders.

Eton College - A Tale of Two Cities, Chariots of Fire, The Fourth Protocol, Inspector Morse, The Madness of King George, Shakespeare in Love, Casino Royale.

Windsor Estate: King of Thieves, Lara Croft: Tomb Raider – The Jungle, Christopher Robin, King Arthur: Legend of the Sword, Bridget Jones's Baby – The Music Festival, The Huntsman: Winter's War, Black Mirror, Cinderella, Into the Woods. Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa, Midsomer Murders, Miss Marple, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part One and Two and Bridgerton.

Accommodation

In Windsor

Located opposite Windsor Castle: **Castle Hotel** (108 rooms) or **Macdonald Windsor** (120 rooms)

Nearby

Surrounded by gardens: **De Vere Beaumont Estate**, Old Windsor (429 rooms), Great Fosters, Egham (53 rooms) and **Macdonald Berystede**, Ascot (126 rooms)

Near Heathrow

Holiday Inn Express T5 Heathrow (300 rooms) or **Mercure London Heathrow** (184 rooms)

