

Spring and summer events and activities in Windsor & the Royal Borough

Discover spring and summer 2025 events and activities (March to August) in Windsor and the Royal Borough including brand new events, ideas and inspiration for school holidays, bank holiday weekends, Mother's Day and Easter. Visit the Royal Borough Image Bank for high res imagery <u>https://theroyalboroughimagebank.co.uk/</u>

Spring colour in The Savill Garden

As the days grow longer and warmer, explore the spring colour The Savill Garden, a 35-acre haven of gardens, woodland and seasonal displays nestled in the corner of Windsor Great Park.

March: the Spring Wood comes alive

April: swathes of crocus and dwarf daffodils appear; the garden is awash with the National Collection of Magnolias and award-winning Rhododendrons; discover the garden's stunningly beautiful flowering Japanese cherry trees. May: Woodland highlights include trilliums, erythroniums and primulas; the azaleas are dazzling. https://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/explore/the-gardens/the-savill-garden/

Windsor Great Park Environmental Centre – spring and summer activities for adults

As the spring brings life to the forest, where better place to be than in Windsor Great Park. The Park's Environmental Centre, a partnership with the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) runs a huge array of events and activities for adults, ranging from guided bat walks and willow weaving to forest bathing and art for relaxion. Various dates.

https://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/visit/educational-visits/environmental-centre/#adult-activities

Theatre Royal Windsor

Nestled in the shadows of Windsor Castle, the Theatre Royal Windsor is part of Bill Kenwright Ltd and the launchpad for many of the company's UK tours. It is also fast gaining a reputation as a producing theatre. The wide and varied programme includes one-nighters, family-friendly shows, musicals, touring productions, and new works.

As a flavour of what is on offer this spring and summer, the Easter holidays kick-start with Science Museum Live (9 April), Fireman Sam Live! (10 April) and The Dinosaur that Pooped (11 April). Creatives in Residence, Catherine O'Reilly & Tim Churchill's exciting new thriller Doubting Thomas premieres in June (dates tbc). Then in August, Roald Dahl's family friendly musical The Enormous Crocodile opens in Windsor (8-10 August), before transferring to London.

https://theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk/

Hands-on cookery experiences: learn to cook like a true Italian at Caldesi in Campagna

Learn to cook like a true Italian at Caldesi in Campagna, Giancarlo Caldesi's 'little corner of Italy' in Bray! Incorporate the best seasonal ingredients as you take part in a small-group regional Italian cookery course with one of their expert teachers. From mastering the art of fresh pasta making or creating the perfect risotto, from cooking fish and shellfish to making the most of the Italian vegetable garden and beyond. Various dates.

https://www.caldesi.com/caldesi-in-campagna/

Hands-on cookery experiences: Sushi masterclass experience at Hurley House Hotel

Unleash your inner sushi artist at one of Hurley House Hotel's exclusive sushi masterclass experiences with Chef Tomono Davies. In this 2-hour session, you will learn how to roll four different types of sushi and enjoy a selection of dishes from Hurley House Hotel's own Japanese menu.

Various dates https://hurleyhouse.co.uk/whats-on/

Guided tours of Windsor Guildhall

It's the 20th wedding anniversary of King Charles and Queen Camilla this year. Windsor Guildhall was the place they tied the knot and on a tour of Windsor's famous guildhall you can see the room where the ceremony took place.

Join our guided tour and walk in the footsteps of royalty to learn more about the history of this Grade I listed building – its walls adorned with portraits of British monarchs, from Elizabeth I to Elizabeth II – and its importance to Windsor's local heritage. Various dates.

https://tickets.windsor.gov.uk/sales/guildhalltour

Racing at Ascot Racecourse

Over the years the patronage of thirteen monarchs has helped make Ascot one of the world's best-loved racecourses and it remains a pillar of British sporting and social culture. Covering 179 acres, the racecourse welcomes over 630,000 guests each year and is the home of some of the sport's most prestigious race meetings ensuring that Ascot's stature, reputation and famed celebration of occasion is admired the world over.

Alongside Royal Ascot, the racecourse's famous five-day meeting, Ascot hosts an additional 21 racedays – including family days – throughout the year, each with its own unique character offering the perfect day out and the opportunity to celebrate any occasion.

Spring Family Race Day, 30 March 2025: See the Jumps season out in style at Ascot's Spring Family Raceday - our springtime extravaganza, where racing favourites meet family favourites.

Royal Ascot Trials Day, 30 April 2025: Quality is the order of the day at Royal Ascot Trials Day. The seven-race card showcases top-class competition, featuring four trials meticulously designed for contenders eyeing success at Royal Ascot.

Peroni Nastro Azzurro 0.0% May Racing Weekend at Ascot Racecourse, 9-10 May 2025: Gather with friends and family as you immerse yourself in action-packed entertainment and dine-out on delicious delicacies. Peroni Nastro Azzurro Racing 0.0% Weekend is your last opportunity to see equine stars in action before Royal Ascot. Don't miss it.

Royal Ascot, **17-21 June 2025**: Royal Ascot is one of the pinnacle events of the summer social season and is certainly a must-attend event of the year and a quintessentially British day out.

Summer Mile Weekend, 11-12 July 2025: The Summer Mile Racing Weekend presents two days of thrilling midsummer Flat action. The racecourse is in full bloom and its grounds are alive with atmosphere as racegoers enjoy the exciting action on the track and a relaxing afternoon of summer socialising. It's the perfect opportunity to pack a picnic and kick off your summer in style with friends and family.

King George VI Weekend, 25-26 July 2025: With the exception of Royal Ascot, King George weekend is the most important, historic and glamorous racing meeting on Ascot's calendar. With the racecourse in full bloom, the first day of the QIPCO King George Diamond Weekend offers a relaxed afternoon of racing where racegoers can wander across the racecourse's luscious lawns and sample the many Champagne and cocktail bars on offer under the glorious English sunshine.

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Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup, 9 August 2025: The Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup is a raceday like no other. A celebration of all things extraordinary, this exquisite event brings together exceptional talent from all over the world to compete on the racetrack and entertain at the post-racing concert! https://www.ascot.com/

Racing at Royal Windsor

Set on its own island and 165 acres of stunning Berkshire countryside – on the banks of the River Thames and in the shadow of Windsor Castle – Royal Windsor Racecourse's vibrant atmosphere makes for a memorable and thrilling experience each and every time. With 23 flat racing fixtures between April and September 2025, Royal Windsor Racecourse offers a vibrant, social and unique racing experience, stunning settings and first-class hospitality. Add some colour to your 2025 social diary with this year's exciting racing programme – pairing gripping racing with a host of music and entertainment – including the infamous themed Monday Night Racing fixtures and family fun days too! Royal Windsor Racecourse is also home to the Fitzdares Sprint Series (June-August 2025) and Winter Hill Stakes (Saturday 23rd August 2025).

Family Fun Day at Royal Windsor Racecourse, 5 & 26 May 2025: Looking for a fun-filled family day out? Join us for our Family Fun Day and enjoy thrilling horse racing, the best entertainment, and a fantastic atmosphere. Kids go free!

Summer Opening Party at Royal Windsor Racecourse, 24 May 2025: Things are hotting up here in Berkshire! Get ready for the ultimate night out combining exceptional flat racing and live entertainment.

Irish Night at Royal Windsor Racecourse, 9 June 2025: Fancy sprucing up the start of your week? Join us for our first live music themed Monday Night Racing fixture of 2025: Irish Night!

Ladies Night at Royal Windsor Racecourse, 28 June 2025: One of the most exciting fixtures of Windsor's calendar. Join fellow racegoers for a show of style and beauty in the ever-popular Ladies Day at Royal Windsor Racecourse. It's guaranteed to be our most stylish day of the year...

Soul & Motown Race Night at Royal Windsor Racecourse, 30 June 2025: Prepare yourself for soul-hitting funk and dance-floor jivin' at Royal Windsor Racecourse as Soul and Motown is back for summer 2025.

Rum & Reggae Racenight at Royal Windsor Racecourse, 14 July 2025: It's time to make the racecourse even more colourful with the slickest selection of Reggae sounds. Tickle your taste buds with traditional Jamaican food, specialist craft rum and a fantastic LIVE performance to get your body moving.

Rock at the Races at Royal Windsor Racecourse, 21 July 2025: As the Home of Monday Night Racing, the fun never stops at the finishing post! After taking in the stunning surroundings and thrill of flat racing at Windsor, and perhaps placing a winning bet, join us on the Lawn to sing We Are the Champions as a Queen tribute act take the stage. Our Queen Racenight last year was hugely popular so we're back, bigger and better for 2025. We're back with A Kind of Magic with Supersonic Queen live after racing!

Gentleman's Day at Royal Windsor Racecourse, 26 July 2025: Join us for Gentlemen's Evening, combining sport, style and live entertainment, to create the perfect recipe for a social summer day out! We have an jam-packed evening ahead with plenty of action on the track, combined with exhilarating live entertainment throughout the day and into the night.

Country & Western Racenight at Royal Windsor Racecourse, 28 July 2025: Dust off your cowboy boots for a rootin' tootin' night out at Windsor Racecourse this summer.

ABBA Party Racenight at Royal Windsor Racecourse, 4 August 2025: Mamma Mia! You won't want to miss this! If you're looking for a vibrant experience this Monday or for some high-octane sporting action to feast your eyes on, join us at Royal Windsor Racecourse for our ABBA Party Racenight!

Vegas Race Night at Royal Windsor Racecourse, 11 August 2025: Are you looking for something fun to do this Monday? You don't have to travel to Las Vegas for a night of fun as Windsor Racecourse is the place to be on Monday 11 August.

Summer Closing Party at Royal Windsor Racecourse, 23 August 2025: With a lively atmosphere, brilliant entertainment and fantastic action on track, don't miss our Summer Saturday at Royal Windsor Racecourse. https://www.windsor-racecourse.co.uk/

LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort

Hop over to LEGOLAND this Easter. Bring every bunny for a fun filled adventure that all the family will enjoy with everything from cute Easter activities to super cool rides and of course... lots and lots of LEGO! Enjoy iconic LEGOLAND rides and attractions including the latest rollercoaster Minifigure Speedway; meet and greet LEGO characters including Bunny Suit Guy (NEW for 2025); build a LEGO Easter Egg; and lots more! 5 to 21 April 2025

https://www.legoland.co.uk/

Stanley Spencer Gallery Summer Exhibition:

That Marvellous Atmosphere | Stanley Spencer and the Cookham Regatta

In the picturesque village of Cookham you'll find an intimate gallery dedicated to the art of Stanley Spencer. Spencer was born in Cookham and is buried in the churchyard. His artistic journey is very much intertwined with this pretty Thames-side town.

The Gallery's summer exhibition will take a deep dive into Stanley Spencer's last, great imaginative painting, *Christ Preaching at Cookham Regatta*. This enormous and ambitious painting was his main focus for the last 10 years of his life. In characteristic fashion, Spencer turned his childhood memories of the golden era Cookham Regatta into an event of great spiritual significance. Spencer explained, 'Everything to do with love is meant in this Regatta scene. In that marvellous atmosphere nothing can go wrong.'

3 April to November 2025 https://stanleyspencer.org.uk/

Quest Family Fest, Norden Farm Centre for the Arts

Take on a Quest with activities, shows and films this Easter holiday. Navigate your way through creative adventures, bringing stories to life!

Quest Family Fest is a fun-packed fortnight of new experiences for children and families.

Family shows include The Farmer and The Clown, Olaf Falafel's Stupidest Super Stupid Show So Far, The Amazing Bubble Man, The Museum of Marvellous Things and Shadow Necropolis.

There's also Art Daze activity club, Relaxed family film screenings and craft sessions.

On Friday 18 April, children of all ages and their families can try something new with Explore – a whole day of onehour workshops. Workshops are £4.50 per person or buy a Pass – four workshops for £16 per person. With over 40 workshops to choose from including Circus Skills, Special Effects Makeup, Street Dance, Screen Printing and Chocolate Making.

Quest Family Fest 2025 is supported by The Spoore, Merry and Rixman Foundation and The Cyril Taylor Foundation. 8 to 19 April 2025

https://norden.farm/pages/quest-family-fest

New for 2025! Space Safari Drone Show

Space Safari is an extraordinary drone light show coming to Windsor in April. Join us on 19 April 2025 at Royal Windsor Racecourse as we transform the night sky into a cinematic storytelling experience!

Choreographed using swarm technology and AI, the Space Safari team will deploy 600 drones to showcase the wanderlust stories of the first animals sent to space before mankind.

The event will feature fairground rides, VR gaming stalls, an immersive sound and light experience and VIP packages.

Space Safari is a first of its kind event which brings the beauty of drone light shows to a wider audience. Eco-friendly and a sustainable alternative to fireworks, this drone show is an awe-inspiring spectacle for the whole family. 19 April 2025

https://tickets.windsor.gov.uk/sales/spacesafari

Eton College Heritage Tours

Eton's seasonal programme of guided tours focuses on the historic heart of Eton College, featuring many of the earliest buildings and objects from the College Collections.

2 May to 19 September 2025 (Fridays only)

https://collections.etoncollege.com/whats-on/heritage-tours/

80 Years of VE Day | Danesfield House Hotel & Spa

Step back in time and celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day at Danesfield House. Brimming with history, Danesfield House was once home to the Intelligence Section of the RAF, known as RAF Medmenham. The unit specialised in photographic intelligence and was the 'eyes' to Bletchley Park's 'ears'. Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of history, nostalgia, and celebration!

Highlights:

- Traditional Afternoon Tea
- Mini photographic interpretation, showcasing RAF Medmenham's role in war
- Classic cars from the era
- Tea dancers & period actors to transport you back in time
- Book a table of ten and receive one guest complimentary.

Tickets: £50.00 (£5.00 from each ticket will be donated to the RAF Medmenham Charity)

Pre-payment is required, non-refundable and non-transferable.

Smaller groups may be required to share a table.

8 May 2025 https://danesfieldhouse.co.uk/concierge/whats-on

Royal Windsor Horse Show

Royal Windsor Horse Show takes place from 15 to 18 May. Alongside the top-class equestrian competition in Jumping, Driving and Endurance, and the 120-plus Showing classes, visitors can enjoy plenty of other entertainment and more than 170 shops to browse.

15 to 18 May 2025 https://rwhs.co.uk/

Eton Arts Week

Between 24 May and 1 June 2025, Eton Arts Week will put local artists' creativity firmly on the map! Eton will be teeming with art and art-related events. There will be lots of beautiful art to view and to purchase as well as activities to get involved in for young and old.

24 May to 1 June 2025 https://etonartsweek.co.uk/

Royal Windsor Flower Show

The Royal Windsor Flower Show is a one-day celebration of the joys of gardening, nature, cookery, traditional crafts and nostalgic fun. It's a quintessentially British flower show, set in the picturesque grounds of Windsor Great Park; discover competitions' marquee, show gardens and displays, outstanding exhibitors, inspirational talks, and delicious food.

This year marks the 118th flower show and the theme will be 'Patterns in Nature' which takes its inspiration from patron His Majesty King Charles III's book 'Harmony.'

Explore the range of demonstrations and workshops for an immersive, educational and hands-on experience. Enjoy traditional entertainment for all ages and abilities. It's the perfect opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family while enjoying life's simple pleasures in a beautiful setting.

"The Royal Windsor Flower Show is exactly what a British flower show should be – it is perfect!" Alan Titchmarsh, Hon President RWRHS 7 June 2025 https://rwrhs.com/flower-show/

Windsor Championship Dog Show

Dogs from all over the UK and from overseas will arrive in Windsor for the very popular Windsor Championship Dog Show – the largest event of its kind in the South of England and amongst the biggest in the UK. With nearly 200 breeds to see over the four days, it's a great day out for dog lovers! With Windsor Castle as a backdrop and a 'garden party' atmosphere it is very popular with everyone.

26 to 29 June 2025 https://windsordogshow.com/

Parallel Windsor

Parallel Windsor is a Festival of Inclusivity with Challenge Events for all ages, health conditions & abilities. Held in the grounds of the majestic Windsor Great Park and staged on the iconic Long Walk.

Walk, push or run - there are no cut off times. 'Start Together, Finish Whenever' is the motto!

Everybody who starts gets a medal, t-shirt and goody bag. Choose from: 100m, 1K, 5K, 10K or Parallel's very own innovative SuperSensory which supports neurodiversity and participants with profound and multiple learning disabilities to exercise their senses over a series of challenges such as engaging with sound, taste, touch and smell. 6 July 2025

https://www.parallellifestyle.com/windsor2025

Music for a Royal Occasion

Vox Anima London is privileged and honoured to present a choral concert Music for a Royal Occasion at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Esteemed composer Paul Mealor LVO CStJ will conduct the Vox Anima London Singers voices from the US and the UK - in an expansive programme highlighting historic and current royal music including his Coronation Kyrie, composed for the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla. 22 July 2025

https://www.windsor.gov.uk/whats-on/music-for-a-royal-occasion-p2528551

New for 2025! Windsor and Eton Pride

Since the first Pride March in London over 50 years ago, the ever-increasing number of Pride events have become joyful celebrations of the contribution of LGBTQIA+ communities and individuals across the UK.

This is Windsor and Eton's first ever Pride event, creating a new platform for celebrating diversity for the local Windsor and Eton communities and the whole Royal Borough!

Celebrations kick off with a parade on Windsor's famous Long Walk, then the focus switches to Windsor's riverside Alexandra Gardens where the party will take off. Here, two stages will showcase performances from the local community and others, a pride village, wet and dry bars, local charities, a talks and cinema area, sensory zone and a unique Safe Space for All health zone. 26 July 2025

https://www.windsorpride.co.uk/

Special Offers

Accommodation

Macdonald Windsor, Macdonald Berystede, Macdonald Frimley Park

Hotels in the Macdonald Hotels group are offering savings of 20% on hotel stays until 31 March 2025. There are Macdonald Hotels in Windsor, Ascot and Frimley. https://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/windsor/offers

The Castle Hotel Windsor

Experience the best of Windsor at The Castle Hotel Windsor, centrally situated on Windsor's pretty historic high street. Discover Sunday Night Specials and Romantic Escapes https://castlehotelwindsor.com/offers/

Danesfield House Hotel & Spa

Stay at Danesfield House Hotel & Spa and experience their Luxury Lovers' one-night package. Dinner, bed and breakfast and full access to spa facilities from £439 per room per night. <u>https://danesfieldhouse.co.uk/experiences</u>

Mother's Day Offers – 30 March 2025

Danesfield House Hotel & Spa

What Mum wouldn't love to dine on the finer things in a spectacular setting? We're pulling out all the stops for you to impress her on this special day!

With a delicious three-course lunch followed by an afternoon stroll around the 65 acres of manicured gardens, you're sure to surprise, spoil and delight Mum.

£60 per person https://danesfieldhouse.co.uk/concierge/whats-on

Stirrups Hotel

Celebrate Mother's Day at Stirrups Hotel. There's a delicious 3-course menu with options for gluten free, vegetarian and vegan diners.

Adult: £42.00pp Child under 12: £19.00 Child under 5: £10.00 https://www.stirrupshotel.co.uk/special-offers/mothers-day

Attraction offers

Escape in 60 Escape Rooms Windsor

An escape room is an immersive game of real-life adventure – a room full of clues to find, puzzles to solve and games to play. Think of the Crystal Maze meets Cluedo. Groups will play a mix of both physical and mental puzzles to escape the room before the time runs out.

One child goes free during the school holidays. You must book for a minimum of four players and if you use code CHILDFREERBWM at time of booking then one child goes free.

Please note: one player must be 16 or under and this offer is not valid with any other discount code. <u>https://www.escapein60windsor.com/</u>

A Royal Romance | an Exclusive Windsor Experience for Couples

Step into a world of unparalleled elegance and romance with Windsor Carriages' exclusive full-day Windsor experience, designed for couples seeking an extraordinary escape. Crafted with meticulous attention to detail, this is not just a day out — it's an investment in creating memories that will last a lifetime. From the moment you contact us, your dedicated Windsor host will curate a seamless, luxurious itinerary tailored to your desires, ensuring every moment is as unforgettable as the last.

https://www.windsorcarriages.co.uk/romanticdayvisit

Food and Drink offers

The Fat Duck offers À La Carte

The Fat Duck celebrates its 30th anniversary with the return of the à la carte menu for the first time in nearly 20 years.

From Wednesday 5 February 2025, alongside a new version of The Journey tasting menu, the seasonal à la carte menus will feature four starters, four mains, and a trio of desserts, including several of Heston's most iconic dishes, which will be served for the final time at the restaurant.

A fantastic opportunity for guests to explore The Fat Duck in their own way, and either finally taste things they've only read about, or enjoy an extraordinary moment of nostalgic gastronomy.

Menu starts at £195. https://thefatduck.co.uk/

The Fat Duck at home... An exclusive new experience

The Fat Duck at Bray Cottages offers a tailored, unforgettable experience. Stay in the luxurious Lavender House in Bray, then indulge in a bespoke three-Michelin-star dinner and wine flight — either at the restaurant or privately, in the comfort of the cottage, served by Fat Duck chefs. This is the ultimate gastronomic moment, designed to make your culinary journey last even longer, and crafted to perfection. Your perfection. <u>https://thefatduck.co.uk/</u>

The Fat Duck | A very private affair

Enjoy The Fat Duck like never before with exclusive hire of the entire restaurant. Ideal for private events, corporate gatherings or special celebrations, this offer gives you full access to the three-Michelin-starred restaurant in Bray – a unique culinary adventure, meticulously curated by Heston Blumenthal's team in a completely private setting. Elevate your event with exceptional service and cuisine, presenting a series of once-in-a-lifetime dishes in one of the world's most celebrated and innovative dining destinations. https://thefatduck.co.uk/

Delta Hotels by Marriott[™] Heathrow Windsor | Afternoon Tea

Experience the timeless tradition of Afternoon Tea at Delta Hotels by Marriott Heathrow Windsor, served daily from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM at The Brew Bar Lounge and Terrace. Inspired by the 19th-century custom introduced by Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, this delightful ritual features a selection of savoury and sweet treats, complemented by premium teas and freshly brewed coffee. Enjoy this elegant experience in a sophisticated setting and continue a cherished English tradition.

https://www.marriott.com/offers/a-timeless-afternoon-tea-experience-off-136355/lhrwd-delta-hotels-heathrowwindsor?propertycode=lhrwd

The Castle Hotel Windsor | Delicious weekday set menu

Let your taste buds be tempted to a mouth-watering set menu. Offering a seasonally changing menu including roast chicken, smoked haddock fishcake, sirloin steak, and indulgent tropical panna cotta amongst other irresistible options.

Two-courses £19.50, three-courses £24.50. https://castlehotelwindsor.com/dining/

The Castle Hotel Windsor | Royal Afternoon Tea

Indulge with an afternoon tea fit for Royalty at The Castle Hotel, it is one of the best in Windsor with freshly baked scones loaded with homemade jam and Devonshire clotted cream, delicious sandwiches and a selection of scrumptious sweet treats.

Available daily, Adult £42.50 | Child £25.00. https://castlehotelwindsor.com/dining/

Danesfield House Hotel & Spa | Easter Afternoon Tea

Celebrate the joy of Easter with a delightful Afternoon Tea, perfect for sharing with family or friends.

Indulge in a seasonal selection of classic finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones, and beautifully curated sweet treats.

Choose from a selection of warming teas or celebrate in style with a glass of Taittinger champagne. 18 to 21 April 2025 https://danesfieldhouse.co.uk/concierge/whats-on

Danesfield House Hotel & Spa | Kids' Easter Egg Hunt, 20 Apr 2025 to 21 Apr 2025

The Easter holidays are soon upon us, which means a fortnight-long diary needs to be filled to keep the kids entertained!

Come and join our annual Easter egg hunt, kids aged up to 12 years will explore the house and more than 66 acres of gardens in search of brightly coloured eggs and bunnies. Find all the treats and there's a delicious chocolate reward at the end (non-choc alternatives are available on request).

Lunch or Afternoon Tea may be booked in the hotel beforehand or afterwards.

£10 per child 2-12 years. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. 20 to 21 April 2025 https://danesfieldhouse.co.uk/concierge/whats-on