

UK Tour - Day 9 - Abridged Version

Good Morning to one and all.

I hope you all had a good time at the seaside yesterday. I see one or two of you have caught the sun! I didn't see many of you swimming in the sea though!

Today we are off to Windsor, mainly to look around the Castle.

Windsor is a town on the River Thames in southeast England, just 23 miles west of London. It is home to Windsor Castle, a residence of the British Royal Family. Built by William The Conqueror in the 11th century, the castle was extensively remodelled by subsequent monarchs.

We will start the day with a tour of the Castle and then move on to see what else Windsor has to offer.

This time we are going to travel by coach. The coach leaves from Trafalgar Square so we will use the underground again to get to Charring Cross, which is the closest tube station to Trafalgar Square.

We take the Circle line to the Embankment station and then change onto the Bakerloo line and go one stop to Charring Cross. From here it is a short walk to the Coach pick-up point. The coach is waiting, so climb aboard, find a seat and get comfortable. Off we go:-

Coach Journey from Trafalgar Square to Windsor

<https://youtu.be/UrXgg4fsEdY> [Start at 3.00 minutes and continue until 9.30 minutes.]

Most of you seem to have fallen asleep and missed the last part of the coach ride from the M4 into Windsor itself. Don't worry it was similar to what you have seen already and a lot of traffic. It didn't take too long though.

We are being dropped-off at

Windsor Castle

For a brief history of the Castle:-

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Windsor-Castle> [click the ‘continue to site’ at the bottom of the page if the ad blocker dialog box appears]
<https://www.royal.uk/royal-residences-windsor-castle>

Map of Windsor Castle

<http://www.thamesweb.co.uk/windsor/castle/castlemap.htm>

Visit Windsor Castle: Official Video

https://youtu.be/fUDDsZ2I_gk

360° Video: Windsor Castle Tour - BBC London

<https://youtu.be/VRSeF8twOig>

Virtual tours: Windsor Castle

<https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-windsor-castle>

Also part of the Castle is St. George’s Chapel

<https://www.stgeorges-windsor.org/>

https://youtu.be/iBumAKPmB_Y

On display in the castle is a masterpiece of miniature engineering,

Queen Mary’s Dolls’ House 1921-4

It is a dollhouse built in the early 1920s, completed in 1924, for Queen Mary, the wife of King George V. It was designed by architect Sir Edwin Lutyens, with contributions from many notable artists and craftsmen of the period, including a library of miniature books containing original stories written by authors including Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and A. A. Milne.

<https://www.rct.uk/collection/231999/queen-marys-dolls-house>

<https://youtu.be/y7YjePpdXVQ>

17 Wild Secrets You Never Knew About Windsor Castle

<https://www.readersdigest.ca/culture/windsor-castle-secrets/>

The Guards Band and march passed:-

https://youtu.be/7T7Ss6u_DPI

So now it is time to go and see what else there is in Windsor. We haven't got time today, but if you fancy a walk in Windsor Great Park which is at the back of the Castle, it comprises sweeping historic parkland, award-winning gardens, ancient woodland and forest trails – there is something for everyone - and it's free to enter :-

Windsor Great Park

<http://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/en>

<https://youtu.be/sGEgHml5uRs>

You can also enjoy a carriage ride along the Long Walk:-

<https://www.windsorcarriages.co.uk/>

and if you are Harry and Megan getting married, you can do it in style:-

https://youtu.be/TdNyL9_2idc

I don't know about you, but I think it is time for some refreshment. So we will leave the castle and cross straight over Castle Hill into Church Street. There seems to be a lot of choice, with several different pubs and cafes. If you go to the end of Church Street and into Church Lane there is even more choice. Here is a sample of some of the choices:-

Possible places for lunch

https://www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk/restaurants/southeast/thecarpentersarmswindsor?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb

<https://www.clarencebrasserie.co.uk/>

<http://www.latinotaverna.co.uk/cms/index.php>

<https://www.queencharlottewindsor.co.uk/>

There seem to be plenty of tables free. Also there is another chance to buy some souvenirs and gifts if you wish.

When you are suitably refreshed, we will continue along Church Street and turn right into Church Lane. The building on your right is the

Guildhall & Museum We'll call in for a quick look:-

The Windsor & Royal Borough Museum is a registered/accredited, family-friendly and accessible small local history museum in a Grade 1 listed building

completed in 1689. Come and discover the history of the town and the area. Listen to the stories of people who lived and worked here.

<https://www.windsor.gov.uk/things-to-do/windsor-and-royal-borough-museum-p316981>

<https://www.facebook.com/WindsorRoyalBoroughMuseum/videos/592272591562184/?t=3>

We come out of Church Lane and turn right. At the end of the museum building there is a small lane called Queen Charlotte Street. This is the shortest street in Britain. Take a quick look, shouldn't take you long! :-

Queen Charlotte Street - shortest street in Britain

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/queen-charlotte-street>

<https://youtu.be/yLG7xg8dEUw>

<https://youtu.be/F3WFymBxLUI>

We keep going straight ahead, passed the castle to the bend at the start of Thames Street. On the other side of the road, at number 23 is

Dr Choc's Windsor Chocolate Factory & Café. We'd better go and see what we can make out of chocolate:-

<https://drchocs.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/drchocs/videos/1389151784583082/?t=6>

<https://youtu.be/NPF2hQw41UU>

I hope you didn't over indulge, especially so soon after lunch!

A little further along we turn left into River Street and keep going along here till we get to the river. At this point you will see

River Thames Boat Trip You guessed it! Yes we have a trip booked:-

<https://youtu.be/N88ED1Wokcc?list=PLRx70C-zdUdh06XAIuy134WBFJajLXPn>

However, if you prefer a smaller boat that you operate yourself, you could go a little further along to

John Logie Motor Boats

<http://johnlogiemotorboats.com/>

<https://youtu.be/Zh84WjcDkSI>

After the boat trip we will carry on along Barry Avenue. On your left is the

Jubilee Fountain Worth watching for a moment.

<https://youtu.be/hv6e0Cfdt3I>

Stay on Barry Avenue. On your left is Alexandra Park and on your right is the river. A lovely walk when the sun is out.

Alexandra Gardens is a pretty public garden with seating, a bandstand and plenty of grassed areas perfect for picnics.

<https://youtu.be/CIA3bcy6uqA>

We carry straight on to the bridge and turn left in front of it. Just the other side of the bridge is an industrial estate with Windsor & Eton Brewery in one of the units. We have arranged for a tour of the brewery and a chance to sample some of their beer.

Windsor & Eton Brewery

<https://www.webrew.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/windsoretonbrewery/videos/216780796413182/?t=1105>

That's our last visit for the day, now all that remains is a meal before we catch the coach back to London, so let's call the taxi.

For our last evening meal in the UK we have arranged something special. We are going to dine at The Waterside Inn, which is nestling on the banks of the Thames, in the charming 16th century village of Bray, six miles away. The journey will take 10 - 15 minutes by taxi.

The inn is located in an enchanting riverside setting with elegant surroundings. It has a relaxed, unpretentious atmosphere... effortless, yet impeccable, service... and of course, exquisite cuisine, as befits a three-star Michelin establishment. Welcome to the Waterside Inn... and to a world-class culinary experience. The cost is all included in the tour, so sit back, relax and choose whatever you fancy from the menu.

The Waterside Inn

<https://www.waterside-inn.co.uk/>

<https://youtu.be/W5n8iorromA>

So it only remains to take the taxi back to Windsor, get on the coach and return to our hotel at Paddington.

Sleep well, it's going to be a long day tomorrow.

If you should want to come back to Windsor again sometime in the future, these are some other places nearby that you may want to visit.

Other places of interest nearby

History on Wheels Motor Museum, Eton Wick

<http://www.historyonwheels.co.uk/>

<https://youtu.be/u46kc7Kb4G8>

Frogmore House and Gardens

Standing about half a mile south of Windsor Castle in Windsor Home Park, Frogmore House has been a Royal Residence since 1792.

<https://www.royal.uk/houses-frogmore>

<https://youtu.be/f1Y0hjsQM4w>

LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort

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

<https://youtu.be/ymF-Upo0DHw>

Tally Ho Stables - South of Windsor Great Park

<http://www.tallyhostables.co.uk/>

<https://youtu.be/L0XKhWZnhis>

<https://youtu.be/KIWzuNyxBB0>

Royal Windsor Racecourse

<https://www.windsor-racecourse.co.uk/>

<https://youtu.be/e6rU1g43J24>

Ascot Racecourse

<https://www.ascot.co.uk/>

<https://youtu.be/GeCxnJOQlhs>

<https://youtu.be/UnvzHSvs184>

https://youtu.be/UXqJqe_QpNA

National Trust - Runnymede - South of Windsor - Where the Magna Carta was signed

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/runnymede-and-ankerwycke>

<https://youtu.be/vjWEdMUXUsE>