

EXPLORE

FOR THE ADVENTUROUS SOUL

ENGLISH HERITAGE

Mighty Castles to
Peaceful Abbeys

Brooklands Museum

The birthplace of
British Motorsport

Alton

Heart of Jane
Austen country

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Polesden Lacey

Windsor Castle

The oldest and largest
occupied castle
in the world

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CHERTSEY BRIDGE

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Rangeford Villages create stunning homes exclusively for the over 60s, set within exciting and contemporary communities. With an abundance of lifestyle and wellbeing activities, along with exceptional support and care services if needed, our villages are an idyllic setting to live life to the full.

We're really lucky to live in this part of the world. There are so many interesting and beautiful places to see. And being in the heart of the Surrey, it's the perfect base to immerse yourself in your surroundings.

From charming villages and bustling towns to museums and historic buildings. Not forgetting an abundance of gardens, parks, stately homes, castles and, of course, London. We're spoilt for choice!

We've put this handy guide together so you can see what's in your local area and further afield. We hope you find it useful in planning your days out and discovering new places to visit.

*The Homewood
Grove Team*

Timings are approximate driving times from Homewood Grove.

WITHIN 30 MINUTES



1 CHERTSEY, 5 MINS

This historic market town sits on the Thames with the 18th century Chertsey Bridge crossing the river. Home to a number of listed buildings, including the Cedars which houses Chertsey Museum, and plenty of independent shops, bars and restaurants.



2 GREAT COCKROW RAILWAY, 5 MINS

The most extensive miniature steam railway of its kind in the country.

www.cockcrow.co.uk

Image courtesy of Great Cockrow Railway



3 THE FARM SHOP LYNE, 5 MINS

Offers locally grown fruit and veg, a traditional butchers shop and a popular café.

 www.thefarmshoplyneuk.com



4 FOXHILLS COUNTRY CLUB AND RESORT, 5 MINS

The award-winning Foxhills spans 400 hectares of country estate, with three golf courses, a spa, five swimming pools and three restaurants.

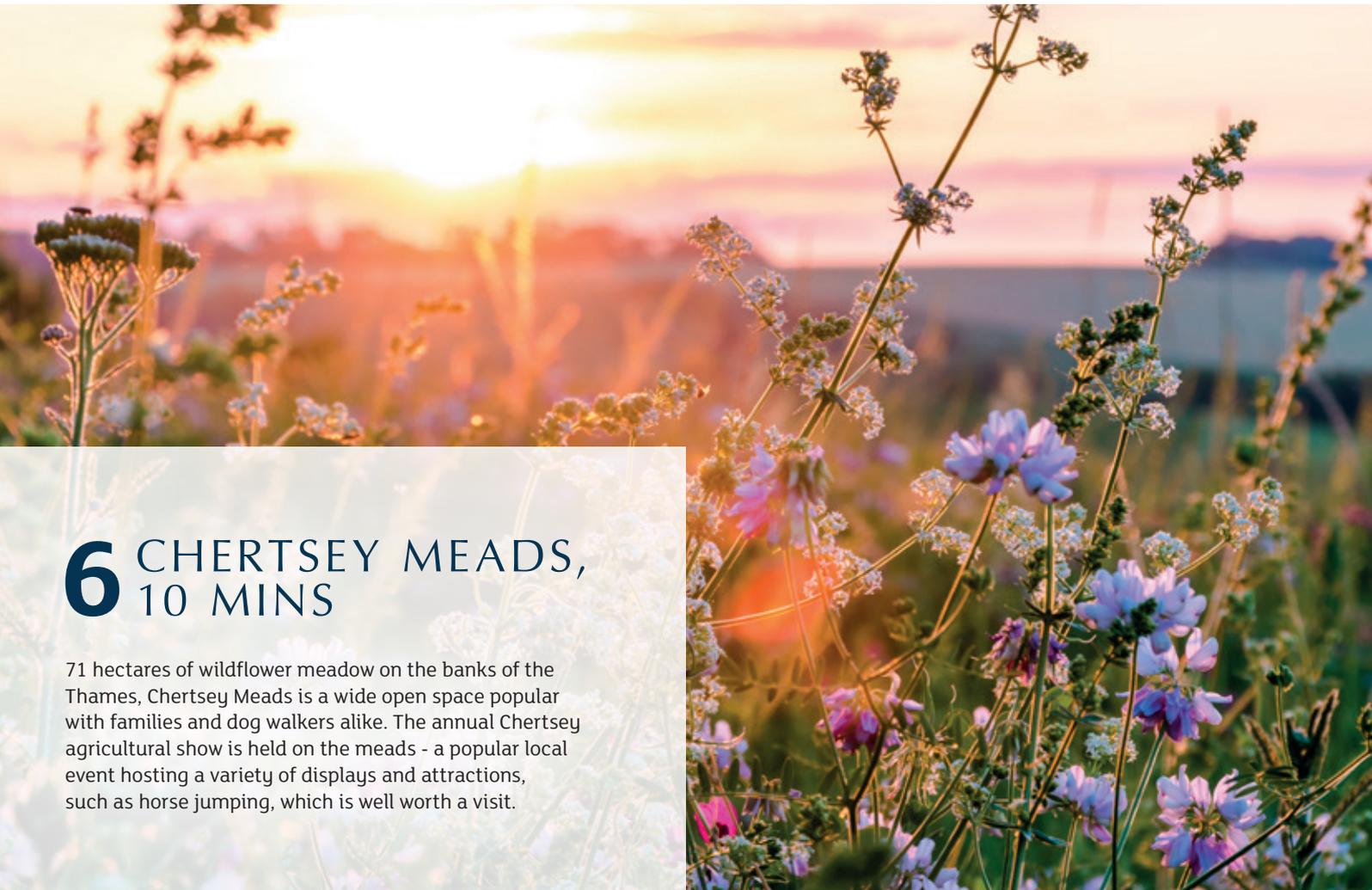
 www.foxhills.co.uk

5 HOMWOOD PARK, 5 MINS

23 hectares of nature trails, pathways, cycle routes, horse trails and woodlands surrounding the grade II listed Botleys Mansion. The park is designed to echo the original landscape surrounding the Botley Manor Mansion of the later 1700s.

 www.visitsurrey.com - search 'Homewood Park'



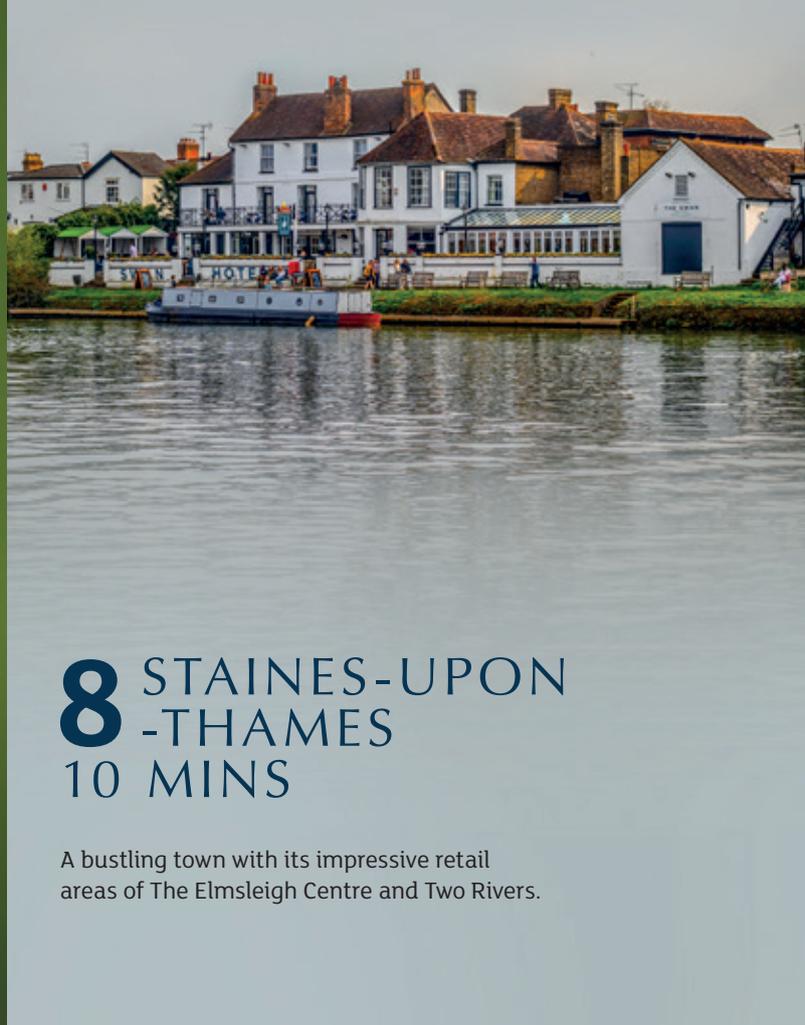


6 CHERTSEY MEADS, 10 MINS

71 hectares of wildflower meadow on the banks of the Thames, Chertsey Meads is a wide open space popular with families and dog walkers alike. The annual Chertsey agricultural show is held on the meads - a popular local event hosting a variety of displays and attractions, such as horse jumping, which is well worth a visit.

7 CHOBHAM COMMON, 10 MINS

The largest National Nature Reserve in the southeast of England and one of the finest remaining examples of lowland heath in the world.



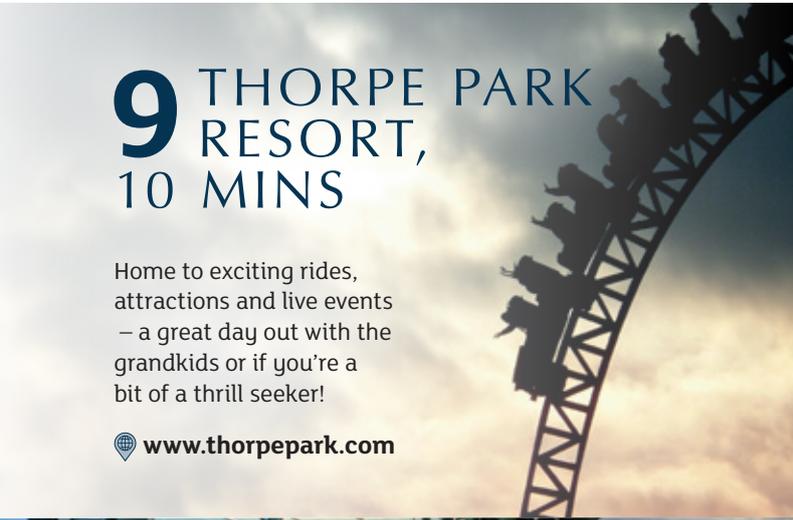
8 STAINES-UPON -THAMES 10 MINS

A bustling town with its impressive retail areas of The Elmsleigh Centre and Two Rivers.

9 THORPE PARK RESORT, 10 MINS

Home to exciting rides, attractions and live events – a great day out with the grandkids or if you’re a bit of a thrill seeker!

www.thorpepark.com



10 WEYBRIDGE, 15 MINS

A beautiful town with scenic walks along the riverside and shopping on the stylish Baker’s Street.



11 MERCEDES-BENZ WORLD, 15 MINS

Exhibitions and displays giving an insight into the heritage, innovation and engineering behind Mercedes-Benz. Driving experiences and tours also available.

www.mercedes-benzworld.co.uk



12 RUNNYMEDE AND ANKERWYCKE, 15 MINS

Runnymede is famous as the site of the sealing of Magna Carta. It is home to memorials to John F. Kennedy and the Commonwealth Air Forces, and a unique installation by artists Hew Locke and Mark Wallinger.

On the other side of the Thames is Ankerwycke, where you’ll find the ruins of a Benedictine priory and the National Trust’s oldest tree – a 2,500 year old Yew.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search ‘Runnymede and Ankerwycke’

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/John Miller





13 THE LIGHTBOX, 15 MINS

The Lightbox gallery in Woking is an exciting cultural space, with three stunning galleries hosting a huge range of exhibitions.

 www.thelightbox.org.uk

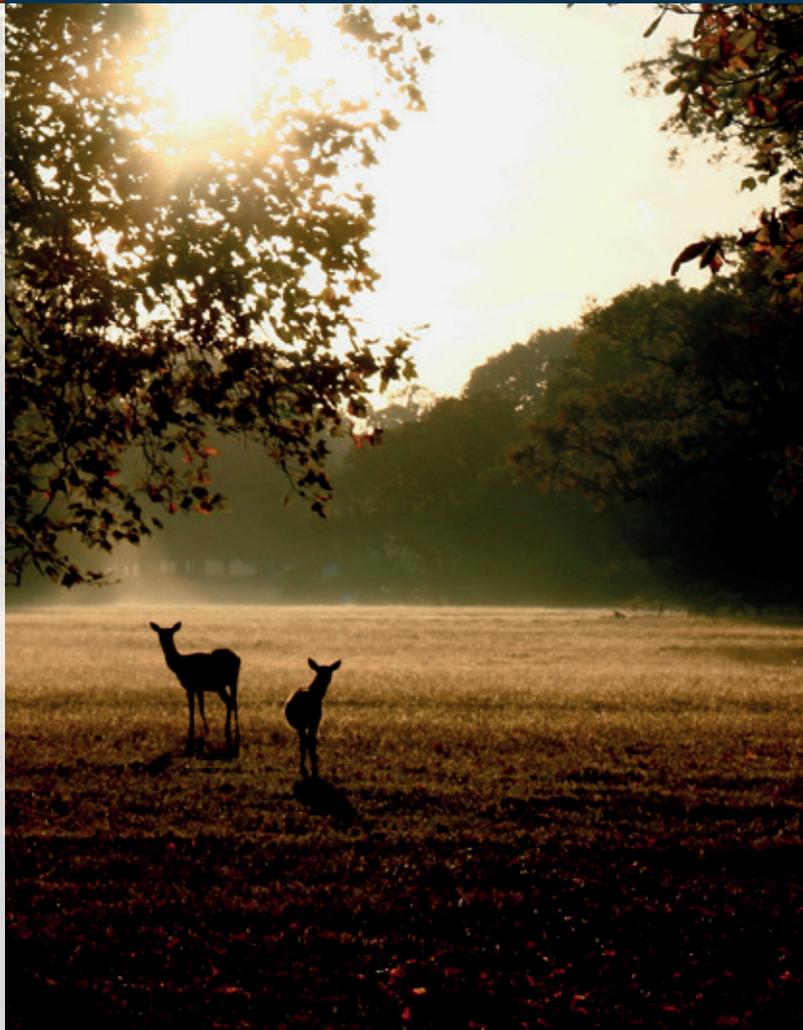
Image courtesy of The Lightbox

14 WINDSOR GREAT PARK, 15 MINS

Discover a Royal history spanning over 1,000 years, including historical monuments, ancient forests and stunning horticultural displays, as well as rare wildlife, and plants. The Park is home to:

- Virginia Water – a spectacular lake originally created as a Royal pleasure ground
- The Valley Gardens – an enchanting woodland of twisting trails and flowers
- The Long Walk and Deer Park – an impressive three-mile long tree-lined avenue
- The Savill Garden – one of Britain's greatest ornamental gardens

 www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk



15 RHS GARDEN WISLEY, 20 MINS

A vast garden home to one of the largest plant collections anywhere in the world. It has a glasshouse with 3 climatic zones and 240 acres of beautiful gardens to explore.

 www.rhs.org.uk - search Wisley

16 CLAREMONT LANDSCAPE GARDEN, 20 MINS

This 18th century Grade I listed garden charts the evolution of the English Landscape Garden. Many of the great names in landscape design history played a part in the creation of the estate, including Sir John Vanbrugh, Charles Bridgeman, William Kent and 'Capability' Brown.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk
- search Claremont Landscape Garden

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Andrew Butler



17 PAINSHILL PARK, 20 MINS

Created in the 18th century by Charles Hamilton as a living painting. Discover dramatic follies, calming waters and stunning views.

www.painshill.co.uk

18 BROOKLANDS MUSEUM, 20 MINS

Discover the pioneers of speed, flight and adventure at the birthplace of British motorsport, aviation and home of Concorde.

www.brooklandsmuseum.com





19 ASCOT RACECOURSE, 20 MINS

Spectacular racing throughout the year – the highlight being Royal Ascot in June with five days of tradition, pageantry and style.

 www.ascot.com

20 TWICKENHAM STADIUM, 20 MINS

Home to England Rugby and one of London's premier entertainment venues. Take in a game or go on a tour around the stadium and museum.

 www.twickenhamstadium.com



21 HAMPTON COURT PALACE, 25 MINS

The splendid formal gardens, elegant cobbled courtyards and magnificent Tudor and Baroque architecture of Hampton Court Palace make this 500-year old treasure a spectacular must visit attraction.

 www.hrp.org.uk - search 'Hampton Court'



22 SOUTH HILL PARK, 25 MINS

Housing theatres, a dance studio, creative spaces and a cinema within the grounds of an 18th century mansion, South Hill Park hosts over 300 shows, events and films each year, alongside a busy programme of over 250 courses and workshops.

 www.southhillpark.org.uk

23 LEGOLAND WINDSOR RESORT, 25 MINS

A fantastic place to take Lego-mad grandchildren with rides, live entertainment and immersive themed worlds.

www.legoland.co.uk



24 KEMPTON PARK RACECOURSE, 25 MINS

Opened in 1878, Kempton Park is one of the most active racecourses in the UK. It's famously home of the Christmas jumping showpiece, the King George VI Chase, and plays host to over 90 fixtures a year – meaning there's something for everyone.



25 WINDSOR CASTLE, 30 MINS

The oldest and largest occupied castle in the world Founded by William the Conqueror in the 11th century, it has since been the home of 39 monarchs.

www.rct.uk - search 'Windsor Castle'



26 GUILDFORD, 30 MINS

This historic and vibrant county town has a striking cathedral, a castle, picturesque riverside walks and plenty of shops and eateries down cobbled streets and alleys.



27 SILENT POOL DISTILLERS, 30 MINS

This award-winning luxury English Gin is handcrafted with 24 botanicals, and is distilled and bottled in the beautiful Surrey Hills. Join a tour to discover more about Silent Pool and the history of Gin, and finish with a tasting of the full range.

 www.silentpooldistillers.com



28 POLESDEN LACEY, 30 MINS

This Edwardian country retreat in a 1,500-acre estate dates back to Roman times and boasts elegant gardens and stunning views over the Surrey Hills. The house was the weekend retreat of Margaret Greville, who was a wealthy and discerning collector of art and objects, and who played host to royalty and celebrities of the past.

 www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Polesden Lacey'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Gary Cosham



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29 FARNBOROUGH, 30 MINS

World-famous for the bi-annual International Air Show, where thousands of people visit. The Farnborough Aerodrome is renowned for its long-standing aviation links and pioneering work, from the first powered flight in Britain in 1908 to the first car to go supersonic on land in 1997.

30 STRAWBERRY HILL HOUSE AND GARDENS, 30 MINS

Beginning life as a modest house in 1698 it was transformed into 'a little Gothic castle' by Horace Walpole in the 18th century. He doubled its size, creating Gothic rooms and adding towers and battlements in fulfilment of his dream. It's now internationally famous as Britain's finest example of Georgian Gothic revival.

 www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk



31 DENBIES WINE ESTATE, 30 MINS

The award-winning Denbies Wine Estate is one of England's largest single estate vineyards.

 www.denbies.co.uk

32 WEST GREEN HOUSE GARDENS, 40 MINS

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A celebrated and historic garden with a contemporary twist – renowned for its theatricality and colour, with walled gardens surrounding a charming 18th century house.

 www.westgreenhouse.co.uk

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Andrea Jones



33 ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS KEW, 40 MINS

Delve into a rainforest, stroll a soaring walkway amidst tree canopies and explore the world's largest Victorian glasshouse. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Kew Gardens has the world's largest and most diverse botanical collections under its care.

 www.kew.org



34 ALTON, 45 MINS

A lively market town right in the heart of Jane Austen country, with Jane Austen's house and the Chawton House Library at nearby Chawton.



35 TITSEY PLACE AND GARDENS, 45 MINS

A magnificent historic manor house with impressive formal gardens, lakes, walled kitchen garden and park offering panoramic views.

www.titsey.org

Image courtesy of Titsey Place and Gardens



36 BRITISH WILDLIFE CENTRE, 45 MINS

The finest collection of native wildlife in Britain, with over 40 different species from harvest mice to red deer.

www.britishwildlifecentre.co.uk



37 HASLEMERE, 45 MINS

This historic market town, with its timbered and tile hung houses and cottages, is one of the gems of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The town is the start of the 65-mile Serpent Trail and home to the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson.

Image courtesy of Haslemere Town Council

38 NYMANS, 45 MINS



A garden lovers' home for all seasons, with an extensive yet intimate garden set around a romantic house and ruins.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Nymans'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/David Levenson

39 READING, 50 MINS

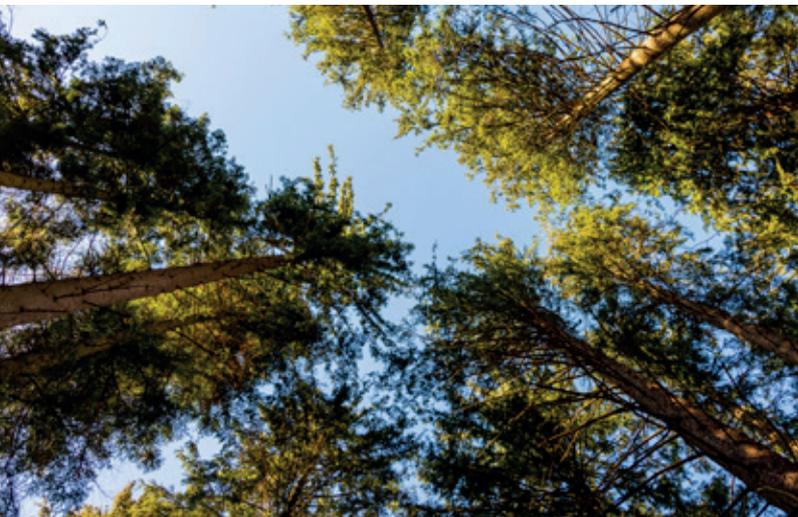
Reading dates back to medieval times, shaped by the River Thames and Kennet that encircle the town centre. The town boasts six museums and the ancient Abbey Ruins – burial place of Henry I – as well as being one of the UK's top shopping destinations.



40 PETERSFIELD, 50 MINS

An ancient market town with a vibrant musical and artistic scene. A pleasant place for shopping, eating and enjoying the regular markets.





41 HIGH BEECHES WOODLAND AND WATER GARDEN, 50 MINS

27 acres of woodland, water gardens, and a collection of rare, exotic and award-winning plants.

 www.highbeeches.com

42 BORDE HILL GARDEN, 50 MINS

A beautiful 35 acre Grade II English Heritage listed garden set within 200 acres of scenic parkland. It is laid out as intimate outdoor 'rooms', boasting rare shrubs and champion trees, stunning herbaceous borders, a large lily pool and subtropical dell with palms and banana trees. Beyond the Garden, visitors can enjoy beautiful woodland walks and lakeside strolls.

 www.bordehill.co.uk



43 BEKONSCOT MODEL RAILWAY AND VILLAGE, 50 MINS

The world's oldest original model village, opening for the first time in 1929.

 www.bekonscot.co.uk

44 WARNHAM LOCAL NATURE RESERVE, 50 MINS

A 92-acre haven for wildlife among marshes, grasslands, reedbeds and woodlands.

www.warnhamnaturereservefriends.org.uk



45 COBTREE MANOR PARK, 55 MINS

Over 50 acres of parkland standing on the site of the old Maidstone Zoo.

www.visitmaidstone.com

- search 'Cobtree Manor Park'



46 HORSHAM, 55 MINS

A bustling, award-winning market town with wide pedestrianised streets, intimate alleyways and landscaped piazzas. Enjoy a continental al fresco style town centre, along with the specialist shops and thriving markets.





47 HEVER CASTLE AND GARDENS, 55 MINS

Experience 700 years of history and award-winning gardens at this romantic double-moated 13th century castle, once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn.

 www.hevercastle.co.uk



48 WINCHESTER, 55 MINS

England's ancient capital and well-known for its 11th century Cathedral and the Great Hall, which for over 700 years has housed the mysterious King Arthur's Round Table.

49 BOMBAY SAPPHIRE DISTILLERY, 55 MINS

Uncover the secrets of the world-famous gin on the site of a former paper mill in the Hampshire countryside. Tours and experiences available.

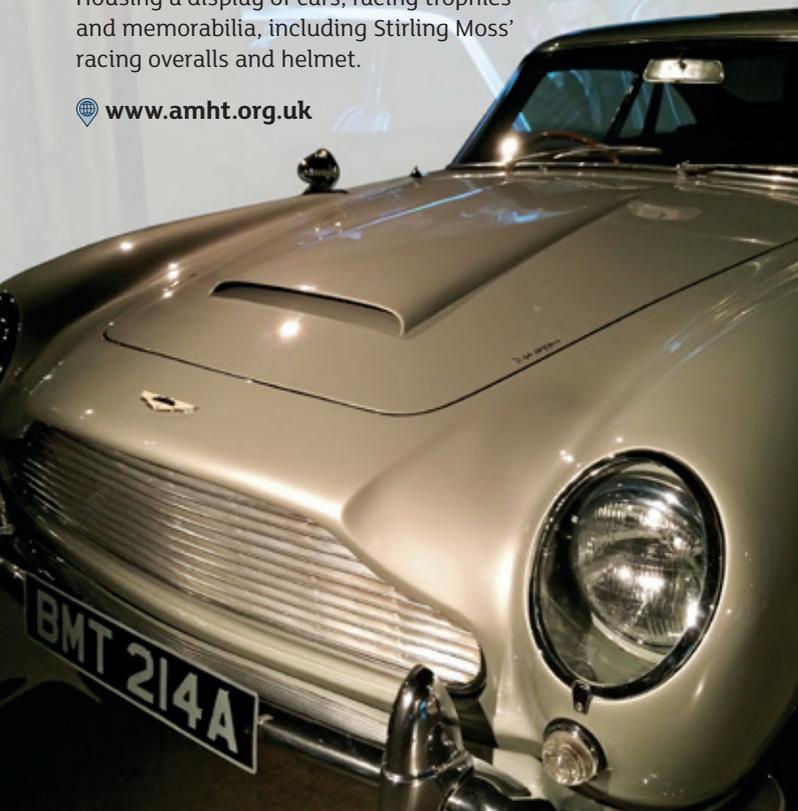
 www.bombaysapphire.com/distillery



50 ASTON MARTIN MUSEUM, 1 HR

Housing a display of cars, racing trophies and memorabilia, including Stirling Moss' racing overalls and helmet.

 www.amht.org.uk



51 CENTRAL LONDON, 1 HR

Get the train from Weybridge or Woking to London Waterloo, and explore the delights that London has to offer for the day.

52 DITCHLING, 1 HR

This picture postcard village has Tudor houses, Georgian homes, a village pond and a medieval church set on the green. The surrounding countryside inspired many artists, including Eric Gill and Raymond Briggs. It was also home to Dame Vera Lynn, the forces sweetheart.



53 BUCKINGHAM PALACE, 1 HR

A working royal palace that's the focus of royal celebrations and the backdrop to the regular Changing the Guard ceremony. The magnificent State Rooms are open to explore each summer (July-October).

 www.rct.uk - search 'Buckingham Palace'



WITHIN 2 HOUR

54 PETWORTH HOUSE AND PARK, 1 HR 5 MINS

Inspired by Baroque palaces of Europe, set amidst a fine landscaped park and garden, Petworth House displays one of the finest art collections in the care of the National Trust.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search **Petworth**

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Andrew Butler



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57 DOWN HOUSE, 1 HR 5 MINS

The home of Charles Darwin, where he wrote 'On the Origin of Species' and where you can walk down his 'thinking path'.

www.english-heritage.org.uk - search **'Down House'**

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56 BRIGHTON, 1 HR 10 MINS

With its majestic Regency squares and crescents, iconic Royal Pavilion and famous piers, Brighton is well-known for being a welcoming and diverse city with a passion for culture, creativity and sustainability as it is for its historic landmarks.

58 OXFORD, 1 HR 10 MINS

Home to scholars for more than 800 years, Oxford has Britain's oldest university and a wealth of other historic attractions. Admire the architecture of the City of Spires before discovering its eclectic food scene, meandering waterways and lush green spaces.

59 PORTSMOUTH, 1 HR 10 MINS

The UK's only island city, Portsmouth is the birthplace of Charles Dickens and home of the Royal Navy. With world-class attractions, miles of coastlines and centuries of history, there's plenty to discover.



61 ROTTINGDEAN, 1 HR 15 MINS

An ideal place to spend an afternoon browsing the shops and galleries, relaxing in Rudyard Kipling's gardens or taking tea in a traditional English tearoom.



60 SOUTHAMPTON, 1 HR 10 MINS

A lively, modern city with a strong connection to the sea, and is known as the cruise ship capital of Europe. There's plenty of shops, eateries and parks, and a fascinating history to explore.

62 DIDCOT RAILWAY CENTRE, 1 HR 15 MINS

A unique collection of Great Western Railway steam locomotives, carriages, wagons, buildings and small artefacts in the 21 acre living museum set around the original 1932 Engine Shed.

 www.didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk



63 MERRIMENTS GARDENS, 1 HR 15 MINS

This beautiful 4-acre RHS Partner Garden is one of the South East's hidden gems. The garden has deep meandering borders, a rich tapestry of colour, texture and scent. With a relaxed, classic, contemporary style, you can enjoy both formal and wild plantings set on a gently sloping, south facing site.

 www.merriments.co.uk

64 CHICHESTER, 1 HR 15 MINS

This historic cathedral city combines all the attractions of a thriving urban centre with the remains of Roman streets, walls and gateways.

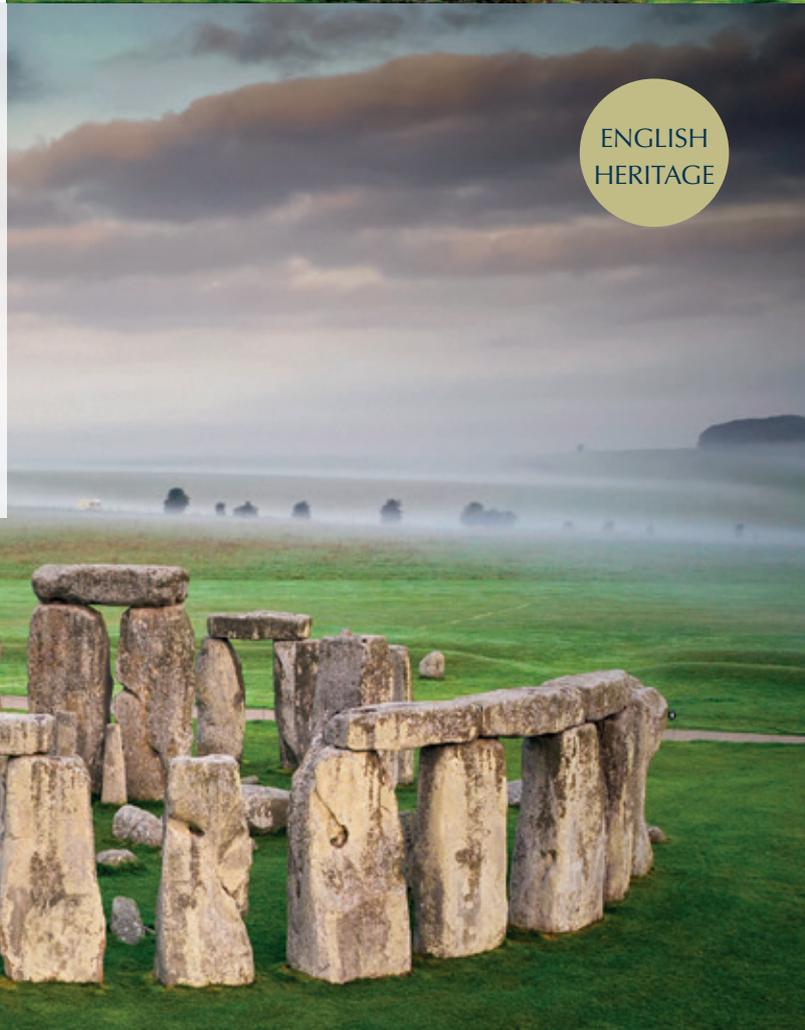


65 STONEHENGE, 1 HR 20 MIN

One of the world's most iconic archaeological sites and one of its greatest enigmas. The megalithic circle on Salisbury Plain inspires awe and fascination – but also intense debate some 4,600 years after it was built by ancient Britons who left no written record.

 www.english-heritage.org.uk - search 'Stonehenge'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Andrew Butler



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66 ARUNDEL, 1 HR 20 MINS

Arundel captures the essence of heritage, urban chic and country pursuits – combining one thousand years of history with shops, restaurants and attractions.

67 SWINDON, 1 HR 30 MINS

A modern town surrounded by countryside and famous attractions. Enriched with Victorian parks and gardens, museums including the award-winning STEAM Museum, an art gallery and plenty of shops.



68 SIDDINGTON PARK, 1 HR 30 MINS

Rangeford's stunning retirement village in Cirencester, the capital of the Cotswolds.

69 SALISBURY, 1 HR 30 MINS

A modern, medieval town steeped in history. With a delightful market square and traditional shopping streets leading to the stunning cathedral, which houses the world's oldest clock and the Magna Carta.



71 BLETCHLEY PARK, 1 HR 30 MINS

Once the top-secret home of the World War Two Codebreakers, Bletchley Park is now a vibrant heritage attraction.

www.bletchleypark.org.uk

70 SISSINGHURST CASTLE GARDEN, 1 HR 30 MINS

This famous 20th century garden is actually a series of ten smaller 'garden rooms', each uniquely different from the others.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Sissinghurst'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Chris Davies



72 WADDES DON MANOR, 1 HR 30 MINS

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A French Renaissance-style château built in the 1870s by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild to entertain his guests. It houses one of the finest collections of French 18th century decorative arts and British portraiture. Set in 5,000 acres of rolling parkland, Waddesdon has one of the finest examples of a late Victorian garden in Britain.

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Hugh Mothersole



73 BLENHEIM PALACE, 1 HR 30 MINS

A World Heritage Site, this masterpiece of baroque architecture houses some of the finest antique collections in Europe, and is the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.

www.blenheimpalace.com



74 BOURNEMOUTH, 1 HR 35 MINS

The largest resort in Dorset with seven miles of sandy beaches, breath-taking views from the cliff tops, beautiful parks and gardens, attractions, entertainment, shopping and places to eat.

75 WADSWICK GREEN, 1 HR 50 MINS

Rangeford's flagship retirement village in Corsham.



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