

Day 9 Treasure Hunt

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:-

<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 in a car park close to the Castle, so it is time to go to Google Maps and enter 'Castle Car Park, Windsor, UK'. Zoom in close and 'drop-in' to River Street. With the Fish and Chip Shop behind you, turn right and head south until you get to Thames Street. This is the castle in front of you.

You get to the main entrance by turning right into Thames Street and then following the road round to the left. Turn left after the Harte & Garter into Castle Hill and the Castle Entrance is along on the left hand side.

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. Queen Mary's Dolls' House 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/717Ss6u_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 :-

<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 go back to Google maps, at the same point you left it 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:-

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>

[Unfortunately there seems to be a glitch in Google Maps that prevents us from getting out of Church Lane and into the B3022 (High Street). You will therefore need to go back to map view and drop back again into Street View, at the same point, but on the B3022 line.]

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! :-

<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!

- 1). What is the name of the business next door to the Chocolate Factory, at number 24?
[Zizzi]

A little further along we turn left into River Street, where we were dropped off by the coach. Keep going along here till you get to the river. At this point you will see River Thames Boat Trip in front of you. You guessed it! Yes we have a trip booked:-

<https://youtu.be/N88ED1Wokcc?list=PLRx70C-zdUdh06XAIluy134WBFJajLXPn>

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. [Don't go onto the towpath, stay on the road] On your left is the Jubilee Fountain. Worth watching for a moment.

<https://youtu.be/hv6e0Cfdt3I>

Stay on Barry Avenue, don't go along Goswell Road nor along the towpath,

- 2). Which way to the Kiddies Corner?
[This Way - pointing along 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>

- 3). What are prohibited in this area?
[Drones]
- 4). What is the aeroplane proudly looking down on us?
[The Hawker Hurricane]

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.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/windsorettonbrewery/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.

<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.

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/GeCxnJOOlhs>

<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>