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Legendary Kings of Winchester





The Great Hall
Winchester

Home to the legendary [Round Table](#), where King Arthur and his knights congregated, The Great Hall is the epitome of medieval design. On the wall of The Great Hall hangs an artefact of the Round Table with the names of Arthur's 24 knights neatly inscribed. It is thought, long ago, King Arthur and his knights would gather around this very table.

Day 1:

Arrive

Closest airports: Southampton, London Gatwick and London Heathrow
Train: London Waterloo to Winchester
Coach: National Express from London Victoria Coach Station or London Heathrow Airport

Morning

The Great Hall

If the weather is bright, take a stroll through The Great Hall's grounds where [Queen Eleanor's Garden](#) is waiting to be discovered. Fashioned with bay hedges, tunnel arbours and an exquisite fountain feature, the garden's namesake – Queen Eleanor of Provence – once used to walk through this garden with her daughter-in-law, Queen Eleanor of Castile.

Westgate Museum

The neighbouring attraction to The Great Hall, the [Westgate Museum](#) was the former gate to the city. A debtors' prison for 150 years, visitors can see the persevered walls covered in prisoners' graffiti. Alongside the small museum housing a collection of ancient weights and measures, visitors can climb to the roof for spectacular views of the city.

Winchester Cathedral

Boasting strong links with royalty throughout the ages, [Winchester Cathedral](#) was once the capital of Wessex during the Anglo-Saxon era. From the time of Alfred the Great until after the Norman Conquest, Winchester was England's capital and the Cathedral was its royal chapel. Twelve English kings are believed to be buried here along with the original burial place of St Swithun - the cathedral's patron saint.

Lunch

Stop off at The Old Vine, a quintessentially English inn with an equally traditional menu, for a chance to reboot before the afternoon's activities.

Afternoon

Winchester City Mill

Rebuilt in 1743 on the site of a medieval mill, Winchester City Mill remained in use until the early 20th century. The National Trust undertook an ambitious restoration project and the mill resumed grinding flour, using water from the River Itchen, for visitors take home as a souvenir.



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St Cross Hospital

Wolvesey Castle

Wolvesey has been an important residence of the wealthy and powerful Bishops of Winchester since Anglo-Saxon times. The last great occasion here was on 25 July 1554, when Queen Mary Tudor (daughter of King Henry VIII) and Philip of Spain held their wedding celebration in the East Hall

Hospital of St Cross

The medieval [Hospital of St Cross](#) once offered Wayfarer's Dole (a beaker of beer and bread) to dauntless knights on crusade, which was during the hypothetical lifetime of King Arthur. This iconic historical hospital continues to help travellers passing by and sanctuary to with fascinating rooms, tales and treasures waiting to be discovered.

Accommodation suggestions:

[Lainston House Hotel an Exclusive Hotel](#)

Lainston House is a charming 17th century country house situated at the edge of Winchester with luxury experiences and activities.

[The Winchester Hotel and Spa](#)

The Winchester Hotel is located close to the cathedral grounds in the heart of the city. With 96 bedrooms, including comfortable suites, and spa facilities, the hotel can for small groups visiting the city

[Norton Park Hotel](#)

Situated on the outskirts of the city, but still within easy reach, the Norton Hotel has 166 modern bedrooms to cater for larger groups, a leisure complex and beautiful landscaped gardens to walk round.

Supplier Packages

[Visit Winchester](#)



Lainston House Hotel



Winchester Hotel