



This urban market town in the heart of Surrey is 30 minutes by train from London, close to Gatwick & Heathrow Airports and with the A3, M25 and M3 and easily accessible from the ferry ports, Guildford is easy to visit. You will find so much to do in Guildford and the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, history, culture and entertainment. From Guildford you can explore the whole of the South East of England.

### Days and Stays in Guildford

There is so much more to Guildford town centre than its beautiful cobbled High Street. Whether you're seeking retail therapy, culinary inspiration, cultural experiences or leisurely pursuits there is something for everyone. It's home to a number of museums and galleries with Guildford Castle, Cathedral, Museum, Guildhall and Undercroft to name a few all in the centre itself. You can come and explore the history in half a day with admission into most of the sites for free. Guildford has inspired many authors and artists and has links to the famous author of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" Lewis Carroll who wrote the second Alice book during one of his stays. You can walk around the heart of Guildford following the historic trail, either at your own leisure or with one of Guildford's highly knowledgeable guides for free (small charge applies for private group tours).

Voted best shopping location outside of London by Experian, there is also more than 240 places to shop. With three shopping centres, and a mix of designer, high street and independent boutique retailers alongside weekly and specialist craft and food markets there really is something to suit all tastes.

For a bite to eat there are more than 100 food outlets on offer, with a mix of cafes and restaurants and independent shops who offer a diverse range of cuisines. You can also enjoy pie and chips or afternoon tea in typically British pubs.

### Accommodation

Whether you wish to stay in the centre or just outside of Guildford there is so much variety in the different types of accommodation. From 4\* hotels like The, Radisson Blu Edwardian and The Talbot Inn or for something different and green stay at Puttenham totally Eco Camping Barn who offers discounts to those travelling by bicycle or public transport or stay at Asperion or Asperion Hillside both awarded Green Tourism Gold Awards.



# Visit Guildford

in the Heart of Surrey

## Homes & Gardens:

- Hatchlands Park - House built for the naval hero Admiral Boscawen and holds the worlds largest collection of composer related keyboards which Bach, Chopin, Mahler & Elgar have played.
- Loseley Park - Built in the reign of Elizabeth I and home to the More-Molyneux Family. Houses an elegant walled garden with an award winning rose garden.
- Polesden Lacey - The Queen Mother took her honeymoon in this House and Gardens.



## Arts, & Culture

- Yvonne Arnaud Theatre - offers new plays, pre and post West End shows, classics, opera, ballet, music and comedy.
- G Live - contemporary state of the art entertainment and concert hall. Shows include mix of West End musicals, live music, ballet,.

## Areas:

- Dapdune Wharf - 20 miles of countryside,
- Wey and Arun Canal - the towpath follows the river Wey to Shalford.
- Shalford Mill - come and hear the story of how it survived.

## Annual Special Events:

- March - Guildford International Music Festival (2017)
- May - Surrey Hills Music Festival
- May - Surrey County Show
- June - August - Guildford Summer Festival
- June - Surrey Artist Open Studio
- July - Guildford Beer Festival
- October - Book Festival



## Contact details for enquiries:

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## Directions and distance from Central London:

Guildford is located in the county town of Surrey, it is situated 27 miles southwest of London on the A3 trunk road midway between London and Portsmouth.

**By Road** - Excellent road links from London (40 minutes) and the South Coast (50 minutes) and is served by M25, M3 and A3.

**By Rail** - Guildford Town has excellent rail links to Central London (35 minutes) and Portsmouth (55 minutes) and has a direct link to Gatwick Airport. Connections via Eurostar arrive at London St Pancras station.

**By Air** - Closely located to Heathrow and Gatwick Airports.