

Entertainment

Warwick hosts a lively events programme every year, celebrating the town's rich heritage and showcasing its unique venues. Tickets are available to purchase for many local events at the Visitor Information Centre. Annual highlights include:

February	Court Leet Beer Festival
May	Warwick Thai Festival
June	Two Castles Run Warwickshire Open Studios
July	Warwick Court Leet, Beer, Cider and Music Festival Warwick Folk Festival Smith Street Party
August	Retro Warwick Classic Car Show Horticultural Show Summer Band Concerts in the Park
September	Heritage Open Days
October	Warwick Words Warwick Mop Fair
November	Warwick Town Bonfire Warwick Victorian Evening St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival
December	Carols at the Castle



Regular plays are held at the Bridge House Theatre and Playbox Theatre and classical concerts at St Mary's Church. www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk
www.playboxtheatre.com
www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

Warwick Castle and Hill Close Gardens host special events throughout the year. www.warwick-castle.com
www.hillclosegardens.com

The Warwick Racecourse fixture list sees an action-packed card from Jan to May and from Sept to Dec with a mix of midweek, weekend, afternoon and evening racing. www.warwickracecourse.co.uk



To view details of the town's accommodation please call in to the Visitor Information Centre where you will find further details. Alternatively visit the website www.visitwarwick.co.uk



Warwick has a good selection of quality independent hotels and guest houses in the town centre, a few larger chain hotels on the edge of town and some beautiful properties in the surrounding countryside.

Accommodation

For more information contact the Visitor Information Centre. www.visitwarwick.co.uk



www.priorparkwarwick.org

Warwick is blessed with beautiful parks and gardens, all within easy walking distance of the town centre. Visit St Nicholas Park, Prior Park, Hill Close Gardens, Mill Garden and St Mary's Lands.

Parks & Gardens

How To Get Here

At the heart of the country, Warwick is easily accessible and provides the perfect base to explore Warwickshire and the Midlands.

By Train Use Warwick Town station for visiting Warwick Castle and the town centre. Warwick Parkway is approximately 2 miles from the town centre. Direct trains are available from Birmingham, Leamington Spa, Stratford-upon-Avon, Banbury and London Marylebone. Visitors from Coventry and Oxford will need to change at Leamington Spa.

By Car Leave the M40 at Junction 15 and take the A429 to Warwick. Town centre and Warwick Castle car parks are highlighted on the map overleaf.

By Coach There are coach drop-off points at the bus station. Parking is available at St Mary's Area Lands 2 car park past the racecourse on the A4189, Hampton Road. Coaches can also drop off and park at Warwick Castle subject to availability.

By Bus Warwick's bus station is conveniently located in the town centre. Stagecoach operate regular services throughout Warwickshire www.stagecoachbus.com 0345 241 8000.

Warwick Visitor Information Centre
The Court House, Jury Street, Warwick, CV34 4EW
01926 492212 info@visitwarwick.co.uk
www.visitwarwick.co.uk



Market Place is at the heart of the town hosting a variety of cafes, shops and pubs as well as a thriving market every Saturday. Swan Street is the town's main shopping street and always a hive of activity.

Smith Street, between the Eastgate and St John's Museum, is bursting with character and is the oldest shopping street in Warwick with a unique mix of independent shops and restaurants.

There are attractive parades of shops on the West Street and Coten End approaches to the town centre and a cluster of more familiar high street names can be found around Market Place.

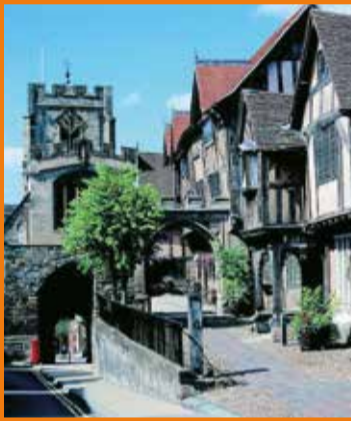


You will find a wealth of quality independent shops and fine restaurants nestled amongst Warwick's stunning historic buildings.

Shopping & Eating Out

WARWICK

Visitor Guide



We look forward to welcoming you to Warwick soon



This guide presents just some of the highlights to visit during your stay in the relaxed and picturesque town of Warwick.

Warwick's mainly independent businesses offer an enticing blend of the old and the new – from gift shops, antique centres and traditional tea rooms to trendy boutiques, art galleries and fine restaurants.

There are many attractions to visit, beautiful parks and gardens and buildings of outstanding quality from every period of the last 1100 years.

Warwickshire's county town is world-famous for its magnificent castle and historic charm.



1 Market Hall Museum

Market Hall is a 17th century building in the centre of Warwick. Here you'll find displays on the geology, natural history and early history of the county. Highlights include the Sheldon Tapestry Map of Warwickshire, our Live Observation Beehive and our famous (tweeting) Giant Irish Deer. Visit the café which serves locally sourced coffee, tea, cakes and savouries. Gifts and souvenirs to suit all ages and budgets are also available in the shop. FREE entry, donations welcomed.

Monday closed

Open Tuesday – Saturday 10am–5pm
www.heritage-warwickshire.gov.uk
 01926 412501



2 Collegiate Church of St Mary

St Mary's is a beautiful Church. The tower being an iconic part of the Warwick skyline. Marvel at the magnificent 15th Century Beauchamp Chapel, Chancel, Crypt, Dean's Chapel and do visit the gift shop. You can also climb the 134ft tower for stunning views of the town and surrounding countryside.

Events such as concerts, exhibitions, festivals and more take place in St Mary's and are listed in the 'What's On' section of the website.

For opening hours, please see the St Mary's main notice board or visit www.stmaryswarwick.org | 01926 403940



3 Smith Street

Head down Jury Street and through the historic Eastgate to discover Smith Street's unique mix of independent shops and restaurants. Untouched by Warwick's Great Fire of 1694, many of Smith Street's medieval buildings still survive. The street is bursting with character and a range of quality restaurants maintain activity into the evening.



4 The Museum of The Queen's Royal Hussars

Located at the lower end of Priory Road, the Museum of The Queen's Royal Hussars – 'Churchill's Own' tells the story of the Army's senior light cavalry regiment. Take a journey through time and discover how Hussars lived and fought; find out about Winston Churchill's connection to the Regiment, and see the incredible artefacts on display. A handling collection, tours and interactive games make this a fun attraction for the whole family to enjoy.

Open April – October on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. For more details including admission prices please visit our website. www.qrhmuseum.com | 01926 402459.



13 Saltisford Canal Centre



The Saltisford Arm of the Grand Union Canal has been transformed by volunteers from a site of dereliction into peaceful moorings set in a series of gardens and orchards.

Originally constructed in the 1790s as the terminus of the Warwick and Birmingham Canal, today the Saltisford Canal Arm offers a tranquil green oasis with a contemplation area and sensory garden.

Light refreshments are available at the shop in the converted canal-side warehouse. The Cedar Room is available for hire for meetings. The centre is open every day. The shop is closed at weekends from November – February.

www.saltisfordcanal.co.uk | 01926 490006

12 Warwick Racecourse



Racing has been part of Warwick life since 1707 and the course still hosts a full programme of jump racing throughout the year.

Visit the website for dates and details of each race day. www.thejockeyclub.co.uk

11 Hill Close Gardens



Created in the 1840's for Warwick's town centre residents, this rare example of 16 Victorian recreational gardens provided a welcome retreat from busy lives in the bustling nearby town.

Charity run and supported by volunteers, the gardens have been lovingly restored, including their listed summer houses, and continue to provide a restful and fascinating space for those interested in horticulture, social history, well-being and nature. Open April – October 11am – 5pm daily with weekend tearoom, November – March 11am – 4pm weekdays only. Plant sales, gifts and self-service refreshments. Closed Christmas – New Year. See website for more details. www.hillclosegardens.com | 01926 01926 493339



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5 St Nicholas Park

Popular park offering broad swathes of grass, floral displays, riverside walks, boating, amusements, children's play areas, a café and a leisure centre. www.stnicholaspark.co.uk



6 Mill Street and Garden

At the end of Mill Street famous for its 15th and 16th century buildings is where you will find the Mill Garden renowned for the quality of its planting and breathtaking position on the banks of the River Avon, lying beneath the walls of Warwick Castle.

Open daily April – October, 10am–5pm
 Access the garden from Mill Street. Entrance fee £3, accompanied children free.



7 Warwick Castle

Unleash over a thousand years of jaw-dropping history at Warwick Castle. Witness more than 60 high-flying birds soar across the skies in the UK's largest bird of prey show, behold arrows firing before you as the resident Bowman demonstrates his incredible archery skills, and get lost in time in the Horrible Histories® Maze. Little dragons can roam, slide and soar around the new Zog Playland. Spectacular shows and attractions, spellbinding storytelling and exhilarating experiences make Warwick Castle Britain's ultimate historical experience.

Open all year round | 01926 406610 | www.warwick-castle.com



8 The Fusilier Museum Warwick

The exciting new museum in a brand-new location in the town centre will open in November 2022.

Discover a hidden gem with over 350 years of fascinating stories about the county infantry regiment.

Bringing history to life for all to enjoy. Explore the past – find out how soldiers lived, about Field Marshal Montgomery, Bobby the antelope mascot, and Hannah Snell a female soldier.

There will be hands-on activities, a World War I trench experience and special events during the year.

Gifts and souvenirs to suit all ages and budgets will be available at the shop as a memento of your visit. For more information visit www.warwickfusiliers.co.uk



9 The Court House

Designed and built by Francis Smith in 1725, the recently restored Court House is a fine example of the elegant Georgian buildings that replaced those devastated by Warwick's Great Fire of 1694.

The magnificent Ballroom and historic Council Chamber are available to hire for weddings, private hire and community events.

The Visitor Information Centre and Box Office provides information and advice on everything from: where to visit, where to stay, what's on, public transport enquiries and much more. There is also a wide range of books, maps, souvenirs and gifts. Open 7 days a week, closed Sundays mid-December to Easter.

The Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum covers the history of the Regiment from 1794 to 1956 - timed displays include a Field Gun captured at 'The Affair of Huij', 8 November 1917. Open Weekends and Bank Holidays from Easter to October 10am–4pm. Check website for details.

www.thecourthousewarwick.co.uk | www.visitwarwick.co.uk
www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk



10 Lord Leycester Hospital



Home of the medieval Guilds of Warwick then in 1571 a Tudor "Hospital" for wounded soldiers known as the Brethren - still operating 450 years later: 12th century chapel built over the Norman Gate and beautiful 14th and 15th century timber framed buildings clustered around a medieval galleried courtyard that is unique in England. The 500 year old Master's Garden, open all year, features a pineapple pit, a 2,000 year old 'nilometer' and Nathaniel Hawthorne's summer house. The Brethren's Kitchen, in use for 500 years, today serves breakfast, light lunches and cream teas in an authentic medieval setting.

Closed until 2023
www.lordleycester.com | 01926 491422

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