

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
- 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

For a full list of events please scan the QR code or visit www.visitwarwick.co.uk. If you prefer a hard copy, please ask at the Visitor Information Centre.

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

How To Get Here

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

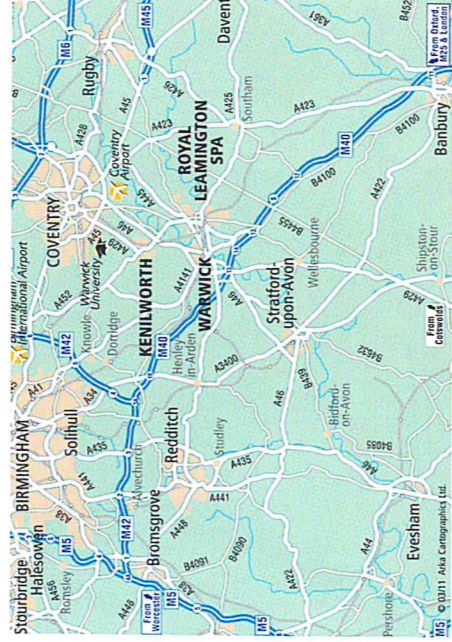
There are coach drop-off points at the bus station. Parking is available at St Mary's Area Lands 2 car park past the racecourse on the A4189, Hampton Road. Coaches can also drop off and park at Warwick Castle subject to availability.

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.

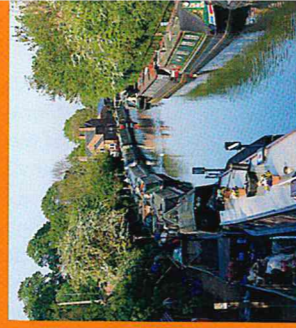
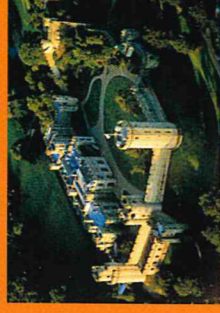
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Visitor Guide



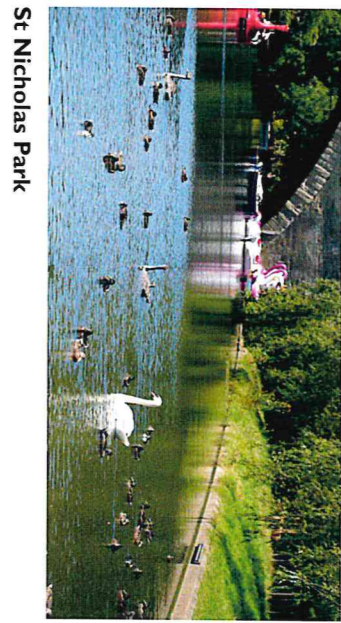
www.prioryparkwarwick.org



Priory Park

Surrounding the site of a former medieval priory Priory Park offers natural open space with meadow and woodland walks; perfect for getting away from it all. The park has a number of specimen trees, including oaks that are hundreds of years old. It is rich in flora and fauna and is managed for its wildlife and biodiversity. The park can be accessed from several entrances.

www.stnicholaspark.co.uk



St Nicholas Park

St Nicholas Park is a truly beautiful setting and is perfect for picnics or simply a lovely walk. The lawns and gardens are ideal for a stroll or a sit down and there are designated picnic areas as well as a tea shop serving snacks, meals and drinks. With play areas, mini-golf, sport, swimming and boat rides, St Nicholas Park really has something for everyone. There is nearby parking, public toilets and baby changing facilities.

Parks & Gardens

Warwick is graced with a wide variety of attractive parks and gardens which are open to the visitor. They range from the Hill Close Gardens, the Master's Garden at the Lord Leicester Hospital to the charm of the College Garden behind St Mary's Church. Guy's Cliffe Walled Garden dates back to 1773 when it was originally part of the kitchen garden for Guy's Cliffe House.

Shop, Eat, Stay

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



Market Place is at the heart of the town hosting a variety of cafés, 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 House, 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.

Accommodation

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.

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



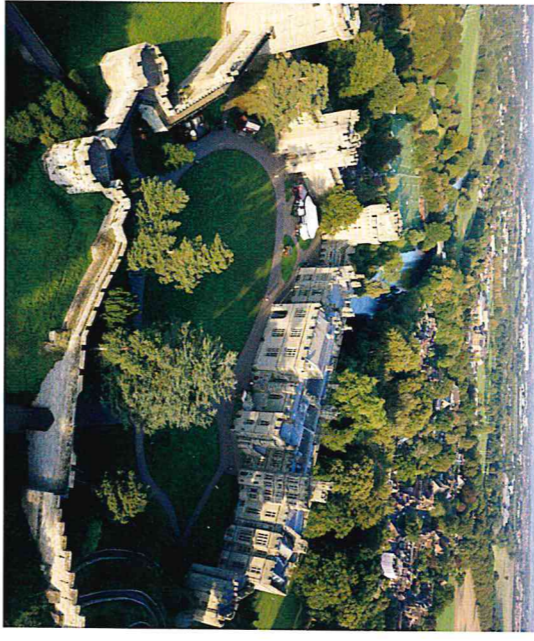
Warwickshire's county town is world-famous for its magnificent castle and historic charm.

Welcome to WARWICK

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

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.

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



We look forward to welcoming you to Warwick soon

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.



Mondays 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, and its tower is 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 160ft 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.
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 from Horses to Tanks; 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. Free entry, Opening hours April to December - Fridays, Weekends and Bank holidays from 10am-4pm. By appointment only outside these hours. www.qrhmuseum.com | 01926 506226



5 The Fusilier Museum Warwick

This family-friendly museum in the centre of Warwick tells the story of the county's oldest regiment through rich displays, audio-visual presentations, handling objects, and a WWI trench experience. This hidden gem explores 350 years of history including the story of female soldier Hannah Snell and Britain's most famous WW2 commander Field Marshal Montgomery. The museum has a programme of events and exhibitions throughout the year. There is a charge for entry. (Children under 16 are free). Open all year, see website for details. www.fusiliermuseumwarwick.com | 01926 258288



6 Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum

Situated in the Tudor Kitchens of the former Cross Keys Tavern which is now the Court House in Jury Street. The museum covers the history of the Regiment from 1794 to 1956. Time-lined displays include a Field Gun captured at 'The Affair at Huj' on 8th November 1917 in Palestine. The museum includes artefacts of the Warwickshire Gunners.



The museum is open Weekends and Bank Holidays from Easter to October, 10am-4pm and at other times throughout the year by appointment – please see the website. Admission is free but donations are welcome. www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk

7 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.

8 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. Little dragons can roam, slide and soar around the Zog Playland. Spectacular shows and attractions, spellbinding storytelling and exhilarating experiences make Warwick Castle Britain's ultimate historical experience. Why not extend the adventure at Warwick Castle's accommodation, featuring woodland lodges, glamping and the spectacular Warwick Castle Hotel. Open all year round | 01926 406610 | www.warwick-castle



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. The centre is open every day. The shop is closed at weekends from November – February.
www.saltisfordcanal.co.uk | 01926 490006

12 Visitor Information Centre

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, gifts and work by local artists available to purchase.



Open 7 days a week, closed Sundays mid-December to Easter.
www.visitwarwick.co.uk

12 The Court House

Designed and built by Francis Smith in 1725, the 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.
www.thecourthousewarwick.co.uk



11 Hill Close Gardens

Created in the 1840s 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. For more information and opening hours please see website for details.
www.hillclosegardens.com | 01926 493339



10 The Lord Leicester

Visit one of Europe's most important medieval buildings and discover over 900 years of history on a self-guided or bespoke guided tour. Explore the Lord Leicester's half-timbered buildings, 500-year-old gardens and learn about the fascinating history of this unique institution - a community of soldiers know as 'Brethren' that was founded in 1571 by Robert Dudley. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional afternoon tea or light lunch in the Great Hall Café and visit the Gift Shop. Tickets also include FREE return admission for 12 months! Visit our website or Ticket Office for more information and to get your tickets. www.lordleicester.com | 01926 491422



9 Warwick Racecourse

Situated in the heart of Warwick, the racecourse hosts Jump meetings from September through until June taking place on weekdays and weekends, afternoons and evenings. As always, there is much to look forward to in the racing season, with 19 exciting days of quality Jump racing. Visit the website for dates and details of each race day.
www.thejockeyclub.co.uk

