

Entertainment

Warwick hosts a lively events programme every year, celebrating the town's rich heritage and showcasing its unique venues. Annual highlights include:

May	Warwick Carnival Warwick Food Festival
June	Two Castles Run Warwick Thai Festival
June / July	Warwickshire Open Studios
July	Warwick Court Leet, Beer, Cider and Music Festival Warwick Folk Festival Smith Street Party
August	RetroWarwick Classic Car Show Horticultural Show Summer Band Concerts in the Park
September	Heritage Open Days
October	Warwick Rocks Chilli Festival Warwick Words Warwick Mop Fair
November	Warwick Town Bonfire Warwick Rocks Chocolate Festival 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

Pick up your free copy at the Visitor Information Centre. www.visitwarwick.co.uk



Warwick is blessed with beautiful parks and gardens, all within easy walking distance of the town centre. Visit St Nicholas Park, Priory 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 (stand E) and St Nicholas Park. Coach parking is available at St Mary's Lands Area 1 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 01788 535555.

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



WARWICK Shakespeare's ENGLAND



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.

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.



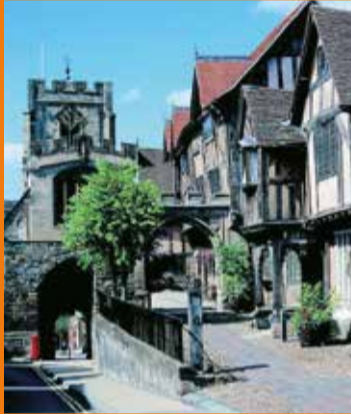
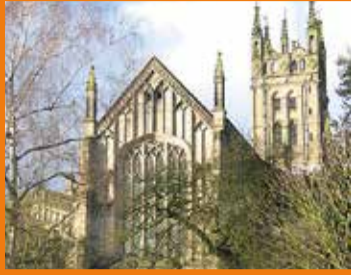
Market Place is at the heart of the town hosting a variety of cafes, shops and pubs as well as a thriving market every Saturday. Swan Street is the town's main shopping street and always a hive of activity.

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.

Museum: Mondays-Closed, Tuesdays - Saturdays: 10am - 5pm
Sundays (April - September only): 10am - 5pm
Café: Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm
Sunday (April - September only): 10am - 4pm
 01926 412500 | heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk

12 Saltsford Canal Centre

The Saltsford 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 Saltsford Canal Arm offers a tranquil green oasis with a contemplation area and sensory garden.

Light refreshments and day boat hire 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.

01926 490006
www.saltsfordcanal.co.uk



11 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.

The Racecourse encircles the Lammass Field Common on St Mary's Lands where there are large expanses of grassland rich in wildlife.



01926 405560 | www.warwickracecourse.co.uk

2 Collegiate Church of St Mary



St Mary's is a beautiful church that dominates Warwick's skyline.

Marvel at the magnificent 15th century Beauchamp Chapel and climb the 134 foot tower for stunning views of the town, the castle and beyond.

Events such as concerts, exhibitions, festivals and more taking place at St Mary's are listed on the 'Forthcoming Events' section of the website.

Open every day except Christmas Day and Good Friday
April - September: 10am - 6pm
October - March: 10am - 4.30pm

01926 403940

www.stmarys-warwick.org.uk

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 St John's House

Two fascinating museums are set in a fine 17th century Jacobean house with a peaceful garden. The social history collection at St John's Museum reflects the lives of Warwickshire people over the last 300 years (ground floor access for pre booked schools/group visits only). The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Museum tells the story of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment from 1674 through to the Fusiliers of today.

Winter: Tuesdays - Saturdays, 10am - 4pm
Summer: Mondays - Saturdays, 10am - 5pm
Bank Holidays: 10am - 5pm
Adults £4 / **Concessions** £3 / **5-16 year olds** £2
Family £10 / **Children under 5** Free

St John's Museum:
 01926 412069 | heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk
 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Museum:
 01926 491653 | www.warwickfusiliers.com



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 River Avon, lying beneath the walls of Warwick Castle.

Open daily April - October, 9am - 6pm.
 Access the garden from Mill Street.
 Entrance fee £2.50, accompanied children free.



7 Warwick Castle

Make a day and knight of Warwick Castle and experience the fun of real history! Full to the turrets with dazzling shows and attractions, spellbinding story-telling and fun experiences all year-round, Warwick Castle is an action-packed and unforgettable family short break...

Warwick Castle's unrivalled short breaks include two days' entrance to Warwick Castle so you and your family can explore the spectacular castle and grounds and enjoy the daily shows and attractions that bring history vividly to life - including the critically acclaimed Wars of the Roses Live family jousting show and the UK's first Horrible Histories® Maze. Open 364 days a year

0870 442 0200 | www.warwick-castle.com



9 Lord Leycester Hospital

12th century chapel built over the Norman Arch leading into Warwick and beautiful 14th and 15th century timber framed buildings clustered around a medieval galleried courtyard.

The beautiful Master's Garden, open all year, features a pineapple pit and a 2,000 year old 'nilometer' used in ancient Egypt to measure the height of the Nile. Adjacent to it is the Knot Garden with its design and symbolism echoing Tudor times.

The Brethren's Kitchen, in use for 700 years, today serves breakfast, light lunches and cream teas in an authentic medieval setting.

Tuesday to Sunday and Bank Holidays 10am - 5pm,
 Winter 10am - 4pm
 01926 491422 | www.lordleycester.com



8 The Court House

Designed and built by Francis Smith in 1725, The Court House is nestled in the heart of Warwick town centre. It houses the Warwick Visitor Information Centre, Yeomanry Museum, The Council Chambers and an elegant Georgian Ballroom. The Grade I listed building is a wonderful location for weddings, corporate events, private hire and meetings.

For more information or to arrange a viewing, please contact events@warwicktowncouncil.org.uk

The Visitor Information Centre 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 maps and local souvenirs/gifts. Open seven days a week Easter to mid-December, closed Sundays mid-December to Easter. info@visitwarwick.co.uk

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.
www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk



10 Hill Close Gardens

The hidden hedged gardens at Hill Close were used by Victorians living above their businesses to escape from the crowded town. Their owners went there after work and on Sundays to tend their plots or just to relax. The sixteen unique detached gardens, including several attractive summer houses, have been restored to their Victorian splendour. Teas, gifts and plants are available in the modern Visitor Centre.

April - October, 11am - 5pm every day
 Tearoom open weekends & Bank Holidays
 November - March, 11am - 4pm weekdays only
 Closed Christmas - New Year

Adult £4.50, Child £1 (to include garden trail)
 HCGT & RHS Members FREE
 01926 493339 | www.hillclosegardens.com

