

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 Racing Carnival Warwick Food Festival
June	Two Castles Run Warwickshire Open Studios
July	Warwick Thai Festival Warwick Court Leet, Beer, Cider and Music Festival Warwick Folk Festival Smith Street Party Pub in the Park
August	Retro Warwick Classic Car Show Horticultural Show Summer Band Concerts in the Park
September	Heritage Open Days
October	Warwick Words Warwick Mop Fair Chocolate Festival
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

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.

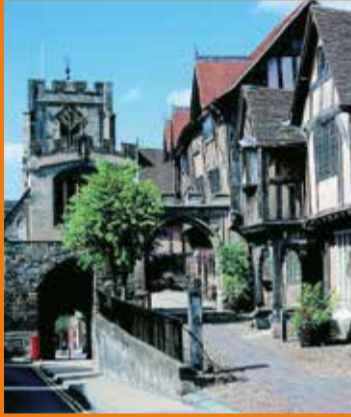
By Bus Warwick's bus station is conveniently located in the town centre. Stagecoach operate regular services throughout Warwickshire www.stagecoachbus.com 01788 535555.

Warwick Visitor Information Centre
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www.visitwarwick.co.uk



WARWICK

Visitor Guide



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



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



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.



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

Shopping & Eating Out

We look forward to welcoming you to Warwick soon



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.

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. Mondays closed

Open Tuesday – Saturday 10am-5pm

www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk | 01926 412500

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 St John's House

Explore a fine 17th century house with a peaceful garden. Discover a hidden gem, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Museum tells the story of 300 years of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Bringing history to life - find out how soldiers lived, about Field Marshals Slim and Montgomery, Bobby the mascot and a female soldier. Hands-on activities, gifts and souvenirs are available.

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 school/group visits only).

April – October
Tuesdays – Saturdays &
Bank Holiday Mondays: 10am-5pm
November – March
Tuesdays – Saturdays 10am-4pm
Admission charges - please see website
www.warwickfusiliers.co.uk | 01926 491653

12 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 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.

www.saltisfordcanal.co.uk | 01926 490006



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 Lammas Field Common on St Mary's Lands where there are large expanses of grassland rich in wildlife.

www.thejockeyclub.co.uk



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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
www.warwickdc.gov.uk/parks

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

7 Warwick Castle

Experience more than 1,100 years of jaw-dropping history at Warwick Castle! Witness the world's largest working catapult launch a flaming fireball, climb 500 steps to the top of our tallest tower, GET LOST in the UK's first Horrible Histories® Maze and much more.

Dazzling shows and attractions, heaps of gruesome history and awesome birds of prey, all set within 64 acres of beautiful grounds and gardens make Warwick Castle a fun, action-packed day out for everyone.

Open 364 days a year www.warwick-castle.com | 01926 495421

8 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 maps and local souvenirs/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 Huj, 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

9 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.

Open Tuesday to Sunday and Bank Holidays 10am – 5pm, Winter 10am – 4pm
Option to book a guided tour by one of the Brethren in Elizabethan robes.

www.lordleycester.com | 01926 491422

10 Hill Close Gardens



The unique Victorian detached gardens at Hill Close were used by Victorian merchants 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 gardens, including attractive summer houses, have been restored to their Victorian splendour. Summer weekend tearoom. Plant & gift sales. Green visitor centre. April – October, 11am-5pm daily with weekend tearoom opening. November – March, 11am-4pm weekdays only with self service refreshments.

Closed Christmas – New Year. See website for entry cost and details.

www.hillclosegardens.com | 01926 493339