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The Elvetham Hotel Guide

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A STORIED PAST



Nestled within the Elvetham Estate lies a tapestry of English history, rich and immersive, spanning over a century. The very essence of England's tales is intricately woven into the fabric of the ancient oaks and expansive parklands that define this extraordinary place. As you tread upon the grounds, you embark on a journey through time, encountering echoes of moments that have shaped the course of the nation.

Dating back to the 11th Century, the Elvetham Estate witnessed the clandestine plotting of Eadric the Wild against the formidable William the Conqueror. The earth beneath your feet holds the secrets of political intrigue and power struggles that unfolded amidst these historic landscapes.

In 1205, King John convened his nobles on this hallowed ground, their presence a prelude to impending conflict with France. It was a

time when the fate of nations hung in the balance, and the Elvetham Estate stood witness to the unfolding drama of medieval politics.

In 1840 there was a tragic fire at Elvetham, the property was radically enlarged and in 1851 architect Samuel Sanders Teulon was commissioned to extend and redesign the Main House and Stables building. Teulon designed a flamboyantly gothic house as well as Elvetham's Stables, located northeast of the house.

Though only fragments of the medieval house remain, the spirit of antiquity endures, seamlessly merging with the modern trappings of a luxury hotel. Each step within The Elvetham is a stride through time, a harmonious blend of the past and present. The architecture and amenities reflect a commitment to preserving the historical resonance while providing guests with the epitome of contemporary comfort.

Welcome

Welcome to The Elvetham, where history and luxury converge to create an unforgettable experience. Our hotel invites you to immerse yourself in a world where every detail reflects a commitment to excellence.

While parts of the medieval house remain, its ancient spirit seamlessly intertwines with the modern luxury of The Elvetham. Step into a harmonious blend of past and present, where the whispers of history echo through polished corridors and opulent rooms. The soul of this place, steeped in captivating tales, awaits those who explore its storied halls.

Explore our historic grounds, indulge in culinary delights, and bask in the ambiance of a place where the past meets the present in perfect harmony. Thank you for choosing The Elvetham—we look forward to making your stay exceptional.

> Wishing you a stay of wonder The Elvetham Team

EXPLORE THE GROUNDS

Woodland Walk

Take a leisurely stroll through our Woodland Walk, featuring secluded gardens and seating areas.

Reading Spot

Escape for some solitude in a private reading spot at the end of the Avenue of Trees.

Avenue of Trees

Walk amongst mature Irish yew and silver maple trees as you stroll through the Avenue of Trees.

Tennis / Pickleball Court

Enjoy a game of tennis or pickleball at The Elvetham. Equipment is available at Reception.

Croquet Lawn

Croquet is a perfect way to spend an afternoon. Equipment is available at Reception.

Formal Gardens

The principal formal gardens at The Elvetham lie to the south and south-east of the main house.

Sunken Gardens

The Sunken Gardens feature a central, yew hedged, rectangular pool and a series of rose beds.

Sylvanus Restaurant

Sample our delicious seasonal menu, made with the finest ingredients by our experienced chefs.

Kitchen Garden

Fruit and vegetables are cultivated on the grounds beside the historic 60ft long greenhouse.

Orchard

Consists of a variety of apple, plum and pear trees, and can be enjoyed by visitors as well as the local wildlife.

Queen Elizabeth I Oak Tree

Visit the tree which Queen Elizabeth planted during her visit to The Elvetham in 1591.

Start of 5km Walking & Running Route

Explore the local Hampshire countryside by embarking on our 5-km walking and running route.







RESTAURANT & BAR

SYLVANUS RESTAURANT

Embark on a memorable culinary journey at The Sylvanus Restaurant, where a delectable seasonal menu awaits your discerning palate. Crafted by our experienced chefs using the finest ingredients, each dish promises a culinary experience to remember. Our extensive menu caters to every appetite, with special attention to dietary needs, offering Vegan and Gluten-Free options. Notify us in advance, and we'll happily tailor our offerings to accommodate specific food and dietary requirements. Complement your meal with a choice from our handpicked selection of wines, curated by our experienced catering team to suit all tastes and occasions. At The Sylvanus Restaurant, we invite you to savor not just a meal but an exquisite celebration of taste and indulgence.

GLORIANA BAR

Indulge in a laid-back and inviting atmosphere at The Gloriana Bar. Our diverse Bar menu caters to every craving, whether you seek a quick bite or a more substantial meal without the formality of dinner. Wash down your choice with a refreshing selection of international wines, beers, spirits, soft drinks, or hot beverages. Elevate your experience with sophistication by exploring our tailor-made cocktail menu, featuring handpicked concoctions and mocktails that perfectly complement the charm and elegance of The Elvetham.

RESTAURANT & BAR



DINING IN ELEGANCE

Choose between our delicious dining options including a la carte, afternoon tea, private and corporate dining. The Elvetham operates as a cashless hotel and only accepts card payments.

5KM WALKING & RUNNING ROUTE

Explore the local Hampshire countryside by embarking on our 5-km walking and running route around the historic Elvetham Estate. The route is relatively easy and is mostly flat but will require climbing over some stiles. At an average pace, the walking route will take approximately an hour, and if running around 30 minutes. Dogs are welcome on this route but please remember to pick up after them and respect farmers' fields and livestock. The walking map can be collected from reception.

Set out from the main house reception and walk down the path between the church and The Stables towards the black iron gates. Go through the gate and continue down the track in front of you. At the end of the track, you will reach a gate, you can pass through the gap on the left. Continue to the road and cross the bridge.

After the bridge, turn right down a stone road, this is marked with a footpath sign. Continue up this road until you reach a wire gate, there is a gap on the right-hand side to pass through. Follow the footpath to point 3.

Continue along the track until you pass over a ditch, turn right and follow the path along the side of the field. At the corner of the field is a small wood and stream, cross the stream over the wooden two plank bridge and follow the path until it meets a larger grass track where you need to turn left. Along this path, you will see two metal gates, do not pass through them, carry straight on.

At the end of the path, you will see a barn on your left. Just past this barn you will see a track, turn right along here and follow the power lines to point 5.

You are now halfway! Continue along the path until you see a wide bridge with a log laying in front. Cross the bridge and follow the river until you reach a large house with a surrounding brick wall. To the right is a tarmac road, walk along the road to point 6 and look out for a small gap in the hedge on your right, make sure you do not walk through the larger gap that you will see first.

Walk through the gap and enter the field. Follow the path through the centre of the next two fields. At the end of the second field, follow the path round to the right and continue past the Elvetham Old Rectory on your left with a green fence.

Pass through the gap in the hedge on to the road. The footpath continues across the road, opposite the black gates. Cross the stile and walk through the field towards a copse of fir trees. Cross the stile and follow the path through the trees. Cross the next stile and walk towards the back of the church. Cross the stile and follow the path back to the main house.









FAMILY FRIENDLY

KIDS ACTIVITY BOOK

Upon arrival, young explorers receive a specially crafted activity book. Packed with engaging games, puzzles, and fun facts, this book promises to make their stay even more memorable.

FAIRY TRAIL

Embark on a whimsical adventure with The Elvetham Fairy Trail, a delightful experience designed for our younger guests. Let children's imaginations run wild as they discover enchanting fairy houses scattered throughout the Estate Grounds, creating magical moments and sparking the joy of exploration in a fairy-tale setting.

OUTDOOR GAMES

Unleash family fun with our array of outdoor games, catering to all ages. Enjoy Jenga, croquet, badminton, tennis and pickleball. Our expansive grounds transform into a playground for laughter and friendly competition, creating cherished moments for the whole family to enjoy.

BOARD GAMES

An assortment of board games awaits in the Gloriana Bar. Engage in friendly battles of wit and strategy with classics like Scrabble and Connect 4, or try your hand at card games.

READING CORNER

Discover the Reading Corner, a quiet nook tucked away in a cozy corner of The Elvetham grounds. It's the perfect spot for families to share storytime surrounded by nature's serenade.

PERFECT FAMILY RETREAT



BRING YOUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS



DOG FRIENDLY

The entire family can enjoy a country-escape to The Elvetham, including your four-pawed friends. We have a selection of dog friendly rooms within our newly renovated Stables House and our beautiful private Gardeners Cottage, available for short and long stays. With our 35 acres of manicured gardens and a wide variety of wonderful local walks, The Elvetham is the perfect place to enjoy a wonderful stay with the whole family.

DOG FRIENDLY ROOMS

The Elvetham welcomes dogs up to 20kg in our dog friendly rooms. For larger dogs we ask guests to please call our reception team ahead of your booking and we will do our best to accommodate your request. We ask that all dogs are fully house-trained, at least six months of age, and are not left unattended in our hotel bedrooms. Dog friendly bookings come with an additional charge of £35 for up to two dogs staying up to 4 nights. All four-legged guests will receive their own dog bed, bowl, chew toy and tasty treat upon arrival to help them settle in.

If you would like to have breakfast with your dog, you can do so either on our outside terrace (weather permitting) or in our Gloriana Bar. Please advise us of this upon your check-in and we will be able to arrange this for you.

AROUND THE HOTEL

At The Elvetham, we aim to be as accommodating as possible for your furry companions. Guests and their dogs are free to roam our 35 acres of gardens and take in their beautiful surroundings. Dogs are also welcome to enter our Main House with exception of the upper floors and our Sylvanus Restaurant.

We kindly ask for guests that dogs are kept on their lead whilst outside of your room and to respect other guests at the hotel. In order to maintain our beautiful grounds for all to enjoy, we ask that all fouling is cleaned up.



BOMBAY SAPPHIRE DISTILLERY

Location & hours

Laverstoke Mill, Whitchurch, Hampshire, RG28 7NR Open Friday to Sunday 10:00 - 18:00 (last admission 16:30)

BOMBAY 💮 SAPPHIRE. Distillery

Home of Bombay Sapphire Gin

Embark on a guided tour of the Bombay Sapphire Distillery and discover the ten exotic botanicals infused into every drop of Bombay Sapphire Gin. Your host will then help you navigate the Botanical Dry Room, a sensory experience to help you uncover your flavour preferences.

Based at Laverstoke Mill in Hampshire, the Bombay Sapphire Distillery is situated in a conservation area with over 1000 years of history. A mix of iconic modern architecture, rich heritage and exquisite cocktail, The Bombay Sapphire Distillery offers something for every visitor.

What's included:

- 20% off the Discovery Tour
- A hosted tour of the Bombay Sapphire Distillery
- Only available in English
- Complimentary drink in their Mill Bar

To book this exclusive offer, please speak with Reception.

Please note: the Bombay Sapphire Distillery is a working distillery so please ensure you wear suitable footwear on your guided tour (no high heels or open toed shoes).

www.bombaysapphire.com/distillery

PENN CROFT WINERY

Location & hours

Penn Croft Winery, Croft Lane, Crondall, GU10 5QD Open Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 11:00 - 12:30 and 14:00 - 15:30

PENN CROFT

Winemaking that protects the natural world

Experience the artistry of winemaking come to life with a winery and vineyard tour. Embark on a captivating adventure that will tantalize your senses and deepen your appreciation for the craft of winemaking.

After an arrival glass of English sparkling wine, guests will be guided through the beautiful vineyard by an experienced guide. You will learn about the regenerative and sustainable agriculture used throughout Penn Croft's vineyard.

Next, you will be guided around the state of the art winery, showcasing advanced winemaking technologies and facilities.

To finish, you'll be treated to a wine sampling experience in the welcoming Cellar Door, complete with a cheese and charcuterie board to pair.

For more information and to book, please speak with Reception.

www.penncroftvineyards.com

CORAL REEF WATERWORLD

Location & hours

Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell, RG12 7JQ Open Monday & Friday 09:00 - 20:45, Thursday 10:30 - 20:45, Saturday & Sunday 08:00 - 20:00 Closed Tuesday & Wednesday



The perfect place to stay active and have fun

Coral Reef Waterworld is one of the largest interactive water worlds in England. With thrilling waterslides, an erupting volcano, a pirate ship and a variety of other features, there's something for everyone in the pool area.

Meanwhile, the adults-only Coral Spa area is the ideal place to relax and get away from it all.

We have an exciting offer, exclusive to Elvetham guests, please speak to Reception to book.

What's included: - 15% off all pool sessions - 15% off The Coral Spa

Please note: The Coral Spa is for visitors 18+ only

www.everyoneactive.com/centre/coral-reef-waterworld

GRAVELLEY BRIDGE AIR RIFLE SHOOTING RANGE

Location & hours

Gravelley Bridge Farm, Grazeley, Reading, RG7 1LG Open Thursday 14:00 - 20:00, Friday 10:00 - 14:00 and Saturday & Sunday 10:00 - 16:00



A friendly, members run organisation

Embark on an adventure that combines precision, focus, and pure excitement. GBSA located a short 20-minute journey from The Elvetham, offers a fantastic Air Riffle Shooting experience suitable for any ability.

Enjoy a 1 hour session, which includes rifle hire and 100 pellets. You'll receive instructions from a qualified GBSA professional, including a full safety briefing and demonstration.

> What's included - 15% off lane and rifle hire

To book this experience please speak with Reception.

Please note: Under 18's must be accompanied by a nonshooting adult.

www.gbsa.co.uk

BLACKBUSHE SCHOOL OF FLYING

Location & hours

Blackbushe School of Flying, Blackbushe Airport, Camberley, Surrey GU17 9LQ Open Monday to Sunday 08:00 - 18:00

Let your dreams take flight

Take to the skies with Blackbushe Fly School with one of their taster sessions. Accompanied at all times by an experienced instructor, you'll take full control of the aeroplane as you soar above the English countryside.

Following a pre-flight brief and aircraft inspection, you'll take off on an exciting adventure in the sky.

Chose from a 30 or 60 minute flight experience, your time begins once breaks are released.

Single occupancy flights make great gifts or to check a box on your bucket list. Alternatively, you can share the experience with a two seater option, perfect for couples looking to expand their horizons.

For more information on pricing and booking, please speak to Reception.

www.airfirst.co.uk

POTTERY EXPERIENCE

Location & hours

Studio 6B, Crown House, Hartley Wintney, RG27 8NW Tuesday to Thursday 14:00 - 21:30, Friday & Saturday 09:00 - 21:30 Closed Sunday & Monday



Where mud is transformed into beautiful functional ceramics

Tucked away on the Hartley Wintney high street, just a 5 minute drive from The Elvetham, is Make Pottery Studio Showcase your creative talents with a fun and interactive pottery experience. Enjoy a private session and get stuck in trying a range of different techniques such as throwing and carving.

The team at Make provide a full demonstration and guide you through the process, so this experience is great for all abilities.

Private sessions are available for groups of 2-6 people, so this is the perfect pick for a romantic couples evening or a great group activity.

For more information on pricing and booking, please speak to reception.

Please note: Creations will need to be fired and glazed by the studio, this process can take up to one week and your creations will need to be delivered to your chosen address. UK delivery included in price,

www.makehartleywintney.com

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Promoting the peace and power of fly fishing

Experience a day of Pike fishing on the exclusive lake at Highclere Castle, enjoy the serene and beautiful surroundings of this grand home. The castle is currently home to Lord and Lady Carnarvon and has even been the filming location of popular TV show, Downton Abbey.

Whether you're a master fisherman or a beginner, the professional guides are on hand to make this experience memorable. All equipment is included for a no hassle, excellent day of fishing. You'll be taught the art of assembling your tackle, casting and great tips for securing a successful catch.

Enhance your day with the optional extra of a BBQ on the bank, the perfect chance to enjoy the tranquil environment. Make those memories last forever with the option of being accompanied by a professional photographer.

For more information or to book, please speak to our reception team.

www.piscaries.com

PIKE FISHING AT HIGHCLERE CASTLE

Location

Highclere Park, Highclere, Newbury, RG20 9RN

FLY FISHING DAYS

Location Various locations

Promoting the peace and power of fly fishing

Escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and join us for a Fly Fishing Day that promises to be a reel adventure! Whether you're a seasoned angler or a curious beginner, this experience is designed to cater to all levels of expertise.

Perfect for small groups and families, you'll enjoy learning in natures classroom as you master the art of fly fishing.

Joined by the professionals, you'll be given calm and clear tuition, helping you secure your catch of the day. From casting lessons to river insect identification, you'll receive all the tips and tricks to perfect your fishing skills.

The chosen river will be well stocked, suitable to your ability and easily accessible from the hotel.

Round off your day with the optional extra of a bankside BBQ, the perfect chance to relish in the excitement of the day.

For more information on booking, please speak to our reception team.

www.piscaries.com



Location & hours

The Elvetham Hotel



Unforgettable handling experiences

Embark on a leisurely stroll through The Elvetham grounds while a majestic Harris Hawk takes flight from your hand, soars between the trees and flies back to your glove for food.

The talented guides will provide a quick safety brief and demonstration. Expand your knowledge, as they explain the details of the birds natural habitats and behaviours.

You'll have the extraordinary chance to make a personal connection with he hawk as they listen to your call and fly back to your for a tasty treat.

Beyond a mere walk, this is a genuine interaction with nature, offering tranquillity and the thrill of engaging with these creatures, creating an unforgettable memory.

For more information, please speak to our reception team. Please note: this activity is for a maximum of 4 people.

www.berkshirebirdsofprey.co.uk





LOCAL GOLF COURSES

NORTH HANTS GOLF CLUB

Considered to be one the finest courses in the South of England, this club has enjoyed the membership of many fine golfers, including US Open Champion Justin Rose. North Hants Golf Club was an ambitious project when it was opened in 1904 by Princess Alexander of Teck. It offered the ethos of a gentleman's club to attract members from London and the atmosphere of an American Country Club with, in addition to a fine golf course, lawn tennis courts and croquet lawns of the highest quality.

Minley Road, Fleet, Hampshire GU51 1RF

HARTLEY WINTNEY GOLF CLUB

The club has been providing enjoyable golf for 130 years and is the ideal location for a relaxing game of golf in tranquil surroundings with many mature trees and water hazards. Hartley Wintney is an 18 hole, par 71 parkland and wooded course measuring 6277 yards. The layout has been carefully designed to provide a challenge for golfers of all standards.

London Road, Hartley Wintney, Hook, RG27 8PT



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