

Places of Interest Near Stoke Poges

Hughenden Manor

Historic House/Palace,

Address: High Wycombe, HP14 4LA Tel: 01494 755573

Hughenden Manor was the home of Victorian prime minister and statesman Benjamin Disraeli from 1848 until his death in 1881. Most of his furniture, books and pictures remain in this, his private retreat. There are beautiful walks through the surrounding park and Chiltern woodlands and the garden is a recreation of the colourful design of his wife, Mary Anne. This property is owned by the National Trust. Disabled visitors are advised to telephone before visiting. Admission to house by timed ticket on Sun, Bank Hols and other busy times.

Cliveden

Historic House/Palace, Maidenhead

Address: Taplow, Maidenhead, SL6 0JA Tel: 01628 605069

This spectacular estate overlooking the River Thames has a series of gardens, each with its own character, featuring topiary, statuary, water gardens, a formal parterre and woodland and riverside walks with magnificent vistas. The present house, the 3rd on the site, was built in 1851 by Charles Barry. Once the home of Nancy, Lady Astor, it is now let as an hotel and is only open on certain days. The property is owned by The National Trust.

Chiltern Open Air Museum

Museum, Chalfont St Giles

Address: Newland Park, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, HP8 4AB
Tel: 01494 871117

At Chiltern Open Air Museum, historic buildings which would have otherwise been destroyed have been rescued and re-erected in a beautiful countryside setting. The buildings reflect the traditional building heritage of the Chiltern's region and illustrate the lives and work of local people. Several buildings incorporate displays illustrating their original use or house exhibitions on Chiltern life and landscape. The museum occupies 45 acres of parkland and woodland with an attractive nature trail. Regular special event weekends are held throughout the year.

Windsor Castle

Castle/Fort,

Address: Windsor, SL4 1NJ Tel: 020 7766 7304

Windsor is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world and Official Residence of Her Majesty The Queen. Its rich history spans almost 1000 years. The Castle covers an area of about 5 hectares (13 acres) and contains magnificent State

Apartments furnished with treasures from the Royal Collection, St George's Chapel, one of the most beautiful ecclesiastical buildings in England and the burial place of 10 monarchs, and Queen Mary's Dolls House, a masterpiece in miniature. As Windsor Castle is a working royal palace, opening arrangements may change at short notice. Please check before planning a visit

French Brothers Ltd

Boat Trip, Windsor

Address: The Clewer Boathouse, Clewer Court Road, Windsor, SL4 5JH
Tel: 01753 851900

Based on the Thames at Windsor, Runnymede, Maidenhead and Wallingford. The all-weather vessels can carry up to 150 passengers and include toilets, well-stocked bars and tea and coffee facilities. Regular trips, short 35-minute or 2-hour cruises available also 45-minute cruises on replica paddle steamer 'Lucy Fisher' at Runnymede

Taplow Court

Historic House/Palace, Taplow

Address: Berry Hill, Taplow, Maidenhead, SL6 0ER Tel: 01628 591215

Set high above the Thames, affording spectacular views. Taplow Court was the 18th Century home of Earls of Orkney, was later remodelled in the mid 19th Century by William Burn and more recently of Lord and Lady Desborough who entertained 'The Souls' here. Tranquil gardens and grounds with Anglo-Saxon burial mound. Temporary exhibitions

Thames Valley Falconry and Conservation Centre

Animal Collection, Little Marlow

Address: Pump Lane South, Little Marlow, Marlow, SL7 3RB Tel: 01628 891085

Falconry displays, exhibits, static displays, over 60 raptors from around the world. Adoption of birds, falconry courses, hunting trips, hawk handling experience, birthday parties and education forum. Owl handling experience. Gift shop and falconry equipment.

Rickmansworth Aquadrome

Country/Royal Park, Rickmansworth

Address: Frogmoor Lane, Off Hartfield Road, Rickmansworth Tel: 01442 234222

The Aquadrome park offers 100 acres of water, woodland and semi-landscaped parkland with walks including 1.6km scenic Alder trail, picnic areas, barbeque area, enclosed dog free area, children's playground, refreshment kiosk and disabled

access. There are a variety of water-based sports clubs including fishing on a daily ticket basis, windsurfing, water skiing, sailing and kayaking.

LEGOLAND Windsor

Theme Park, Windsor

Address: Winkfield Road, Windsor, SL4 4AY Tel: 0870 504 0404

For an exciting day out visit LEGOLAND Windsor and enjoy over 50 interactive rides and attractions. Set in 150 acres of parkland, LEGOLAND is more fun than you can imagine for children aged 2-12 and their families.

Thorpe Park

Theme Park, Chertsey

Address: Staines Road, Chertsey, KT16 8PN Tel: 0870 444 4466

Thorpe Park is one of the UK's top theme parks with a huge choice of things to do, suitable for all the family and conveniently located near the M25 and London.