

A Guide to:

Basingstoke, Hampshire

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*An illustrative and informative guide offering information on Services and Amenities within the area of
Basingstoke and adjacent Towns and Cities*



Basingstoke

Basingstoke, the largest town in Hampshire, boasts a population of over 170,000 residents. Its charm is amplified by the embrace of beautiful rolling countryside, creating a picturesque backdrop. This vibrant town is strategically positioned as an excellent commuter hub, facilitating easy travel to major destinations such as London, Reading, and both the Southern and Northern regions of England. Basingstoke not only caters to urban conveniences but also allows residents to savour the coastal experience, with the south coast being conveniently reachable by car in less than an hour. This unique blend of accessibility and natural beauty makes Basingstoke an appealing and well-rounded locale for its diverse community.



Eastrop Park, Basingstoke

Local Amenities



Festival Place - situated in the centre of Basingstoke, Festival Place offers numerous shops and eateries. The Town Centre provides a wide variety of Sports & Leisure facilities, and the Basingstoke Leisure Park with cinema, bowling complex, ice rink and swimming can be easily accessed.

Due to Basingstokes thriving economy, the town houses many large private and public sector companies, including The AA, BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions, AXA Wealth, Lenovo, De La Rue Plc, Sainsbury's, Sun Life Financial of Canada, Network Rail Training Centre, GAME, Sony Europe and Fujitsu Services.

There are numerous outdoor amenity locations to suit your recreational needs within Basingstoke. **The War Memorial Park** located in the town centre is perfect for a short walk, a picnic or the weekly 'park run', or a trip to **Eastrop Park** to feed the ducks, sit and have a hot beverage from the on-site coffee shop or hire a row boat.

You don't need to go far in Basingstoke to access the rolling countryside and some beautiful local pubs and restaurants, village walks and heritage sites such as Basing House.



The War Memorial Park

Art, Culture, Nature & Sport

Basingstoke is home to numerous cultural attractions; including the historic Willis Museum (situated in market square, London Street) and the modern and impressive Milestones Museum.

Surrounded by countryside and nature, the 32 mile Basingstoke canal has 29 locks raising the canal by 190 feet through a 17 mile stretch. A popular destination for walkers and cyclists. You are never far from nature in Basingstoke.

Designed to create some of the best acoustics in the country, The Anvil has become one of the leading concert and event venues in the South. Upcoming performances from the likes of Ricky Gervais' are demonstrable of the venues excellent reputation.

If you have a penchant for immersing yourself in local art and culture, then The Haymarket Theatre, is the ideal destination for you. This cultural hub offers a rich tapestry of performances that showcase the creativity of the community set within a stunning period building.

The Town Centre offers a wide variety of Sports & Leisure facilities. Located within Festival Place is the Basingstoke Sports Centre and The Village Gym is located within a short walk on Basing View. Basingstoke Leisure Park with cinema, bowling complex, ice rink and swimming facilities is easily accessed by bus from the Town Centre.



Further Afield

Reading - establishing itself as a versatile hub for both shopping enthusiasts and entertainment seekers. The Oracle Shopping Centre stands as a testament to its commitment to top-tier retail experiences and delightful culinary adventures. However, Reading extends beyond its shopping and dining allure, offering a vibrant nightlife with an array of bars and entertainment options, catering to varied tastes, from jazz clubs to upscale dining and quaint microbreweries. The town's cultural vibrancy is further heightened by iconic events like the Reading Festival, which annually attracts globally renowned artists. Reading takes pride in not only its cultural offerings but also its involvement in sports, with the Madejski Football Stadium hosting matches that unify the community. The town's commitment to fitness is exemplified by the renowned Reading half marathon, drawing participants from diverse backgrounds to partake in this exhilarating event. As Reading celebrates its versatility, it remains a dynamic and engaging community for residents and visitors alike.



Reading Town Centre



Winchester Cathedral

Winchester - a cathedral city situated at the western terminus of the South Downs National Park, along the banks of the River Itchen. Renowned for its opulence, Winchester has earned the distinction of being one of the most expensive and affluent areas in the United Kingdom. At the city's core stands the majestic Winchester Cathedral, a prominent landmark that encapsulates its rich historical and architectural significance. Furthermore, Winchester boasts educational institutions like the University of Winchester and Winchester College, the latter being the oldest public school in the United Kingdom still utilising its original structures. Beyond academia, the city offers essential amenities such as hospitals, diverse leisure facilities, and a vibrant array of shops, restaurants, bars, and cafes.

Further Afield

Neighbouring Towns - Nestled within the vibrant home counties are an array of delightful offerings, ranging from verdant open spaces to captivating cultural attractions. Beyond the allure of these locales lies a tapestry of Royal connections, weaving a rich historical fabric. Adjacent towns boast a plethora of renowned sporting and regal spectacles that beckon visitors from near and far. The Henley Royal Regatta sets the stage for thrilling boat races, where skilled rowers battle for victory amidst a backdrop of pristine waters and jubilant crowds. At Windsor Castle, the iconic changing of the guard ceremony unfolds with majestic precision, a timeless display of tradition and pomp. Meanwhile, the esteemed Royal Ascot offers an exquisite day at the races, where attendees don their finest attire and indulge in the thrill of equestrian competition. These neighbouring towns, steeped in both heritage and modern charm, stand as beacons of cultural enrichment and royal splendour.



Windsor Castle



Dorset

The South Coast - The South coast of England beckons with a diverse array of attractions, promising a delightful experience for visitors of all tastes. Whether you yearn for the classic charm of fish and chips on the beach with the mesmerising sight of hovercraft at Southsea, the nostalgic joy of strolling along the pier and indulging in arcade games at Bournemouth, or the adventure of exploring the extensive network of walks along the Jurassic coast, the region has something for everyone. The South coast boasts breathtaking scenery that lures tourists from both near and far, eager to uncover the treasures it holds. Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole proudly host 12 of Dorset's coveted blue flag beaches, including the renowned Sandbanks Peninsula and the picturesque Victorian resort of Swanage. From the beloved Alum Chine Beach, cherished by Bournemouth locals, to Fisherman's Walk, offering acres of sand and a lift for those with mobility challenges, the coastal stretch covers a mere 22 miles, yet encapsulates the best beaches the region has to offer.

A woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing a grey long-sleeved top and dark trousers, stands on a train platform. She is holding a black suitcase and has a large tan bag slung over her shoulder. In the background, a blurred train is visible on the tracks, and other people are walking in the distance. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

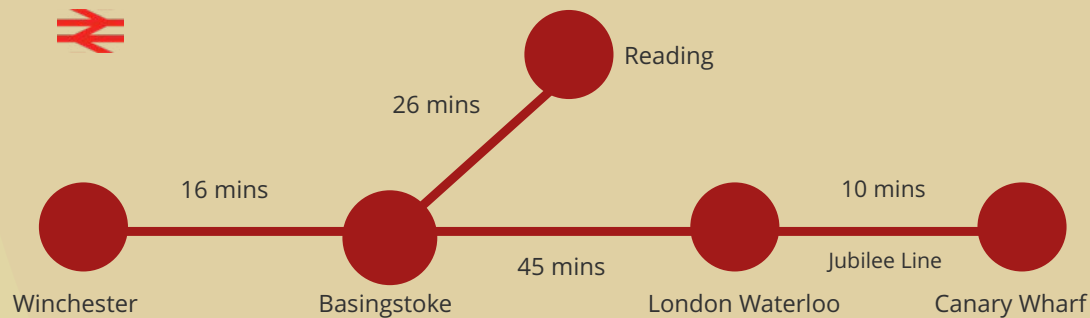
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Whether by bus, car or rail, Basingstoke offers easy links into Winchester, Newbury, Reading, London and beyond...

Making the Connection

Basingstoke provides excellent transport links by both road and rail. It is situated between junctions 6 and 7 of the M3 motorway which provides access to all major routes including the M25, M4 and M27.

By rail, Basingstoke is a mere 45mins from London Waterloo and even less to Reading, Winchester and Southampton.



Graphic shows indicative train times to major local commuter destinations.



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Education & Services



Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital, with A&E Department, Maternity Department and various other departments is situated within easy reach by vehicle or public transport running regularly.

Basingstoke is well-served by numerous doctors' surgeries. Among them, The Rooksdown Practice stands out for its convenient proximity to the hospital. Additional options within the town centre include the Hackwood Partnership, situated on Worting Road, and Brambleys Grange Medical Practice at Crown Heights Medical Centre. These medical facilities contribute to the comprehensive healthcare network available in Basingstoke. For individuals seeking more information about doctors in the area, the website "NHS GP in Basingstoke | Find an NHS Doctor in Basingstoke" at [find-my-doctor.co.uk](https://www.find-my-doctor.co.uk) provides a helpful resource to explore available healthcare options in the region.

Basingstoke offers a variety of public sector, private sector and specialist schools, as well as further education facilities. There are several 'Good' Ofsted rated nurseries, schools and colleges.

Further information on schools can be found on the Hampshire County Council website.



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