

ASCOT COWORTH PARK

One day itinerary: **Culture**

For culture enthusiasts, Ascot offers a wealth of places to explore. Whether it's the oldest and largest inhabited palace in the world or the birthplace of British democracy, the real-life setting of *Downton Abbey* or the country's finest ornamental garden, exploring Ascot with this one-day itinerary is the perfect way to experience the area's history, culture, politics and architecture.

Begin the day with a trip to The Savill Garden, 15 minutes away from the hotel by taxi.



THE SAVILL GARDEN

T: 01753 860 222 | Wick Lane, Englefield Green, TW20 0UU

A place for all seasons, visitors can take a journey through The Savill Garden's 35 acres of gardens and woodland, including the popular Rose Garden. The Savill Garden is part of Windsor Great Park, and renowned as Britain's finest ornamental garden; a hive of vivid colour that's adored by horticulturalists.

Then, take a 10-minute taxi ride to Runnymede.



RUNNYMEDE

Windsor Road, Old Windsor, TW20 0AE

The site of the sealing of the Magna Carta more than 800 years ago, Runnymede is commonly cited as the birthplace of modern democracy. This stretch of open meadows and ancient woodland is the perfect spot for some quiet contemplation, with monuments to the Magna Carta, Commonwealth Air Forces and John F. Kennedy.

Windsor Castle is 10 minutes away by taxi.



WINDSOR CASTLE

T: 0303 123 7304 | Windsor, SL4 1NJ

A composite of various architectural styles from across the eras, Windsor Castle captures history in stone and mortar. Famed for being the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world, and still only partially open to the public because it is an official royal residence, take in the past while admiring the present in the form of the immaculate grounds.

Next, drive for 55 minutes to Highclere Castle.



HIGHCLERE CASTLE

T: 01635 253 204 | Highclere Park, Newbury, RG20 9RN

With its dramatic architecture, it's perhaps unsurprising that Highclere Castle has been used as the setting in various television programmes – most famously ITV's *Downton Abbey*. The house was once the seat of the 5th Earl of Carnarvon, who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun, making a visit to the permanent Egyptian Exhibition unmissable.

Drive for 55 minutes back towards the hotel, stopping by Theatre Royal Windsor for an evening show.



THEATRE ROYAL WINDSOR

T: 01753 853 888 | Thames Street, Windsor, SL4 1PS

This beautiful and intimate Edwardian theatre offers a year-round programme of the highest quality shows. Theatre Royal Windsor's wide repertoire ranges from traditional pantomime and much-loved classic plays, to the opening runs of new productions. One of the country's leading theatres, this Windsor treasure is a charming spot for an evening out.

The hotel is just a 15-minute drive from Theatre Royal Windsor.

All journey times are approximate and subject to variation.