

ASCOT COWORTH PARK

One day itinerary: Food

Ascot may be better known for its horse riding than its culinary credentials, but just a giant's stomp away from London, this is the stunning landscape in which metropolitan craft elides into rustic rigour; where a hotpot of international cuisines shakes hands with local produce and flair. From markets to bars, from restaurants to pubs, our one-day itinerary will take you to the best foodie destinations in the area.

Start your day with a coffee and a nose around The Royal Farms Windsor Farm Shop, just 15 minutes in the car from Coworth Park.



THE ROYAL FARMS WINDSOR FARM SHOP

T: 01753 623 800 | Datchet Road, Old Windsor, SL4 2RQ

A short distance from Windsor Great Park and Windsor Castle, you'll find The Royal Farms Windsor Farm Shop. It was created when Victorian potting sheds were converted almost two decades ago. There's a butcher, a delicatessen and a coffee shop on-site, providing Berkshire locals with quality gourmet ingredients.

Then it's on to Gilbey's in the car for an early lunch, just 15 minutes down the road.



GILBEY'S BAR & RESTAURANT ETON

T: 01753 854 921 | 82-83 High Street, Eton, SL4 6AF

Once a wine bar, Gilbey's travelled down the restaurant route after discovering visitors were returning more for the seafood than its vintages. Specialising in stylish, haute dishes, its menu is a marine reverie of mussels, cod, sea trout and salmon, with some vegetarian options thrown in for good measure.

It's back in the car again for 20 minutes, for something else to eat The Waterside Inn.



THE WATERSIDE INN

T: 01628 620 691 | Ferry Road, Bray, SL6 2AT

For over 40 years, people have been coming to Bray just to visit The Waterside Inn. And for good reason; no other British restaurant has held onto their three Michelin stars for so long. Once his father's, Alain Roux now rules the roost, serving seasonal menus that showcase unashamedly French concoctions, like pan-fried foie gras with quince compote, and orange and banana soufflé.

From there it's just a five-minute walk to The Hind's Head pub.

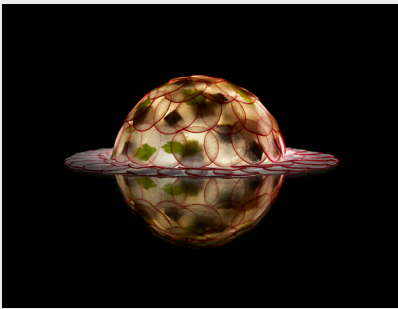


THE HIND'S HEAD

T: 01628 626 151 | High Street, Bray, SL6 2AB

Before settling down to dinner at Heston Blumenthal's restaurant, The Fat Duck, head to his Michelin-starred pub next door. In the former 15th century Inn, the boundary-pushing chef reinvestigates quintessential British classics for a carefully curated menu. Expect to see everything from gourmet scotch eggs and ribeye steak, to chewitt with walnut ketchup – Blumenthal's take on a traditional 16th century game pie.

And finally, just around the corner is one of England's most famous restaurants: The Fat Duck.



THE FAT DUCK

T: 01628 580 333 | High Street, Bray, SL6 2AQ

Housed in a 16th century building, The Fat Duck broke records in 2004 when it became the fastest restaurant in the UK to earn three Michelin stars. Renowned for its innovative, themed multi-course tasting menu that uses techniques often associated with science laboratories, Heston Blumenthal's restaurant has gone from strength to strength over the years, and continues to attract a lot of publicity.

Then, take a 20-minute drive back to Coworth Park.

All journey times are approximate and subject to variation.