BLENHEIM & WOODSTOCK



A DAY AWAY

Palace rooms, an Orangery lunch, gardens and a Woodstock evening.

1 JULY 2027

6–7 hours daytime

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THE LAY OF THE LAND

Give Blenheim the day it deserves. Start inside the palace, make lunch an occasion and leave the afternoon for the formal gardens. Woodstock is your evening option rather than another town to squeeze into the afternoon.

01 / THE AREA



02 / THE DETAIL



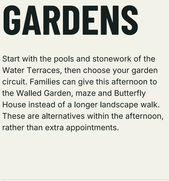
01 Palace & Churchill Exhibition
02 The Orangery
03 Water Terraces
04 East Courtyard & shop
05 The Nest at The Feathers

The dashed line shows the optional walk to Woodstock. Follow signed visitor paths inside the estate and leave before Woodstock Gate closes.

Official entrances & walking map ↗

OpenStreetMap contributors / ODbL ↗

PALACE TO TABLE.





10:00 - 12:00

PALACE & CHURCHILL EXHIBITION

Begin with the Great Hall and Long Library, then the Churchill Exhibition. The architecture gives the morning its scale; the exhibition brings Churchill's connection to Blenheim into letters, photographs and personal objects.

Choose admission that includes the palace. Allow the entrance approach before the suggested 10:00 start.

Read the venue guide ↗

Choose palace admission ↗

12:00 - 13:15

LUNCH AT THE ORANGERY

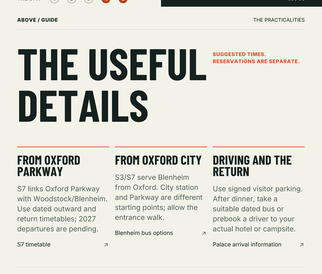
Make the Orangery your lunchtime stop: tall arched windows and globe chandeliers give the meal a setting of its own. A reserved table creates a natural pause between the palace rooms and the outdoor afternoon.

Reserve the meal separately and choose a service time offered for your date. For a lighter day, replace this stop with a picnic in a permitted area.

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Orangery dining information ↗

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INTO THE GARDENS

13:15 - 15:30

WATER TERRACES

Start with the pools and stonework of the Water Terraces, then choose your garden circuit. Families can give this afternoon to the Walled Garden, maze and Butterfly House instead of a longer landscape walk. These are alternatives within the afternoon, rather than extra appointments.

GOOD TO KNOW

The steep lakeside circuit is unsuitable for some wheelchairs and buggies; use the Rose Garden return where appropriate. Adventure Play has separate admission. The Italian Garden is viewing-only.

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EAST COURTYARD

15:30 - 16:00

Finish in the East Courtyard, with time for the gift shop before leaving the estate. The gap before dinner is deliberate: return to your Woodstock room or spend the late afternoon in town.

Allow your exit walk as well as time in the shop. If using Woodstock Gate, leave before its published 18:30 closure.

Read the venue guide ↗

STAY FOR SUPPER

18:30 - 20:00 / OPTIONAL

Stay in Woodstock for dinner at The Nest, inside The Feathers. The panelled room, marble tables and wicker lamps make this a distinct evening after a day on the estate. It is particularly convenient if your room is in one of Woodstock's inns.

Ordinary dinner service is Wednesday–Saturday from 18:00. Telephone to reserve; a suggested 18:30 time is not an available table. Sunday lunch is a different service and does not fit this evening plan.

Read the venue guide ↗

Call The Nest to reserve ↗

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THE USEFUL DETAILS

SUGGESTED TIMES. RESERVATIONS ARE SEPARATE.

FROM OXFORD PARKWAY

S7 links Oxford Parkway with Woodstock/Blenheim. Use dated outward and return timetables; 2027 departures are pending.

S7 timetable ↗

FROM OXFORD CITY

S3/S7 serve Blenheim from Oxford. City station and Parkway are different starting points; allow the entrance walk.

Blenheim bus options ↗

DRIVING AND THE RETURN

Use signed visitor parking. After dinner, take a suitable dated bus or prebook a driver to your actual hotel or campsite.

Palace arrival information ↗

BEFORE YOU GO

Admission, Orangery lunch and dinner are separate reservations. July 2027 openings and restoration access may change; select the relevant palace or play ticket.

The formal gardens have an accessible entrance. Gravel, slopes and individual garden routes still affect access; use the official visitor map for your chosen circuit.

MAKE THE DAY YOURS.

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