

Leeds Castle



In 500 acres of beautiful Kent parkland, sits the glorious Leeds Castle – a remarkable survival of a moated medieval castle complex, with an unparalleled 1920s interior. Over the centuries the Castle has withstood sieges; hosted the medieval Royal Courts of Europe; been a prison for witches, Kings and prisoners of war; a munitions store and a hospital; and welcomed some of the key figures in English history, from Henry VIII to Winston Churchill.



First and foremost, the castle has always been a palace to entertain and impress, with every generation leaving its mark. Today's interiors are the result of the massive refurbishment by top European designers throughout the 1920s and 30s for its last private owner, Lady Baillie.

She turned the castle into her weekend bolthole for the rich and famous, with wonderful collections of art and antiques, exotic animals in the parkland, and every modern convenience, with under floor heating and art deco onyx bathrooms. As you move through the grand state rooms, you are walking in the footsteps of Lady Baillie's houseguests – from Hollywood royalty like Douglas Fairbanks, David Niven and Errol Flynn, to the crowned and uncrowned heads of Europe. Today the Castle is owned by a charity, whose aim is to remain true to Lady Baillie's greatest wish, that the castle remains a welcoming place for all, "where people meet, and things happen."

Whatever the weather, there is always plenty to see and do at Leeds Castle from the moment the gates open including tours of the historic castle, falconry, gardens, wildlife talks, the maze and much more. Please check our website for daily activities, timings and details on accessibility at Leeds Castle.

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Ticket Prices:

Adults

Annual: £24.00 Group: £15.25

Senior Citizens/Students & Visitors with Disabilities

Annual: £21.00 Group: £14.25

Children (4-15yrs)

Annual: £16.00 Group: £11.00

Private guided, audio and specialist group tours are also available at a small additional cost.

Prices valid until 31st March



Key Themes

- 1930s
- Medieval period
- Henry VIII
- Lady Baillie
- Wildlife
- Gardens and Grounds
- Shopping
- Eating and drinking

Opening Times:

Open all year round

-see website for details

Special Events;

- Fireworks Spectacular
- Christmas at the Castle and Market
- Classical Concert
- Open Air Theatre
- Open Air Cinema
- Garden Tours
- Wildlife Talks and Walks
- Festival of Flowers
- Food Festival



Contact details for trade enquiries:

Groups Department

Tel: 01622 767865

Trade Web address: www.leeds-castle.com/groups

Directions and distance from Central London:

By Road: 7 miles east of Maidstone, Junction 8 of the M20 motorway just 1 hour from London, 30 minutes from the Channel Tunnel and Channel Ports. Dartford River Crossing 30 minutes. Clearly sign posted from all routes - following the brown and white tourist signs.

IMPORTANT - Satnav Users - If you are using a satellite navigation system, then please follow the brown and white tourist signs once you reach the A20 as your navigation system may incorrectly direct you to a private entrance where you will be redirected. Alternatively please use the following post code: ME17 1RG

By Train - We recommend travelling to Bearsted Station. Southeastern runs frequent services to and from Bearsted and a coach shuttle service run by Spot Travel is available from the station from April to September. A private service is also available from October to March.