

South East England



Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey, West Sussex

Escaping in the South East is the easiest thing in the world.

The sandy beaches of the Isle of Wight beckon, as do the serene windings of the River Thames; lose yourself in contemplation of Winchester's ancient cathedral or in the sheer romance of Leeds Castle.

Play detective for the day in *Inspector Morse's Oxford* or immerse yourself in some of the region's world-class gardens such as RHS Wisley, ever widening the horticultural horizon.

Get into the maritime spirit at Chatham or Portsmouth: Nelson isn't just a name here, his spirit still roams the quarterdeck of HMS *Victory*.

For more regal history walk the exotic halls of Brighton's Royal Pavilion or seek sanctuary in Queen Victoria's favoured Osborne House.

Go on – do a little escaping.

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM
visitsoutheastengland.com (023) 8062 5505

USEFUL READS

Escape into the Countryside; Cities; Regional Guide; Great Value Touring Map; Days Out in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire; Waterside

Wherever you are in England you can now find your nearest Tourist Information Centre... just text **TIC LOCATE** to **64118***

*Successful requests cost 35p (not available on 3 Network)

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Get away from it all on the **Thames Path National Trail** and stroll along Henley's riverbank or call in at the **River & Rowing Museum**.
nationaltrail.gov.uk
 (01865) 810224
rrm.co.uk
 (01491) 415600



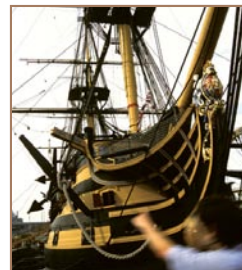
Stroll the ancient streets of **Oxford**, a vibrant multi-cultural city full of history and heritage. Home to the oldest English-speaking university in the world, renowned museums, charming shops and cafés, beautiful gardens and meadows.
visitoxford.org
 (01865) 726871



Visit the ancient capital of England and **Winchester's** glorious cathedral that stood at the heart of Alfred's Wessex. Is that really Arthur's legendary Round Table in the Great Hall?
visitwinchester.co.uk
 (01962) 840500



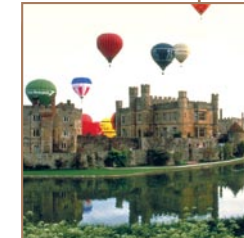
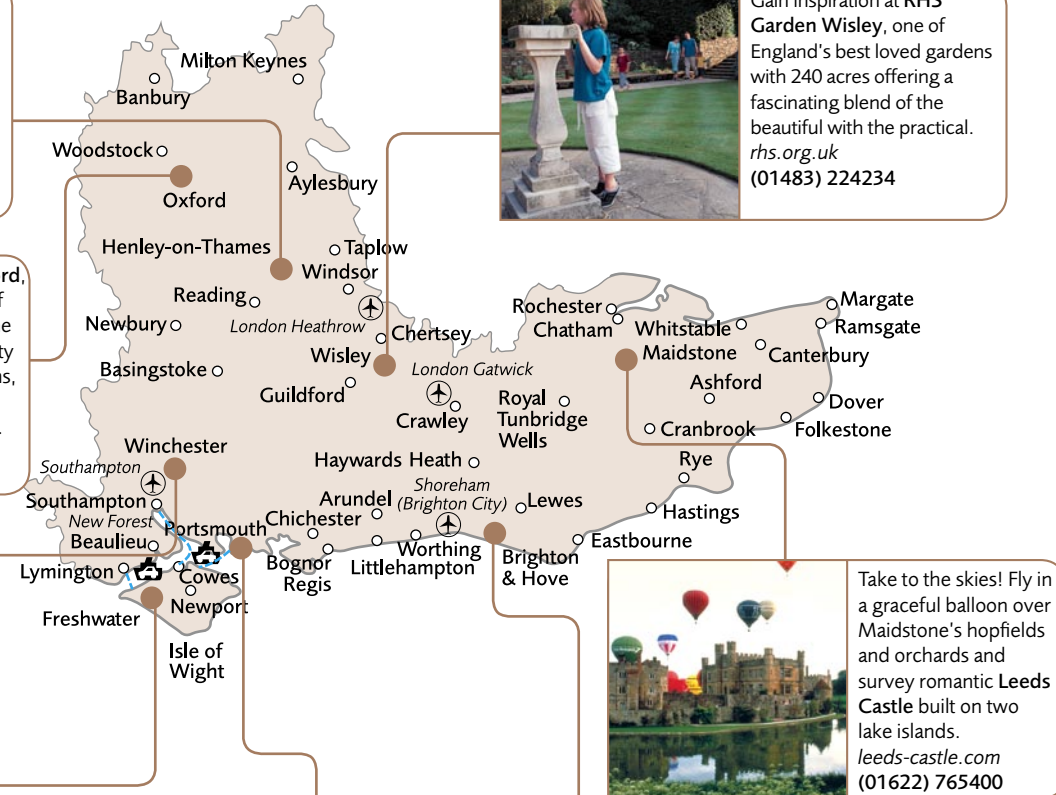
Make a beeline for the clean sandy beaches of **Freshwater Bay**. Inland you'll find **Osborne House**, Victoria and Albert's island retreat.
islandbreaks.co.uk
 (01983) 813800
english-heritage.org.uk
 (01983) 200022



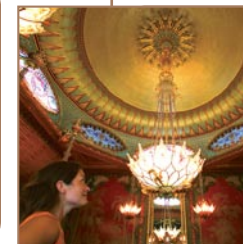
Trace Britain's naval heritage on foot or by boat at **Portsmouth Historic Dockyard**. Let your imagination roam aboard Nelson's HMS *Victory*, or get interactive at Action Stations.
historicdockyard.co.uk
 (023) 9286 1512



Gain inspiration at **RHS Garden Wisley**, one of England's best loved gardens with 240 acres offering a fascinating blend of the beautiful with the practical.
rhs.org.uk
 (01483) 224234



Take to the skies! Fly in a graceful balloon over **Maidstone's** hopfields and orchards and survey romantic **Leeds Castle** built on two lake islands.
leeds-castle.com
 (01622) 765400



Wander the halls of the **Royal Pavilion** in **Brighton** for a taste of the exotic East. Then head beachwards: feel the sea spray and have fun on the pier.
royalpavilion.org.uk
 (01273) 292820
visitbrighton.com
 0906 711 2255
 (50p per minute)

Touring ideas

Things to see and do in South East England