

# Coming to Guildford

**distance from Heathrow and Gatwick International Airports and London is only 40 minutes away by train.**

Guildford is the county town of Surrey located in the South East of England, as well as the seat for the borough of Guildford and the administrative headquarters of the south east England region. It is situated 27 miles (43 km) south west of London on the A3 road linking the capital to Portsmouth. The town has Saxon roots, and likely owes its location to the existence of a gap in the North Downs where the River Wey is forded by the Harrow Way. Guildford is twinned with Freiburg in Germany.

Guildford is home to the University of Surrey, the Academy of Contemporary Music (ACM) and Guildford School of Acting (GSA) so students will be part of a young vibrant community.

You can also **use Guildford to explore and visit other places of interest** including Oxford, Bath, Portsmouth and Brighton; all less than two hours away.

Whether you're into sport, culture, theatre or cinema, shopping or music you can find it all in Guildford. There is a huge range of restaurants, cafes, pubs and bars that cater for everyone. The nine-screen Odeon cinema features the latest in film and for live performances there are two theatres. The nearby Spectrum leisure centre is one of the biggest and best in the country. Shopaholics will love the 300 shops and regular markets and festivals. Culturally, there is a gallery, a museum, an 11<sup>th</sup> century castle ruin and a cathedral all set in beautiful surroundings. Other tourist attractions include guided tours of Guildford, rowing down the River Wey, swimming in the Lido open air swimming pool and walking in the Surrey Hills – an area of outstanding natural beauty.

**There truly is something for everyone in Guildford.**

There are many courses to choose from including English language, A Levels and Bachelor Degrees in a variety of subjects.



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