

Welcome to BLENHEIM PALACE



BLENHEIM EDUCATION SERVICE
Blenheim has held the Sandford Award for outstanding contribution to Heritage Education since 1982. For full details of our award winning educational service please contact the Education Officer on 01993 811091.

COACH TOUR OPERATORS
There are a number of coach tour operators running inclusive trips to Blenheim from Central London, amongst whom are:
Evan Evans: 0207 9501777
Frames Rickards: 0207 8373111
Golden Tours: 0207 2337030

COACHES FROM LONDON
Stage Coach Oxford Tube: 01865 727000

CATERING
For details on catering for individual groups please contact: Sidxeh Prestige 01993 811274.

BLENHEIM BY ROAD AND RAIL



DIRECTIONS TO BLENHEIM PALACE

Blenheim Palace and Woodstock are 8 miles north of Oxford on the A44 Evesham road. London, Birmingham, Cheltenham, Stratford-upon-Avon and Heathrow are all approximately 1 hours drive away. Oxford Tube coaches depart from London Victoria to Oxford daily (train enquiries 08457 484950). Buses (No 20) run from Oxford Bus Station to Woodstock, stopping at the Park gate.

The right to close the Palace and Park or to withdraw facilities or to cancel or change the date of events without notice is reserved.

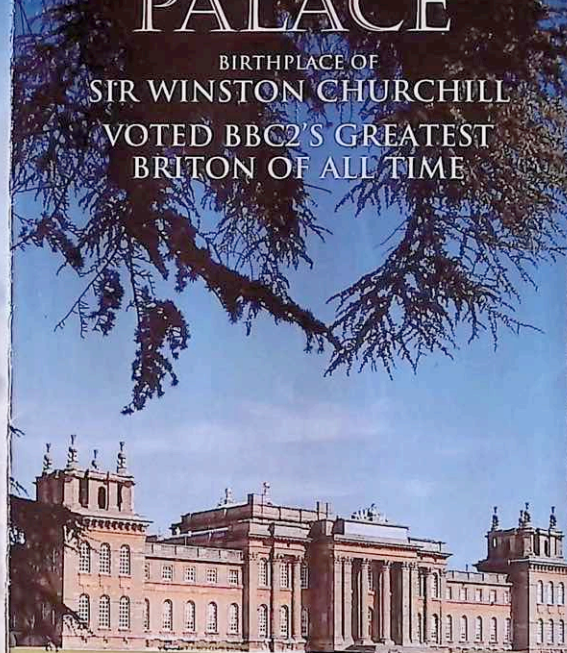
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BIRTHPLACE OF
SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL
VOTED BBC2'S GREATEST
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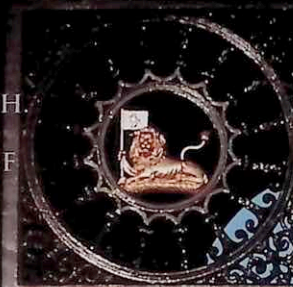
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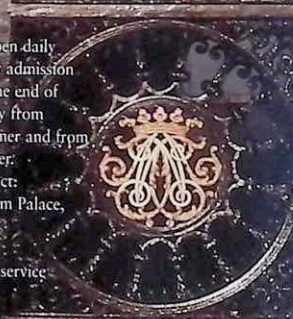
HOME OF THE
11TH DUKE OF
MARLBOROUGH

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CHURCHILL



OPENING TIMES

The Palace and Gardens are open daily from 10.30am to 5.30pm (last admission 4.45pm) from mid March to the end of October. The Park is open daily from 9.00am to 6.00pm in the Summer and from 9.00am to 4.00pm in the Winter. For further details please contact: Administrator's Office, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxon OX20 1PX. Telephone: 01993 811325 for 24hr recorded information service.



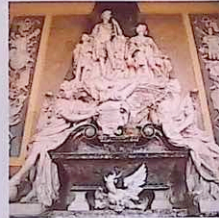
THE PALACE

Blenheim Palace was built for John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, in recognition of his great victory over the French at the Battle of Blenheim in 1704. The Palace, designed by Sir John Vanbrugh, is one of the largest, finest private houses in the country and contains a superb collection of tapestries, paintings, sculptures and fine furniture set in the magnificent gilded State Rooms.



THE CHURCHILL EXHIBITION

An Exhibition of Churchilliana, which includes manuscripts, paintings, personal belongings, books, photographs and letters. The core of the exhibition is the simple room where Winston Spencer Churchill was born on the 30th November 1874.



THE GARDEN AND PARK

Blenheim's gardens are renowned for their beauty and range from the formal Water Terraces, Italian Garden and Rose Garden to the natural charm of the Arboretum and Cascade. Blenheim Lake, created by 'Capability' Brown and spanned by Vanbrugh's Grand Bridge, is the focal point of over 2,000 acres of landscaped parkland.

The Blenheim miniature railway links the Palace to the Pleasure Gardens.



THE PLEASURE GARDENS & RAILWAY

The Pleasure Gardens complex includes the Herb and Lavender Garden and the Butterfly House. Within the walls of the old kitchen garden, visitors will find the Marlborough Maze, the world's largest symbolic hedge maze, together with putting greens, a large adventure play area for children, giant chess and draughts and other activities for both children and adults.

