



Master's Weekend

WINCHESTER

FRIDAY 10 JULY - SUNDAY 12 JULY 2026

A summer weekend in the beautiful city of Winchester, hosted by Master Chartered Accountant, Vince O'Brien.



Winchester is renowned for its rich blend of ancient history (England's ancient capital), stunning architecture, including its Cathedral, one of the finest medieval cathedrals in Europe, and its Great Hall, one of the finest medieval halls in Europe and home of the Round Table of Arthurian legend. The compact walkable centre offers vibrant independent shops, cozy pubs, riverside walks, and proximity to the South Downs National Park. This should be a very attractive and very accommodating masters weekend venue for guests of all ages.

Starting with Evensong at the Cathedral on Friday, we will dine in the grounds of the Cathedral gardens, and enjoy tours of historic Winchester, with the opportunity visit its many museums. We shall also enjoy a specially tailored tour of the cathedral and its treasures, including an exclusive visit to the stonemasons' yard, a gala dinner in the garden of our selected hotel, and a tour of Winchester College, one of the world's most famous and distinguished schools, and a heritage site of national significance.

For those of a slightly more athletic bent, there will also be a hiking option taking in the beautiful scenery of the Sussex Downs National Park.

All members, guests and their families are invited to join me for three days of history, culture, good food and wine.

Keep reading to discover more about the plans for the weekend and accommodation



Itinerary

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Friday 10 July

Afternoon and Evening:

- Check-in from 3pm at Hotel du Vin, on Southgate Street in the City Centre
- Walk to 5.30pm Evensong at nearby Winchester Cathedral
- Drinks and Dinner at the Pavilion, set in the grounds of the Cathedral, with stunning views of the gardens and the Cathedral itself.



Saturday 11 July

Morning:

- Tour of historic Winchester, starting from Abbey Gardens and finishing at the Great Hall, built by William the Conqueror as part of Winchester Castle, site of the iconic Round Table of Arthurian legend, and once the seat of power for many medieval monarchs.
- Free time to stroll around the City, have lunch, or visit one of Winchester's many nearby museums

Afternoon:

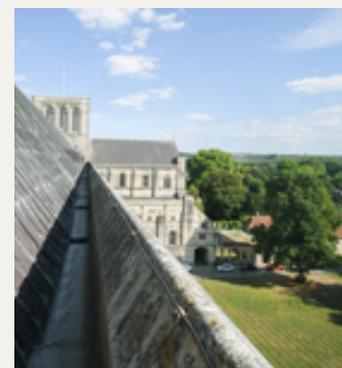
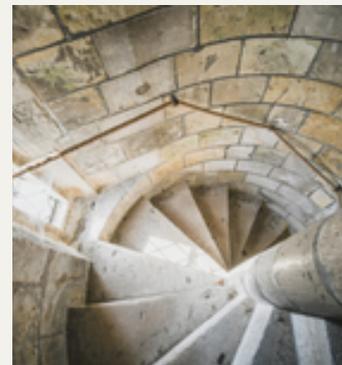
- Guided tour of the cathedral, to include sight of several of its treasures, and a special visit to the stonemasons' yard. For those with a head for heights, a scaffolding tour of the stonemasonry will also be arranged.

OR...

- Take the hiking option - transported up to the beautiful Sussex Downs with maps and water, for a gentle six-mile downhill hike down into the City.

Evening:

- Gala Dinner in the beautiful Private Garden of Hotel Du Vin, with entertainment and an extended Stirrup Cup.



Sunday 12 July

Morning:

- Depart hotel on foot for guided tour of Winchester College, including sight of some of its major treasures.

Noon:

- Farewell drinks, nibbles and goodbyes





Accommodation

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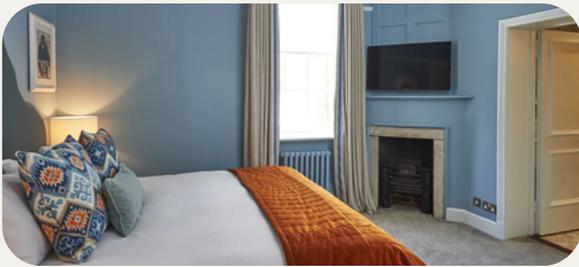
Hotel du Vin

We have secured a number of rooms at our chosen hotel, the Hotel du Vin, Winchester, where we shall also be enjoying our beautiful garden dinner on the Saturday.

This boutique hotel, the very first in the Hotel du Vin family, is situated in the heart of Winchester, in a charming Georgian building just a short walk away from the Cathedral and the Great Hall, as well as the city's vibrant shops, eateries and attractions.



The prices quoted below include ALL weekend activities plus accommodation on a bed & breakfast basis.



Classic Room

- **Single occupancy - £1,014**
- **Double occupancy - £1,428 (£714pp)**
- The classic rooms are individually designed and feature king-sized beds, a writing desk and seating.



Deluxe Room

- **Single occupancy - £1,084**
- **Double occupancy - £1,496 (£748pp)**
- Offering more living space than the Classic Rooms, the Deluxe rooms feature additional seating and stylish bathrooms with shower over bath.



Junior Suite

- **Single occupancy - £1,154**
- **Double occupancy - £1,569 (£784pp)**
- Suite with superking-size bed, LCD TV, deep roll top bath and separate walk-in monsoon shower.



Garden Junior Suite

- **Single occupancy - £1,194**
- **Double occupancy - £1,609 (£804pp)**
- Junior Suite with superking-size bed, ensuite bathroom with shower over bath. Situated within the garden walls with a private patio.

There will be a limited number of places without accommodation included for £450. Other hotels are available if you wish to book accommodation independently.



How to book

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**Bookings
will open
on 8 April**

To secure your place, you can choose to pay either the full amount or pay a 10% deposit.

This will be collected on booking through Ticket Tailor.

If you choose to pay a deposit, the remaining balance will need to be paid by Monday 8 June. If you would like to pay in instalments, please contact Clare Ferrar.

Information needed to book your place:

- Names

(please specify if any attendees are under-18)

- Accommodation preference

(please note, accommodation will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis so we may not be able to guarantee your first choice)

- Dietary requirements
- Evensong attendance
- Interest in:
 - Cathedral Floor Tour
 - Cathedral Tower Tour
 - or South Downs Hiking Tour

Should the main hotel become oversubscribed, we can provide details of other recommended hotels in Winchester

Where possible, please book online when bookings open on Wednesday, 8th April. If unable to book online, or if you have any questions, please contact Clare Ferrar on clareferrar@accountantslivery.org or 07828 554967