

# Join Us

on the Carriage Association of America's Trip to the



## 2017 Royal Windsor Horse Show

CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE THE PREMIER HORSE SHOW IN THE WORLD, the Royal Windsor Horse Show is held in the private park of Windsor Castle. This is the only time each year that visitors are allowed onto these magnificent grounds.

Competition and exhibitions at the show include a full FEI driving event for teams of horses and ponies, ridden dressage, top-level show jumping, coaching, breed classes, hunters, Hackneys, military turnouts, tent pegging, Pony Club games, Shetland-pony steeplechase races, light-trade turnouts, all manner of children's pony classes, stirring performances by the King's Troop, and, of course, royal pomp and circumstance.

Whether it's the thrill of the Shetland Grand National classes, the elegance of the coaching marathon, the exhilaration of the FEI driving event marathon, the pageantry of the King's Troop, the beauty of the venue, the amazing array of food and drink, the birthday-jubilee celebration, the royal pomp and circumstance, or simply the fun of the entire show ...

## You won't want to miss it!

# Our Itinerary:

## **Tuesday, May 9:**

Arrive in London and make your way to your hotel. Afternoon tea and briefing at the Christopher Hotel in Eton.

## **Wednesday, May 10:**

Walking tour of the Royal Windsor Horse Show grounds. Horse show events, including Hackney classes. Welcome dinner, with British guests, at The Christopher Hotel.

## **Thursday, May 11:**

Walking tour of the Royal Windsor Horse Show grounds. Today, the show typically features light-trade turnouts and the Shetland-pony steeplechase races. Drinks party with George & Eileen Bowman and Tommy & Elaine Fawcett, in their caravan area by the driving stables.

## **Friday, May 12:**

Horse show classes and events, featuring the final day of FEI driven dressage competition and the coaching marathon. Walking tour of the coaching entries as they prepare and take part in the pre-judging.

## **Saturday, May 13:**

Horse show classes and events, featuring the FEI driving marathon. After-marathon Drinks Party at the Christopher Hotel (come as you are!).

## **Sunday, May 14:**

Horse show classes and events, featuring the FEI cones competition, the BDS private drive / Concours d'Elegance, the musical drive of the King's Troop, the final round of the Pony Club Games, and more. Farewell dinner at our hotel.

## **Monday, May 15:**

Depart for home ... or, if you choose to sign up for the optional "Driving in Norfolk" trip, depart for Norfolk.



# Welcome to Windsor & Eton

As noted in *Pitkin's Guide to Windsor*, the area around Windsor is steeped in history and its skyline dominated by the famous castle, originally built as a fortress by William the Conqueror. Windsor Castle is probably the largest fortress of its kind in the world and has belonged continuously to the sovereigns of England for more than 900 years. Just across the Thames is Eton, a lovely historic town and home of the famous Eton College, founded in 1440 by King Henry VI.

We have three hotel options for this trip: the delightful Christopher Hotel, a former coaching inn on Eton's High Street; the Harte & Garter Hotel, across Windsor's High Street from the castle; and the Travelodge, next to the Windsor & Eton Central train station and behind the Harte & Garter. The show grounds are an easy walk from all three hotels.

## The 2017 CAA Trip to the Royal Windsor Horse Show includes:

- Six nights' accommodations (room type of your choice; **rooms are allotted on a first-come, first-served basis**)
- Full English breakfast daily
- Afternoon tea on Tuesday
- Welcome reception and dinner on Wednesday
- Entrance tickets to the Royal Windsor Horse Show (Wednesday through Sunday)
- Covered grandstand seats and admittance to the Members' Enclosure at the horse show
- Drinks Party hosted by George & Eileen Bowman
- After-marathon Drinks Party at the Christopher Hotel
- Farewell dinner on Sunday
- ... and other surprises yet to be confirmed!
- CAA representative on this trip: Jill Ryder



# Our Hotel:



The Christopher Hotel ([www.thechristopher.co.uk](http://www.thechristopher.co.uk)) sits in the charming village of Eton, just across the Thames River footbridge from Windsor. The hotel is a former seventeenth-century coaching inn that has been made over into a delightful boutique hotel. Each room in this small hotel is different, but standard in each room are air-conditioning, a “power” shower, tea/coffee maker, and TV. The hotel also features a bar and delicious restaurant.

The cost of the trip depends on the hotel / type of room you wish to stay in. **All room types are available on a limited basis — first come, first served!**

The rates listed below are for the complete trip package (hotel and all trip activities). The trip does NOT include airfare. London is served by two major airports: Gatwick (40 miles from Windsor) and Heathrow (10 miles from Windsor).

Double and twin rates are based on two people sharing a room. All rooms are unique and **all room types are limited**. When filling out the registration form, please give us your first, second, and third choice of hotel / room.

## Double-occupancy rates (two people sharing):

	price per person
Standard Double (1 full-sized bed) .....	\$2,325
Standard Twin (2 twin-sized beds) .....	\$2,325
Superior Double (1 full-size bed in a larger room) .....	\$2,495
Junior Suite (1 full-size bed in a suite of rooms) .....	\$2,595

## Single-occupancy rates (one person in the room):

	price per person
Standard Single (1 twin-size bed) .....	\$2,795
Large Single (1 full-size bed) .....	\$3,395

Package prices are based on a minimum of 25 trip participants and are subject to change due to fluctuating rates of exchange.

# Optional Add-on Trip:



Following the Royal Windsor Horse Show, our **OPTIONAL ADD-ON** trip (“Driving in Norfolk”) begins on Monday (May 15) with our departure from Eton, on a private motorcoach, for the three-hour drive north to Norfolk. We’ll have lunch at Swingletree ([www.swingletree.co.uk](http://www.swingletree.co.uk)), the home and driving center of John Parker and Susan Townsend. In the afternoon, we’ll visit Swingletree’s carriage collection and stables. That evening, we’ll have dinner at our hotel, the Brome Grange Hotel, a beautiful sixteenth-century former coaching inn nestled on four acres. • On Tuesday (May 16), we’ll go back to Swingletree for a four-in-hand drive through the countryside. • On Wednesday (May 17), private driving lessons will be available with John (please let us know if you’d like a lesson, and we’ll make arrangements for you; there is an extra charge for lessons). We’ll have lunch at Swingletree, and then we’ll visit a private carriage collection that houses a number of spectacular gypsy wagons. In the afternoon, we’ll return to Eton, where our trip ends.

The “Driving in Norfolk” trip includes: private motorcoach from Eton to Norfolk; two nights’ stay at the Brome Grange Hotel (Monday and Tuesday); breakfast each morning; dinner at the Brome Grange Hotel on Monday and Tuesday; lunch at Swingletree on Monday and Wednesday; visit to a private carriage collection; four-in-hand drive with John Parker; luncheon at Swingletree on Tuesday; opportunity for private driving lessons (at cost); private motorcoach from Norfolk to Eton; one night’s stay at the Christopher Hotel (Wednesday).

**This add-on trip needs at least ten participants to take place. The maximum number of participants is fifteen.**

The cost (based on two people sharing a room) is **\$975 per person, double occupancy (or \$1,199 for a single room).**

# Reservation Form

## The Carriage Association of America's Trip to the 2017 Royal Windsor Horse Show

I/we want to sign up for the CAA trip to the Royal Windsor Horse Show, May 9–15.

I/we also want to sign up for the Driving in Norfolk add-on trip, May 15–18.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number / E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Companion: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to book extra night(s) at my / our hotel on \_\_\_\_\_ (please provide dates).

### Room Request (limited room types; allotted on a first-come, first-served basis)

**Option 1:** Standard Double (1 full-size bed, 2 people)

**Option 2:** Standard Twin (2 twin-size beds, 2 people)

**Option 3:** Superior Double (1 full-size bed, larger room, 2 people)

**Option 4:** Junior Suite (1 full-size bed in a suite of rooms, 2 people)

**Option 5:** Standard Single (1 twin-size bed, 1 person)

**Option 6:** Large Single (1 full-size bed, 1 person)

My first choice: \_\_\_\_\_ My second choice: \_\_\_\_\_ My third choice: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$250 per person as a deposit.

I've enclosed a check (made payable to the CAA) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my:  Visa  Mastercard  American Express  Discover

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Security code (three extra digits on the back of most cards, or four on the front of AmEx cards): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation policy:** 50–31 days before departure: \$25 per person cancellation fee; 30–11 days before departure: \$100 per person cancellation fee; 10–0 days before departure: \$250 per person cancellation fee, plus any other costs incurred.

**Note:** When we receive your Reservation Form and deposit, we will send you additional information about the trip. All trip participants must be in possession of a valid passport. Prices subject to change due to fluctuating rates of exchange.

**Questions?** Call us at 859-231-0971 or write to us at [info@caaonline.com](mailto:info@caaonline.com).

Return this form to **The Carriage Association of America**  
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