

# Join Us

on the Carriage Association of America's Trip to the



## 2009 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 beautiful 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 horses and ponies, ridden dressage, top-level show jumping, coaching, breed classes for horses and ponies, hunters, Hackneys, police horses, military turnouts, Pony Club games, Shetland-pony steeplechase races, heavy horses, 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, or simply the fun of the entire show . . .

## You won't want to miss it!

# Our Itinerary:

**Tuesday, May 12:** Arrive in London and make your way to The Christopher Hotel in Eton. Walking “familiarization” tour of Windsor. Afternoon tea.

**Wednesday, May 13:** First day of the horse show ([www.royal-windsor-horse-show.co.uk](http://www.royal-windsor-horse-show.co.uk)), or a free day to explore Windsor Castle and the towns of Windsor and Eton. Evening performance of the Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo ([www.windsortattoo.com](http://www.windsortattoo.com)).

**Thursday, May 14:** Second day of the horse show, featuring light turnouts, Shetland-pony steeplechase races, Hackney classes, and the first day of FEI dressage.

**Friday, May 15:** At the horse show: the final day of FEI dressage competition, the coaching marathon, and more. Walking tour of the FEI marathon obstacles with a top-rated British driver.

**Saturday, May 16:** At the horse show: the FEI driving marathon and more.

**Sunday, May 17:** At the horse show: the FEI cones competition, the BDS private drive, the musical activity ride of the Metropolitan Police, the musical drive of the King’s Troop, and more.

**Monday, May 18:** Departure day.

## **The CAA Trip to the 2009 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
- Guided “familiarization” walking tour of Windsor
- Afternoon tea on Tuesday
- Welcome reception and dinner with British guests
- Entrance tickets to the Royal Windsor Horse Show (Wednesday through Sunday)
- Covered grandstand seats and admittance to the Members’ Enclosure at the horse show
- Tickets to the Windsor Castle Royal Tattoo on Wednesday evening
- Walking tour of the FEI marathon obstacles with a top-rated British driver
- Invitation to the official Land Rover Drinks Party for driving competitors
- Drinks Party hosted by top British driving competitors
- Guided tour of the Kings Troop in the Royal Mews
- Donation in your name to the “Friends of the Royal Windsor Horse Show”



# 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.

Our hotel for this trip is the delightful Christopher Hotel—a former coaching inn in Eton. To get to the horse show grounds from here is an easy, mostly flat walk.

The hotel is within easy walking distance of Eton's restaurants, pubs, and antique shops. To get to Windsor's multitude of shops, restaurants, and tea rooms, just walk across the footbridge over the Thames and up the "castle hill."



Far left: The Christopher Hotel, as seen from the interior yard. It's easy to see that this was formerly a coaching inn. Center: One of Windsor's delightful side streets, near the castle. Right: The footbridge over the Thames, looking toward Eton.

## Our Hotel:

In the charming village of Eton, just across the River Thames from Windsor, sits our hotel. The Christopher Hotel ([www.thechristopher.co.uk](http://www.thechristopher.co.uk)) is a former 17th-century coaching inn that has been made over into a delightful boutique hotel.

The refurbished rooms in the hotel feature modern appointments and teak, Italian-styled furnishings. Standard in each room are air conditioning, a "power" shower, tea/coffee-maker, TV, and trouser press. The hotel also features a cozy wine bar and delicious food in the bar and the adjoining restaurant.

We have **limited availability** of the following room types: singles, doubles, twins, superior doubles, superior twins, and junior suites.

The cost of the trip depends on the type of room you wish to stay in. The rates listed are for the complete trip package (hotel and all trip activities). The trip does NOT include airfare. London is serviced by two major airports: Gatwick (40 miles from Windsor) and Heathrow (10 miles from Windsor).

The **prices listed below are per-person rates for CAA members (please add \$100 per person for non-members)**. Double and twin rates are based on two people sharing a room. All rooms are allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Package prices are based on a minimum of 25 participants. Prices are subject to change due to fluctuating rates of exchange.

### Double-occupancy rates (2 people sharing):

|                               | price per person |
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| <b>The Christopher:</b>       |                  |
| Standard double or twin ..... | \$1,795          |
| Superior double or twin ..... | \$1,995          |
| Junior Suite .....            | \$2,195          |

### Single-occupancy rates (1 person):

|                               | price per person |
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| <b>The Christopher Hotel:</b> |                  |
| Small standard single .....   | \$1,995          |
| Large standard single .....   | \$2,295          |

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# Reservation Form

## The Carriage Association of America's Trip to the 2009 Royal Windsor Horse Show

I/we want to sign up for the CAA trip to the **Royal Windsor Horse Show**, May 12–18.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CAA Member?  Yes  No

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

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

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

Travel Companion: \_\_\_\_\_ CAA Member?  Yes  No

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

I/we would like to book extra night(s) at the hotel on \_\_\_\_\_ *please provide date(s)*.

### Room Request (rooms allotted on a first-come, first-served basis)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Double (1 bed for 2 people, courtyard room)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Twin (2 single beds for 2 people)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Superior Double (1 bed for 2 people, main building)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Superior Twin (2 single beds, larger room)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Standard Single (1 twin-size bed for 1 person)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Standard Single (1 person, larger bed & room) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Suite (1 queen-size bed for 2 people, with separate sitting area, in the main building) |  |

**Deposit of \$250 per person is due when the reservation is made. Full payment due April 1, 2009.**

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 (3 extra digits on the back of most cards, or 4 extra 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 send an e-mail to [info@caaonline.com](mailto:info@caaonline.com).