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Welcome
to historic Henley on Thames

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Henley on Thames

a town by a river

The town is overlooked by beautiful Chiltern landscape of wooded hills and green fields. Just a few strides from the riverbank is the very heart of Henley with its historic church, town hall and market square, the latter bustling with busy stall-holders and shoppers on market days. They also enjoy browsing the town's many independent shops.

Founded in the 12th century and famous for the annual Royal Regatta, Henley attracts some of the world's finest rowers. Statues of those great Olympians Sir Steve Redgrave and Sir Matthew Pinsent greet visitors to the town's award-winning River and Rowing Museum.

The stretch of river between the regatta finish and Henley Bridge is the location for the annual Henley Festival of Music and Arts. Now a popular hospitality venue it attracts some of the world's top entertainers to perform on a floating stage in front of a dinner-jacketed audience and the site includes exhibitions of art and sculpture. The thriving Kenton Theatre is one of the oldest performing theatres in the country.

Visitors can enjoy a boat trip down the regatta course, either in one of the commercial boats that operate along this stretch or, rather more energetically, in a rowing boat. Afterwards they can relax in the well-maintained Mill Meadows public park and visit the playground, bowling green, wildlife area, and River and Rowing Museum.



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Take a river walk to **Marsh Lock** through **Mill Meadows** – or if you don't have a lot of time, take in the wonderful river view from the end of **New Street**.

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Visit **Friday Street** and **New Street** with their independent shops and stock up in the town centre with a variety of food and fashion – or visit the **Thursday market** which has been trading in Henley since at least the 13th century.

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Visit the **Old Fire Station** which is now an exhibition space and gallery. You may be able to purchase a unique piece.

Take in the diversity of the **Mill Meadows** wild life area where there is a trail circling the **River and Rowing Museum** and inside you can learn about Henley's cultural heritage.

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Marvel at Henley's historic buildings, including the **Town Hall** and **George Harrison's** former residence – why not do the **Henley Trail**?



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Visit **Dusty Springfield's** grave, and also look at the 12th Century **St Mary the Virgin Church** and adjacent **Chantry House**.

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Walk down the route of the **Regatta Course** and take in a wonderful view from the bridge, or take the public footpath along the course from the riverside opposite the town; you may see Olympians training!

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Take to the water on a boat trip or hire a vessel of your own to explore the river.

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Henley has been serving drinks in its historic pubs for hundreds of years. Look at the architecture and enjoy a taste of locally brewed ale.

Sit in one of Henley's fine cafés or restaurants and people-watch... a relaxing way to spend time and unwind in this historic town.

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