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JANE AUSTEN ESCAPE

Immerse yourself in her world

1st April - 30th September 2025

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A STAY WITH A FLAVOUR OF REGENCY ROMANCE

Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th
Birthday in the Heart of Hampshire

This enchanting experience is the perfect escape for Jane Austen fans, new and old, who want to step into the world of Regency romance and discover the inspiration behind her timeless novels. Immerse yourself in the charm of Hampshire's countryside, explore the places that shaped Jane's extraordinary stories, and indulge in an unforgettable stay at our luxurious country house hotel, that feels straight out of an Austen novel.

Lainston House is the perfect base for exploring the world of Jane Austen at your own pace. Visit her cherished home at Chawton, now a fascinating museum dedicated to her life and works. Follow in her footsteps with a guided walking tour of Overton, where she strolled. Pay your respects at her grave in Winchester Cathedral (tickets included) and see the house in Winchester where she spent her final days. Throughout the anniversary celebrations, enjoy special exhibitions and events curated to honour 250 years of Jane Austen's legacy.



Jane Austen (1775–1817)

Born in Hampshire, Jane is celebrated as one of England's greatest novelists. Known for her sharp wit and social insight, she captured Regency life in works like *Pride and Prejudice* and *Emma*. Austen also spent time in Bath, a city that influenced her writing and features in her novels. Her timeless stories of love and society continue to captivate readers, cementing her legacy 250 years after her birth.

PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

Jane Austen's House, Chawton

Step back in time to 1816 and explore where Jane wrote her six beloved novels. Discover the rooms where she lived and see her personal belongings, her writing table, letters and first editions. Enjoy Regency dress-up, garden games, and a children's illustrated trail. Events throughout the year include tours, walks, workshops, talks and festivals, offering a deeper insight into Austen's life and works. [Find out more](#) about opening times and events.

Tread in the footsteps of Jane Austen

Experience Hampshire hosts a fascinating 2-hour guided walk through the streets and lanes of Jane Austen's Overton. Born in the nearby village of Steventon, less than 4 miles away, Austen spent the first 25 years of her life here. During this time, she wrote early drafts of three of her published novels. This tour takes you through Overton, where Jane would have spent much of her time. [Find out more](#).

Beyond the Bonnets at The Arc

The Gallery at The Arc, Winchester presents Beyond the Bonnets, an exhibition celebrating working women in Regency Hampshire. Explore the untold stories of those often overlooked in Austen's novels, such as domestic servants and women who ran their own businesses. Through Austen's works, letters, and immersive displays, discover the lives of a devoted nursemaid and an innkeeper turned shop owner. [Find out more](#).

Jane's grave at Winchester Cathedral

Jane Austen is buried in the north nave aisle of Winchester Cathedral, where visitors from around the world come to pay their respects. In this anniversary year, the cathedral is hosting a variety of events, talks, and tours to celebrate her legacy. Many leave letters and flowers by her brass memorial plaque, and the cathedral offers peaceful chapels and candle stands for those seeking a quiet moment of reflection. Tickets are included in your package. [Find opening times](#) and more.

8 College Street

Jane Austen spent her final weeks at No. 8 College Street, Winchester. In summer 2025, Winchester College will open the house to the public for the first time, revealing her Winchester connections and the story of her last days. [Find out more](#).

Discover more at [Visit Winchester](#) and [The Great West Way](#).

AT LAINSTON HOUSE

Escape into Austen: Find your perfect reading retreat

Borrow your favourite Jane Austen novel from our collection, find a cosy spot in the lounge, or head outside and get settled at one of our dedicated rose reading spots, adorned with potted Harkness 'Jane Austen' roses. Spend a few hours lost in the Regency era, letting our country house surroundings, Austen's timeless characters and stories of romance transport you to another world.

An Afternoon Tea fit for Jane

Drinking tea and enjoying cakes in the afternoon was certainly a feature of Regency life. So why not enjoy a delightful afternoon tea with delicate pastries, finger sandwiches, and teas, all served in the charming setting of our Drawing room? A special Jane Austen-inspired menu will be served. A British tradition adding a touch of elegance regardless of when you stay.

A stroll through the estate

Leave your tech behind and explore the estate as ladies and gentlemen once did. Take a leisurely turn through the walled garden, promenade down the mile-long avenue of limes, and discover the ancient holm oak tree, over 500 years old. Immerse yourself in the timeless beauty of Lainston House's grounds.



THE DETAILS

Available 1st April to 30th September 2025

What will your stay include:

- Tickets to Winchester Cathedral where Jane Austen rests
- A luxury overnight stay for one night in room of your choice
- Breakfast in our restaurant

You can arrive as early as you like, drop off your luggage, enjoy a drink or bite to eat and then set out on your tour. Check in to your bedroom is from 3pm, with check-out after breakfast by 11am, but we'll look after your luggage while you continue your Regency exploration.

Optional extras during your stay:

- Fine dining at The Avenue with Tom Hamlet, relaxed woodfired dinners at The Wellhouse and indulgent afternoon teas – Jane Austen themed in July & August
- Add on a second night to have even more time to explore Jane Austen's world

From £300 for one, £325 for two, per night

Call to book: 01962 776088

Optional extras are subject to availability and will be charged as taken. Bookings must be made at least 30 days in advance.



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*Stay at The Manor House near
Bath with tickets to the Jane
Austen Centre, Bath

*Plus the Lainston House
package above!

[Find out more.](#)

