

# STUDENT GUIDE TO GUILDFORD


and beyond



# How to Use the Guide

This guide provides you with suggestions on where to shop, eat, and socialise during your time studying at the University of Surrey. All of the suggestions were provided by past exchange students. It will also provide a list of suggestions on how to save money whilst studying at the University of Surrey.

The guide is interactive; each listing in the Table of Contents is linked to the associated entry, meaning you just click the listing and it will jump directly to that entry. Each header is also a hyperlink, directing you to the website for each entry, if possible. For popular chains, the link will direct to the “Store Finder” page. Use the University postcode (GU2 7JP). If there is no website available, the header will be a hyperlink to Google Maps.

The end of the guide offers some advice on saving money whilst studying at the University of Surrey. It will provide information about shopping for less, eating for less, and travelling for less. Each page has a  key on the bottom. For convenience, this button takes you to the first page of the table of contents.

The Student Guide to Guildford and Beyond is only a very small sampling of the many many places to shop, eat, drink, and enjoy in Guildford and the surrounding areas. Please do your own research to find things that are suitable to your own tastes.

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# SHOPPING

## Food and Housewares

### TESCO

Large supermarket. It has a small selection of crockery, cooking utensils, and home and kitchen necessities. Generally the prices are relatively inexpensive, with the Tesco brand products being cheaper. It also has a selection of world and Halal foods. An option for home delivery is available, but for a fee.

20 minutes from campus - Walking

StagTV has created a [video](#) with directions to Tesco from campus.



### SAINSBURY'S

Another supermarket. It has a smaller selection than Tesco. Prices are roughly comparable, but it has fewer off brands. There are three locations nearby for Sainsbury's, one in city centre, one close to Hazel Farm, and one in [Burpham](#).



A. 25 minutes from Campus – Walking – Address: 148-150 High St, Guildford GU1 3HJ

B. 20 minutes from Hazel Farm – Walking – Address: 124 Worplesdon Rd, Guildford GU2 9RT

## ASDA

Large supermarket in Woking with a selection of household essentials, clothing, and everyday necessities. Asda is one of the least expensive supermarkets and arguably has the widest selection. Whilst it is farthest away from campus, delivery options are available from £1.

40 minutes from Campus – Train and Walking



## POUNDLAND

Small shop in North Street with everything for £1. Sells crockery, food, and other household essentials including cleaning supplies, toiletries, and a small selection of health products.

22 minutes from Campus – Walking



# World Foods

## BEST ONE

Specialist in Asian foods and items for Asian festivals. Although located in Woking, Best One has a complete range of pulses, herbs, and spices as well as halal food.

55 minutes from campus - Train to Woking, bus to the shop

## KOWALSKI DELICATESSEN

Located in the heart of Guildford, Kowalski provides a wide selection of Polish products, including chocolates, sweets, seasonings, canned goods, fruit juices, syrups, teas, and coffees. It also has a great collection of polish meat and cheese products.

26 minutes from campus - Walking

## BIZZI B's

Shop specialising in South African foods and Biltong. Allows for online ordering as well as a physical location near campus.

22 minutes from campus - walking

## CHINESE TASTE

Specialises in Asian food. Chinese Taste has a wide selection of Chinese imported foods and drinks. It also stocks Japanese, Thai, Indian, and Malaysian foods in smaller quantities.

19 minutes from campus - Walking

### Tip:

If looking for Halal foods, the website [Zabihah](#) offers suggestions of restaurants, markets, and caterers. Furthermore, many large shops, like Tesco will have a selection of Halal, Asian, and world foods. Check the shop for details.



# Pharmacies (chemists)

## DIRECT PHARMACY

NHS Pharmacy just off campus. They also have a small selection of over-the-counter medications for purchase even if ineligible to use NHS.

12 minutes from Campus – Walking

## GUILDFORD CHEMIST

NHS Pharmacy between campus and Hazel Farm. They also have a range of services and over-the-counter medications for purchase.

30 minutes from Campus – Walking

17 minutes from Hazel Farm – Walking

## BOOTS

This shop has a pharmacy as well as a wide selection of health and beauty products including hair products, make-up, over-the-counter medicine, and shower supplies. It is a popular shop with many locations in Guildford and around the UK.

22 minutes from Campus – Walking

## SUPERDRUG

This shop is similar to Boots. It has a pharmacy as well as a wide selection of health and beauty products including hair products, make-up, over-the-counter medicine, and shower supplies. The website also has an online doctor, through which you can request prescriptions to common medications. There are many locations around the UK.

22 minutes from Campus – Walking

## LLOYDS PHARMACY

This pharmacy is good for getting prescriptions filled. It also has a selection of skincare and toiletry items, beauty products, and over-the-counter medicines for various ailments.

20 minutes from Campus – Walking

**Common Brands:** You can find a list of over-the-counter medicine frequently used for minor ailments [here](#). Search by symptom for various brands used in the UK. Generic options are often available; ask the pharmacist (chemist) for advice. Own brands for mainstream shops are often the cheapest.

HEADACHE & PAIN – Paracetamol

COUGH – Benlyn Chest Coughs; Benlyn Dry Coughs; Lemsip;

COLD & FLU – Beechams Cold & Flu;

SORE THROAT – Beechams Sore Throat Relief Lozenges

NASAL CONGESTION – Care Decongestant; Covonia Catarrh Relief Formula

CUTS & INSECT BITES - Dettol Antiseptic Cream

# Clothing, DIY, Sport

## THE FRIARY CENTRE

Large covered shopping centre. It is home to many top brand fashion shops (Urban Outfitters, Abecrombie) and many other shops.

Primark might be of particular interest. It is a budget shop with inexpensive housewares (bedding, bath towels, curtains) and fashion.

20 minutes from Campus – Walking



## LADYMEAD RETAIL PARK

Shopping centre with a number of shops. There are many DIY shops (Homebase, B&Q, and Wicks). The retail park is also home to a large sporting goods shop, Sports Direct, with huge discounts on clothes and sports equipment.

21 minutes from Campus – Walking





# Computers and Stationary

## CURRYS PC WORLD

Widespread UK computer and electrical appliance shop. Online is a wide range of appliances and computer accessories. Currys also sells printer cartridges. The shop also carries some products and does same day computer repairs, if the computer is dropped off by midday. Repairs are often £50+.

20 minutes from Campus – Walking

## CL REPAIRS

This family run, local computer repair company offers a wide range of services for computers. Cost varies by service, but labour costs are £28.00 for the first hour, £14.00 every extra 30 minutes, up to a maximum of £84.00.

23 minutes from Campus – Walking

## WHSMITH

Widespread UK branch that sells books, stationery, magazines, newspapers and entertainment products. There are two locations in Guildford: one in Guildford Station and one on High Street. The Guildford Station location sells mainly magazines, books, and snacks. The High Street location has a wide range of products.

22 minutes from Campus – Walking

## RYMAN

A stationary and office supplies shop. Ryman sells everything you can need paper wise, whether you need pads and notebooks or supplies for arts and crafts. They also sell printer cartridges.

25 minutes from Campus – Walking

## PAPERCHASE

A UK stationary shop branch located in Guildford and other large towns and cities. The shop sells unique greeting cards for any occasion, as well as stationary, notepads, pens, and other craft items. It can be a bit expensive, but is worth a visit for unique birthday cards.

21 minutes from Campus – Walking

# Bikes and Cycling

## GUILDFORD BIKE PROJECT

This shop sells refurbished bikes. Not only are the prices reasonable, but the shop also acts as a location for providing training, life skills and work-based experience for people around the community. The shop will deliver bicycles purchased online to addresses in Surrey. Delivery to Guildford addresses is free.

10 minutes from campus - Walking



## EVANS CYCLES

Provides a wide range of bicycles for sale. Prices are on the higher end, but there is possibility for selling the bike for a higher amount if necessary at the end of stay in Guildford.

15 minutes from campus - Walking



## BROMPTON DOCK

A bicycle hire option. These stalls outside various train stations, including Guildford, hire out Brompton folding bikes. Brompton Dock offers two memberships, frequent and leisure. Frequent memberships have a student option. If registered with University of Surrey email address, member is only £10 for an annual fee with a hire charge of £2.50. Leisure membership is £1 for an annual membership and £5 daily hire charge.



# Barbers and Beauty Salons

## MAVERICKS MAN

A shop just for men. They have a number of services including haircuts, washing and massages, and hot towel shaving. From Monday to Thursday it is £12 for students for a cut and 20% off other services.

24 minutes from Campus – Walking

## THE BARBER SHOP

A walk-in only barber shop just for men. A shave is only £9.50 including a hot towel, a haircut is just £9 for students with ID. They also have “Beer & Cut” for Only £12.00.

From Hazel Farm: 24 minutes – Walking

From Campus: 30 minutes – Walking

## SANRIZZ SALON

A nice profession salon located on North Street. Cuts for women are available from £42 pounds (men’s cuts are slightly cheaper), though there is a possibility for student discount and first visit discount. Confirm with the salon prior to appointment. Other services include, blow drying, colouring, straightening, and styling.

22 minutes from campus – Walking

## SUPERCUTS

An inexpensive salon located in the Friary Centre in city centre. Dry cuts are from £14.95, Supercuts (shampoo, conditioner, cut, and blow dry) from £20.95, and other low cost services

18 minutes from campus – Walking

## THE HOB ACADEMY

While this is in London, the academy, a place for training upcoming beauticians, offers free cuts to those willing to allow the stylists-in-training to cut their hair as they see fit. Colouring is only £15 and highlights £20. Good for adventurous people!

1 hour 23 minutes from Guildford Station to Camden Road by train (£19.20 off-peak return)



# EATING, DRINKING, AND NIGHT-LIFE

## Cafés

### COFFEE CULTURE

Lovely independently owned coffee shop in City Centre with seats outside in the courtyard of Angel's Gate. Canopies and heaters in the courtyard allow for enjoying coffee outside in almost any weather.

20 minutes from Campus – Walking



### COSTA

Large UK coffee shop chain with many locations around Guildford including in Chancellor's, a machine in Amigo's, and three locations in City Centre. The Swan Lane location provides for outdoor seating during nice weather.

20 minutes from Campus – Walking



# PRET A MANGER

Another large UK café chain. Has a large selection of sandwiches, pastries, cakes, and drinks. Swan Lane location offers outdoor seating during nice weather.

20 minutes from Campus – Walking



# Eating and Drinking

## THE STOKE PUB AND PIZZERIA

This pub not only has renowned stone oven pizzas and drinks for reasonable prices, but also plays host to many live music events Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, the occasional Saturday, and Sundays. They also have various specials and events going on throughout the week.

20 minutes from Campus – Walking



# THE WOODEN BRIDGE

Serves a wide range of pub food, with weekly deals and offers as well as a great selection of drinks. The pub has a 2 for £10 meal menu, all day everyday. It is a nice place to watch football (soccer) and other live sport.

24 minutes from Campus – Walking



# THE WEYSIDE

A lovely pub on the banks of the River Wey. It has a lovely patio overlooking the River and the nearby park. During the summer, you can watch longboats travel along the river from the patio area. The pub also has a wide range of food for a nice dinner.

23 minutes from Campus – Walking





# THREE PIGEONS

A pub with a nice atmosphere on High Street. There are a number of very good specials during the week and they offer a 2 Meals for £11.45 menu and have 2 for 1 desserts all day every day.

24 minutes from Campus – Walking



# Zizzi's

A nice Italian restaurant with dine-in and take away, located on High Street, near G-Live. Whilst it is more expensive than a pub, the atmosphere is very nice. The restaurant has vouchers (coupons) available on its website and offers a three course set menu for £19.95.

28 minutes from Campus – Walking



# PIZZA EXPRESS

A lively restaurant with dine-in and takeaway, serving mainly pizzas and a small selection of other Italian food. It also has a bar and patio area with heated umbrellas for private functions. Located in the busy shopping area of High Street near Zizzi's and G-Live.

28 minutes from Campus – Walking



# Night-life

## THE TICKLED IVORY

Bar/club with live performances on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Free entry for students on Tuesdays before 10pm.

20 minutes from Campus – Walking



## CASINO NIGHTCLUB

The biggest nightclub of Guildford. The 'main floor' is mostly pop music mixed with EDM music. The club has a roof terrace. Downstairs is the hip hop/r&b area, complete with poles, mirrors, and leather sofas. Monday is students' night with vodka redbull only £2.50.

17 minutes from Campus – Walking



## J.D. WETHERSPOONS ('SPOONS)

Inexpensive UK pub chain with a variety of food, beer, and cocktails. The location in Guildford is also a club of sorts with sitting areas upstairs and a dance area downstairs. They play mostly pop music. Cocktail pitchers are 2 for £12.

20 minutes from Campus – Walking



# ENTERTAINMENT

## ODEON

Nine screen cinema with good priced student tickets. Tuesdays: £6. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays before 5pm: £7.30. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after 5pm, all day Friday to Sunday and Bank Holidays: £8.60.

15 minutes from Campus – Walking



## ELECTRIC THEATRE

Theatre with a variety of plays, comedy, and music. Student discounts available.

25 minutes from Campus – Walking



## G-LIVE

Excellent venue for a wide range of comedy, classical music, and dance. Some shows (especially orchestra performances) have student pricing available.

30 minutes from Campus – Walking



# YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE

Lovely theatre with numerous stages and various plays year round. No student ticket prices, but the “Eagle Radio’s Big Ticket” gives tickets for £5 for those 16 – 30 years old.

25 minutes from Campus – Walking



# THE SPECTRUM

Leisure complex with a large indoor sports arena, Olympic size ice rink, four swimming pools, a ten-pin bowling centre, squash courts, football/athletics stadium. Ice skating from £5.90, bowling from £5.50, bowl and skate combo £11

17 minutes from Friary Bus Station - Bus 100





# SURREY SPORTS PARK

Offering memberships and pay-as-you-go options, the sports park includes an Olympic-size swimming pool, three multi-sports halls, a squash centre, fitness facilities, two floodlit pitches, outdoor tennis courts, and a climbing centre. Memberships are available for 3 months (£80), 6 months (£120), and 1 year (£210). There is occasionally an offer of four months geared toward international exchange students (£95). Ask staff for details.

25 minutes from campus - Walking

11 minutes from Cumpus - Bus 27 or 37



**Not find what you are looking for?**

[Experience Guildford](#) website provides more shops and suggestions in Guildford.

# PARKS, GARDENS, AND OUTDOORS

## PEWLEY DOWN

Located a short walk west of Guildford Castle. The Down has nice open areas with trails going on for miles into the North Downs and through many wooded areas. One trail leads to the [Church of St. Martha-on-the-Hill](#), a living church built around 1850 in the style of 12th century Norman churches.

33 minutes from campus – Bus 23 from Friary Bus Station to Guildford, opp Holy Trinity School

40 minutes from campus - Walking

## SHALFORD PARK

This park is a wide open field. It is a perfect pitch for playing sports. There is a football (soccer) field for use when not used by recreation leagues in the community.

24 minutes from campus – Bus 32 from Friary Bus Station to Guildford, adj Pilgrims Way

33 minutes from campus – Walking – nice walk along the River Wey

## THE RIVER WEY

There is a nice walking trail along this tributary, which originates from the River Thames and winds around the South Eastern and Southern regions of England. A trail can be found near City Centre and [Yvonne Arnaud Theatre](#) in Guildford.

20 minutes from campus – Walking

## THE NATIONAL TRUST

There are many historic gardens and houses open for visit around Guildford and England. The National Trust owns a number of local properties to be seen. Use the University post code (GU2 7XH) to find places of interest.

## FANCY FREE WALKS

This non-profit organisation provides a wonderful website full of walks (most of them circular) for those who enjoy the outdoors. The trails are organised by region and have a Google map overlay to provide direction.

# BEYOND GUILDFORD

## London

### HOW TO GET THERE

There are frequent direct trains from Guildford to London Waterloo (approximately 40 minutes). The Tube (London Underground) can be used for other destinations in London. A Travelcard can be purchased for unlimited use of trains, tubes, and buses within London's "Zones" (£8.90 off-peak, Zones 1-6; £17 anytime, Zones 1-6) Most of London's main attractions are in zones 1 and 2 (£9 anytime Travelcard). Travelcards can be combined with return train travel (£19.60 Super off-peak). Prices will be cheaper if you have a Railcard.

### WHAT TO SEE

The things to do and see in London are countless. A guide book will be very useful in helping explore it properly. Alternatively, the following websites may be useful:

- [VisitLondon.com](http://VisitLondon.com) - official London city guide. Buy attraction tickets, theatre tickets, etc. online in advance. Offers a comprehensive list of things to see and do.

- [Transport for London](http://Transport for London) – the main site for all transport in London including the city's buses, the Tube network, Docklands Light Railway, Overground, Tramlink, Barclays Cycle Hire, London River Services, Victoria Coach Station, and the Emirates Air Line. Find information about timetables, pricing, and Travelcards through this website.

- [Timeout London](http://Timeout London) – Time Out is a company that helps visitors to cities around the world find attractions, events, and eateries. Also on twitter: @TimeOutLondon

- [LonelyPlanet London](http://LonelyPlanet London) – From the creators of some of the bestselling guidebooks, this website is full of information about London and sites to see while visiting.

Free Museums and Galleries – there are a number of free museums and art galleries to visit in London. Special exhibitions may have an entry fee.

- [The British Museum](http://The British Museum)
- [Imperial War Museum](http://Imperial War Museum)
- [National Gallery](http://National Gallery)
- [National Portrait Gallery](http://National Portrait Gallery)
- [Natural History Museum](http://Natural History Museum)
- [Science Museum](http://Science Museum)
- [Tate Britain](http://Tate Britain)
- [Tate Modern](http://Tate Modern)
- [Victoria and Albert Museum](http://Victoria and Albert Museum)



# Bath

## HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Off-peak day return Guildford to Bath Spa £44 (£29.05 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

By bus: Return with a change at London Victoria from £40 (£26 with [Young Persons Coachcard](#))

## WHAT TO SEE

Bath is a city in the county of Somerset in South West England. As a World Heritage site, there are many things to see and do. Visit the [Official Tourist Site](#) for more information.

# Brighton

## HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Off-peak day return Guildford to Brighton £22.10 (£14.60 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

By bus: Return with a change at London Victoria from £24.80 (£16.80 with [Young Persons Coachcard](#))

## WHAT TO SEE

Brighton is a colourful coastal town well known for its beautiful, pebbly beaches, quaint lanes of boutiques, and the Brighton Pavillion. Visit the [Official Tourist Site](#) for more information on what to do and see whilst visiting.

# Salisbury

## HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Off-peak day return Guildford to Salisbury £28.80 (£19.00 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

By bus: Return with a change at London Victoria from £29.90 (£19.80 with [Young Persons Coachcard](#))

## WHAT TO SEE

Salisbury is a cathedral city in South West England. It is home to Old Sarum, an English Heritage site, and to famous Stonehenge. Visit the [Official Tourist Site](#) for more information about Salisbury. For the best way to see what Salisbury has to offer, check out [The Stonehenge Tour](#).

# Windsor

## HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Off-peak day return Guildford to Windsor & Eton £16 (£13.75 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

By bus: Return with a change at London Victoria from £20.90

## WHAT TO SEE

Windsor is home to [Windsor Castle](#), the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. It is currently the official residence of Her Majesty The Queen. You can also visit [Legoland Windsor Resort](#), which has a number of rides and attractions. For more places to visit in Windsor, visit the [Official Tourist Site](#).

# Bristol

## HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Off-peak day return Guildford to Bristol Temple Meads £45.50 (£30.05 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

By bus: Return with a change at London Victoria from £33.40 (£22.40 with [Young Persons Coachcard](#))

## WHAT TO SEE

Bristol is a city on the coast in South West England. It is well known for its bridges and ballooning. Being a cultural centre, there is much art to be seen, including works of the famous graffiti artist, Banksy. Visit the [Official Tourist Site](#) for more information on things to do.

# Cambridge

## HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Off-peak day return Guildford to Salisbury £45.50 (£30.05 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

By bus: Return with a change at London Victoria from £25.00 (£16.80 with [Young Persons Coachcard](#))

## WHAT TO SEE

Cambridge is one of the most historical and picturesque cities in England. There are many beautiful museums, art galleries, architecture and famous college buildings. It has a historic market place where an array of lovely shops can be found. For more information, visit their [Official Tourist Site](#).

# Oxford

## HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Off-peak day return Guildford to Oxford £17.50 (£12.00 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

By bus: Return with a change at London Victoria from £28.90

## WHAT TO SEE

Oxford is a city in South East England. It is well-known for Oxford University and is home to a great number of picturesque buildings. The scenery around Oxford is said to have been the inspiration for many authors such as Lewis Carroll and JRR Tolkien. There are many tourist hotspots and free museums around the city. For more information visit Oxford's [Tourism Site](#).

# Portsmouth

## HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Off-peak day return Guildford to Portsmouth & Southsea £19.40 (£12.80 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

By bus: Return from Guildford near Tesco £11.20 (£7.60 with a [Young Persons Coachcard](#))

## WHAT TO SEE

Situated on the South East coast of England, Portsmouth is a wonderful waterfront city with a proud maritime and naval heritage. It is home to the Southsea Castle and many museums and galleries. There are many places to shop, great places to eat and miles and miles of beautiful seafront. Visit the [Official Tourism Site](#) for more ideas.

# Manchester

## HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Advanced purchase day return Guildford to Manchester Picadilly £65.00 (£42.90 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

By bus: National Express return with a change at London Victoria from £44.20 (£30.80 with a [Young Persons Coachcard](#))

[MegaBus](#) return from London Victoria starting at £12

## WHAT TO SEE

Located in the North West of England, Manchester is the sixth largest city in the UK. Birthplace of the industrial revolution, the computer, and the football league Manchester's heritage is impressive to say the least. The lively city has an abundance of wonderful places to eat and a nice nightlife. Check out their [website](#) for what to see whilst visiting.

# Liverpool

## HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Advanced purchase day return Guildford to Liverpool Central £68.70 (£45.35 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

By bus: National Express return with a change at London Victoria from £43.50 (£29.20 with a [Young Persons Coachcard](#))

[MegaBus](#) return from London Victoria starting at £8

## WHAT TO SEE

Liverpool is a port city in North West England. Its waterfront has been designated a World Heritage Site as a Maritime Mercantile city. Being the birthplace of the Beatles, the city's arts and nightlife are world renown. Additionally, there is a wide range of world-class attractions. View the [Liverpool Tourism Website](#) for ideas.

# Edinburgh

## HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Advanced purchase singles (x2) from Guildford to Edinburgh £126.00 (£83.15 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

By bus: National Express return with a change at London Victoria from £56.60 (£38.00 with a [Young Persons Coachcard](#))

[MegaBus](#) return from London Victoria starting at £22

## WHAT TO SEE

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland. It is the second largest city in Scotland and the seventh in the UK. Edinburgh is home to a wonderful hilltop castle and is classified as a World Heritage Site. The city is full of amazing architecture and holds a number of fairs and festivals every year. See [Visit Scotland](#)'s section on Edinburgh to get the full scope of the city.

# Glasgow

## HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Advanced purchase singles (x2) from Guildford to Glasgow Queen Street £133.25 (£87.95 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

By bus: National Express return with a change at London Victoria from £59.30 (£39.80 with a [Young Persons Coachcard](#))

[MegaBus](#) return from London Victoria starting at £8

## WHAT TO SEE

Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, has world-class attractions, museums and galleries as well as stunning architecture around the city. Outside the city is the lovely countryside, as well as the River Clyde. There is an abundance of places to eat and drink as well as many sites to see. [Visit Scotland](#) has more details.

# THEME PARKS

## Chessington World of Adventures

### HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Off-peak day return Guildford to Chessington South £12.80 (£12 anytime with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

### WHAT TO SEE

[Chessington World of Adventures Resort](#) is a large theme park resort southwest of London. It has a number of rides, a zoo, SEA LIFE centre, and daily shows. Early book tickets are from £24 and booking online gets you free Early Rider access. This is priority access to selected rides through the fastrack queue between 9am - 10:30 am. Offers vary at different times of the year. Consult the website for current offers.

## Thorpe Park

### HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Anytime ticket from Guildford to Staines £15.20 (£12 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

### WHAT TO SEE

[Thorpe Park Resort](#) is a large theme park in Chertsey, Surrey. It is located on an island and is home to over 30 thrilling rides and attractions and sponsors a number of live events.

Cost is £24.99 for a standard one day ticket. If you order more than two days in advance, price is £23.

## ZSL London Zoo

### HOW TO GET THERE

By train: Anytime ticket from Guildford to Baker Street £29.50 (£19.45 with 16-25 [Railcard](#))

### WHAT TO SEE

[ZSL](#) is the world's oldest scientific zoo. It is home to a huge collection of animals, with 755 species.

Fast Track tickets give you entrance to the zoo without waiting in the queue. These tickets are £27 (including a small donation). Standard tickets are £24.



# MONEY SAVING TIPS

## Shopping for Less

With your University of Surrey ID, you can save a small amount in many shops (restaurants and clothing shops alike) around Guildford. While shopping, ask if the shop has a student discount. Often with a student ID, you can receive a 10 - 20 % student discount.

Some shops only allow you a student discount if you have an [NUS Extra card](#). This card is only £12 for an entire year of discounts exclusively for students. These discounts are not only for shopping but can also be used for travel by National Express.

There are also a wide range of websites for student discounts. These are usually for shopping online, but offer nice discounts. Two such sites are [UNiDAYS](#) and the [Money Saving Expert](#).

## Eating for Less

Most restaurants will have specials on certain days. Self-catering is least costly, but if you fancy a night out it is good to know where to get the best deals. [The Stoke Pub and Pizzeria](#), for example, has two pizza for £10 on Mondays.

Some restaurants will have have vouchers (coupons) if you sign up for their newsletters or mailing list. After creating an account, the restaurant will periodically email vouchers and special offers. [Pizza Express](#) has such a system.

Keep an eye out for loyalty or points cards. Many cafes, such as [Coffee Culture](#) have loyalty cards that will give you a free drink after the purchase of six drinks. [Tesco](#) and [Sainsbury's](#) also have loyalty points cards that can lead to vouchers (coupons) for future savings.

# Travelling for Less

There are some websites that will provide specials and discounts that the main site will not offer. For example, train tickets through [TheTrainLine.com](https://www.thetrainline.com) are often discounted during winter months, making a return ticket to London £11.

If using the ARRIVA buses around Guildford, it might be most cost efficient to purchase a [Travelcard](#). These are provided free to students living at Hazel Farm and are £60 for 3 months and £135 for 12, giving you unlimited travel on ARRIVA bus services.

When using trains, a [Railcard](#) will save 1/3 off all fares. A one year Railcard is £30 a year. When travelling to London, a Railcard can save you nearly £7 on a return.

Similarly, a [Young Persons Coachcard](#) will give discounts on National Express bus fares. A one year Coachcard is £10.

If travelling long distance, night busses tend to be cheapest and [MegaBus](#) offers a number of destinations in the UK and across Europe. For cheapest prices, book early!

If travelling by airplane, two carriers tend to be the least expensive: [RyanAir](#) and [EasyJet](#). Although these airlines tend to have very low prices, they are very strict on luggage allowance. Check before travelling to avoid high fees. To compare various airlines to get the cheapest prices, you can use [Skyscanner](#) or a similar website.

# MOBILE PHONE TIPS

## GIFFGAFF

GiffGaff is a good service with nice prices. The signal isn't always great, but it is had very good prices. You can purchase a phone from them, or just a SIM card if your phone uses SIM cards. The phones vary in price from £60 to £530 pounds and can be paid for in monthly instalments. The SIM cards are free.

For service, you purchase 'Goody Bags' that range in price from £5 (60 UK Minutes, 300 UK texts, 20 MB and a free extra minute for every minute you get called) to £20 (2,000 UK minutes, unlimited UK texts and unlimited Internet for one month). The £10 is most common (500 UK minutes, unlimited UK texts and 1 GB Internet for one month). You can make free calls to other GiffGaff members.

The service is supported by members, so if there are any problems you will have to inquire for help on a forum before being able to speak to someone directly.

## O2

You can get a phone or just a SIM card for your phone. You can choose a contract (for two years) or a pay and go phone or SIM. O2s has a larger variety of options including their "Pay and Go Go Go" plans which double every three months, but stay the same price. For £20, you start with 250 minutes, 2500 texts, 500MB Internet + 5% back on Top Ups; after three months it becomes 500 minutes, 5000 texts, 1GB. Alternatively, £15 gets Unlimited UK & O2 to O2 calls, texts and 100MB internet.

With O2 you can use 3g in some European countries for as little as £1.99 a day. International calling and texting rates are also low.

## THE 3 NETWORK

Phones and SIM cards available. [Monthly plans](#), [year contracts](#), and [pay as you go](#) are available. The least expensive monthly plan is £9.90 for 1 GB of data, 600 minutes, and 5000 texts. One of the most common monthly plans is £18.90 for unlimited data, 600 minutes, and 5000 texts. For pay as you go, the SIM card is free, and for £15 you can have unlimited data, 300 minutes, and 3000 texts. The coverage is very nice in and around London, but gets less dense further away from London.

The 3 Network has the [Euro Internet Pass](#) with which, for £5 a day, the internet is usable in the EU until midnight UK time. Otherwise international roaming charged will apply.

# DISABLED FACILITIES & ACCESSIBILITY

Although the University of Surrey is situated on a hillside and there are many changes in levels, there are routes to most places on campus using ramps and all the key buildings are wheelchair accessible and have lift facilities. Visit the [Discover the University of Surrey](#) heading on students with disabilities for more information. Students with mobility difficulties have found that powered wheel chairs/mobility scooters make the changes in gradient easier to manage.

Students with mobility difficulties who wish to stay in university accommodation are placed in an appropriate residential block near the centre of campus. Should students wish to bring a car, they are eligible to apply for a free campus parking permit for use in any disabled parking bays around the University. The Surrey Sports Park has disabled facilities and offers sports for wheelchair users.

Guildford town centre is also largely built on a hill but has plenty of parking and facilities for shoppers with mobility difficulties. Visit [Accessible Guildford](#) for more information. Buses into the town centre can take one wheelchair or a small mobility scooter and Guildford train station and the trains to London etc. all have disabled facilities. Guildford's theatres, cinemas, many pubs and restaurants, the leisure centre etc. are wheelchair accessible.