Windsor Castle is the largest and oldest inhabited castle in the world and is the official residence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Queen Portraits of a Monarch

This special exhibition to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation

Included in a ticket to Windsor Castle until 9 June 2013

The exhibition presents a selection of official, commissioned and formal portraits that highlight the diverse ways The Queen has been portrayed throughout her sixty decades on the throne.

The display includes work by

- Dorothy Wilding, Her Majesty (Royal Edition): Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, 1953
- Andy Warhol, Untitled (Queen Elizabeth II), 1985
- Cecil Beaton, Lucian Freud, Rankin, Annie Leibovitz

It also includes four colourful screenprint portraits of The Queen by Andy Warhol, acquired for the Royal Collection in 2012.

For further information, please telephone +44 (0)7766 7324 or visit www.royalcollection.org.uk
Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. Founded by William the Conqueror at the end of the 11th century, it has since been the home of 39 monarchs. Throughout its history, the Castle has been redecorated, enlarged and rebuilt, most notably by Edward III, Charles II and George IV. Windsor Castle is regularly used for ceremonial and State occasions, and The Queen also continues to spend most of her private weekends here.

**The State Apartments**

The State Apartments are furnished with some of the finest treasures from the Royal Collection, many of which are still in the settings for which they were first collected or commissioned. Masterpieces by Rubens, Holbein and Van Dyck hang alongside ornate English and French furniture.

**St George’s Chapel**

Set within the Castle Precincts, St George’s Chapel is one of the most beautiful ecclesiastical buildings in England. Ten monarchs are buried here, including Henry VIII and Charles I.

**Queen Mary’s Dolls’ House**

A masterpiece in miniature, the Dolls’ House took three years to complete and involved 1,500 craftsmen, artists and authors. It has a library bursting with original works by the top literary names of the day, electric lighting, running hot and cold water, working lifts and flushing lavatories.

**Changing the Guard**

Changing the Guard at Windsor Castle encompasses colourful spectacle and British pageantry. The ceremony takes place at 11:00, weather permitting, from Monday to Saturday between April and July; and on alternate days for the rest of the year. There is no Changing the Guard on Sunday.

**Explore the Castle**

Families can explore the Castle with our activity trails and family audio tour, which are included in the admission price. Please visit www.royalcollection.org.uk for information about our programme of family activities during school holidays.

**The Semi-State Rooms**

The spectacular private apartments created by George IV are among the most richly decorated interiors in the Castle. Today they are used by The Queen for official entertaining. They are usually open to visitors between October and March.

**St George’s Chapel**

Left: St George’s Chapel during Guard Change Below: Green Drawing Room

Below: A curator removes a book from the library of Queen Mary’s Dolls’ House

Below: Changing the Guard

Top: Visitors on a guided tour to the Great Kitchen

Above: Frogmore House

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**Special Tours and Visits**

**Conquer the Tower**

Energetic visitors can climb 200 steps to the top of the Round Tower and take in breathtaking views of the Castle Precincts, London’s skyline and the River Thames.

1 August – 29 September

**The Great Kitchen**

This 30-minute tour takes you behind the scenes to the Great Kitchen, the oldest substantially unchanged and still working kitchen in the country, in constant use for nearly 750 years. The tour incorporates areas not normally open to the public.

1 January – 14 February (selected dates)

1 August – 29 September

**Exclusive Evening Tours**

Exclusive Evening Tours offer visitors the unique opportunity to experience Windsor Castle after hours and to go ‘behind the ropes’. August and December (selected dates)

**Frogmore House**

Frogmore House, about a mile from the Castle, has been a royal retreat since the 18th century and today is used by the Royal Family for private entertaining.

14-16 May, 17-19 August (provisional dates)

Group visits 30 July – 26 September

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