

MEET READING

Your guide to
great venues
and social
programmes
under half an
hour from
London



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WELCOME TO READING!

We are ready and waiting to work with you to hold your next meeting, conference or away day in the capital of the Thames Valley.



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Reading is one of the best-connected meeting locations in the UK. We are on the M4 and just 23 minutes from London by train as well as directly connected with central London on the Elizabeth Line. In fact, you can reach Reading directly from over 250 stations across the UK. Reading also has direct transfer links to Heathrow and Gatwick. Is there any better-connected location outside the Capital?

GREAT VALUE

Reading is an excellent value alternative to London, with average day delegate rates around £50. Enjoy the benefits of the big city without the drawbacks and much cheaper! Choose from town centre conference hotels and splendid Reading Town Hall to out of town conference centres, estates and 4-star business hotels.



A BUSINESS HUB

Your business sector is here! You'll be amazed how many global brands have offices in Reading, from big pharma to defence, financial services to retail, FMCG to energy and of course tech in the UK's Silicon Valley. The Reading business powerhouse is home to Bayer, PepsiCo, Virgin Media, SSE, Ericsson, AWE, Microsoft, PwC and Shinfield Studios, to name but a few.



A WORLD-LEADING SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITY

Reading is a centre of innovation and creativity with the University of Reading at its heart. The University is ranked in the World's Top 200 with world-leading research in many areas including climate change research, agriculture and business, while the University's Thames Valley Science Park is a hot bed of innovation and creativity. And they have great conference facilities!

THE PERFECT VENUE

Reading can provide the perfect venue for your event, with excellent quality venues at major hotel groups and conference centres. We can host your event from 2 to 700 delegates and have 2,500 hotel beds to make sure your residential stay is seamless.



MAKE YOUR EVENT FUN

Reading is a youthful and vibrant place and we have a wide range of social venues, activities and incentive itineraries to make sure your delegates have a great time. Check out some inspiration on pages 11-15.

VENUES

1. HILTON READING

Hilton Reading, located off the M4 and A33 with on-site parking, offers easy access to public transport and nearby business parks. With ten versatile event spaces accommodating up to 500 guests, our dedicated events team ensures every meeting or event is a success. Enjoy tailored catering menus designed to delight and energize delegates. The hotel boasts 210 stylish rooms with free WiFi, mini-refrigerators, and 50-inch HDTVs. Dine at OXBO Restaurant, featuring British-inspired cuisine in a vibrant setting. Additional amenities include the LivingWell Health Club, complete with an indoor pool, sauna, and fitness facilities.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Bedrooms: 210
- Theatre capacity: 500
- Boardroom capacity: 120

- Event specialists
- Flexible catering
- Convenient location
- On-site parking
- Free WiFi

☎ 0118 916 9000

✉ reading.events@hilton.com

📍 Drake Way, Reading, RG2 0GQ

🖱 www.hilton.com/reading

2. DE VERE WOKEFIELD ESTATE

Set in 250 acres of Berkshire countryside, De Vere Wokefield Estate is home to 376 beautifully appointed bedrooms, 39 flexible meeting and event spaces and an 18-hole championship golf course. The Grade II listed Mansion House has the maximum capacity for up to 250 theatre style and boasts grand event spaces with an abundance of natural daylight and beautiful views over the lawns. Enjoy tapas in the 1560 Restaurant or head down to Grahame Robb Associates, an onsite teambuilding company who offer both outdoor and indoor activities. A short walk from the Mansion House, discover Wokefield Place, a modern building, with the capacity for up to 400 delegates. Here, experience The View restaurant, Benedict's Bar, and the Estate's leisure facilities. Conveniently located, Wokefield Estate is 10 minutes from J11 of the M4 and 40 minutes from Heathrow Airport.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Bedrooms: 376
- Theatre capacity: 400
- Boardroom capacity: 100

- 87 Mansion House bedrooms
- 39 meeting rooms
- Onsite team building
- 10 mins from M4
- 40 mins from Heathrow

☎ 0118 933 4030

✉ wokefield.diaryteam@devere.com

📍 Goodboys Lane, Mortimer, Reading, RG7 3AE

🖱 www.devere.co.uk/wokefield-estate/meetings-events

3. HOLIDAY INN READING-SOUTH



Located just 2 minutes from M4 J11 and 10 minutes from Reading town centre, we are ideally placed for hosting your next event. The hotel facilities include 202 bedrooms with A/C, restaurant, lounge bar, 24hr room service, fitness suite and 282 parking spaces onsite for all vehicles including cars and coaches. 11 function suites all with natural daylight and A/C are great for hosting a meeting, party or private dining. Our self-contained Grenadier Suite holds up to 180 delegates with its own entrance and toilets located on the ground floor. Room hire, day delegate packages and 24hr rates are available.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Air conditioning
- Natural daylight
- Private dining
- Onsite parking
- Self-contained

- Bedrooms: 202
- Theatre capacity: 180
- Boardroom capacity: 60

☎ 0118 987 0465/6

✉ events@hireadingsouth.com

📍 Basingstoke Road, Reading, RG2 0SL

🖱 www.holidayinn.com/Reading-South

4. MALMAISON READING



Next stop Malmaison Reading. Located directly opposite the station and only 30 minutes from the hustle and bustle of London, the former home to Great Western Rail is now a first-class business venue. When it comes to event space and meeting rooms in Reading, Malmaison is dressed to impress. As well as style, our meeting rooms offer plenty of substance. Our expert team will ensure that your meeting or event is as slick as it is stylish, with creative catering, free Wi-Fi and perfect service.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Opposite train station
- Historic
- Natural light
- Delicious catering
- Conference café

- Bedrooms: 76
- Theatre capacity: 80
- Boardroom capacity: 50

☎ 0118 334 1331

✉ aiwebber@malmaison.com

📍 18-20 Station Road, Reading, RG1 1JX

🖱 <https://www.malmaison.com/locations/reading>

5. NOVOTEL READING CENTRE



Perfectly suited to family or business stays, Novotel Reading Centre sits in the heart of the town. Many of Reading's best restaurants, bars and shops are just a stone's throw from the hotel. The guests can choose from executive and superior rooms, all contemporary designs and warmth. Our ten versatile meeting rooms can accommodate up to 110 guests. Whatever type of meeting you are organizing, you can optimize the chances of its success by benefiting from the Novotel network. Our years of experience have let us build a great expertise in meetings organization. Leisure facilities include a gym, sauna, steam room and indoor heated pool.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Great location
- Easy access
- Historic surroundings
- Friendly staff
- Natural light

- Bedrooms: 179
- Theatre capacity: 110
- Boardroom capacity: 40

☎ 0118 952 2600

✉ H5432-sb@accor.com

📍 25b Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1DP

🖱 <https://all.accor.com/hotel/5432/index.en.shtml>

6. PENTA READING



If you're in the market for meeting rooms in Reading then we're here to help. We have 11 event spaces, kitted out with all the tech you need and a helpful team of advisors to make the day run smoothly. Each room is accessible via the ground floor, naturally lit and we can hold up to 250 people. The Pentalounge is always available for breaktime, dinnertime, or playtime - with pool tables and PlayStations. We also have 40 Penta Plus rooms and a Penta Suite if you need more space. Our WiFi and 24-hour gym is free.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Central location
- 206 bedrooms
- Games area
- Meetings facilities
- Free wifi

- Bedrooms: 206
- Theatre capacity: 250
- Boardroom capacity: 50

☎ 0118 903 5930

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📍 Oxford Road, Reading, RG1 7RH

🖱 <https://www.pentahotels.com/hotels/united-kingdom/readingmeetings>

7. READING TOWN HALL



Welcome to Reading's historic Town Hall. Right in the heart of Reading, this beautiful Grade II* listed building boasts a stunning Victorian Gothic facade by celebrated architect Alfred Waterhouse and state-of-the-art facilities within to accommodate your event. From our beautiful Concert Hall, seating up to 700, to meeting rooms for 5, we have a space and a package tailored just to you. Explore the spaces we have on offer or take a look at how we can help you to plan your concert, conference or special event. We're situated right in Reading's bustling town centre, less than a 2- minute walk from Reading's train station, with excellent bus links and an easy distance from the M4.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Historical links
- Unique spaces
- Bespoke catering
- Town centre location
- Personal service

- Theatre capacity: 700
- Boardroom capacity: 50

☎ 0118 937 3400

✉ conferencing@reading.gov.uk

📍 Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1QH

🖱 www.readingtownhall.co.uk/venue-hire

8. GREEN PARK CONFERENCE CENTRE



Flexible, modern venue located at the heart of Green Park, Reading. Ideal for everything from one-to-one meetings to large-scale conferences. The centre offers a variety of room layouts including boardroom, classroom, theatre, cabaret and banquet styles. Facilities include HD projectors, repeater screens, AMX touchpad controls, free WiFi, ample parking, and a welcoming reception. On-site Byte Café and tailored catering menus available. Set in a scenic waterfront location with excellent transport links via M4, Reading Station and dedicated bus routes.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Bespoke catering options
- Free on-site parking
- High-speed wifi
- Versatile room layouts
- Advanced AV tech
- Café & breakout areas
- Excellent transport links

- Theatre capacity: 250
- Boardroom capacity: 34
- Banquet capacity: 200

☎ 0118 945 0122

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📍 100 Longwater Avenue, Green Park, Reading, RG2 6GP

🖱 www.greenpark.co.uk/conference-centre

9. THE ROSEATE READING

The Roseate Reading stands as a beacon of refined elegance, combining its rich heritage with contemporary sophistication. Renowned for its artistic design and meticulous service, the hotel has earned accolades from The Beautiful South Awards 2025, recognised for its exceptional accommodation and dining experiences. Housed in a beautifully restored Grade II listed building, The Roseate Reading is defined by its vaulted ceilings, cornice mouldings, and the original lift shaft, all preserved to reflect its historic grandeur. The hotel offers 55 luxurious rooms and suites, complemented by four versatile meeting and event spaces, three spa treatment rooms, and a state-of-the-art gym.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Exceptional food
- Impeccable service
- Central location
- Private meetings
- Onsite parking

- Bedrooms: 55
- Theatre capacity: 50
- Boardroom capacity: 24

☎ 0118 952 7770

✉ events.tflr@roseatehotels.co.uk

📍 26 The Forbury, Reading, RG1 3EJ

🖱 www.roseatehotels.com/reading/theroseate

10. VOCO READING

A professional atmosphere suitable for all meeting and event requirements. The four meeting rooms are designed for small to medium-sized events of up to 66 guests, while the private dining room can host up to 60 guests in banquet style. In addition, for larger events of up to 500 people, the adjacent Conference Centre provides an additional 32 meeting spaces that can be customised to your specific needs.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Health club
- Indoor pool
- Gym & sauna
- Free parking
- Fast internet

- Bedrooms: 201
- Theatre capacity: 66
- Boardroom capacity: 22

☎ 0118 925 3500

✉ reservations@vocoreading.com

📍 Select Car Leasing Stadium, Junction 11, M4, Reading RG2 0FL

🖱 vocoreading.com

11. VENUE READING, UNIVERSITY OF READING



Just outside the town centre, you will find the green award-winning, 321-acre campus of the University of Reading. The Venue Reading events team host lots of functions, meetings and conferences throughout the year. The campus features a mix of traditional heritage buildings and modern, state-of-the-art meeting rooms, offering year-round conferencing facilities. Venue Reading organise anything from a small meeting to large residential conference with over 2,000 premium en-suite bedrooms for use in the summer months. The campus has great transport links, complimentary parking and various lecture theatres for up to 400 delegates and all events are managed by a professional events team.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Free parking
- Outside space
- Nonprofit organisation
- Summer accommodation
- Sustainable university

- Bedrooms: 2,000
- Theatre capacity: 400
- Boardroom capacity: 50

☎ 0118 378 5657

✉ info@venuereading.com

📍 University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 6UR

🖱 venuereading.com

12. MARKET HOUSE READING



Market House is a laid-back hangout in the heart of the town centre set in a beautifully restored historic bank building. Enjoy its cosy corners, tasty American-style food plus rustic pizzas and BBQ option for private events, delicious cocktails and a chilled rooftop bar. Book one of the three private spaces, including the roof terrace with private bar and the vault for a work meeting or corporate event and enjoy flexible packages including darts, shuffleboard ping pong and karaoke for team building activities.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Rooftop terrace
- Games
- Restaurant & hotel
- Regular events

- Bedrooms: 23
- Theatre capacity: 60

☎ 0118 216 1750

✉ events.MarketHouse@Youngs.co.uk,

📍 1-2 Market Place, Reading, RG1 2EQ

🖱 www.markethousetoreading.com

13. THAMES RIVERCRUISE



Thames Rivercruise operate on the beautiful reaches of the upper Thames, located in Caversham, Reading. We have the ideal venue for smaller conferences from 10-50 attendees offering classroom, boardroom and theatre style seating. We are also able to offer a pre or after conference cruise for delegates where they can enjoy themselves in a relaxed atmosphere away from the business hub. Each charter is personal, and we create an itinerary and experience on the river just for you. Casual, cool or formal – the Thames is an amazing and flexible venue.



HIGHLIGHTS ★

- Central Reading location
- Full catering offer
- Lovely river views
- Bespoke cruises & events
- Conferences up to 50



☎ 0118 948 1088

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📍 Caversham Pier, Reading, RG1 8BD

🖱 www.thamesrivercruise.co.uk



SOCIAL PROGRAMME VENUES

The Times has heralded Reading as one of the best places to live in the UK, describing Reading as feeling **“increasingly vibrant and youthful.”**

At the end of the day, or even as an alternative to the traditional meeting, why not explore what Reading has to offer your delegates.





With great shopping, a vibrant nightlife and activities such as alpaca walking, river cruises and theatrical team building events, Reading will keep your delegates entertained beyond the meeting room. Make use of our River Thames location, take a walking tour, make cocktails, build a raft, visit local breweries, distilleries and vineyards. And at the end of the day, dine out in style and choose from a global restaurant offer.

1. Dinton Pastures Activity Centre

The perfect blend of convenience and natural beauty for corporate events with a variety of meeting rooms, on-site catering and an array of exciting activities designed to engage and unite your team.



2. Stanlake Park Wine Estate

One of England's oldest wine producers set in 130 acres of countryside offering tours and tastings.

3. Spinners

Vibrant bar and entertainment venue offering cocktails, artisan pizza, and unique activities including mini golf, bowling, and electronic darts plus CLAYSHOT.



4. Siren Bar and Tap Room

Siren RG1 is the flagship venue of Siren Craft Brew, a renowned local independent brewery. It boasts 28+ taps of brewery-fresh beer along with a considered wine list and creative cocktails. Siren's Tap Room in Finchampstead also hosts beer tastings and brewery tours.

5. Boom Battle Bar

Destination for team socials, after work drinks or corporate events. Channel your inner warrior with axe throwing or try augmented reality darts, beer pong or shuffleboard.



6. Vino Vita

Italian wine bar with tastings and delicious food pairings in the restaurant. It also boasts a distinctive space for up to 150 with private bar and garden.

7. Cosy Club

1970s glamour for brunch, lunch, cocktails or dinner and a private dining room with packages for all occasions.





8. Urban Fun

The ultimate playground! Battle it out in darts, dive into thrilling VR, score big in sports and video games. Sing your heart out in karaoke, then refuel at our buzzing bar and kitchen.

9. Lagoona Park

Corporate summer event with thrilling team-building activities on the water! Exhilarating aqua park, serene paddleboarding for both small and large groups.



10. Wokingham Waterside Centre

Unique riverside, water sports and conference venue set on a picturesque stretch of the river Thames. Canoeing, kayaking, katanuig, bellboating, dragon boating, stand up paddle-boarding and raft building plus land based activities including orienteering and initiative games.

11. HI5 Team Building

Team and corporate events specialist company operating at a number of venues in and around Reading. Wide range of activities from build a boat to sumo wrestling.



12. Rabble Theatre

Corporate training programme from Reading's professional theatre company including sword fighting.

OR WHAT ABOUT?

- Alpaca Walking
- Reading Go Karting
- Go Ape (Bracknell)
- Graham Robb Associates high ropes and corporate activities
- Henley Gin Distillery
- Hollywood Bowl
- Walk Reading
- Terry's Reading Walkabouts

Full details at

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