

Warwickshire Family Itinerary

1). **Warwick Castle** - Step back in time at Britain's ultimate castle, where you will be surrounded by jaw-dropping history, magic, myth and adventure! Immerse yourselves in over 1000 years of jaw-dropping history, come rain or shine. Ancient myths and spell binding tales will set your imagination alight and your hair on end. Experience castle life for yourself from mediaeval battles to the splendour of the Georgian State Rooms, meet Henry VIII and his wives, witness a State Banquet with the Queen and re-live the preparations for battle. Prepare to be amazed at the daily jousting tournaments and the incredible Trebuchet Fireball Show.

Address: Warwick, CV34 4QU

Website: www.warwick-castle.com

Telephone: +44 (0)1926 495421

2). **Kenilworth Castle** - Enjoy a great day out at Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden. One of the largest historic attractions in the West Midlands, the whole family will enjoy exploring the spectacular castle ruins. The ruins are best known as the home of Robert Dudley, the great love of Queen Elizabeth I. Dudley created an ornate palace here to impress his Queen in 1575. You can follow in the footsteps of Queen Elizabeth I in the authentically recreated Elizabethan Garden. Lost to the world for over 400 years, it is now open to visitors. Wander through carved arbours and marvel at the bejewelled aviary and marble fountain.

Address: Castle Green, off Castle Road, Kenilworth, CV8 1NE

Website: www.english-heritage.org.uk

Telephone: +44 (0)1926 852078

3). **Shakespeare's Birthplace** - This timber framed town house, where William Shakespeare was born, contains both original and replica artefacts depicting the house as Shakespeare would have known it. Period Guides, dressed in replica Tudor clothing, welcome you to explore what life was like here in Tudor times. Stroll round the traditional English garden which features many plants and herbs mentioned in Shakespeare's plays and visit the gift shop where every purchase supports and preserves the Shakespeare Houses and Gardens for future generations. Visitors to the Shakespeare Houses can see and hear his most intriguing characters come alive in the very surroundings which may have inspired them.

Address: Henley Street, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6QW

Website: www.shakespeare.org.uk

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4). **Stratford Armouries** - Stratford Armouries is a truly unique museum and visitor centre set in 86 acres of rolling Warwickshire countryside. The museum houses world-class collection of arms and armour from throughout the centuries and across the globe. Leonardo Da Vinci's Giant Crossbow, a Life-Size Armoured Horse, German Heinkel 111 crash relic, Lawrence of Arabia's Rock Crystal Hilted Dagger, Beautiful Artefacts from Shakespeare Birthplace, The National Collection from the British Model Solider Society, The Wellington Aviation Collection, Indian and Persian Talwars. The museum also hosts a designated outdoor children's playground and an indoor a soft-play area for younger visitors.

Address: Gospel Oak Lane, Pathlow, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 0JA

Website: www.stratfordarmouries.com

Telephone: +44 (0)7909 525782

5). **Stratford Butterfly Farm** - Immerse yourself in a realm of creepy crawlies with some spectacular and colourful butterflies, plants and tropical pools from around the world. The Butterfly Farm has the largest live insect display in Europe. Observe the fascinating and strange in Insect City where stick insects, beetles and praying mantids. Marvel at the size of giant millipedes, snails and crabs in the mini-beast section. Get close to the deadly and dangerous behind the safety of glass in Arachnoland, home to the world's largest spider and a rainforest scorpion colony.

Address: Swans Nest Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7LS

Website: www.butterflyfarm.co.uk

Telephone: +44 (0)1789 299 288

6). **Hatton Country World** - Set in the beautiful Warwickshire countryside, Hatton Adventure Farm offers a wonderful family day out. Hatton Adventure Farm has a seasonally changing programme so there is always something new to see and do; from new born lambs at our February Frolics event, Easter Egg and Bunny Hunts, an A-maize-ing Maze in the summer, free pumpkins during our Pumpkin Week and Santa's Grotto at Christmas.

Address: Dark Lane, Hatton, Warwick, CV35 8XA

Website: www.hattonworld.com

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