

Milton Keynes - 2 day suggested itinerary

Milton Keynes, situated just 45 minutes north of London, is England's newest town at just 47 years old. It has a young and vibrant feel about it with a can do attitude. It is home to stadiummk which is the base for Milton Keynes Dons Football Club, and has the longest shopping mall in Europe. Plus it has its historical side, Bletchley Park is just 10 mins from the centre, made famous for breaking the 'unbreakable, German Enigma code in WW2.

DAY ONE

AM – Central Milton Keynes

The central part of Milton Keynes offers everything from shopping to the most successful theatre outside the West End and a renowned modern art gallery, through to indoor skydiving and snowboarding. Head to the Xscape complex to see the vibrancy of the town first hand with a mix of restaurants and adrenalin activities plus the largest casino outside London. Our large covered shopping malls form the heart of the town centre, with a mix of over 400 shops to choose from. Milton Keynes Theatre offers some of the best productions touring the country right now, showing musicals, drama, opera, dance, comedy and more. The widely-acclaimed Milton Keynes Gallery presents changing exhibitions of international contemporary art including sculpture, photography and painting. The centre is also a living breathing art gallery with over 200 pieces of public art placed throughout the town. Finish off your morning with lunch in one of the many restaurants or al fresco cafes available.



PM – StadiumMK & Bletchley Park

Milton Keynes is sport mad and nothing shows this off better than stadiummk, home of the Milton Keynes Dons Football Club. This imposing state-of-the-art stadium will host three Rugby World Cup matches and seats up to 31,000 people. Next to the stadium is ArenaMK - a purpose-built indoor facility for up to 3,000 people.

Next on to Bletchley Park, home to the famous and legendary WW2 codebreakers. The vital work undertaken there shortened the war by up to two years saving millions of lives. The site is now a heritage museum featuring exhibitions and activities for the whole family. You can also visit The National Museum of Computing on the same site, which houses Colossus, the world's first semi-programmable computer.



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AM – Woburn Abbey/Safari Park

Located just 15 minutes from Milton Keynes, Woburn Abbey, home to the Duke of Bedford, is a stunning ancestral estate full of history, ancient tales and beautiful grounds. It is set in a majestic 3,000 acre deer park and houses one of the most important private collections of art, furniture and porcelain on public view today.

Woburn Safari Park is Britain's largest drive through safari park and is part of the main Woburn estate. You can get up close and personal to lions, tigers, wolves, bears and much more.

PM – Market towns & Green spaces

Milton Keynes is surrounded by old market towns and pretty villages and none is better than Stony Stratford. Set on the old Roman Watling Street, it still keeps much of its old world charm housing traditional shops from charming individual craft stores, butcher's shops and warm cosy pubs. It is also the birthplace of the 'Cock 'n' Bull story', with The Cock Inn and The Bull Pub being favourite haunts of some famous highwaymen, who used tell each other some very tall tales.

Milton Keynes boasts over 5,000 acres of parkland, rivers, lakes and woodland, including over 20 million trees. The abundance of green spaces give it a truly wide-open feel. Head to Campbell Park, the centre's very own 'Central Park' which is within easy walk of the main shopping areas.

Full of sculptures, formal gardens, water features and woodland – this will also be the site for the main 'Fan Fest' during the Rugby World Cup. The Grand Union Canal winds its way through the town, so why not finish your visit with a leisurely narrowboat trip to discover another different side to Milton Keynes.

Restaurant/pub options

The Swan Inn – Milton Keynes Village: Traditional 17th century pub. Groups: up to 15 people.

<http://www.theswan-mkvillage.co.uk/>

Calcutta Brasserie – Stony Stratford: Award-winning Indian cuisine set in a 13th century chapel.

Groups: up to 60 people.

<http://www.calcuttabrasserie.co.uk/>

Aqua Italia – The Hub, Central MK: Modern Italian food in the heart of the town centre – good access to hotels/transport. Groups: up to 20 people.

<http://aqua-restaurant.com/>

Giraffe – thecentre MK: World cuisine chain restaurant – family friendly. Groups: up to 10 people.

<http://www.giraffe.net/>

Paris House – Woburn Village (10 mins from centre): Michelin-starred restaurant. Groups: up to 20 people.

<http://www.parishouse.co.uk/>