



CORFLU COBALT WINCHESTER 2010

WINCHESTER – ESSENTIAL INFO

General info: www.visitwinchester.co.uk

Nearest convenience store: Tesco Express, on Andover Road. Turn right out of the hotel, after 200 yards turn right again. After 100 yards on your left there is a combined petrol (gas) station and Tesco Express. Basic but very convenient (and the petrol is relatively cheap too). The closest proper supermarket is a Sainsbury's in the town centre on Middlebrook Street, just off Friarsgate. There is a larger Sainsbury's out of town to the southwest, and a big Tesco on Easton Road to the north-east of town, just next to Junction 9 of the M3.

Nearest cash point (ATM): NatWest Bank, Andover Road. Turn right out of the hotel, walk 200 yards to Andover Road, turn left, and the cash point is only 50 yards along on the wall of the NatWest Bank on the other side of the road.

Taxis: Available from front of railway station, also front of Guildhall (opposite bus station entrance). Call Wessex Cars 01962 877749/866208 or Wintax 01962 878727/878737. Both firms have taxis adapted for wheelchairs.

Restaurants listed by style and cuisine

(Apart from the hotel's own excellent restaurant, that is.) Most of the info here is from www.winchesterrestaurants.co.uk or www.restaurant-guide.com (look for Winchester locality). @ means the place has its own website. Restaurants marked # have been personally recommended by the committee, fans, friends or family; and those marked ** have positive reviews from diners posted on various websites. I have omitted restaurants with mostly downer reviews. Blunt, fun and genuine opinions here: <http://www.knowhere.co.uk/Winchester/Hampshire/South-East-England/info/cheapfood>

This list may not be comprehensive, but we hope most of the decent and/or interesting places are here. (Only unusual or hard-to-find takeaways listed: basic ones near the hotel omitted.) I have made no attempt to be comprehensive about pubs in Winchester, as most of us will be leaving the hotel to eat rather than drink. Also, these are just the restaurants within walking distance: if you are adventurous enough to want to drive, then try the friendly Mr Google, or the above sites (from which much of the following info is taken – and many thanks to the compilers!)

When you are looking for places, the city's numbering system takes some getting used to. On most central streets, building numbers go up one side of a road then down the other, so no. 1 High Street is opposite no. 168 at the east end, and no. 80 is opposite no. 90 at the other end.

During the con, we're sure you would welcome the chance both to give and to get feedback (pardon the pun) about where everyone has been to eat. Notes can be posted both on our notice boards and in our daily newsletter, Cobalt Bomb.

-- Rob Jackson, February/March 2010

American diner:

Buddy's Diner @ 5 Jewry St, Winchester SO23 8RZ. 01962 860006. *Hot dogs, burgers, wings, ribs etc: most main items £6-£11. Nostalgia for US visitors!*

Bar restaurants:

The Pitcher and Piano Bar and Restaurant @ International. 57 Colebrook Street, Winchester, Hampshire. SO23 9LH. 1962 865301. 3 courses £20ish without drinks.

The Slug & Lettuce @ 12-13 The Square, Winchester SO23 9ES. 01962 850666. Dinner £25/head avge. Casual bar/restaurant: part of national chain.

British:

The Black Rat Restaurant @ ** Modern British. Dinner: £31.00 average. Long walk through town & over river. 88 Chesil St, Winchester SO23 0HX. 01962 844465.

The Chesil Rectory @ ** 1 Chesil St, Winchester, SO23 0HU. 01962 851555. Modern British. Lunch/early supper £14.95/19.95. £40/head a la carte. 2 AA rosettes. Tudor building.

Green's 4 Jewry St., Winchester SO23 8RZ. 01962 869630. Wine bar/English.

Porterhouse 24 Jewry St., Winchester SO23 8RY. 01962 810532. Brand new steakhouse: to open Mon 8 March! Menu, prices N/A as yet.

The Willow Tree @ 14 Durngate Terrace, Winchester SO23 8QX. 01962 877255. Lunches under £10. Restaurant/bar. Riverside setting.

Cafes: (generally daytime opening only)

The Cathedral Refectory @ 9 The Close, Winchester SO23 9LS. Cream teas.

Blues, 1a Southgate Street, Winchester SO23 9DY. 01962 844880.

Caffe Nero @ 107 High St., Winchester SO23 9AH. 01962 868889.

The Coffee Shop, 8 High St., Winchester SO23 9JX. 01962 841696.

Cafe Monde, 22 The Square, Winchester SO23 9EX. 01962 877177.
Costa Coffee @ Unit 11, The Brooks, Winchester SO23 8QY. 01962 959564.
Cafe Centro, 52 St. George's St., Winchester SO23 8AH. 01962 866668.
Maison Blanc @ 154 High St., Winchester SO23 9BA. 01962 877563. *Raymond Blanc-led patisserie & cafe chain.*
Starbucks @ 31 High St., Winchester SO23 9BL. 01962 849974.

Chinese:

Cellar Peking 32A Jewry St., Winchester SO23 8RY. 01962 864178. *"All you can eat" buffet. Prices fair.*
Dim T – Winchester @ ** 8-9 Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ. 01962 843000. *Asian (incl. Japanese), Chinese (incl. dim sum). Lunch: £10.00, Dinner: £18.00*
Golden House 6 St. Cross Rd., Winchester SO23 9HX. 01962 840626.
Mr So 3 Jewry St., Winchester SO23 8RZ. 01962 861234.

French:

Bistro at Hotel du Vin @ # ** 14 Southgate St., Winchester SO23 9EF. 01962 841414. *Lunch £25, dinner £46 incl. drinks French/British/Italian: Euro fusion.*
Brasserie Blanc @ 19-20 Jewry St., Winchester, SO23 8RZ. 01962 810870. *Dinner £35 without wine. Part of the Raymond Blanc chain.*
La Place Bistro & Froggies Bar @ # ** *Lunch: £17.00, dinner: £30.00 without drinks.* 9 Great Minster Street, Winchester, Hampshire. SO23 9HA. 01962 864004.

Indian:

The Balaka Winchester @ ** 75 Stoney Lane, Weeke, Winchester, SO22 6EW. 01962 859606. *Bangladeshi, Indian. Lunch: £14.00, Dinner: £22.00. 1.5 miles in suburbs to W: a slight hike.*
Mumbai Spice 8 St George's Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8BG. 01962 862838. *Main courses £7-11.*
Gandhi @ # 163 High St. Winchester SO23 9BA. 01962 863940. *Dinner: Appx £20.00 incl. starter.*
Light of Bengal 7 Andover Road, Winchester SO23 7BS. 01962 860093. *Closest to the hotel. Authentic but not fancy. Seat meal £10.05; another £30 for 4.*
Gurkha Kitchen 70 Parchment Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8AT. 01962 844409. *Main courses £6-10.*
Rimjhim @ 1 City Road, Winchester SO23 8SD. 01962 868352. *Close to hotel. £30 incl. starter. Ingredients include quail, halibut, asparagus.*

Italian:

ASK # God Begot House, 101 High St, Winchester SO23 9AH. 01962 849464. *Dinner £22.00. Nicely adapted historic building. Well-liked Italian restaurant chain.*
Pizza Express @ ** 1 Bridge St, Winchester SO23 9BH. 01962 841845. *Dinner £21/head inclusive. Standard branch of national pizza restaurant chain.*
Pizza Hut @ 7 High St., Winchester SO23 9JX. 01962 841155.
Prezzo @ 16 Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ. 01962 864256. *Dinner £25.00.*

The Gourmet Pizza Company ** 20 The Square, Winchester SO23 9EX. 01962 842553.

Japanese:

Tanoshii Fusion Restaurant @ 12 Upper High Street, Winchester, SO23 8UT. 01962 820288. Thai/Japanese. Set menus £24.50-28.50 for 2. ALC menu also.

Nepalese:

Gurkha Chef 17 City Road, Winchester SO23 8SD. 01962 842843. Nepalese and Indian. Personal report: food could be spicier? Set meal appx £15.

Pub restaurants/gastropubs:

King Alfred @ 11 Saxon Road, Hyde, Winchester SO23 7DJ. 01962 854370. Starters £4-5, main courses £7-10.

The Old Vine @ 8 Great Minster St., Winchester SO23 9HA. 01962 854616. Gastropub in 18th c. building. Dinner £25 appx.

The Royal Oak @ # Royal Oak Passage, High Street, Winchester, SO23 9AU. 01962 842701. Oldest UK pub: founded 1012!! Real ale; main courses £6-9.

Westgate Inn @ 2 Romsey Rd, Winchester SO23 8TP. 01962 820222. B&B, bar, steaks. Fairly basic: main courses £6-8.

Wykeham Arms # # 75 Kingsgate St, Winchester SO23 9PE. 01962 853834. "Great beer, good food": 2 fan reviews. Dinner £38 appx. Occasional celeb hangout. Jane Austen's house nearby.

Seafood:

Loch Fyne @ # # ** 18 Jewry St, Winchester, SO23 8RZ. 01962 872930. Starters £6-7. Mains £10-15. 2 course lunch £10. 1509 vintage building. Part of chain: green oyster fishing business.

Spanish/tapas:

El Sabio @ 60 Eastgate St, Winchester, SO23 8DZ. 01962 820233. Tapas bar. Lunch platters £8-10. Evening £4-6 per tapas, paellas £9-11 per head.

Takeaways (selected):

Pasty Presto @ 42 High St., Winchester SO23 9BL. 01962 878370.

Shakeaway @ 100 High St., Winchester SO23 9AH. 01962 866666. Milkshakes: 150+ very sweet flavours.

St. George's Restaurant 64 St. George's St., Winchester SO23 8AH. 01962 870088. Traditional fish & chips.

West Cornwall Pasty Co. @ # 43 High St., Winchester, SO23 9BL. 01962 840300.

Thai:

Bangkok Brasserie # ** 72-74 St. George's St., Winchester, SO23 8AH. 01962 869966. Main courses £7-10.