



WIMBLEDON

THE ESSENTIAL INSIDERS
GUIDE

GETTING THERE

- What's in a name?

The correct club is the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club -- not to be mistaken for the nearby The Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club (The Wimbledon Club)

Once you have found the correct club, you might suspect taking The Tube to Wimbledon Station via The District Line. You are better off, and definitely if you are queueing (more on that in a bit), getting off at Southfields Station. To get to the Queue bright and early, the first train departs Earl's Court at 5:30 a.m.

THE QUEUE

- The best value for getting in to Wimbledon is through “The Queue” which is the line to end all lines! You can show up day of and get in for 25 pounds. The wait is typically about 5 hours.
- The Queue is in Wimbledon Park. You will receive a queue card upon entering so that you cannot jump the queue.
- You can leave luggage for pickup when you leave for 5 pounds.
- An unforgettable experience. People are picnicking, reading, and kicking around balls. You might find yourself next to a oddball in a Union Jack jester hat. There will be people from all over the world!
- Bring your rain gear!
- <https://www.wimbledon.com/pdf/QueueGuide2018.pdf>



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RESALE QUEUE

- One of the best kept secrets is the Resale Queue. If you get in around 12 p.m., a great option is to head to the Resale Queue which can be found across from Murray Mount and above Court 18.
- The wait will be at least another 3 hours (British love to queue!), but you can get into Centre Court, No 1 Court, or No 2 Court for 10 pounds (15 for Centre Court). If it is one of those classic Wimbledon rainy days, this is a great option to spend the day as Centre Court and No 1 Court are covered.
- You can catch some action on Court 18 while waiting. Court 18 is where Isner and Mahut played the longest match in tennis history.
- As people with tickets to the show courts exit the grounds, the seats are resold in this queue for charity. Your best bet is to hope the early matches go long!

NOTABLE PLACES

- Henman Hill (aka Murray Mount or Aorangi Terrace) is the place to be if you don't have tickets to the big match. Everyone gathers on the hillside to watch the matches on the large screen. This will be a popular place for Andy Murray's final match.
- Court 18. In 2010, John Isner and Nicolas Mahut played the longest match in tennis history in 11 hours and 5 minutes over 3 days.
- Centre Court. All the biggest matches are played here. Maybe you can even snag a seat in the Royal Box?
- Courts 4-11. The courts where you can get the closest to the action. The players are merely feet away, and you can give the losing coach a hug. Great place to hang out in the first round to catch top 30 players or the stars of tomorrow. If you are lucky, you might even catch a superstar warming up.

ROYAL BOX

- Located on the south end of Centre Court
- You are not likely to see the Queen as she has only attended 4 times (1957, 1962, 1977, and 2010)
- Prince William and Kate Middleton are frequent visitors though
- Megan Markle might drop in to see her good friend Serena Williams



SCHEDULE

- A tournament schedule can be found here for what to expect each day:
https://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/atoz/schedule.html
- No tennis is played on the Middle Sunday unless the weather is unusually bad. Only four times in the history has there been play on this Sunday – often called the “People’s Sunday”
- The best ticket in tennis is the second Monday, “Manic Monday”, where all the men and women are in action in the round of 16.
- Practice schedules are not published, but you might be able to guess based off the order of play. There are designated practice courts, but sometimes players practice on courts 4-11

TRADITIONAL TREATS

- Strawberries and Cream is the traditional food most associated with Wimbledon!
- Pimm's Cup – A refreshing summer drink with gin, lemonade, and fruit
- Champagne
- Afternoon tea / tea sandwiches – hot tea, scones, and tea sandwiches
- Fish and Chips – This is England after all!



WEATHER

- Rain is part of the Wimbledon experience so expect intermittent showers.
- Only 32 days have been rained off completely in the tournament. If there is less than one hour of court play, tickets will be refunded.
- Five times in the history of the tournament have there been no rain for the whole tournament.
- The coldest day in tournament history was 40.8 (1999) degrees Fahrenheit and the hottest was 96.3 degrees Fahrenheit (2015). Average temperatures are typically between 60 and 74 degrees.

WIMBLEDON VILLAGE

- After a day of tennis, head into town.
- A quaint village with boutiques and bars and horses in the nearby Wimbledon Village Stables.
- A giant outdoor big screen shows the tournament action in the Piazza with deck chairs. Free and no queue!
- Check out one of the historic pubs: Dog & Fox, Rose & Crown, The Crooked Billet, and The Old Frizzle.
- For a relaxed and stylish dining experience, go no further than The Ivy Café.

