



**Magna Carta** has journeyed across borders, spanning the globe by virtue of its significance and legacy. It has overcome barriers of language and bridged the divisions of cultures and ideologies. 800 years on, we invite you to make your own journey, tracing the many locations across England that tell the tales of this important period of medieval history.

Follow King John's footsteps around the country. Explore the homes of Barons and Bishops. Stand on the spot of the significant showdown at Runnymede. See the original 1215 Magna Carta plus the many copies and iterations. Reflect at King John's effigy in Worcester.

Whether you have a day, a long weekend or are planning a fortnight-long pilgrimage, discover the rich history across the land of Magna Carta, the guarantor of our freedoms and the legal basis for our centuries-old way of life.

Use this map as inspiration for your visits and see [www.magnacartatrails.com](http://www.magnacartatrails.com) for more detailed information about the destinations on the trail.

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## Trails



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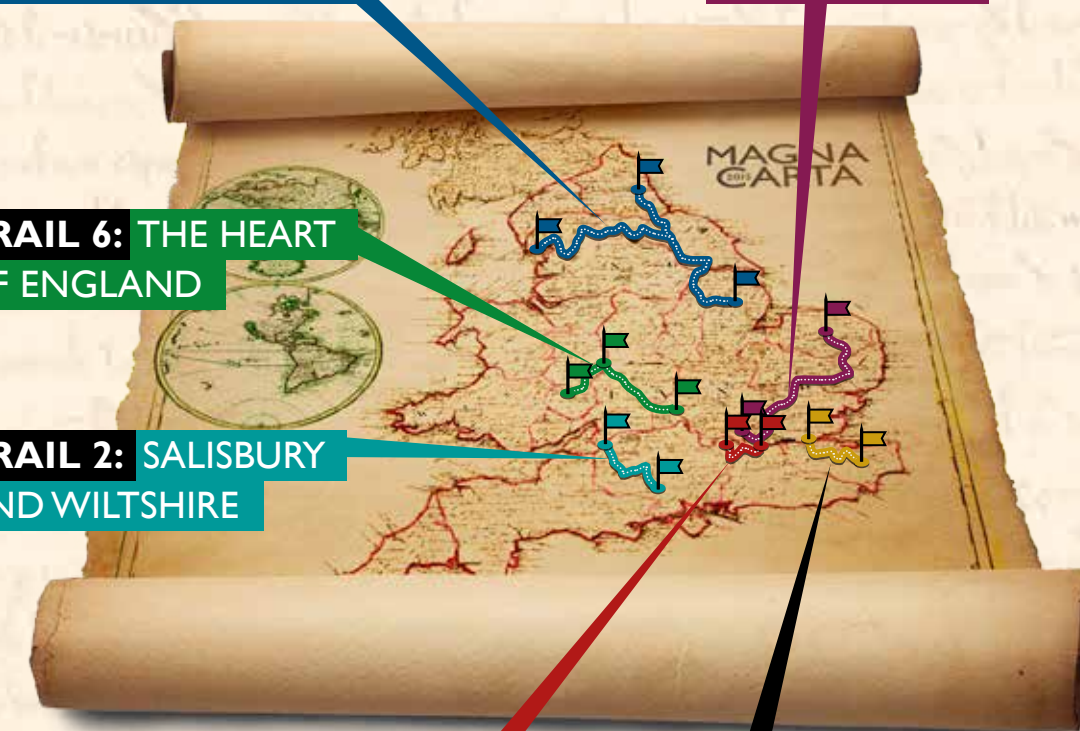
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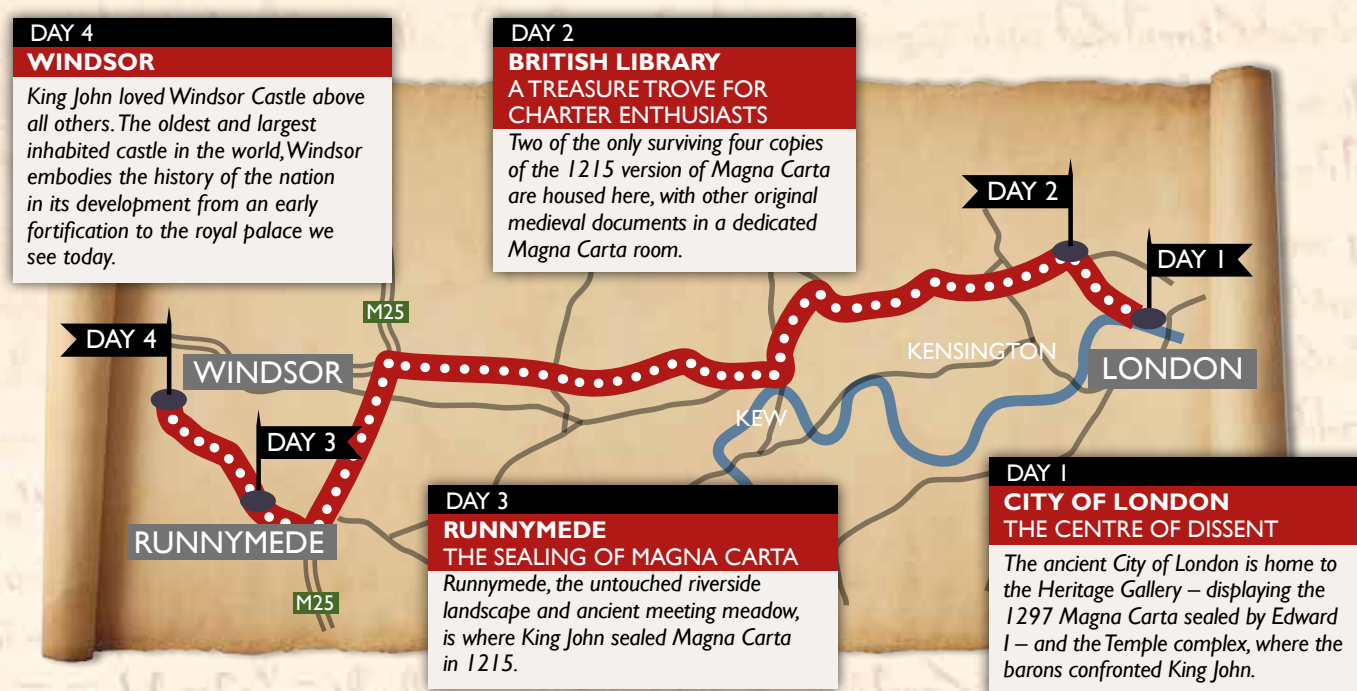
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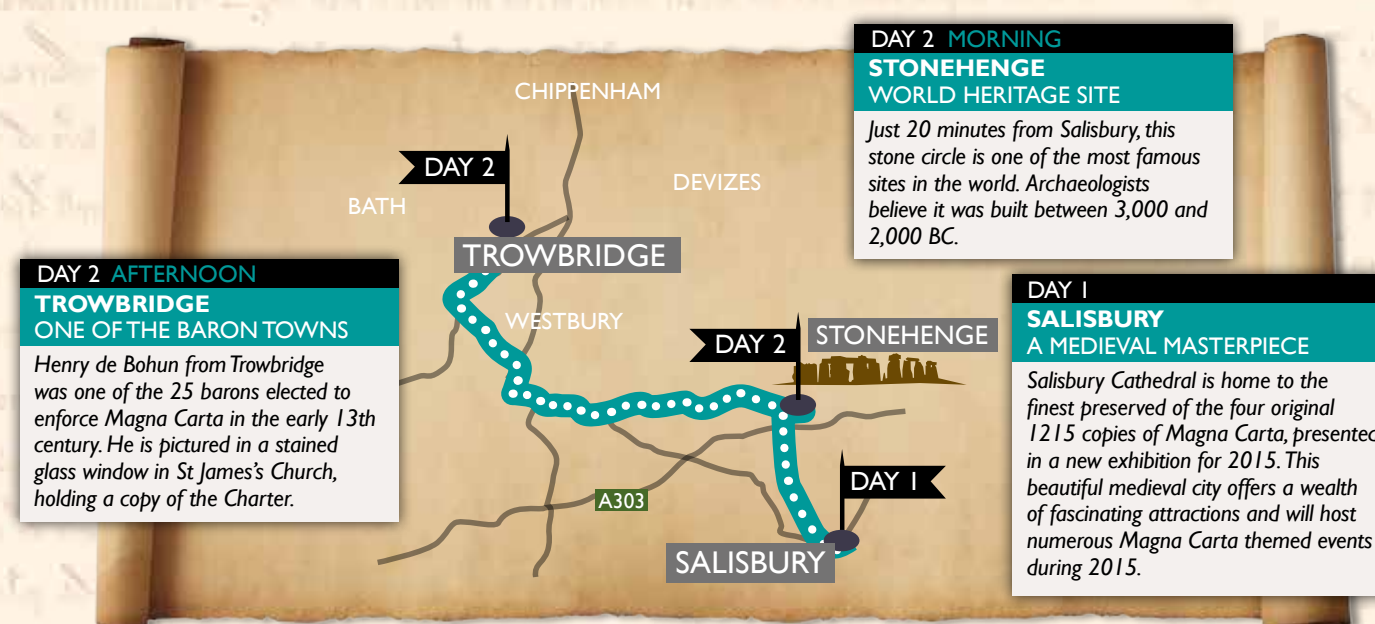
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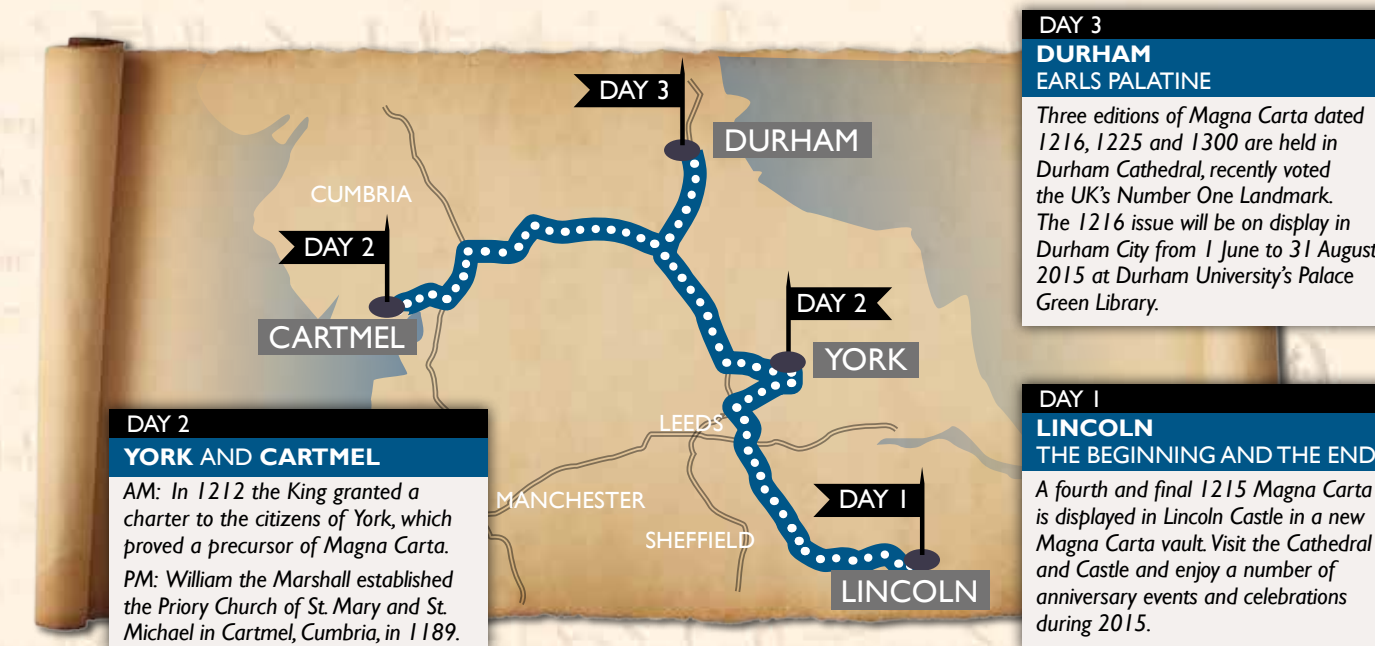
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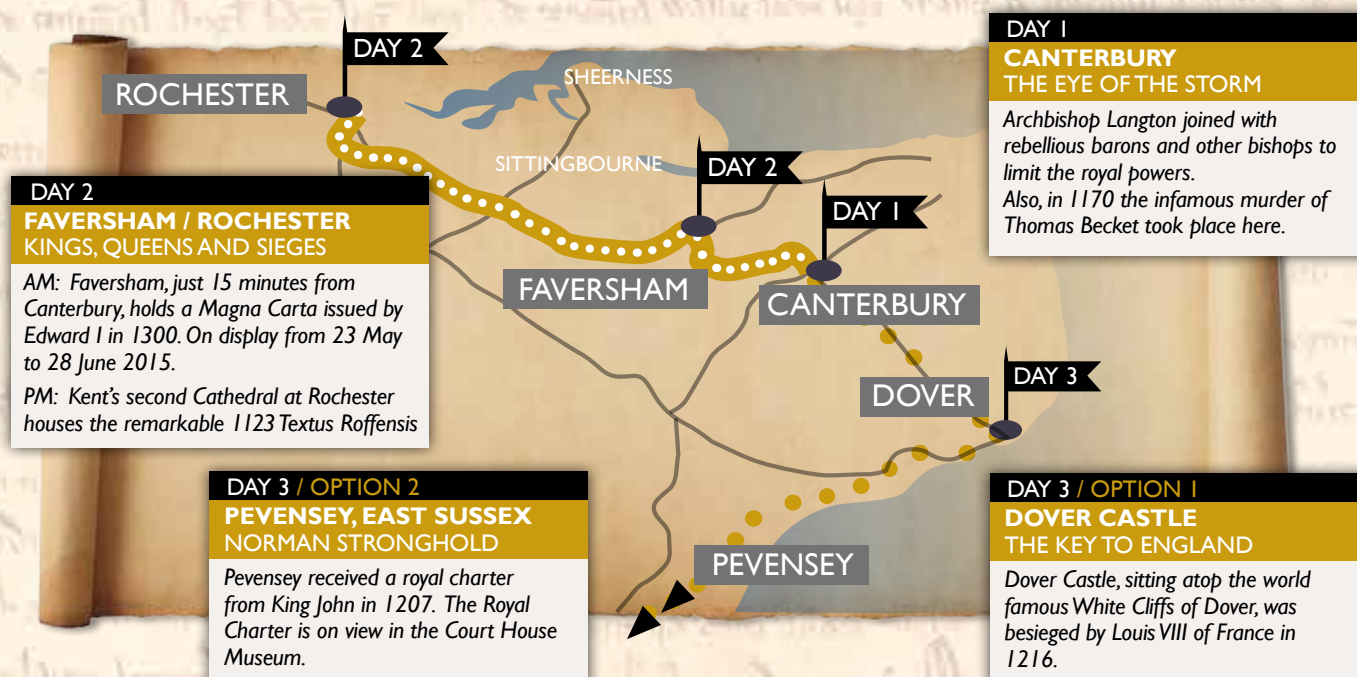
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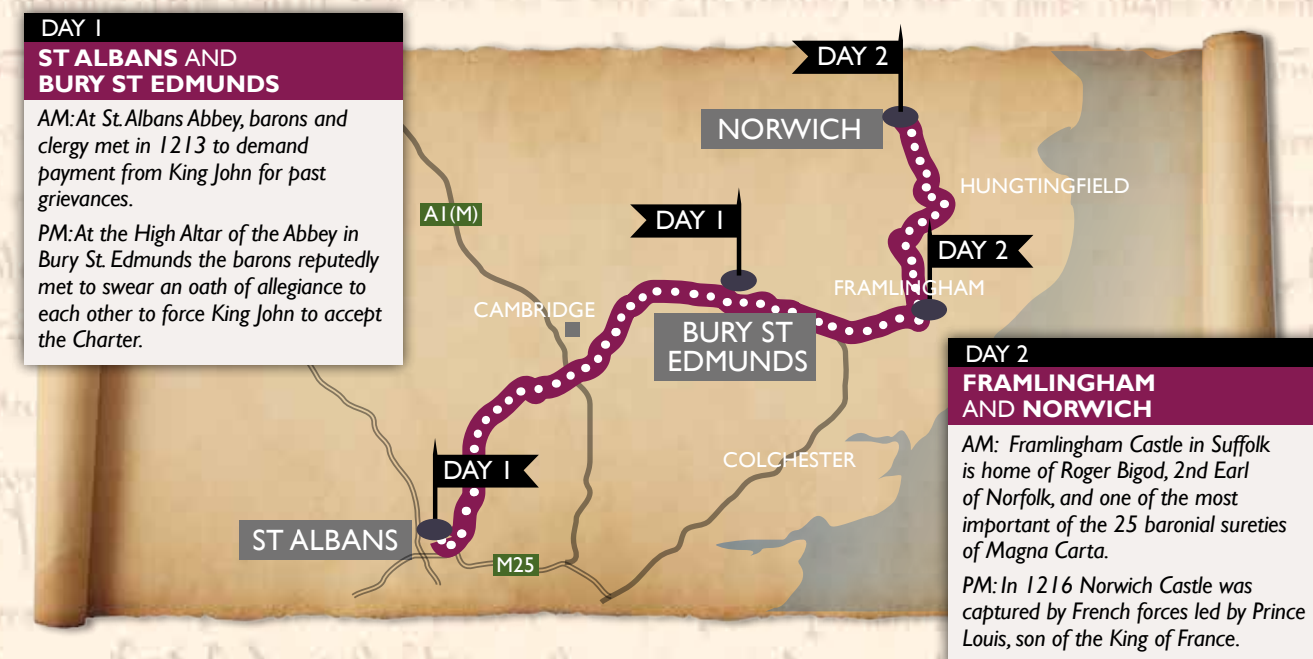
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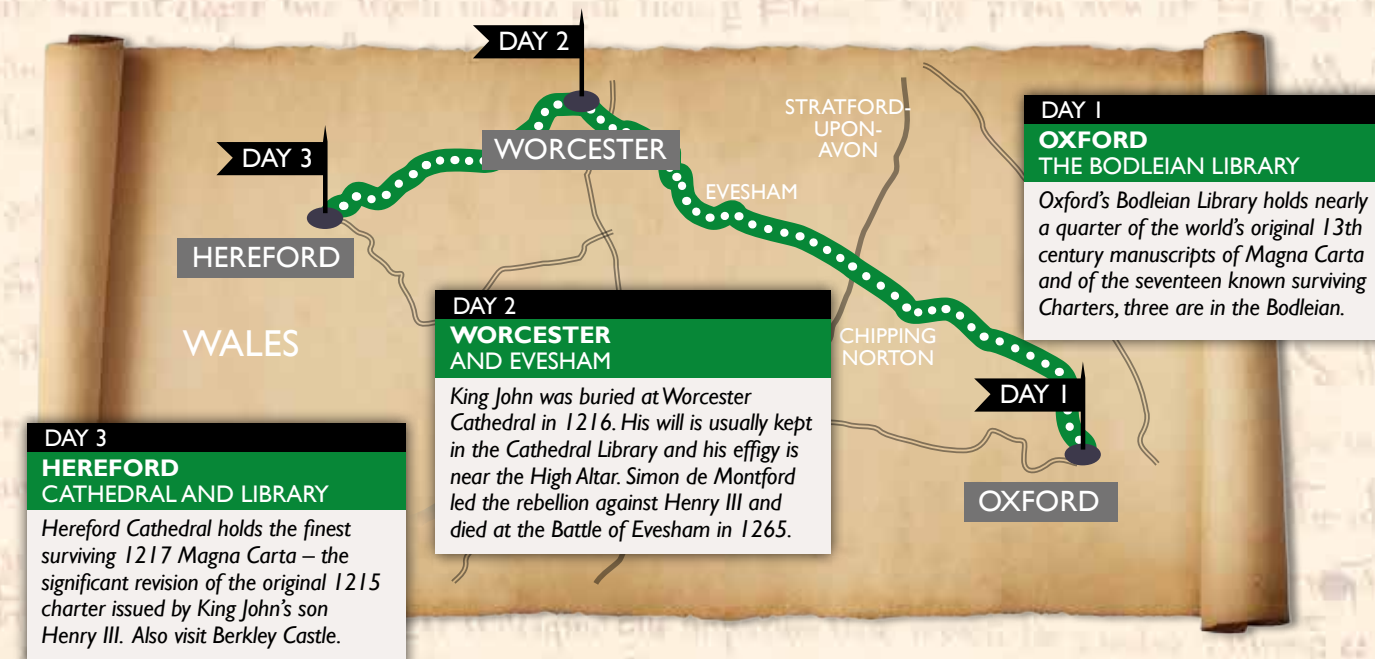
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## LINCOLN



Twelfth and thirteenth century Lincoln was a place of learning, where a young Stephen Langton's radical constitutional idea took shape. Langton later became Archbishop of Canterbury and instilled in Magna Carta his ideas on kingship.

2015 sees the opening of a new vault and visitor centre for Magna Carta that will be displayed alongside 1217 Charter of the Forest, within Lincoln Castle. This recent development of the Castle

also includes a Medieval Wall Walk and a Victorian Prison. Lincoln Magna Carta is owned by Lincoln Cathedral, one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in Europe.



### WHILST IN THE AREA

A visit to the Cathedral is a must when viewing Magna Carta at Lincoln Castle. Enjoy roof, floor and tower tours of the Cathedral. Explore the wider Cathedral Quarter with many independent shops and places to eat. And look out for the year round programme of festivals and events across the city.

[www.visitlincoln.com](http://www.visitlincoln.com)

## FAVERSHAM



Faversham, mentioned in The Domesday Book and the oldest market town in Kent, possesses a magnificent collection of charters, including a 1300 Magna Carta, the last reissue of King Edward I's seal. Faversham will host 'Magna Carta Rediscovered' from 23 May to 28 June 2015, with its 1300 Magna Carta as the centrepiece.

While in the town, the exhibition will incorporate the Faversham Charter Collection, a display of royal charters presented to Faversham between 1252 and 1685, many of which recognise the special status of the town as a member of the Cinque Ports Federation.



Photo: Dorling Kindersley

### WHILST IN THE AREA

Packed with history, located on a creek and with one of Britain's finest medieval streets, Faversham is home to Britain's oldest brewer, Shepherd Neame. Enjoy a brewery tour, visit the Fleur de Lis Heritage Museum and Faversham Market on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

[www.visitfaversham.com](http://www.visitfaversham.com)

## TEMPLE



The Temple Church was built by the Knights Templar to protect pilgrims to the Holy Land. In the crisis of 1214-15 King John had two London headquarters: the Tower in the East; and the Temple in the West, where he was safe under the protection of the Templars. It was here, in January 1215, King John was confronted by a posse of barons demanding a charter. Four months later, the original charter was issued from the Temple. In Temple Church there is an effigy of William the Marshall who mediated between King and barons and was a witness to the Charter.



### WHILST IN THE AREA

Explore the history and resonance of Magna Carta at the British Library show 'Magna Carta: Law, Liberty, Legacy' (13 March – 1 September 2015, [www.bl.uk](http://www.bl.uk)); or enjoy the Houses of Parliament's 2015 'Parliament in the Making' celebrations from February ([www.parliament.uk/2015](http://www.parliament.uk/2015)).

[www.templechurch.com](http://www.templechurch.com)

## CITY OF LONDON



The City of London is the only place to be named in Magna Carta thanks to its pivotal role in the events leading to Runnymede. King John granted the City the right to appoint its own Mayor, who needed royal approval and to swear an oath of allegiance – a practice that continues to this day. The City's Heritage Gallery houses a 1297 Magna Carta and free 'Magna Carta and the City' guided walks start at Blackfriars Station (north) at 11am daily (1 June - 20 September 2015). A programme of special events will also take place throughout the summer of 2015.



### WHILST IN THE AREA

The City is the birthplace of London. See Roman remains and two millennia of history told through its streets and buildings, which include St Paul's Cathedral and Tower Bridge as well as iconic contemporary architecture such as the 'Gherkin' and 'Cheesegrater'.

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/heritagegallery](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/heritagegallery)

## WINDSOR



King John is said to have loved Windsor Castle "above all others" and entertained lavishly there. At Christmas 1213 he ordered a supply of 15,000 herrings, 3,000 capons, 1,000 salted eels, 400 pig heads, 100 pounds of almonds, 20 pounds of white bread, spices, 500 pounds of wax, 1,000 yards of cloth for napkins, 20 large casks of good wine for his household and 4 casks of the best for himself.

The barons assembled on the 10th June 1215 and meetings took place daily with the King's base at Windsor Castle. King John rode from Windsor to Runnymede on 15th June 1215 – the day agreement was finally reached.



### WHILST IN THE AREA

A visit to Windsor Castle is a must but it is also worth exploring the town on a walking tour with an expert Blue Badge Guide. The Borough Museum in the historical Windsor Guildhall has Magna Carta events, activities and exhibitions.

[www.windsor.gov.uk](http://www.windsor.gov.uk)

## MAGNA CARTA 800<sup>TH</sup>

FOR 800 YEARS MAGNA CARTA has played a vital role towards constitutional thinking. The foundation stone of English liberty, this iconic document has influenced the Rule of Law and Human Rights which determines societies in over 100 countries worldwide.

2015 marks 800 years since Magna Carta was agreed between King John and his barons, so enshrining the rule of law in English society and limiting authoritarian rule.

The original charter was sealed by King John on 15th June 1215. The British Library, Lincoln Cathedral and Salisbury Cathedral are home to the four remaining original manuscripts. The 1215 version was revised several times in the 13th century before the 1297 version became an official part of English law. Legitimising trial by jury, due process of law, independence of justice, and more, this version secured a number of important legalities that affected all citizens, including universal (now) suffrage, fair treatment of widows and children, and even standard weights and measures.

Throughout 2015, we invite you to explore England and commemorate, along with the ten Charter towns and the numerous towns and villages connected with this period of history, the 800th anniversary of this corner stone of modern freedom and one of the most important documents of Medieval England.

Use this leaflet to discover the locations with direct relevance to Magna Carta and plan your own tours to bring the "Great Charter" to life.

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MANCHESTER, FREE TRADE HALL

## DURHAM



Durham Cathedral in Durham City, often cited as the greatest Norman building in Europe, holds three editions of Magna Carta dated 1216, 1225 and 1300, which demonstrate the evolution of the original. The 1216 issue – the only surviving copy – will be on display from 1 June to 31 August 2015 at Durham University's Palace Green Library, in the heart of the city's UNESCO World Heritage Site, as part of *Magna Carta and the changing face of revolt* – an exhibition exploring different historical instances and types of rebellion.



### WHILST IN THE AREA

Auckland Castle in the Vale of Durham was home to the Bishops of Durham for over 900 years - stroll through its magnificent state rooms adorned with precious works of art. And at award-winning Beamish Museum take a tram ride in to the past for the chance to touch, taste, hear see and smell history.

[www.thisisdurham.com](http://www.thisisdurham.com)

## RUNNYMEDE, SURREY



In 1215, King John sealed Magna Carta on Runnymede Meadows – and the untouched landscape remains a place for pilgrimage for those reflecting on the values of liberty, democracy, freedom and the rule of law. On 15 June 2015, Runnymede will welcome commemoration activities and an exciting new commission to celebrate the 800th anniversary. The distinctive meadows, together with the magnificent views from Cooper's Hill and the memorials at Runnymede, help us consider important moments in history and their meaning today. One hour from London, Runnymede is perfect for a taste of history, river boat ride, picnic or countryside walk.

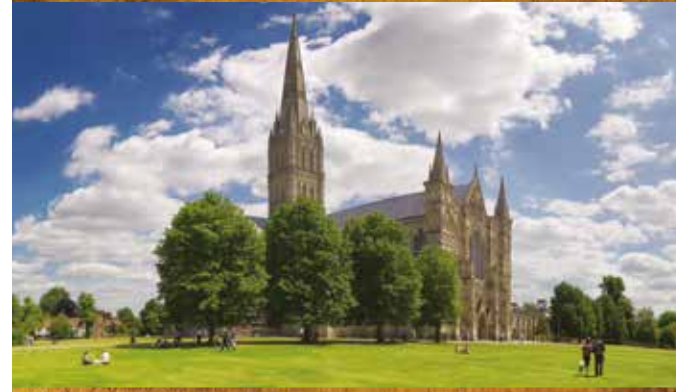


### WHILST IN THE AREA

Visit the American Bar Association Magna Carta Memorial, Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial and John F Kennedy Memorial. Nearby are Windsor, Hampton Court Palace, Loseley Park and the Surrey History Centre. The National Archives, Kew, home of two Magna Cartas, is also worth a visit.

[www.visitsurrey.com](http://www.visitsurrey.com)

## SALISBURY & WILTSHIRE



Salisbury Cathedral is home to the finest preserved of four original 1215 Magna Cartas, displayed in a spectacular medieval setting. A major exhibition opening in February 2015 will present Magna Carta in its historic context and capture the document's legacy and current relevance. A range of Magna Carta events will take place in Salisbury and Wiltshire during 2015. These include contemporary art installations, a barons' trail, musical performances, theatre (especially commissioned by Salisbury Playhouse), a wide range of family activities and a flower festival. Trowbridge, home of one of the 25 barons, will also be a focal point for activities.



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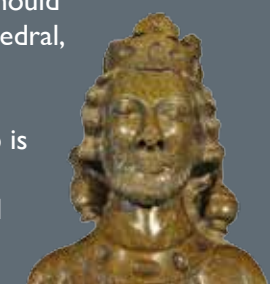
Stonehenge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is just 20 minutes away. Other attractions in Salisbury Cathedral Close include the recently refurbished Salisbury Museum. Also nearby are the stone circle at Avebury, Old Wardour Castle, Stourhead, Longleat and Wiltshire's iconic white chalk horses.

[www.visitwiltshire.co.uk](http://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk)

## WORCESTERSHIRE



King John often visited Worcester Cathedral to worship at the shrine of St Wulfstan. At the end of King John's reign, the city of Worcester had declared for the rebellious barons. In July 1216 one of John's lieutenants broke through the defences at Worcester Castle and captured the city. Just before his death in October 1216 John declared in his Will that he should be buried at Worcester Cathedral, in front of the High Altar and between the Cathedral's two saints. The effigy on his tomb is unique – it is a life-like image of him and is the oldest royal effigy in England.



### WHILST IN THE AREA

What the city looked like during this significant time in history can be seen in The Commandery, one of the Worcester city museums, on a 1:500 scale reconstruction of the walled city of Worcester in 1250.

[www.visitworcestershire.org/magnacarta](http://www.visitworcestershire.org/magnacarta)

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