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King's Lynn was one of England's most important ports from the early 13th century. Discover the history of King's Lynn that takes place from May to September at our Custom House. The Bishop of Lynn, one of England's most important medieval port towns, ever since more than 100 years of history. With weekly audio visual and interactive displays, and a host of exhibitors, exhibitors and places of interest - From the atmospheric setting of the late 15th century and the Tudor Guildhall and parts of the old town.

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The building dates from the 15th century and is one of the most important surviving medieval buildings in England. (except under 5’s free)

For all days please phone 01553 763044 in advance to check details.

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Welcome to King's Lynn

King's Lynn was one of England's most important ports from the early to the sixth century, and this continues past is still very much evident today. Fine old merchant houses stretch down to the River Great Ouse, adjacent to which the elegant Custom House overlooks the original medieval harbour.

The sixth century king of Kent, Aethelbert, founded the Bus Station for guided walks, be sure to visit the Tourist Information Centre. For much more information about King's Lynn, check out our website – scan the QR code above or call 01553 772649.

Points of interest

Some of the places highlighted are not regularly open to the public. To find out for details of King's Lynn Heritage Open Day – 22nd and 23rd September 2007, when many buildings are open to visitors.

St Mary's Church • The Watchtower
The magnificent Thirteenth Century church of St Mary the Virgin and the keep of the Tower of London are both of international importance. The church houses the priests of the Trinity Friary set in beautiful gardens.

St Augustine's Abbey • King's Lynn Minster
Founded in 1096 by William the Conqueror, this Benedictine priory was long deserted before it was refounded in 1536 by Henry VIII. Now restored.

The Custom House • King's Lynn Minster • St Nicholas' Priory
Three medieval merchants houses combined in 15th century, in a Tudor rebuilding and remodelled in 1693, is one of King's Lynn's finest examples of early Georgian architecture.

Clifton House and Tower
Town merchant houses combined in 17th century, in a Tudor rebuilding and remodelled in 1693, is one of King's Lynn's finest examples of early Georgian architecture.

The Heritage Trail

The Heritage Trail is located throughout this map taking you through some of the most interesting parts of King's Lynn. Start at South Gate and follow the heritage route to the Custom House (no 9 on map).

Points of interest: King's Lynn Town Centre

King's Lynn's fascinating history can be discovered by following several self-guided trails. Leaflets can be obtained from the Custom House (no 9 on map), Explors Lynn medieval trading heritage as part of the Hanseatic League by following the Hanseatic Trail. Look out for the Maritime Trail guide where you will discover the town and in the Vancouver Quarter. These projects were developed as part of the Art, Cities & Landscape programme to develop their cultural, natural and built heritage, to increase their attractiveness and to encourage people to spend more time in the town. The Corn Exchange is a Grade I listed building which can be explored on 3 floors.

Further Information

For more information about King's Lynn, its history and places to visit as well as tickets to events, visit the Heritage and Culture Information Centre in the Custom House (see back cover for details). Alternatively visit our website.

King's Lynn Events

King's Lynn Summer Festival 2016 – 30 May
The festival features a large scale programme of entertainment at the town's venues. King's Lynn's fun beach festival.

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King's Lynn Town Centre • King's Lynn Minster • St Nicholas' Priory
Found on the opposite page are some of the most important buildings in the town. For more information about the town and its history, King's Lynn is proud to be a member of the Hanseatic League. The Heritage Trail takes you through the town and in the Vancouver Quarter.

If you're looking for a bite to eat, King's Lynn has a wide choice of restaurants, cafés and bars, with many independent retailers creating a complete shopping experience. This is a great time to visit King's Lynn, with a large number of traditional and historic pubs to choose from. The Maritime Trail guide offers a mix of fashion and retail brands alongside independent retailers creating a complete shopping experience.

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Royal Green Park

The Royal Green Park is one of the most beautiful and interesting areas of King's Lynn. Retrace the centuries of history in King's Lynn. The Heritage Trail takes you through the town.

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The displays can be seen at:

- Lynn Museum
- Visitor Information Centre in the Custom House (see back cover for details).
- All Saints' Church

See overleaf

Art, Cities & Landscape

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