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A regency ramble in Hampshire

As part of a host of events to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth in 2025, the National Trust's historic estate, The Vyne, will offer the chance for visitors to walk in the footsteps of the famous author on a Regency ramble. The route from the former Tudor powerhouse turned 17th-century family home near Basingstoke to the neighbouring village of Sherborne St John will run from 3 May 2025 until 4 January 2026 with a free trail map. Normal admission applies.

<https://bit.ly/3ZiaLTd>

Saturday Night Beaver

The Trentham Estate in Staffordshire has released a YouTube video revealing the behind-the-scenes story of how its resident beavers are preparing for winter. Since 2023, the historic parkland and garden estate on the edge of Stoke-on-Trent has been home to a thriving beaver colony in a 182-acre enclosure. The video explains how the beavers are boosting the ecosystem and other wildlife, while there is also a chance to see beavers in action on a 2025 Dusk Beaver Safari, running various days of the week, including Saturdays. <https://bit.ly/4955bqp>

Enjoy Time at Lincoln Cathedral

Visitors to Lincoln Cathedral have an opportunity to be immersed in incredible light projections that will take them on a journey through time, using Lincoln Cathedral's gothic ceiling architecture as the canvas. After stunning audiences with 'Life' and 'Science', Luxmuralis returns on 11 to 15 February in 2025 with 'Time', a new innovative light and sound show that will take its audience on a journey through time, traversing wormholes, venturing inside the intricate workings of clocks, and experiencing a dramatic narrative. <https://bit.ly/3tSrJur>

Hull's feeling festive

Christmas has officially begun in Hull following last week's lights switch on and the Museums Quarter Victorian Christmas, but there are plenty more festive treats in store for visitors. Themed Christmas Markets will be taking place every Saturday until the end of December, while seasonal shows and panto productions include Treasure Island at Social on Humber Street (19 - 29 December), and Hull Truck Theatre's The Borrowers (29 November - 4 January). Meanwhile, Hull's historic Trinity Market is staging 'The Santa Clause Showtime', a free, festive event on Saturdays until 21 December. <https://bit.ly/4flpKeP>

Velvety, boozy, infused and rich: here's a Top 8 list to make you lick your lips

In a very seasonal move, Visit East Yorkshire has posted a blog on its website, leading visitors in the direction of eight of the "best hot chocolates" that can be enjoyed in the region. From luxury hot chocolates piled high with indulgent toppings to vegan hot chocolate, and gourmet boozy versions infused with warming Baileys, they're the perfect treat after an afternoon shopping or a long walk in the countryside. <https://bit.ly/4eHmD5x>

Shop 'till you drop and celebrate an independent Christmas

Just in time for Small Business Saturday, which this year falls on 7 December, Visit Hampshire has compiled a list of seven top spots where visitors can not only enjoy some seasonal shopping, but also support High Streets. From stocking up on stocking fillers in Stockbridge to picking up presents in Petersfield, Hampshire's bustling towns offer extra festive fun this Christmas.

<https://bit.ly/48ZfQ69>