

Winchester: Thinking Ahead

Describe Winchester in a sentence

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A breath of fresh air and a great place to visit. Very historic and old and it has something other places have lost. (age 18)

Picturesque, unique and full of character. (age 19)

A pretty and historic town and a paradise for the upper and middle classes. (age 20)

Highly traditional and a beautiful place to walk around. (age 21)

One of the most historic towns in the UK, which is pretty expensive but worth it. (age 21)

Historic and beautiful, with plenty of places to eat. (age 21)

A magical place full of medieval history, with lots of lovely buildings. (age 27)

It's a historic shopping town. (age 34)

Quiet, beautiful and friendly. (age 37)

A gastronomical cultural hub where people can discover interesting things they might not find in other places. Winchester's greatest charm is its history. (age 38)

A vibrant, friendly and diverse city which is a haven for so many interesting places. (age c. 40)

The best village in the country. (age 42)

A wonderfully pretty place that has a feel of home to it. (age 45)

It's a beautiful historic city. (age 46)

An ancient city with the heart of a village. (age 52)

A nice place to work and a historic destination. (age 57)

A good place for you, your children and your children's children. (age 60)

Speciality shopping. (60ish)

The jewel of the south. (age 62)

Quintessential little English city. (age 63)

There's a wealth of history, pleasant walks and parks, and a nice selection of shops and restaurants. (age 65)

Despite its shortcomings, it's a town most people would like to move to, and very few wish to leave. (age 65)

A once-beautiful town torn down by development and now far too clogged with traffic and over-populated. ('retired')

A vibrant and historic city. (age 72)

The best city in the country. (age 75)

It's just a normal town where you can't get lost. (age 76)

A historic city full of character with an attractive ambience. (age 82)

Winchester is very, very good - it's better than Southampton, but I don't know if it's going to be very good when I'm gone. (age 87)

It's what everyone, from all over the world, thinks about what a historic English city should be like, come true. (Rick Stein)