

VMware Briefing Center – Staines Concierge Guide

We look forward to welcoming you at the VMware Briefing Center (VBC) in Staines. This guide has information covering travel, hotels, and restaurants, but if you have any other questions regarding your visit, please contact your host.

Visiting the VBC

Our office address is:
VMware
Flow 1&2
River Park Avenue
Staines-upon-Thames
TW18 3FA



Driving directions

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At Junction 13, take the A30 exit to London/Hounslow/Staines.

At the roundabout, take the exit onto A30 heading to A308/Bagshot/Egham/Windsor.

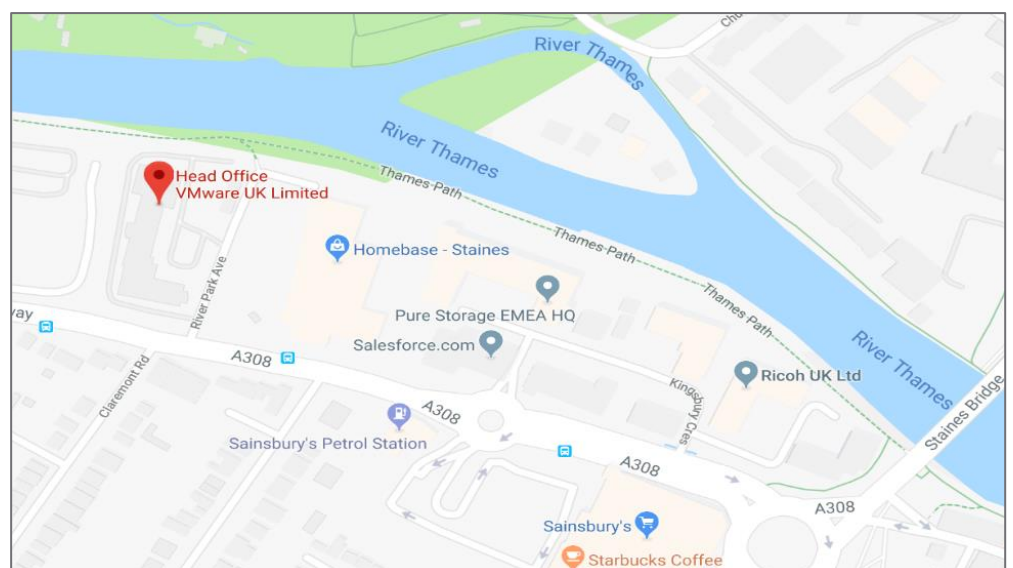
Continue straight onto The Glanty/A308, staying in the right-hand lane.

Use the filter lane on the roundabout, just after the traffic lights as you exit The Glanty, which allows you to make a U-turn.

Continue to follow the A308 toward Staines and go through one roundabout.

Turn left onto River Park Avenue.

VMware is on your left.



Parking

Onsite visitor parking is available. Your host will reach out to you and arrange this on your behalf.

We have four electric bays for electric vehicles (EVs), so please specify if this is a request of yours. We use Chargemaster posts, and you will need to have either a [Polar Plus](#) card or the Polar Instant app to use them.

Train directions

The Staines mainline station offers regular links from Waterloo, Reading, and Windsor and Eton, and is the nearest to our office location.

If you are staying in London, then you may need to use the Underground to reach Waterloo. Visit the [Transport for London website](#) to plan your journey.

Shuttle bus

We offer a free shuttle bus service from the Staines train station to our office each morning and afternoon.

On exiting the station via platform 2, turn left, and you will find the collection point with our designated bus identifiable with the VMware logo displayed onboard.

[View the current timetable.](#)

Taxis

Five Star

We recommend pre-booking with Five Star to ensure a seamless travel experience. All their cars accept cash and card payment. Please complete [the relevant form](#) and send your request to bookings@5starwindsor.com, allowing a minimum of 24 hours' notice.

From Staines Train Station

Staines Cars – Situated just outside the train station, so a quick win to get to our office.

From Heathrow

Be sure to pre-book any collections from Heathrow as getting a taxi from the rank can be extremely and unnecessarily costly. Also, Uber does not operate from the Heathrow Airport.

Accommodations

[The Runnymede on Thames Hotel and Spa](#)

5- to 10-minute travel by car from VBC

How to book

Email your request to Jessica at longleyj@therunnymede.co.uk and quote “VMware VBC” to receive our preferred rate tariff. Please provide as much information as possible as they will endeavour to cater to all your requirements.

[Read this guide](#) for pricing, room options, and all other information about The Runnymede.

[Sir Christopher Wren Hotel and Spa](#)

20-minute travel by car from VBC

How to book

Use their online booking system and enter the discount code “VMWARE”; you will also receive a complimentary drink.

[Read this guide](#) for pricing, room options, and all other information about Sir Christopher Wren.

[Great Fosters](#)

10- to 15-minute travel by car from VBC

How to book

Email reservations@greatfosters.co.uk and provide as much information as possible as they will endeavour to cater to all your requirements. Reservations must be made from a VMware employee's email address to secure our preferred rate.

Bedroom information

Rooms within the main house are furnished to stay true to the history of the hotel, whilst the rooms of the Coach House or Cloisters offer a more modern feel.

[Read this guide](#) for pricing, room options, and all other information about Great Fosters.

[Pennyhill Park](#)

25-minute travel by car from VBC

How to book

Email your request to meetings@exclusive.co.uk and quote "VMware" to receive our preferred rate tariff. Please provide as much information as possible as they will endeavour to cater to all your requirements.

[Read this guide](#) for pricing and room options at Pennyhill Park.

[The Athenaeum Hotel and Residences](#)

1-hour travel by car from VBC

50-minute travel by train and tube from VBC (Staines→Waterloo→Jubilee line to Green Park)

How to book

Email Emma Andrews at andrewse@therunnymede.co.uk, who will arrange your booking at The Athenaeum, which is a sister hotel to The Runnymede.

[Read this guide](#) for pricing, room options, and all other information about The Athenaeum.

Dining

[Windsor and Eton](#)

[Gilbey's](#)

Modern British with a French twist

How to book

To make your reservation, email Emma and Charlotte at eton@gilbeygroup.com, who will assist.

Gilbey's has two private dining rooms. The Gallery seats 17–34 guests and has a £100 room hire charge. The Upstairs Private Dining Room seats 8–16 and has a room hire charge of £50 for up to 10 guests and £17 for 11–16 guests.

Menu

Large parties are required to order from their [party menu](#).

[Thai Square](#)

Thai

How to book

To make your reservation, email windsor@thaisq.com.

Menu

Fifteen or more people are required to order from the set menu.

Meat at the Parish

Steakhouse

How to book

To make your reservation, email info@meatattheparish.com or call 01753 866655 if you have six or more people. Reservations for six and under can be made directly on their website.

Boatman

Classic British

How to book

To make your reservation, either email boatmanwindsor@slhuk.com or call 01753 620010.

Menu

Parties with 15 or more people have the option to dine from their pre-order [set menu](#) with full menu choices to the restaurant no later than five days before your reservation date. A £15 pp deposit is required to secure your booking, and it will be subtracted from your final bill.

Côte Brasserie

French

How to book

To make your reservation, call 01753 868344.

Menu

Parties of 12 or more people will need to dine from their pre-order Prestige [set menu](#) with full menu choices to the restaurant no later than three days before your reservation date.

Enzo's

Italian

How to book

To make your reservation, call 01753 857000. A £10 pp deposit is required to secure large bookings, and it will be subtracted from your final bill.

Mango Lounge

Indian

How to book

To make your reservation, email reception@mangoloungewindsor.co.uk. For large parties, a week's notice is required, and there is also the option to choose a private dining room upstairs.

Egham

Loch Fyne

Seafood

How to book

To make a reservation, email 1686@greeneking.co.uk. A £5 pp deposit is required for parties of eight or more people, and it will be subtracted from your final bill.

There are two areas available off the main body of the restaurant should you wish for discretion.

Virginia Water

Piccolino

Italian

How to book

To make a reservation, email sophie.earle@individualrestaurants.com and quote “VMware-Natalie Roel”. A more private area is available in the upstairs area of the restaurant, or there is an outside terrace area that is very popular.

Menu

Parties of 14 or more people are required to dine from their pre-order [set menu](#). A £10 pp deposit is required to secure your booking, and it will be subtracted from your final bill.

Heathrow

Steak and Lobster

Grill

How to book

To make a reservation, either email fbreservations@edwardian.com or call 020 8817 2583 with a minimum of 72 hours’ notice.

Menu

Parties of 13 or more people are required to dine from their pre-order [set menu](#). A 50 percent deposit is required to secure your booking, and it will be subtracted from your final bill.

Mr. Todiwala’s Kitchen

Pan-Indian specialities

How to book

To make a reservation, either call 01753 686860 or book directly on their [website](#).

New Bettola

Fine Italian dining

How to book

To make a reservation, either email info@newbettola.co.uk or call 01753 681600.

Menu

Parties of 10 or more people are required to pre-order. A £10 pp deposit is required to secure your booking, and it will be subtracted from your final bill.

London Hong Kong

Chinese

How to book

To make a reservation, call 0208 754 7666. A £5 pp deposit is required in November and December to secure your booking, and it will be subtracted from your final bill.