

# OSBORNE (HOUSE)



## FAST FACTS

*“Bring history to life and get a real insight into the lives of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their family”*



Half - Full Day



Low Cost



Picnic Space



Snack Bar  
Cafe and gift shop



Free Parking



No Resources  
Own materials

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### Victoria's Holiday Home

Bring history to life and get a real insight into the private lives of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their children by visiting their Isle of Wight summer residence.

Tour the house, Swiss Cottage, gardens and the queen's private beach. Get hands-on with a Discovery Visit, such as becoming a servant and learning about life “below stairs”!

### Italian Renaissance Style

Built in the Italian Renaissance Style, Osborne was completed in 1851 for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert as a summer home and rural retreat.

Albert designed the house himself, and it was built by Thomas Cubitt, whose company also built the main facade of Buckingham Palace.

Queen Victoria died at Osborne in 1901 but it fell into disuse as King Edward VII did not like the house.

After a stint as a Royal Naval training college and convalescent home, in 1954 Queen Elizabeth II gave permission for the private apartments to be opened to the public.

In 1986 English Heritage assumed management of the estate and all parts of the house were subsequently opened to the public.

### Swiss Cottage

In the grounds sits a “swiss cottage” building which was essentially a play house for the royal children. It was originally built in Switzerland before being brought to Osborne.

The royal children were encouraged to garden and the fruit and vegetables they produced were sold to their father to teach the basics of economics!

FUN

60%

LEARNING

90%

