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Blenheim Palace is a prominent UNESCO World Heritage site and a major tourist attraction in Oxfordshire. It is the residence of the 12th Duke of Marlborough and features stunning Baroque architecture, expansive gardens designed by Capability Brown, and rich historical collections, including the famous Marlborough Tapestries. Visitors can explore the State Rooms, participate in guided tours, and enjoy seasonal exhibitions and contemporary art displays.

## What makes this UNESCO Designation special?

Blenheim Palace, originally called Blenheim Castle, was constructed between 1705 and 1724 as a national gift to John Churchill, the 1st Duke of Marlborough, in recognition of his victory at the Battle of Blenheim.

Designed by Sir John Vanbrugh, Blenheim Palace stands as a prime example of Baroque architecture. The palace is also notable as the birthplace of Winston Churchill.

Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987, Blenheim Palace attracts visitors today who can explore its stunning interiors and gardens. The grounds have served as a backdrop for various films, including James Bond's "Spectre".



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County: **Oxfordshire**

