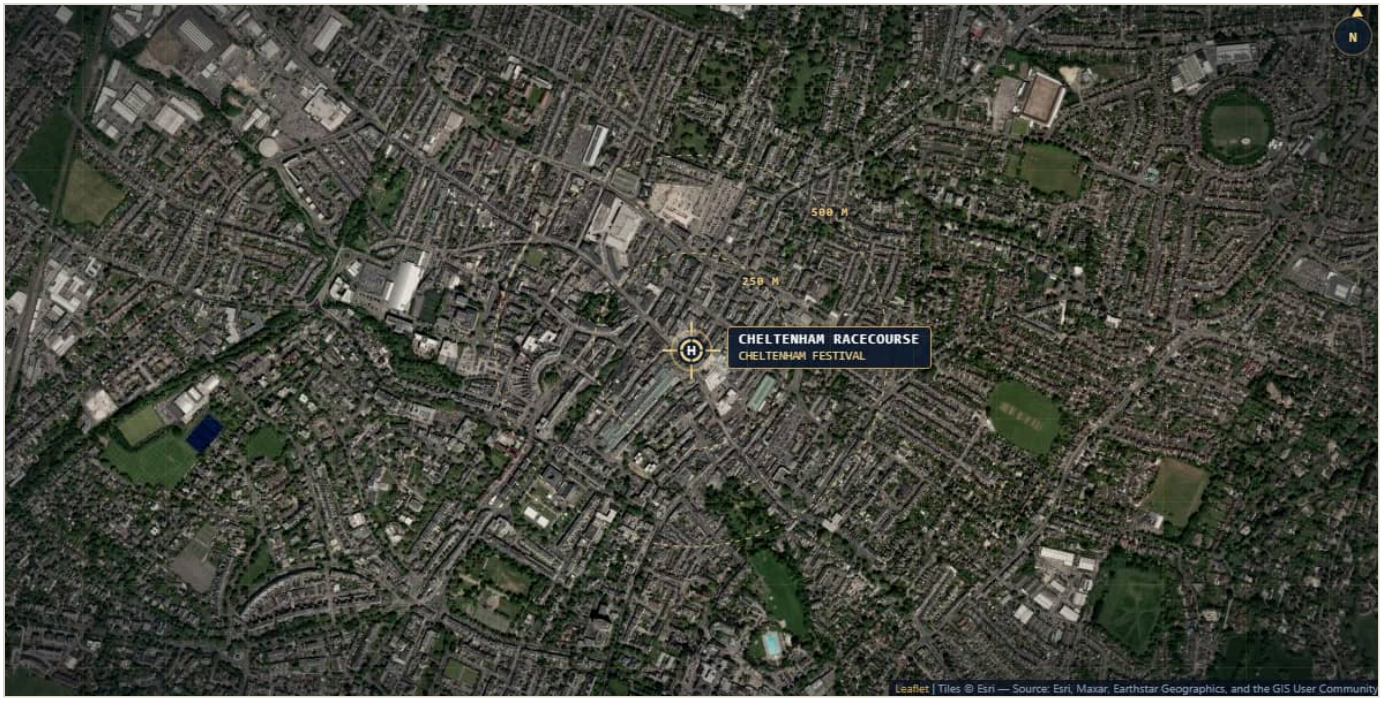
Cheltenham Festival

HORSE RACING · MARCH

THE VENUE



Satellite view; the dashed rings are 250 m and 500 m. Imagery: Esri and its data providers.

CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

WHEN March, over four days. The racecourse sets the dates each year, so we confirm yours before we quote.	WHERE Cheltenham Racecourse, Gloucestershire
TYPE Horse racing	LANDING On-site landing arrangements, subject to the racecourse's permission and the day's slot allocation, confirmed in writing before you fly.
BEST FOR Owners and trainers, hospitality boxes, and parties who want to avoid the M5 and the Cotswolds approach roads.	

GETTING THERE ON THE GROUND

Scan for directions
Phone-friendly directions to Cheltenham Racecourse
Cheltenham Racecourse, Gloucestershire
Directions are to the venue; the helicopter landing point is sent with your booking

WHY FLY

Festival week is the busiest period of the jumps season, and the roads around Prestbury Park fill early. Flying means you decide when you arrive and when you leave, rather than the traffic deciding for you.

The flight is under an hour from London and shorter from the Midlands and the south-west. Most parties fly out in the morning, spend the day at the racecourse and fly home after the last race, or stay on for the evening.

DAYLIGHT AT CHELTENHAM RACECOURSE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Sunrise	08:09	07:25	06:25	06:14	05:16	04:48	05:06	05:51	06:41	07:31	07:27	08:09
Sunset	16:24	17:20	18:11	20:03	20:53	21:29	21:23	20:35	19:26	18:17	16:20	15:58

Sunrise and sunset on the 15th of each month, UK clock time. Helicopters fly by sight and cannot use an unlit site after dark, so the last flight of the day is planned back from sunset. If a flight is cancelled because of the weather, you pay nothing.

FLIGHT TIMES TO THE EVENT

FROM	DISTANCE	FLIGHT
London Battersea Heliport	75 nm	39 min
Biggin Hill	86 nm	44 min
Farnborough	61 nm	32 min
Redhill Aerodrome	83 nm	42 min
Elstree	67 nm	35 min
Manchester Airport	88 nm	45 min

Straight-line estimate at 130 kt plus about four minutes for start-up and approach.

Departure points and flight times.

HOW THE BOOKING WORKS

1. Tell us the day and the party. Send the date, where you will start from, how many are travelling and roughly when you want to be at the racecourse. We reply the same business day with the helicopter options and one fully inclusive price.

2. We arrange the landing. We agree the on-site landing site and the arrival and departure slots, and we pass on any landing fee at cost. The arrangements are confirmed to you in writing before you pay.

3. Confirm and pay. You confirm the option you want. Your booking confirmation sets out the flight times, the aircraft type and the cancellation terms, and the aircraft and crew are then secured for your date.

4. The day itself. We email your schedule at least 48 hours before, with the heliport address and directions. Arrive at the heliport about ten minutes before departure.

5. Flying home. We agree the pick-up time with you in advance and keep it flexible where the venue allows, so the helicopter waits for you rather than the other way round.

WORTH KNOWING

- Send your date as soon as you know it. Festival week is the peak of the year for racecourse charter, and the aircraft and landing slots that suit a Gold Cup day go first.
- Tell us which day or days you are racing: the arrival slots that are available differ from day to day.
- Keep the return time flexible. Racing finishes late and runs to its own timetable, so we agree a window rather than a minute.
- Luggage space is limited and varies with the helicopter and the number of passengers: a soft bag each is easy, hard cases and golf bags need telling us about when you ask for the quote.
- Helicopters fly under visual flight rules, so cloud base, visibility and wind decide whether a flight can go. If the flight is cancelled because of the weather, you pay nothing. We check the forecast with you the day before and again on the morning.

CHOOSE YOUR HELICOPTER

AIRCRAFT	SEATS	CRUISE	RANGE
Agusta A109	6 (5 with two pilots)	159 kt	511 nm
Eurocopter AS355 Twin Squirrel	Up to 5	119 kt	388 nm
Airbus H145	Up to 8	130 kt	351 nm

Helicopter hire for Cheltenham Festival

Send the date and the party. We arrange the landing, then quote one inclusive price.

helicopterhireprices.co.uk/quote/
+44(0) 1737 823 733 · freephone 0800 167 0886
info@helicopterhireprices.co.uk

Exec Chauffeur

A chauffeur car timed to your helicopter, at both ends of the flight. Meet-and-greet, luggage and a driver who tracks your landing.

exec-chauffeur.com/services/airport-transfers

Charter Private Jet

Flying further? A private jet across the UK, Europe and beyond, with the helicopter link at either end.

charter-private-jet.com