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Great West Way Highlights

Starting on arrival at Heathrow, London. Your journey of English discovery begins!



Avebury



The Merchant's House, Marlborough

Day 1. Arrival and Cliveden

Travel to Cliveden National Trust Gardens and follow in the footsteps of dukes, earls and even a prince, with a stroll around the beautiful formal gardens and woodland paths, nestled high above the River Thames.

Overnight: Oakley Court Hotel, Windsor

Day 2. Windsor and Marlborough

Take a walking tour of Windsor and Eton ending at Windsor High Street before exploring Windsor Castle, home to the Queen and the 15th century gothic St George's Chapel (the venue for both Prince Harry's and Princess Eugenie's weddings).

Then to Marlborough for a tour of the 17th century The Merchant's House and a walk around Marlborough. It's a longstanding stopping-off point for people journeying between London and the West of England. We journey further into the essence of England with a drive to Avebury Stone Circle and Manor House and Gardens.

Overnight: Best Western Plus Angel Hotel, Chippenham.

DAY 3. Chippenham, Bowood and Bradford on Avon

Discover Chippenham at the Chippenham Museum & Heritage Centre, housed in an 18th century townhouse, telling the story of the town from its prehistoric origins to the present. Next, it's Bowood House and Gardens, set within 100 acres of beautifully landscaped 'Capability' Brown parkland, a fascinating house with a rich history. In the afternoon, stop en route to Bath at Bradford on Avon and take a boat trip along the K&A Canal on board The Barbara McLellan based at the wharf. Stroll through the town and you will walk through time; The Romans, Saxons, Normans, Georgians and Victorians have all left their mark.

Overnight: Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa

DAY 4. Bath and Bristol

Bath has been welcoming curious travellers for hundreds of years. It is one of the magnets on the Great West Way. Visit The Jane Austen Centre dedicated to celebrating Bath's most famous resident and offering a snapshot of what it would have been like to live in Regency Times - the fashion, food, society. Visit Bath Abbey and the

Roman Baths. Drive to Bristol and take a walking tour of Old City including Street Art and then head to Brunel's steamship SS Great Britain and the new Being Brunel museum.

Overnight: Bristol – Brooks Guesthouse

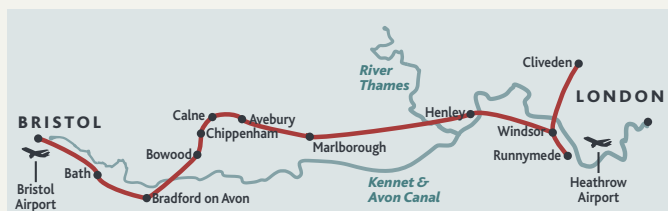
Day 5. Fly from Bristol or return along the route.

If there's time in the morning visit one of the marvels of Brunel's engineering: the graceful Clifton Suspension Bridge, symbol of the city, or for those returning along the route, fit in a visit to Hampton Court Palace. Queen Victoria opened the palace to the public in 1838. It has remained a magnet for millions of visitors, drawn to the grandeur, the gardens, the ghosts and the fabulous art collection.

A selection of tour operators and guiding services who offer bookable itineraries along the Great West Way can be found on page 9 of this Directory or on the Bookable Products section of GreatWestWay.co.uk/trade

INSIDER TIP

For those looking for a film or TV tour, head to Henley-on-Thames, board a Hobbs of Henley boat. Enjoy a Vintage Afternoon Tea as you cruise the Thames with a local Henley Hosts, Midsomer Murders (Inspector Barnaby) guide. Follow this with a short walking tour of Henley and visit to the pub featured in Midsomer Murders. A short drive to Marlow and you can discover more locations including the Two Brewers pub where you can enjoy Fish & Fizz on a Friday!



Places	Miles/kms by road
Cliveden to Windsor	10miles/16kms
Windsor to Runnymede	5miles/8kms
Windsor to Henley on Thames	15miles/24kms
Windsor to Chippenham	77miles/124kms
Chippenham to Bath	26miles/42kms
Bath to Bristol	13miles/21kms
Bristol to Hampton Court	103miles/166kms