

*Extraordinary experiences  
along the Great West Way® for  
the curious & inquisitive with...*



**GREAT  
WEST WAY®**

## OUR STORY



My name is Jules. I'm the founder of **AROUND & ABOUT BATH**. As a former history teacher and keen traveller who is passionate about the local area, I felt that many visitors to Bath – both from home and abroad – were missing out on the local places and experiences that I love. **AROUND & ABOUT BATH** was created to allow curious, discerning travellers to experience more than the usual, and to offer a service which treats guests like friends and family, taking them to places that we'd want to take our own friends and family. As we would with our own loved ones, we go to extraordinary lengths to take care of you and provide you with the best and most immersive experiences in the local area.



**JULES MITRA**  
*Founder of Around & About Bath.*

## THE GREAT WEST WAY



The Great West Way links London with Bristol through 125 miles of twists and turns and new discoveries. Based on one of the first Great Roads commissioned by the Kings of England, the Great West Way winds its way through lush green landscapes filled with the world-famous and the yet-to-be-discovered.

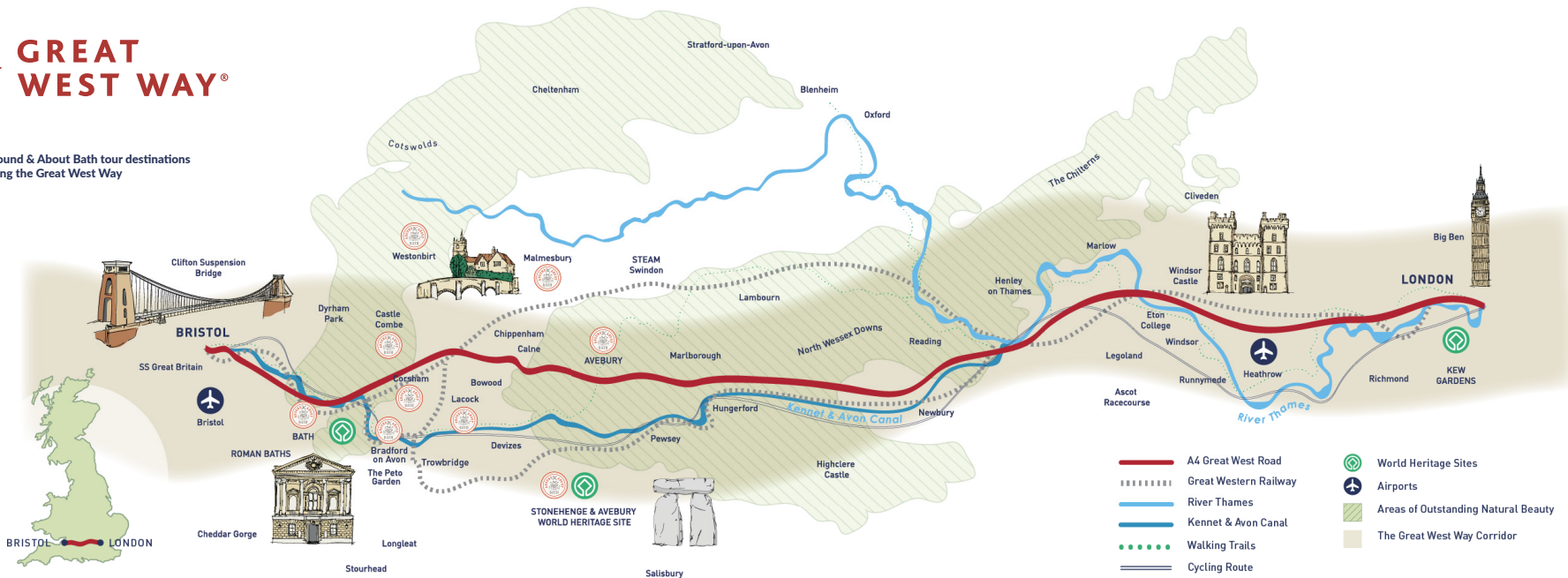
On an Around & About Bath Tour along the Great West Way, extraordinary history rubs shoulders with everyday life. Tours immerse you in local history, taking you to traditional pubs and inns with World Heritage Sites on their doorsteps where you can sample the finest craft ales and

extraordinary, local farm food. Enter churches which have watched over their parishes for centuries. Journey down paths taken by generations of travellers and discover an essential strand of England.

Across the following tours, Around & About Bath will help you uncover the secrets of the Great West Way. It's England undiluted. It's England concentrated.



 Around & About Bath tour destinations along the Great West Way







## THE GREAT WEST WAY: *Potter, Pride & Prehistory*

Departing Bath along the GREAT WEST WAY, discover the largest prehistoric site in England. Enter 4500 year-old tombs and unearth the MYSTERIES of England's lesser known, greatest STONE CIRCLE before stopping for an exquisite lunch at a *hidden* country inn.

EXPLORE the village of Lacock, learn about its *intriguing* past and its role as a film set for *Harry Potter*, *Downton Abbey* and MORE. Explore a GRAND country house and gardens, before heading to a *quintessential* COTSWOLDS town for an intimate ENCOUNTER with authentic England.

Finish with CREAM TEA with *freshly* made scones and jam in one of England's FINEST inns.



## SAXONS, ROYALS & HIDDEN COTSWOLDS

BYPASS the typically *crowded* tourist hot-spots along the GREAT WEST WAY for an intimate, IN-DEPTH journey of *discovery*. Encounter *stunning* countryside, ancient towns, intriguing settlements, churches and stories that tell of a GLORIOUS past.

Enjoy a fireside coffee in England's *oldest* hotel and hear stories of Kings and Saints and of the monks of a great ABBEY LIBRARY where *pilgrims and scholars* flocked for a millennium.

Stop for lunch at a *secluded* Cotswolds inn, explore QUINTESSENTIAL Cotswolds villages, countryside and architectural gems before spending the afternoon exploring further HIDDEN jewels.



## STONEHENGE & SECRET SOMERSET

UNEARTH the secrets of the stones with a local expert and *experience* the 'now' as it was 'then' with our exclusive *Virtual Reality* technology. WANDER freely before leaving the throngs behind to discover some of the most *sublime* landscapes, places, stories and dining in England.

Travel down NARROW country lanes through *lush* scenery and sleepy settlements situated along the GREAT WEST WAY to enjoy a *mouth-watering* lunch amongst locals at an ANCIENT English inn.

Spend the afternoon wandering through *medieval* villages to explore an ancient church and a RUINED castle before stopping for tea.



## V.I.P. & CUSTOM TOURS

We know the *hidden gems*, the best places for coffee, where to eat, but – *most importantly* – we know the fascinating STORIES and the places away from the crowds. There is plenty to see and do along the GREAT WEST WAY. We can let your guests into the most fascinating, *intimate* places or experience some of the more UNIQUE experiences Bath and the surrounding area has to offer.

Give us an idea of what they find INTERESTING and *exciting* and we'll use our extensive knowledge of the local area to create the PERFECT experience for your guests along the GREAT WEST WAY.







## STONEHENGE UNEARTHED

Uncover the *mysteries* of Stonehenge and other locations along the **GREAT WEST WAY** for an *intimate* encounter at the world's most famous **PREHISTORIC** monument. Connect with the story of the stones in a truly unique and *unforgettable* manner. Enjoy a comfortable, **PERSONALISED** experience and return with a deeper *understanding* of Stonehenge's beauty and significance.



## QUINTESSENTIAL COTSWOLDS

Depart Bath and the confines of the city and travel along the **GREAT WEST WAY** for a journey into some of the most beautiful and **ENCHANTING** villages and countryside in the Cotswolds. *Experience* tales of the past and its antique treasures. *Encounter* ancient **KNIGHTS**, quaint cottages and a remote Cotswold town before stopping for tea at a **REMARKABLE** historic inn.

## TRANSFER TOURS

There is so much to see and do along the **Great West Way**. When travelling between destinations, our **Around & About Bath Transfer Tours** offer an engaging way of experiencing authentic England whilst travelling between Bristol, Bath and London. More than simply transporting our guests and their luggage, our **Transfer Tours** turn a tedious transfer into a journey of discovery via stunning countryside uncovering incredible, remote locations and revealing interesting tales of the past.

Our **Transfer Tours** run to or from any destination within 2 hours drive time from Bath (and can go further afield when required). Popular locations along the **Great West Way** include: West London hotels, London Heathrow, Bath and Bristol. Outside the **Great West Way**, we also run Transfer Tours to or from Southampton, Oxford, Stratford-on-Avon and Cardiff.

## HISTORIC PUBS, MINING & DINING

As part of a small group of travellers, venture beyond the typical tourist treadmill on a journey that will include sampling local beer, enjoying *award-winning* cuisine and truly **REMARKABLE** stories as you visit three different pubs and discover each one's intriguing past.



Leaving Bath, meander along the **GREAT WEST WAY**. Hear tales of Victorian engineers, *tough* miners and *tougher* land-ladies. Hear of a government secret so *important*, most locals are still unaware of it today. Enjoy **OUTSTANDING** countryside views, drinks amongst locals and savour a full three-course meal at an award-winning restaurant. Finish the evening with a final night-cap at a *truly* **UNIQUE** drinking hole before returning to Bath.

## GASTRONOMIC GLORIES & MEDIEVAL STORIES

Step back in time along the **GREAT WEST WAY** whilst enjoying an incredible dining experience at the *Babberton Arms*, the medieval inn featured in *Harry Potter*. Settle down amongst friends and blackened timbers for an evening of tales, tipples and tasty delights. Engage with **LIKE-MINDED** travellers and insightful locals over an *unforgettable* meal, before retreating upstairs to the reading room for one final **NIGHT-CAP**.



## TESTIMONIALS

*“One of the best days ever, the stones did not disappoint and neither did the guiding, just wonderful. An extraordinary company and approach that will change tourism.”*

**MAISHA FROST**

Editor of the Business & Enterprise Section, The Express

*“Rather than talk at you with rehearsed stories and a regurgitation of historical facts and figures, Jules immediately engages with you as a friend. He instinctively knows what parts of local history will fascinate you, and recounts the stories as if he experienced them first hand. His connection to Bath and its surrounding areas is felt in every story he tells and in each interaction with the locals we encounter along the way. His relationships with both clients and locals is the foundation of what makes his company so great.”*

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