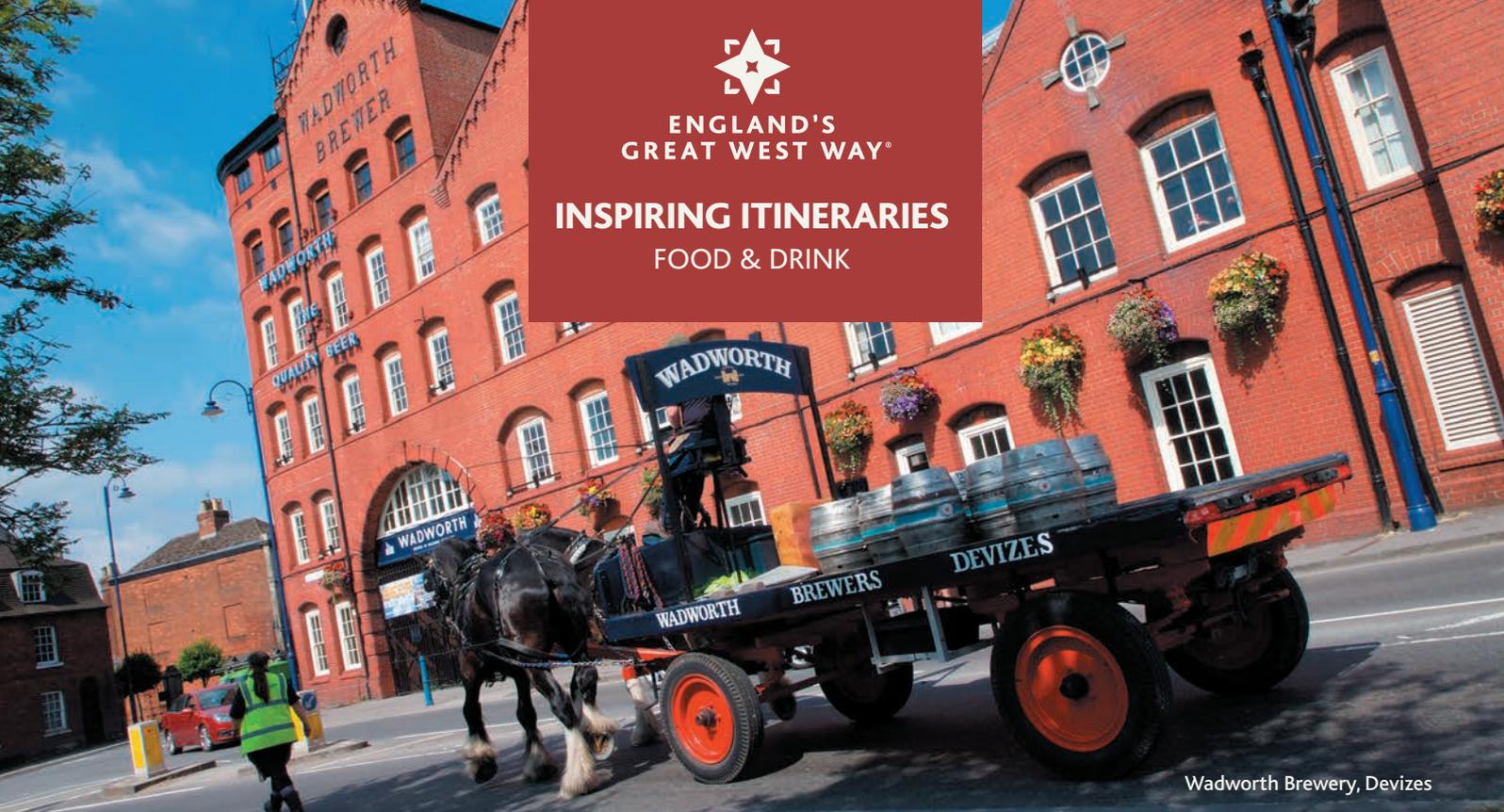




ENGLAND'S
GREAT WEST WAY®

INSPIRING ITINERARIES

FOOD & DRINK



Wadworth Brewery, Devizes

Take your customer's tastebuds on a self-drive tour of the Great West Way with food and drink highlights including Bristol, one of Britain's great foodie cities.

Overnight: The Langley Hotel and Spa, Iwer, Buckinghamshire, opening Spring 2019.

Day 1. Windsor and Eton

Walk the Long Walk in Windsor Great Park, where the Duke & Duchess of Sussex drove after their royal wedding, to the Royal Farms Windsor Farm Shop. Buy a picnic from the deli counter with produce grown on the royal estates. Visit Windsor Castle (TIP: the queues aren't so long in the afternoon) and shopping in Royal Windsor Shopping Centre, once the Queen's personal railway station. Take a River Thames boat trip with Afternoon Tea on board French Brothers. Stop off en route to the hotel at West Berkshire Brewery for a tour and pre-dinner drink in the taproom.

Overnight: Donnington Grove Hotel, Newbury an 18th century Gothic house set in 500 acres with a golf course. Dine in Beau's Bar and Restaurant. The famous Beau Brummell, lived here in the late 18th century, a Dandy and a fashion icon of his time, he introduced the style for gentlemen to wear a shirt and cravat – with a jacket!

Day 2. Gin, beer and a walk...

Start at Donnington Castle Gatehouse (EH), Henry VIII and Elizabeth I are reported to have stayed here. Take a detour off the route to Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery, North Hampshire for a Cocktail Masterclass, before heading back to Newbury for a spot of shopping at Parkway Shopping, a visit to West Berkshire Museum and lunch at The Newbury. Sample the gin from their working micro distillery. After lunch drive to Wadworth Brewery & Visitor Centre at Devizes for a tour and tasting. Take tea and cake at the Kennet & Avon canalside café, before walking up Caen Hill Locks. The 29 locks have a rise of 237 feet in 2 miles (72m in 3.2km). Boat trips on the Kenavon Venture depart from the Wharf.

Visitors might like to book a cookery course at Vaughan's Kitchen, Devizes. A range of options from an evening session, to half days.

Overnight: Avalon Lodge Bed & Breakfast, Devizes. Award winning AA 4 Star Gold. Indulge in a Four Poster! Take dinner in The Vaults, in the town, with a 5 cask ale handpumps, 3 traditional ciders and over 100 different bottled beers and ciders from all over the world. Or stay at Troutbeck Guest House, East Chisenbury, an AA 5 Star Gold boutique guest house, providing accommodation for the Red Lion (across the road). A 3 AA Rosette pub serving local, hand-pumped beer and selected ciders.

Day 3 An awe-inspiring detour taking in over 2,000 years of history and a vineyard too!

Head off the route to Old Sarum, Iron Age hill fort and discover over 2,000 years of history. Next a visit to a Beckett's Vineyard, makers of award winning, English Sparkling and Still Wines along with Cider and Apple Juice from their orchards. Stop for lunch at the Rose Garden Tearoom at The Courts Garden, near Trowbridge; peaceful water gardens and arboretum. Visit Trowbridge, the county town of Wiltshire and a Magna Carta baron town; its Lord of the Manor was one of the twenty-five barons elected as sureties or guarantors of Magna Carta in June 1215.

Overnight: The Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa, Bath. Dine in the 3 AA Rosette, The Dower House. Guests can unwind in the Spa & Bath House before dinner

Day 5. Enjoy an epicurean experience

Start with a hop-on-hop off, open-top bus tour with Bath Bus Company, followed by a foodie tour with Savouring Bath, introducing the top food & drink hot spots - tastings included! End the morning with lunch at Koffman and Mr White's English and French Brasserie, created by acclaimed chefs Pierre Koffmann and Marco Pierre White. In the afternoon take a stunning detour through the steep Cheddar Gorge to visit Cheddar Gorge & Caves and the Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company, makers of the nation's favourite cheese!

Overnight: The Avon Gorge by Hotel Du Vin, Bristol

Day 6. Best of Bristol's food scene

An EatWalkTalk food and tasting tour through the Old City and Harbourside, explore Bristol's history, culture and thriving food scene. Stop for lunch at Stokes Croft Restaurant, enjoy one of their quirky Pieminister Pies; everyone from Kate Moss to the Queen has tried one. Pop into Psychopomp Microdistillery, craft distilled gin producers (12-10pm Tue-Fri). Take in the sights and enjoy a Cream Tea cruise with Bristol Packet Boat Trips. Hear about Bristol's rich maritime history as you cruise through the Floating Harbour and up onto rural stretches of the Avon.

Overnight: Hampton by Hilton Bristol Airport and dinner at nearby The Ethicurean with its artisan and local produce menu. It is tucked away in a Victorian walled garden, part of a dessert fruit and cider apple orchard.

Day 7.

Before heading home, visit Aldwick Estate Vineyard and shop. Despite classifying as a young vineyard, Aldwick has produced award-winning wines since the 2013 vintage and now has 8,900 vines spread over 9 acres.

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West Berkshire Brewery



The Newbury



Bombay Sapphire Cocktail Making



Cheddar Gorge



a'Beckett's Vineyard



Savouring Bath



Bristol Packet Boats

Wholesalers/DMCs who offer Great West Way tours:

Hotels & More: hotels-more.com

Norman Allen Group Travel Ltd: group-travel.com

A selection of tour operators and guiding services who offer bookable itineraries along the Great West Way can be found on the Bookable Products section of Greatwestway.co.uk/traveltrade

Contacts

Bristol Airport: bristolairport.co.uk

Bath: visitbath.co.uk

Bristol: visitbristol.co.uk

Canal and River Trust: canalrivertrust.org.uk

Devizes: devizes.org.uk

K&A Canal (café and Kenavon Venture): katrust.org.uk

Newbury: visitnewbury.org.uk

River Thames: visitthames.co.uk

Thames Valley & North Hampshire: visitsoutheastengland.com

Trowbridge: trowbridge.gov.uk/discover-trowbridge

Wiltshire: visitwiltshire.co.uk

Windsor: windsor.gov.uk

Aldwick Estate Vineyard and shop: aldwickestate.co.uk

Bath Bus Company: bathbuscompany.com

Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery: distillery.bombaysapphire.com

Bristol Packet Boat Trips: bristolpacket.co.uk

Cheddar Gorge & Caves: cheddargorge.co.uk/groups

Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company: cheddaronline.co.uk

Donnington Castle Gatehouse: english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/donnington-castle/

EatWalkTalk: eatwalktalkbristol.com

French Brothers: frenchbrothers.co.uk

Koffman and Mr White's: koffmannandwhitebath.com

Old Sarum: english-heritage.org.uk/oldsarum

Parkway Shopping: shopatparkway.com

Psychopomp Microdistillery: microdistillery.co.uk

Royal Farms Windsor Farm Shop: windsorfarmshop.co.uk

Savouring Bath: savouringbath.com

Stokes Croft Restaurant: pieminister.co.uk/restaurants/bristolstokescroft/

The Courts Garden: nationaltrust.org.uk/the-courts-garden

The Ethicurean: theethicurean.com

The Newbury: thenewburypub.co.uk

The Red Lion: redlionfreehouse.com

The Vaults, Devizes: thevaultsdevizes.com/about/

Vaughan's Cookery School: vaughanskitchen.co.uk

Wadworth Brewery & Visitor Centre: wadworth.co.uk

West Berkshire Brewery: wbbrew.co.uk

West Berkshire Museum: westberkshireheritage.org

Windsor Castle: royalcollection.org.uk

Windsor Great Park: windsorgreatpark.co.uk/en

Accommodation

Abbey Hotel, Bath: abbeyhotelbath.co.uk

Avalon Lodge Bed & Breakfast, Devizes: bed-breakfast-devizes.co.uk

Donnington Grove Hotel, Newbury: donnington-grove.com

Hampton by Hilton Bristol Airport: hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/hampton-by-hilton-bristol-airport-BRSHXHX/index.html

Hotel Du Vin by Avon Gorge, Bristol: hotelduvin.com/locations/bristol-avon-gorge

The Langley, Iver: thelangley.com

The Royal Crescent, Bath: royalcrescent.co.uk

Places	Miles/kms by road
Iver to Donnington, Newbury	50miles/81kms
Donnington to Avalon B&B, Devizes or Troutbeck, East Chisenbury	68miles/109kms or 80miles/129kms
Devizes to Bath or East Chisenbury to Bath	75miles/121kms or 63miles/101kms
Bath to Bristol	42miles/68kms
Bristol to Bristol Airport (incl. Ethicurean)	37miles/60kms
Bristol Airport to Aldwick Estate	5 miles/8kms

