FOOD & DRINK

Great places to savour along the Great West Way.

The Great West Way roams between London and Bristol, passing through some of England's most idyllic countryside and weaving a pathway from ancient market town to quaint village, thatched pub to beamed tearoom.

This slice of quintessential England is home to some of the country's best agricultural land, and with that comes excellent local produce, from fresh fruits and vegetables to fine wines. Farms rear animals and nurture crops, breweries experiment with craft beers, and kitchen gardens cultivate seasonal veggies. While pubs and restaurants select the best of it all for their menus, and family-run tea rooms whip up fresh cakes daily.

All of this adds up to one very tasty journey along the Great West Way. From farm shops, international cuisine, Michelin starred restaurants, tours, tastings cookery schools and more take a look at our pick of the best places to visit.

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BEER & BREWERIES

Beer has been brewed in England for thousands of years – a fermented mixture of water, hops, malt and yeast. Although beer itself wasn't invented here, the English have developed their own unique style which is quite unlike what vou'll find in other countries

This is called 'real ale', a name first coined in the 1970s by CAMRA (the Campaign for Real Ale) to describe traditional draught cask beers that contain live veast. Real ale is a living product. the yeast continuing to ferment until the beer is served – generally from a traditional hand-pull pump mounted on the bar. This gives real ale bags of flavour and a natural light carbonation that is very different from the more ubiguitous lagers and highly carbonated beers produced by the large international brewers.

You'll find real ale in almost all pubs along the Great West Way. It comes in numerous varieties including IPA (India Pale Ale), hitter mild, stout, porter and golden. Flavours can vary significantly within varieties, so don't be afraid to request a taste first – and always ask for what's local.

These are some of the best places to drink real ale along the Great West Way

BREWERIES

HE BATH BREW HOUSE (B4) ebathbrewhouse.com

VADWORTH BREWERY (D4) Northgate Brewery, Devizes SN10 1|W, 01380 723361 • wadworth.co.uk

tately red-brick brewery in Devizes town centre roducing a range of real ales including the widely tributed 6X. Call in to the Harness Room Bar r a taste and don't leave without checking out

WEST BERKSHIRE BREWERY (G3) The Old Dairy, Frilsham Farm, Yattendon RG18 0XT. 01635 767090 • wbbrew.com A menu of homemade pizzas, burgers and salads soak up the beers in the Taproom of this modern prewhouse. You'll have views into the brewery on one side and out over the Berkshire countryside on the other.

BARS AND PUBS SERVING REAL ALES

HELEN BROWNING'S ROYAL OAK (E3) helenbrowningsorganic.co.uk/royal-oak/

THE NEWBURY (G4) thenewburypub.co.ul

THE PRINCE STREET SOCIAL (B4) princestreetsocial.com

OUEENS ARMS, EAST GARSTON (F4) queensarmseastgarston.co.uk

THE ROYAL OAK YATTENDON (G3) royaloakyattendon.co.uk

THE ROYAL WINDSOR PUB (K3) therovalwindsor.co.uk

THE SWAN BRADFORD ON AVON (C4) theswanbradford.co.uk

THREE TUNS FREEHOUSE (F4) tunsfreehouse.com

THE WHITE HORSE INN (D4) whitehorse-comptonbassett.co.uk

WADWORTH EAT **DRINK AND STAY ON THE GREAT** WEST WAY

BEAR, DEVIZES (D4) thebearhoteldevizes.co.uk BIRD IN HAND, KNOWL HILL (13)

birdinhand.co.uk

blackswandevizes.co.uk

thecrowntolldown.co.uk

GEORGE INN. NORTON ST PHILIP (C georgeinnnsp.co.uk

BRISTOL



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AFTERNOON TEA

A proper English afternoon tea is far more than just a hot beverage. In fact, it can be a whole meal in itself, not to mention a thoroughly pleasant way to while away an afternoon.

There is always tea, of course. Usually this is served by the pot and made from tea leaves, poured through a strainer into a bone china cup. A tiered cake stand is the most traditional way to serve the accompanying food: sandwiches, scones served with roseatehotels.com/london/roseatehouse jam and cream, and cakes. Most people eat them in that order, but since many of the most upmarket places will keep replenishing each level, you could switch back and forth for hours.

Afternoon tea was invented in England, in the 19th century when the fashion for having dinner later (around 8pm) took hold among the upper classes and made the gap between lunch and dinner too long to get through without a snack.

By the late 19th century tea rooms had sprung up in all the most fashionable cities, including London and Bath, and guickly became one of the only respectable places for women to meet without a chaperone. They served afternoon tea, generally with a side order of juicy gossip.

Today, afternoon tea remains a guintessentially English meal, and is served by all the top hotels. These are the best places on the Great West Way to indulge in this tradition yourself.

BBEY HOTEL (B4) bbevhotelbath.co.u **APEX HOTEL (B4)** pexhotels.co.uk

BAILBROOK HOUSE HOTEL (B4) andpickedhotels.co.uk/bailbrookhous

OWOOD HOTEL, SPA & GOLF RESORT (D4) Calne, Wiltshire SN11 9PQ 01249 822228 wood.org/bowood-hotel-resort nger sandwiches, scones and colourful cakes ved in the Shelburne Restaurant, Bar and brary. Fire in winter

CRICKLADE HOUSE HOTEL (E2) crickladehotel.co.uk

THE BRIDGE TEA ROOMS (C4) thebridgetearooms.co.uk

NO 15 GREAT PULTENEY (B4) no15greatpulteney.co.uk

THE PUMP ROOM RESTAURANT (B4) Roman Baths, Bath BA1 1LZ 01225 444477

omanbaths.co.uk/pump-room-restaurant An elegant space at the Roman Baths where a range of teas is served, from the smaller cream tea o the full tiered stand of treats.

THE ROSEATE (H4) roseatehotels.com/reading/theroseate

ROSEATE HOUSE (L3)

THE ROSEATE VILLA BATH (B4) roseatehotels.com/bath/theroseatevilla

THE ROYAL CRESCENT HOTEL & SPA (B4) 16 Royal Crescent, Bath BA1 2LS 01225 823333 • royalcrescent.co.uk Take a seat in the Dower House Restaurant or

the hotel's gardens for a classic tea or the more savoury Royal Crescent Afternoon Tea. Children's ea also available.

WHATLEY MANOR HOTEL & SPA (C3) Easton Grey, Malmesbury SN16 ORB)1666 822888 • whatleymanor.com Traditional afternoon tea can be taken in the Garden Room, Drawing Room or Reception Hall, or on one of the hotel's terraces.

WOOLLEY GRANGE HOTEL (C4) woolleygrangehotel.co.uk

NATIONAL TRUST SEASONAL EATING, RINKING AND SHOPPING Did you know that 187 of National Trust's cafés,

TEA ROOMS & CAFÉS

estaurants and tea-rooms have received the Food for Life Served Here Award? The award recognises that they serve fresh. local food that is ethically and sustainable produced. There are seven Nationa rust places you can find on the Great West Way and eight more which are within easy reach of it, so if you're looking for an afternoon tea, a picnic or a food hamper to take back there should be something to tempt your tastebuds.

AVEBURY, MARLBOROUGH (E4) The New Circles Restaurant Avebury Manor Tearoom Coach House Café

DYRHAM PARK, GLOUCESTER SHIRE (B3) The Tea-room and Tea Garden PRIOR PARK, BATH (C4)

The Tea Shed YNTESFIELD, BRISTOL (A4)

Cow Barn Restaurant LACOCK ABBEY, FOX TALBOT MUSEUM AND

VILLAGE CHIPPENHAM (CA) Stables Café and Courtyard Tearoom HEAD, MERE WITHIN EASY REACH (B6) Stourhead Restaurant

Kennet and Avon Canal Trust work in partnership with cafés along the canal at Bradford on Avon, Devizes. Crofton Beam Engines and Newbury. so you can be sure of some tasty refreshments whenever you visit. For more information on their cafés see katrust.org.uk/attractions

ALDERMASTON TEA ROOMS (H4) katrust.org.uk/attractions CANAL TRUST CAFÉ (C4) canaltrustcafe.co.uk DEVIZES WHARF TEA ROOM (D4) katrust.org.uk/attractions THE ENGINEMAN'S REST CAFÉ (E4) croftonbeamengines.org/cafe/ TEASHOP BY THE CANAL (G4) teashopbythecanal.co.uk

Or take a look at these welcoming spots perfect to stop and plan the next part of your Great West Way ourney while enjoying a cake and a nice cup of tea.

EROSPACE BRISTOL CAFÉ (B3) Hayes Way, Patchway, Bristol, BS34 5BZ erospacebristol.org/cafe

Refuel in the café whilst on a visit to Aerospace Bristol. This light and airy café serves a delicious range of light meals, snacks and drinks. Produce is ocally sourced where possible.

THE BRIDGE TEA ROOMS (C4) thebridgetearooms.co.uk GARDEN CAFÉ AT THE HOLBURNE MUSEUM

(C4) holburne.org HONEYSTREET BOATS AND CAFÉ (E4) honeystreetmillcafe.co.uk

SPRING'S CAFÉ AND RESTAURANT (B4) Thermae Bath Spa. Bath, BA11SI 01225 331234 • thermaebathspa.con Whilst enjoying a relaxing Spa, be sure to add extra

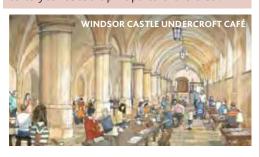
time to your spa session so you can enjoy afternoon tea or a tasty meal at your leisure. THE TUTTI POLE (F4) thetuttipole.co.uk

WESTONBIRT, THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM C3) Westonbirt, Tetbury, Gloucestershire. GL8 8OS • 0300 067 4890

orestryengland.uk/Westonbirt he Westonbirt Restaurant offers tasty, freshly prepared hot and cold refreshments. Food is prepared and cooked onsite, whilst the fresh bread s from Hobbs House Bakery and made using local Shipton Mill flour from nearby Long Newnton.

/INDSOR CASTLE UNDERCROFT CAFÉ – NING 2020 (K3) rct.uk/visit/windsor-castle

Royal Collection Trust is investing in a series of projects at Windsor Castle that will transform the experience of visiting this royal residence. Work is erway to evolve the medieval Undercroft into the Castle's first permanent café. One of the few remaining parts of Edward III's major renovations in the 1360s, the Undercroft is among the oldest surviving parts of the Castle and during the 14th century served as the principal cellar and larder.



Bath Farmers' Market Green Park Station, every Sat every Wed every Tue & Fri

Corsham Farmers' Market 3rd Sat of month Bristol, every Wed & Thur

5th Sun of month

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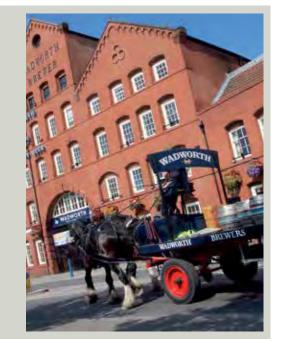
A TASTE OF ENGLAND

bristolpacket.co.uk frenchbrothers.co.uk hobbsofhenley.com LIDO BRISTOL (A4) lidobristol.com

BLACK SWAN, DEVIZES (D4

CROWN, TOLLDOWN (B3)

weries – there are more than 20 ir t in too rooms fontacti ps and traditional pubs, or four wery Tours or Bristol Hop



FARM SHOPS

One of the greatest pleasures of a drive hrough the English countryside is stopping at a farm shop café for a cup of tea and some tasty local produce. You'll happen upon them as you travel along the Great West Way.

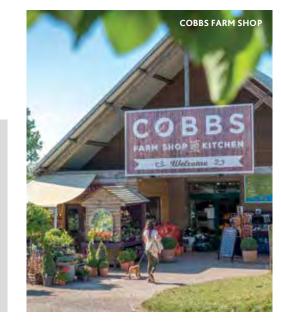
COBBS FARM SHOP & KITCHEN. HUNGERFORD (F4

Cobbs Farm, Bath Rd, Hungerford RG17 0SP, 01488 686770 • cobbsfarmshops.co.uk This excellent farm shop sells produce from the surrounding farm. Expect asparagus and rhubarb in spring and soft fruits in summer, while autumn means squash and pumpkin. The café uses the same produce where possible and serves breakfasts and lunches including Wiltshire cured ham and homemade guiche. Down the road in Englefield, Reading you will find another Cobbs Farm Shop & Kitchen with a whole host of local produce.

BUTTLE FARM (D4) buttlefarm.co.uk

CHOLDERTON CHARLIE'S FARM SHOP

Choldertoncharliesfarm.com/farm-shop



COBBS FARM SHOP & KITCHEN, ENGLEFIELD (H4) cobbsfarmshops.co.ul **ROVES FARM SHOP (E3)** Rovesfarm.co.uk/farmshop

ENGLISH WINE

The chalk soils and temperate climate of the south are pretty perfect for crisp, white, bubbly varieties, and English wines are winning international awards Take a vineyard tour with one of the wine producers on the Great West Way

A'BECKETT'S VINEYARD (D5) 01380 816669 • abecketts.co.u ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD (F4) 01488 686770 • alderridge.co.uk **ALDWICK ESTATE VINEYARD (A4)** 01934 864404 • aldwickestate.co.uk



MARVELLOUS FOOD MARKETS

The Great West Way runs through some of England's most fertile agricultural land, so it's no surprise that you'll find regular farmers' markets along the route. Check out these markets for fresh local food and drink. direct from the producers.

Bristol Farmers' Market St Nicholas Market

Bristol Street Food Market St Nicholas Market

Harbourside Street Food Market Broad Quay,

Henley Farmers' Market 2nd Sat, 4th Thur &

Maidenhead Farmers' Market 2nd Sun of month Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

Newbury Farmers' Market 1st Sun of month

Richmond Duck Pond Markets every Sat & Sur Swindon Farmers' Market Swindon Designer Outlet. every Sun

Thames Valley Farmers' Market Ascot. 3rd Sun of month: Newbury, 1st Sun of month: Reading 1s & 3rd Sat of month; Windsor, 1st Sat of month

Trowbridge Weaver's Market 2nd Saturday of the month (not winter)

Wiltshire Farmers' Market Devizes. 1st Sat of month; Royal Wootton Bassett 4th Sat of month Salisbury 1st & 3rd Wed of month



FOOD & DRINK TOURS & TASTINGS

Join one of the Great West Way's best food experiences to really get to grips with the local cuisine. There are plenty of places to try homegrown tipples. Beer, wine and gin are all made along the Great West Way. You can take a brewery, vineyard or distillery tour, try a hands-on foodie experience like a cookery school, or take a city food tour.

atasteofenglandtours.com AROUND AND ABOUT BATH (B4) aroundandaboutbath.com BOMBAY SAPPHIRE DISTILLERY (G5) distillery.bombaysapphire.com **BRISTOL PACKET BOAT TRIPS (A4) FRENCH BROTHERS (K3)** HOBBS OF HENLEY (H3)

SAVOURING BATH (B4) savouringbath.com THAMES LIDO (H4) thameslido.com THAMES RIVERCRUISE (H4) thamesrivercruise.co.uk VAUGHAN'S KITCHEN (D4) vaughanskitchen.co.uk WILTON WINDMILL (F4) wiltonwindmill.co.uk



DINING RESTAURANTS

You'll find many of the restaurants along the Great West Way are dining rooms within our Ambassador hotels, many of which source their ingredients from small local producers. You'll also find several celebrity chefs including Rick Stein. Pierre Koffmann and Marco Pierre White. There's also plenty of different cuisines to tempt you.

BEAU'S BAR AND RESTAURANT AT DONNINGTON GROVE HOTEL & COUNTRY CLUB (G4) donnington-grove.com

THE BRASSERIE AT SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN HOTEL (K3)

CEDAR AT THE LANGLEY (K3)

CLAYTON'S KITCHEN (B4) clavtonskitchen.com

CLOISTERS RESTAURANT, BAILBROOK HOUSE HOTEL (C4) handpickedhotels.co.uk

DAN MOON AT THE GAINSBOROUGH RESTAURANT (B4)

thegainsboroughbathspa.co.uk DISPENSARY, NO 15 GREAT

PULTENEY (B4) no15greatpulteney.co.uk

THE DOWER HOUSE RESTAURANT, THE ROYAL CRESCENT HOTEL & SPA (B4) 16 Royal Crescent, Bath BA12LS, 01225 823333, royalcrescent.co.uk This formal but friendly restaurant serves both tasting menus (one is vegetarian) and á la carte dishes, with a focus on seasonal British cuisine. The dining room overlooks the hotel's gardens, where you can dine al fresco in summer.

GUYERS HOUSE HOTEL & RESTAURANT (C4) guyershouse.com THE HARROW AT LITTLE BEDWYN (F4)

theharrowatlittlebedwyn.com HEYWORTH RESTAURANT, HENLEY

GREENLAND'S HOTEL (H3) hospitalityuor.co.uk



KOFFMANN & MR WHITE'S ENGLISH AND FRENCH BRASSERIE (B4) mpwrestaurants.co.uk

THE MARCO PIERRE WHITE RESTAURANT AT THE CASTLE HOTEL (K3) castlehotelwindsor.com

THE MONKEY ISLAND BRASSERIE AT THE MONKEY ISLAND ESTATE (J3) monkevislandestate.co.uk

THE MOONRAKER HOTEL (C4) moonrakerhotel.com

THE OLD BELL HOTEL (C3)

lalmesbury, SN16 0BW, 1666 822344 • oldbellhotel.co.uk The Old Bell Hotel & Restaurant is reputed to be the oldest purpose-built hotel in England and Grade 1 listed. The Refectory and Bar uses fresh, local and seasonal produce accompanied by a wide selection of drinks.

PLUM + SPILT MILK, GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL (M3) gnhlondon.com

RICK STEIN. MARLBOROUGH (E4) rickstein.com/eat-with-us/marlborough

HELBURNE RESTAURANT, BOWOOD HOTEL, SPA & GOLF RESORT (D4) Derry Hill, Calne SN11 9PQ, 01249 822228 bowood.org/bowood-hotel-resort The classy restaurant at this luxury hotel has lorious views of the estate from its windows and hearty dishes such as guinea fowl and lamb loin on its menu. There's also a full vegetarian and vegan menu and excellent traditional Sunday roasts.

THE SWAN BRADFORD ON AVON (C4) theswanbradford.co.uk WOOLLEY GRANGE HOTEL (C4) woolleygrangehotel.co.uk

Market Street Food & Drink Stalls Providence - Carlos NGLEAT FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL (C5 ngleat, Warminster 4 and 5 July vleat.co.uk

ongleat on the 4th and 5th July 2020 for a ıs festival sure to tantalise your ta om an array of artists taking to the stage wit gleat House as the backdrop; each day's l e announced closer to the event

FABULOUS FOOD & DRINK FESTIVALS

If you can, time your visit for one of the food and drink-focused events along the Great West Way. Some of the bigger ones include the Great Bath Feast, Bristol Food Connections, Longleat Food and 1usic Festival and the Great British Food Festival. There are also hundreds of smaller events, alongside weekly produce and street food markets in market towns throughout the touring route. You might ever stumble upon Chippenham's Pancake Races!

BRADFORD ON AVON FOOD FESTIVAL (C4) Victory Field, Bradford on Avon, 30 May scrumptiousfoodfestivals.co.uk One-day event featuring food stalls from local artisar roducers, cookery demonstrations by professional hefs and a children's activity area.

BRISTOL FOOD CONNECTIONS (A4) Bristol, June • bristolfoodconnections.com A citywide line-up of events over almost two weeks, including talks on food and health, lunchtime boat trips and cooking demonstrations.

THE COFFEE HOUSE PROJECT (A4) The Passenger Shed, Bristol, September thecoffeehouseproject.co.uk Bristol's first coffee festival celebrates local, artisan roasters and independent food and drink retailers over two davs.

DEVIZES BEER FESTIVAL (D4) The Wharf, Devizes, July • camra.org.uk Long-running one-day beer festival with more than 100 real ales and ciders served up canalside. Live nusic too

CULINARY DELIGHTS IN MICHELIN STARRED RESTAURANTS

f its award-winning you're looking for then you're in for a treat. There are numerous celebrity chefs along the route and top-notch country pubs such as The Red Lion Freehouse. Listed are some of the best restaurants.

RED LION FREEHOUSE (E5) East Chisenbury, Pewsey SN9 6AQ, 01980 671124 • redlionfreehouse.com natched country pub with food so good it holds a 1ichelin star. There's pub grub such as ham, egg and chips as well as the more refined main menu whic hanges daily and focuses on what's in season

THE DINING ROOM, WHATLEY MANOR HOTEL & SPA (C3) Easton Grey, Malmesbury SN16 0RB, 01666 822888 • whatleymanor.com A Michelin-starred tasting menu from the kitchen o executive chef Niall Keating is served in this friendly but formal dining room. There's often charcuterie rom the manor to start, followed by a creative lineup of modern British dishes.

FOOD ON THE MOVE Enjoy dining while travelling the route by train with our Great West Way Discoverer pass. Great Western Railway serve delicious produce from their at-seat trollev service. from classic snacks and sweet treats, to tasty sandwiches and wraps. Plus, a great range of soft drinks, beers, and wines to accompany your journey.

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DEVIZES FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL (D4) Devizes, September-October devizesfoodanddrinkfestival.info Week-long celebration of local food and drink products, including a food market in the Market Place and visits to producers including a goat farm and vineyard.

EAT! FOOD FESTIVAL HENLEY (H3) Henley on Thames, June • eatfoodfest.co.uk A fortnight of feasting, with a line-up of events that includes tastings, chef demonstrations, film screenings and the finale Riverside Fiesta with street food and a floating gin bar.

EAT READING (H4) Broad St and Market Place, Reading, June ivingreading.co.uk

Two-day festival showcasing Reading's best foodie businesses. featuring live cookery demonstrations, street food tastings, cocktail mixology and a popup street café.

GREAT BRITISH FOOD FESTIVAL

Englefield, Reading (H4), June and Westonbirt House (C3), August greatbritishfoodfestival.com This touring festival brings artisan producers and street food vendors together over two or three days and includes plenty of child-friendly activities.

HUNGERFORD FOOD FESTIVAL (F4) Hungerford Town Hall and High St, October gerfordfoodfestival.com

Full-day event featuring street food stalls, talks and live cooking demos. Sustainability is a key

PUB IN THE PARK (BATH B4 / MARLOW I3) Marlow, May and Royal Victoria Park, Bath, June • pubintheparkuk.com

Celebrity chef Tom Kerridge combines tastings chef demonstrations, masterclasses and music from top live acts in his 'ultimate pub garden' over three lively days.

THE SURREY FOOD FESTIVAL (L3) Old Deer Park, Richmond, April

surreyfoodfestival.com A weekend of foodie fun, with talks, tastings and demos in the marguee and an extensive line-up of food and drink stalls, plus live music and a kids'

TASTE OF CORSHAM (C4)

THE FAT DUCK (J3)

High St, Bray SL6 2AQ

THE HAND AND FLOWERS (13)

126 West St, Marlow SL7 2BP

Corsham, June • corsham.gov.uk Full-day celebration of Corsham's local food producers, with food and drink stalls lining the High Street, live music and a silent disco.

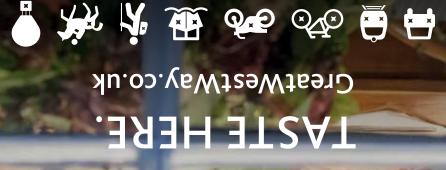
Bristol Airport's cafés, bars and restaurants stay open until the final flight of the day, so you can fuel up before you take off, with anything from a tasty snack to a sit down meal.

Our pick is Cabin Bar - premium bar with rooftop terrace. The Cabin, offers fine wine, craft beers and locally sourced food in a relaxing environment and includes a stylish outdoor terrace with retractable roof.













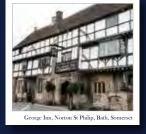
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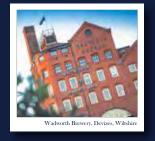




















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