



You are invited to the ball Dear Readers!

Bridgerton filming locations and hotel packages along the Great West Way *Press Release*

Netflix's portrayal of extravagant Regency-period high society in the smash hit Bridgerton has inspired a huge amount of interest in the filming locations and beautiful settings used as backdrops for the show. From London to Bath, many historic houses and charming cities along the Great West Way route were used to bring the Bridgerton story to life. Plan a trip to take in some of the sites and walk in the footsteps of Daphne and The Duke of Hastings.

LONDON

Located at the eastern end of the Great West Way route, London is where most of the action in the series takes place as the characters navigate the pitfalls and pleasures of spending 'the season' in Town. While the streets of Bath were often used to represent London, many real locations in the capital city were used including Rangers House in Greenwich, Lancaster House, Hackney Empire, Greenwich Park Rose Garden, and the Queen's House in Greenwich.

HAMPTON COURT PALACE

The exterior of the magnificent **Hampton Court Palace** is used in place of St James's Palace, the residence of Queen Charlotte. Located on the river Thames and surrounded by swathes of stunning gardens and parklands the Tudor palace really was at the centre of political and political life for two centuries – making it the ideal home for Bridgeton's Queen Charlotte!

WINDSOR AND SALISBURY

Windsor Great Park with over 4,800 acres to explore also featured in the series. Discover a Royal history spanning over 1,000 years, including - historical monuments, ancient forests and stunning horticultural displays, as well as rare wildlife, plants and fungi, while Wilton House located just off the Great West Way route in Salisbury is where Princess Charlotte is seen reading Lady Wistledown's gossip-girl style papers and the exterior was used as the London residence of The Duke of Hastings.

<u>BATH</u>

The Great West Way city of Bath with its elegant Georgian buildings and grand streets was the ideal readymade film set location for Bridgeton and stood in for the capital for much of the filming.

The exterior of **No.1 Royal Crescent** is used as the home of the Featherington family. In the story, Lady Featherington devotes her time to navigating her three daughters through the social season to find them





suitable husbands. No.1 Royal Crescent – due to reopen May 2021 – is a museum which has been decorated and furnished just as it might have been in the late 1700's.

At the end of Bath's grandest thoroughfare, Great Pulteney Street, **The Holburne Museum** stood in for Lady Danbury's mansion. Now home to a collection of fine and decorative art, the building's elegant façade and gardens made for the ideal Regency party pad.

With talk-of-the-town balls and debutante soirées a chance to see and be seen in the Bridgerton world, the Tea Room and Ball Room of the **Assembly Rooms**, and the **Guildhall's Banqueting Room**, provided the perfect backdrops. Their glittering chandeliers complement the scenes full of glamorous costumes and hairstyles. The Assembly Rooms can be viewed when purchasing a ticket to **Fashion Museum Bath** – housed in the basement of the Assembly Rooms (reopening May 2021).

Tucked away behind the Roman Baths, you'll find **The Abbey Deli** on Abbey Green, a café which stood in for the Modiste – a dress shop key to the story. Stop for brunch, lunch or afternoon tea and look out for plenty of 'Modiste' surprises to take-away from the shop!

Other Bath streets spotted in the series include **Trim Street**, **Bath Street**, **Beauford Square** and **The Royal Crescent itself**.

Freshly inspired by Bridgerton, several special offers – that Lady Whistledown would undoubtedly approve of have been put together by several Bath hotels. Live like a Duke and Duchess at **The Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa**, the iconic Georgian landmark which featured frequently in the series. Their **'Live Like a Bridgerton'** package includes a two-night stay in one of their decadent rooms or suites, a Champagne afternoon tea and exclusive private evening tour of the Featherington residence (No. 1 Royal Crescent museum!) From £410 per night. **Brooks Guest House** on the edge of leafy Royal Victoria Park also have a Bridgerton package. The two-night B&B walking tour deal includes a stay in Four Poster King Room, a bottle of house wine and afternoon tea on arrival plus a 90-minute tour with a local guide. £340 for two nights. **Dukes Hotel** on Great Pulteney Street – the ideal Bath street for promenading – is offering a Bridgerton themed stay in one of their suites named after a Duke! From £200 per night (minimum stay of two nights required), the price includes a private Bridgerton tour, parking permit and English breakfast each morning.

Bridgerton Tours in Bath

Take in the Bridgerton sights with <u>Brit Movie Tours</u> as they show you round the filing locations on a two-hour promenade (£15 per adult), or book <u>Bath Adventures' Bridgerton Sights & Music Tour</u>. You'll be given over-ear headphones as a guide takes you through Bath, sharing locations, behind-the-scenes gossip and music from the show (from £15). The two-hour Bridgerton experience from Bath Walking Tours is led by a





Blue Badge Tourist Guide with in-depth knowledge of the city. Re-live the scenes from the series as you see where they were filmed and hear about the history of the buildings (£150 per group).

BRISTOL

One of the ball scenes was filmed at **Leigh Court** in Bristol on the Western end of the Great West Way. Bristol banker, ship owner and merchant Philip John Miles bought Abbots Leigh Estate in 1811 and promptly demolished the Tudor house which stood on the land to build the Palladian Bath stone mansion. Located in 25 acres of private parkland, Leigh Court was designed by architect Thomas Hopper in 1814 and is adorned with Greek revival interiors, a vast array of original features and a magnificent double staircase in The Great Hall.

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Notes to Editors:

For more information on Bridgerton in Bath go to visitbath.co.uk/inspire-me/bridgerton-in-bath/

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