

# THE REGIONS

## MARKET TOWNS & VILLAGES

Discover authentic, local England in the many market towns and villages found along the Great West Way. Marlborough, Malmesbury, Chippenham, Corsham and Henley-On-Thames all boast scenic surroundings and historic markets where locals have been shopping for hundreds of years, and where you can try some regional delicacies for yourself.

## WEST LONDON

London immediately conjures up images of Big Ben, red double-deckers, and black cabs, but some of its most wonderful heritage is found outside the city centre. Explore treasures like Kew Gardens, the largest and most diverse botanical gardens in the world, or Hampton Court, home to King Henry VIII and a centuries old-maze!

## WINDSOR

This Royal county is known for being home to Windsor Castle, Queen Elizabeth II's favourite weekend retreat, and to housing many other notable figures at the nearby town of Eton, the iconic boarding school, whose alumni include both Princes William and Harry. Take a punt down the Thames or explore one of the many beautiful gardens.

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# ENGLAND'S GREAT WEST WAY®



## THE PROJECT

England's Great West Way follows an ancient route linking London and Bristol, first laid out as a Great Road by the Kings of England. Along the 125-mile Great West Way, the history of England right up until the present day can be traced through the fascinating, world-famous heritage that lines it. Quintessentially English icons like royal Windsor, vibrant London, and the quaint Cotswolds, as well as UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as Bath, and the Stonehenge & Avebury world heritage site can all be discovered along the Great West Way. Sitting alongside this wonderful history is the rich tapestry of English heritage experiences that visitors can engage in - food and drink, television and film, and countryside and gardens are all waiting to be explored. This is real, authentic England, perfect for those seeking to truly explore this land.

The journey is made easier with the excellent rail and road access available along the route, including major international airports in the south (London airports and Bristol), and ferry ports for those who wish to bring their own car. The Way is perfect for those who want to explore by car, coach, rail, cycling, walking, and even water!



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### UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

The Great West Way is home to some of England's most iconic sights, recognized as UNESCO World Heritage Sites for the immense cultural and historical significance they hold. Visit Bath and see an original Roman thermal spa before exploring the wonderfully elegant Palladian architecture. Discover the ancient wonders of Stonehenge and Avebury, mysterious stone circles that were used in prehistoric ceremonies and whose exact significance is still unknown.

### SOUTH COTSWOLDS

Picturesque, honey-coloured stone cottages framed by blooming flowers line villages built along babbling brooks - discover the quiet pace of local life in the Cotswolds. Wander villages such as Lacock and Castle Combe, idylls recognisable from television and film such as the Harry Potter franchise.

### BRISTOL

Dive in to this maritime city that's bursting with personality and character. Follow in the footsteps of adventurous sailors and explore the SS Great Britain, designed and built by the great Brunel in the 1800's, or visit the incredible Clifton Suspension Bridge that stretches across the picturesque Avon Gorge. Not to be missed is a street art walking tour, where you'll learn about one of Bristol's most famous visitors - Banksy!