#### VIRTUALLY EXPLORE ENGLAND'S GREAT WEST WAY®

To those of us that are home right now keeping safe and keeping busy, in those moments when you're not home-schooling children, working from home or cleaning the house for the 100th time, allow yourself to let your mind wander and daydream of travelling.

If you are fond of beautiful landscapes, history and heritage and are keen to visit some of the Great West Way's attractions, lucky for you, you can now explore <a href="England's Great West Way">England's Great West Way</a> from the comfort of your couch.

Take a journey of the mind and visit some of the many places on, and within easy reach of, the Great West Way, between London and Bristol.

Start by seeing the route in all its glory and the amazing transportation connections that make up this multi-modal touring route including the Great Western Railway, Canal & River Trust and Bristol Airport – watch the video.



### **HISTORIC VIRTUAL TOURS & ACTIVITIES**

#### Windsor Castle

From your home, you can take a <u>tour</u> of Her Majesty The Queen's home, including the Crimson Drawing Room and see how Windsor Castle prepares for a State Banquet. You can also explore the <u>Royal Collection online</u>, one of the largest and most important art collections in the world.



### The Roman Baths

Using Google Street View you can take a virtual <u>tour</u> of the Roman Baths, a well-preserved thermae in the city of Bath. Watch a number of behind the scene <u>videos</u> and play <u>Roman-themed online games</u>.



### **SS Great Britain**

Step aboard the SS Great Britain with a virtual <u>tour</u> of the boat. The SS Great Britain is docked in Bristol and is one of the most important historic ships in the world. Read the <u>story</u> of the SS Great Britain and find out about the man behind the world's first great luxury liner I.K. Brunel. You can also download the SS Great Britain's interactive ship building puzzle <u>game</u>.



## Stonehenge

Stonehenge offers a live view of the stones 24/7 through the <u>Stonehenge Skyscape website</u>. Watch the sun rise and set amongst the stones.



### **Fashion Museum Bath**

The Fashion Museum and Assembly Rooms holds a world-class collection of contemporary and historic dress but you can browse the Dress of the Year collection from the 1960s to the present day using the attraction's online gallery and take a <u>3D tour of museum</u>. You can also test your knowledge with an online quiz, and also download some <u>children's activities</u> to do at home, including colouring sheets and learning how to finger knit.



## **Salisbury Cathedral**

Take a virtual <u>tour</u> inside the cathedral, where you can see the beautifully carved monuments. Using Google Street View from another <u>location</u> you can marvel and Britain's tallest spire which weighs 6,500 tons. Salisbury Cathedral has been the home to peregrine falcons on and off since 1864. The peregrine falcons are so popular that <u>cameras</u> were installed so that you can watch the falcons 24/7. The 2020 nesting season got off to a great start with a female falcon laying a single egg on Mother's Day.



### **ATTRACTIONS VIRTUAL TOURS & ACTIVITES**

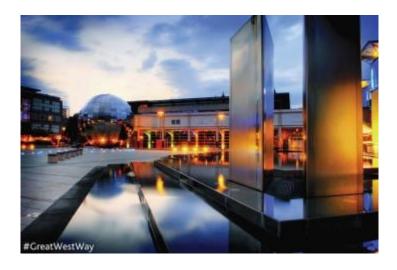
### **Aerospace Bristol**

An industrial heritage museum and learning centre which houses a varied collection of exhibits including the final Concorde to be built and the last to fly. Aerospace Bristol has a range of fun, family-friendly <u>activities and videos</u> to enjoy at home.



### **We The Curious**

We The Curious is a science and arts centre in Bristol with over 300 exhibits taking you on an incredible journey exploring the inner workings of the world around us. Take a virtual <u>tour</u> of the whole museum and click the tags to find out information about particular areas and exhibits.



**Thermae Bath Spa** 

If you really want to take a holiday of the mind, you can pretend you're on the rooftop Thermae Bath Spa with its virtual <u>tour</u>, which offers a beautiful view across bath.



# Longleat

Longleat Safari Park has a number of  $\underline{\text{videos}}$  of its adorable animals and some fun facts for all the family to enjoy.



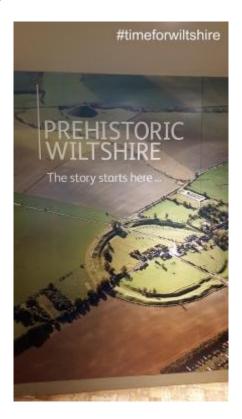
# **Wadworth Brewery**

The inventive brewery has launched <u>The Henry</u>, a virtual pub named after founder Henry Wadworth featuring everything from regular live music from local musicians, a weekly quiz, bingo, pub tricks and weekly store cupboard cooking sessions.



Wiltshire Museum

Keep busy at home with Wiltshire Museum's new <u>At Home programme</u> featuring do-it-yourself craft activities, learning resources for kids, stories about intriguing objects from their collections, interesting documents from the libraries, and more.



### **National Trust**

Or alternatively, join in on the National Trust's #BlossomWatch. The hope is that this becomes an annual event that emulate 'Hunami', the ancient Japanese tradition of viewing and celebrating blossoms as the first sign of spring. The National Trust is encouraging those who see a tree in bloom, whilst out on their once-a-day exercise, to post it to social media for everyone to see.



### Notes to editors:

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