

ITINERARY

Luxury, Wellness & Exclusive English Historic Experiences

The Great West Way offers a wealth of luxury and wellness for mind, body and soul as well as exclusive private tours and experiences. Suitable for FIT or small groups of discerning travellers seeking comfort, elegance, and authentic English charm.

Day 1. Windsor

Windsor Carriages craft the most English iconic unforgettable experiences with curated immersive itineraries. Book an out-of-hours private guided tour of Windsor Castle with rare behind-the-ropes access. Or perhaps a private sightseeing boat trip on **French Brothers'** vintage Steamboat, cruising past Windsor Castle and Eton.

Windsor Carriages have licensed access in the area and tailor storytelling, chauffeured transfers and horse-drawn carriage rides through Windsor Great Park. Stop off to explore **The Savill Garden** with seasonal displays in beautifully themed landscaped areas and decades of Royal history – from the original weeping willow tree to the magnificent Rose Garden opened by the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Overnight and dine at **The Royal Berkshire Hotel** - a relaxed country house setting where wellness is defined by calm surroundings, space and a slower pace of stay.

Day 2. Newbury

Visit **Newbury Racecourse** on one of their 28 annual racedays for both jump and flat racing enthusiasts. One of the most famous and prestigious racing venues in the UK, providing world class racing with a standout premium hospitality experience built around exclusivity, comfort and first-class service. There are private suites and boxes with exceptional views of the racing action or a range of elegant VIP lounges and fine dining restaurants.

Relax with an overnight stay at **Donnington & Co Hotel**. This countryside retreat is set within tranquil parkland and it combines elegant, modern bedrooms with calming natural surroundings. The hotel leisure facilities include an 18m swimming pool, restorative spa with treatments, fully equipped gym and 18 hole golf course.

Day 3. Oxford / Cotswolds

Detour off the route via Oxford to **Blenheim Palace** for an exclusive Winston Churchill VIP Experience. Book a private guided tour of the palace state rooms, Winston Churchill exhibition and private apartments. Take a buggy tour to see Winston Churchill's grave and memorial garden, with a champagne lunch.



Windsor carriages

INSIDER TIP

Explore quintessential England with a luxury knowledgeable chauffeur. Half, full or multi-day driver guide tours are an excellent way to explore the Great West Way for a bespoke and personalised authentic English experience. Luxury vehicles such as Mercedes cars and minibuses can arrange transfers from airports, railway stations and hotels.

These itinerary details many of the popular destinations and recommended 5* driver guide tour experience companies include **Stonehenge Deluxe Tours**, **Heritage & Stone Tours** and **In & Beyond Bath**.

Journey through the Cotswolds to Castle Combe for a refreshment stop at **The Castle Inn**, and relaxing afternoon stroll. It's also home to **The Manor House and Golf Club** with its Michelin-starred 7-course tasting menu.

Arrive in **Malmesbury** a beautiful historic market town in Wiltshire and the oldest borough in England. You can feel the stories of the past as you explore the town and surrounding countryside. Join a guided walk with a local history expert (May-Sept) or pre-book a tailored private walk via Malmesbury TIC.

Overnight and dine at **Whatley Manor Hotel & Spa**, one of England's leading luxury wellness retreats. It combines Michelin-starred dining, elegant accommodation and exceptional service with the award-winning Aquaria's Spa.

Alternatively, stay at **The Old Bell Hotel**, reputedly England's oldest inn dating back to 1220, which blends historic charm with modern luxury. It's conveniently located adjacent to the 12th Century Malmesbury Abbey, one of the oldest and significant religious sites in England and only a short walk to Abbey House Manor Gardens. The property is currently undergoing renovations, but pre-booked garden tours can be arranged.

Day 4. Bath

Journey on to the **UNESCO Heritage City of Bath** for the ultimate Bath Spa Day. Legend has it that Bath's health-giving hot springs have been luring visitors ever since Prince Bladud founded the city in 863BC, having found it successfully cured his own ailments.

Visit the atmospheric **Roman Baths** to see the steamy Great Bath, the cold plunge pool and the crumbling old changing rooms. Costumed characters based on real soldiers and travelling merchants, engage with visitors.

Enjoy an elegant lunch (or afternoon tea) at **The Pump Room**, followed by taste of the mineral-rich water from the spa fountain. Bath's famous spring water contains 42 different minerals including sodium and magnesium and has a very distinctive taste!

In the afternoon take a dip at **Thermae Bath Spa**, and indulge with one of their treatments.



Bishopstrow Hotel & Spa

Overnight at one of the 5* luxury hotels in Bath. Our recommendation is **The Roseate Villa Bath**. This hotel is set within a pair of elegant Victorian villas overlooking Henrietta Park, with its own private garden and a tranquil oasis of wildflowers and birdsong, it provides a tranquil retreat just moments from the city centre.

Day 5. Wiltshire

Travel a short distance from Bath to **Longleat** in Wiltshire for exclusive historic experiences and amazing animal VIP encounters.

Step into **Longleat House**, home of the Thynn family and the finest example of Elizabethan architecture. Step over the ropes and behind the scenes to enjoy exclusive access on an intimate Longleat House special interest tour. These can be tailored to your interests subjects such as art, furniture, architecture, or literary connections including viewing the 7 libraries with more than 44,000+ books.

Get closer than ever to some of Longleat's most iconic residents with exclusive VIP Animal Experiences. Meet the stars of **Longleat Safari Park** and Animal Adventure, from majestic big cats and charming red pandas to towering giraffes, curious koalas and fascinating anteaters. These unforgettable behind-the-scenes encounters offer a unique opportunity to connect with some of the world's most remarkable animals.

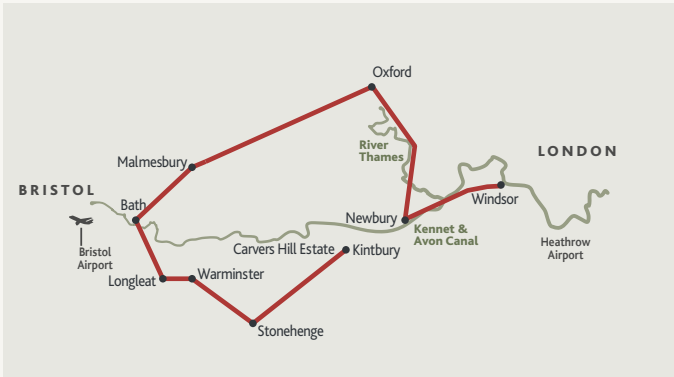
Relax, overnight and dine at the nearby **Bishopstrow Hotel & Spa** with its recent transformation of its spa facilities to a new wellness hub near Warminster, in Wiltshire. This includes a 14-metre outdoor swimming pool, 8-metre outdoor hydrotherapy pool and a selection of hot tubs. A spacious outdoor sauna and cold plunge and outdoor studio cabanas host an array of fitness, lifestyle & non-touch therapies. The entire outdoor village experience is serviced by an outdoor bar offering refreshments and light bites.

Day 6. Wiltshire/ Berkshire

Head to the **UNESCO World Heritage Site of Stonehenge** and take time to connect with the ancient landscape on English Heritage's Stonehenge Explorer Tour. This immersive guided experience ventures beyond the monument to the tranquil prehistoric sites of Woodhenge and Durrington Walls, encouraging a deeper appreciation of the natural surroundings and the people who once lived here. With exclusive access inside the stone circle and accompanying staff during conservation checks, you'll have an exceptional unique experience. (Up to 5 pax per tour).

Take a journey into the past with **Kennet Horse Boat Company's** horse drawn canal cruise. Set in Berkshire's beautiful countryside on the Kennet & Avon Canal, the Horse Drawn Barge is based in the pretty village of Kintbury near Hungerford. The horses are bedecked in traditional harness and the boat is built in the style of the 1800's. This environmentally friendly unique experience allows visitors to slow down and relax on board with refreshments, whilst keeping England's 19th century heritage alive. Operates Easter to September only.

Overnight at the nearby at **Carvers Hill Estate**, Shalbourne in one of their three luxury cedar-clad woodland cabins, nestled within the heart of the North Wessex Downs National Landscape. Set just steps from the estate's vineyard, the beautifully crafted cabins provide secluded accommodation that blends contemporary comfort with the tranquillity of nature, offering far-reaching countryside views. If time allows take a vineyard and winery tour with tastings.



Travel by Car	Miles/kms by road*
Windsor to Newbury	40 miles / 65km
Newbury via Blenheim to Malmesbury	85 miles / 137km
Malmesbury to Bath	25 miles / 40 km
Bath via Longleat to Warminster	27 miles / 44 km
Warminster via Amesbury & Kintbury to Shalbourne	56 miles / 90km

*These are the total distances for the day.