

# Great West Way®

BY CAR OR COACH

## Day 1

Arrive at London Heathrow. Set off for nearby Windsor. Take in the town that the Queen calls her home. See the Guildhall where Prince Charles married his Camilla, and the many lanes and picturesque pubs in this historic town. Visit Windsor Castle, the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world, and admire the magnificent State Rooms, St George's Chapel and Queen Mary's Dolls' House.

Continue to Marlborough, an archetypical English market town. There is plenty of accommodation, excellent shopping and a wide choice of places to eat and things to do, making the town an ideal stop along your route.

On Saturdays and Wednesdays the High Street hosts a market selling all kinds of produce from locally produced meat and vegetables, to pots, plants, pashminas and pottery.

**Overnight: Marlborough area**



## Day 2

After breakfast, drive to Stonehenge where you will experience the fascinating story of this iconic stone circle, built almost 5000 years ago. Learn of the many theories as to why Stonehenge was constructed, and how the massive stones were transported from as far away as Wales.

Continue to Avebury, the largest stone circle in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site along with Stonehenge - it's a village built inside a prehistoric stone circle. Avebury is part of an extraordinary set of Neolithic and Bronze Age ceremonial sites that seemingly formed a vast sacred landscape. Many can be reached on foot from the village.



After a pub lunch, continue to Bath. This afternoon take a walk around Bath, a city so beautiful and special that it has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. On your walk you will see sights such as Pulteney Bridge, a historic bridge with shops built into it, the Roman Baths, and the Jane Austen Centre. You can also drive alongside Royal Crescent, one of the most photographed streets in England. Visit the Roman Baths, the remarkably well preserved remains of a Roman religious spa. Check in to your hotel, and enjoy dinner at leisure.

**Overnight: Bath**

## Day 3

Explore the Cotswolds today through the quaint villages of Castle Combe and Lacock. Castle Combe is a quintessentially English village often named as the 'prettiest village in England.'

Castle Combe has featured regularly as a film location, for example in Stephen Spielberg's War Horse. Continue onto Lacock, a village which is also a firm favourite for film and TV producers, most notably for its picturesque streets and historic cottages, untouched by modern alterations. The village's most famous appearances include 'Downton Abbey', the BBC's 'Pride and Prejudice', and the film 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince'. Continue to London, and depart from London Heathrow.



Alternatively, extend by a couple of nights in London and enjoy the sights of England's capital!

Why not include one of these optional extras:

- Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery tour
- Hop on hop off bus tour of Windsor
- Cruise on the river Thames in Windsor
- Salisbury Cathedral
- SS Great Britain
- Hop on hop off bus tour of Bath

## Outline:

- Marlborough x 1 night
- Bath x 1 night

## Highlights:

- Royal Windsor
- Iconic Stonehenge
- Roman remains in Bath
- Picturesque Cotswolds villages

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