



WESTERN WONDERS



6 Days / 5 Nights
Rail Itinerary



LOSE YOURSELF

Be amazed at the delights of some of England's finest treasures such as the magical site of Stonehenge, the natural beauty of the Cotswolds and the vibrancy of England's Historic Cities

SURPRISE YOURSELF

Explore windswept castles, fuelled by cream teas and Cornish pasties, before you move on to bathe in Roman springs, or go back further back in time to climb cathedral spires and witness Stonehenge's prehistoric stones

TOP TIP

Search the App Store or Google Play and download the England Originals app before you travel - bring your trip to life with incredible virtual reality and interactive features



Western Wonders - are you ready?

Experience this unforgettable Western Wonders programme, taking you to some of the UK's best-loved locations: such as Bath, Salisbury and London; whilst spending time discovering the magnificent beauty of The Cotswolds and exploring the magical site of Stonehenge, and visiting Cornwall to spend a day in picturesque Truro. Taking a leisurely pace, this itinerary explores the 'Western Wonders' utilising the best of Britain's rail network. From classical monuments to picturesque sceneries, there's so much to see and discover, you'll be spoilt for choice!



Visit the UNESCO World Heritage city of **Bath**



Explore picturesque **Truro** in Cornwall



Experience the history of Gothic **Salisbury**



Drive through
The Cotswolds - a
designated Area of
Outstanding Natural Beauty





LONDON - CORNWALL

Once arrived in London make your way to Paddington Station where the **GWR Night Riviera Sleeper** leaves from.

You will be able to board the train from 22:30 and enjoy your journey to **Cornwall** sitting on comfortable modern airline-style seats. This lovely overnight ride is like a bedroom on wheels as you settle down for a comfortable night sleep on your way to your first destination

Book a cabin and avail of the following:

- ✓ Access to the GWR lounges, with complimentary showers, at Paddington, Penzance, and Truro
- ✓ Exclusive use of the on-board lounge; with a welcome complimentary hot or cold non-alcoholic drink
- ✓ Wake-up call and complimentary continental breakfast

TOP TIP:

Complimentary showers are available in Truro for you to freshen up before starting your visit

HIGHLIGHTS**TRURO CATHEDRAL**

Truro Cathedral was one of the last to be built in England, from 1880-1910, on the site of a demolished parish church. At its heart is the Father Willis Organ, one of the finest musical instruments in the country. It was installed in 1887 when it arrived from London by boat

ROYAL CORNWALL MUSEUM

The museum is the only museum in Cornwall with a British Museum supported Ancient Greek, Roman & Egyptian permanent exhibition, along with collection of rare ceramics, a world-renowned mineral collection and exceptional art on display

**TRURO**

After spending the night on the Night Riviera Sleeper, your day starts in the beautiful **Truro** in Cornwall and there's no better way to put your stamp on the new day than with a scrumptious breakfast on the beach. With the backdrop of the glorious Cornish coast, it's the perfect way to start a day of adventures.

Wander around the little streets of **Truro** and discover why Truro was called the 'London' of Cornwall in the 18th and 19th centuries because it was such a fashionable place. Visit **Truro Cathedral** and the **Royal Cornwall Museum**.

Around mid-afternoon, hop on a train to **Bath** to continue your trip



Whilst in Truro, visit **Portreath Bakery** and see a traditional Cornish Pasty being made and of course try one yourself



Overnight Bath:
The Abbey Hotel

TOP TIP:

Buy a Museums Saver ticket which gives you entry to the Fashion Museum Bath, the Roman Baths and Victoria Art Gallery

HIGHLIGHTS

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Bath is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with more than 2000 years of history. It is considered one of the most beautiful cities in UK and definitely worth a visit.

Jane Austen made Bath her home and nowadays you will discover the same elegant yet vibrant city which provided inspiration for two of her six published novels, *Northanger Abbey* and *Persuasion*.

THE BATH GIN COMPANY & DISTILLERY TOUR

The Georgians were rather fond of gin. Today you can learn about the history of the botanical drink, enjoy a tasting and create your own blend



BATH

Bath is your next destination while you are visiting the South West of England

Start your day getting acquainted with the city on a **Sightseeing Tour Bus** and discover all the sights of the Bath, learning fascinating information as you go.

No visit to Bath is complete without visiting **The Roman Baths** also known as the best-preserved Roman remains in the world where 1,170,000 litres of steaming spring water, reaching 46°C, still fills the bathing site every single day.



Great Pulteney Street – grab your camera and take a wander down Bath's grandest parade of neoclassical houses, completed in 1789 for the city's smart set



Overnight Bath:
The Abbey Hotel

TOP TIP:

Alternative destination & day tours departing from Bath are also available should you wish to choose an alternative to the Cotswolds day trip

HIGHLIGHTS

THE COTSWOLDS

The Cotswolds covers a huge area – almost 800 square miles – and runs through five counties (Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire). One of the delights of visiting the Cotswolds is exploring the different areas, each with its own identity, yet all with those defining Cotswold features: golden stone and rolling hills, the ‘wolds’.

BOURTON ON THE WATER

A charming English village in the heart of the Cotswolds. Bourton on the Water offers a wealth of attractions and shops, restaurants and tea rooms, or simply for you to enjoy some tranquil time by the River Windrush with its beautiful bridges throughout.



THE HEART OF THE COTSWOLDS

On this day, we suggest a shared tour in a comfortable mini coach discovering the beautiful villages of **The Cotswolds**. Step back in time and enjoy the beautiful and picturesque English countryside.

Visit amazing villages such as **Castle Combe** (voted as the prettiest village in the UK). Continue to **Bibury & Arlington Row** where you will see the Cotswold architecture at its best at scenic Arlington Row, built in the 14th century.

After lunch, you will have some time to discover **Stow-on-the-Wold** and its traditional Cotswold market town. The tour will end in **Malmesbury**, England's oldest borough with a 12th Century Abbey, still in use today.

Return to Bath for your overnight



Bourton on the Water is considered to be the Venice of the Cotswolds – it is extremely photographic area of natural beauty



Overnight Bath:
The Abbey Hotel

TOP TIP:

Enjoy dinner at The Haunch of Venison one of Salisbury's oldest pubs. It is proudly listed as one of "25 Pubs in the UK you must drink in before you die"

HIGHLIGHTS

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

Salisbury Cathedral has the tallest spire in Britain, the oldest working clock in Europe (1386) and the world's best preserved Magna Carta.

STONEHENGE

The stone circles at Stonehenge have long been an iconic symbol of Britain. This prehistoric site is probably the most sophisticated stone circle in the world and also one of the most visited. Every year millions of visitors walk around the Stone Circle giving it different meanings and interpretation to this 4500 years prehistoric site.



BATH - SALISBURY



1 HR 10 MINS

Hop on an early train and head to **Salisbury**. Leave your luggage and be ready to discover this beautiful historical city, with its early Gothic Cathedral from the 13th century, **Salisbury** is the perfect combination of ancient and modern and will surprise you with its quirky streets and alleyways, historic archways, foodie spots and so much more.

In the early afternoon take a short bus ride from Salisbury station which will bring you to **Stonehenge**. Enjoy a guided tour of the Stones and time at the state of the art visitor centre

Return to Salisbury for your overnight accommodation.

See **Salisbury Cathedral** at sunrise; the best views are said to be from the Town Path where you will see the sun appear behind the towering spire across the water meadows



Overnight Salisbury:
The Red Lion



TOP TIP:

Dine in style in a Michelin Restaurant such as Club Gascon or enjoy dinner with a view at the highest restaurant in London, Duck & Waffle

HIGHLIGHTS

MUSEUM OF LONDON

The Museum of London documents the history of the UK's capital city from prehistoric to modern times and is located in the City of London on the London Wall

TOWER OF LONDON

Here, you will discover the priceless Crown Jewels, join an iconic Beefeater on a tour and hear their bloody tales, stand where famous heads have rolled, learn the legend of the Tower's ravens, storm the battlements, get to grips with swords and armour, and much more



SALISBURY - LONDON



1 HR 35 MINS

London will be your final destination of this trip discovering the beauties of the south west of England. Explore one of the most astonishing and vibrant cities in the world. The **Museum of London** is the best way to learn about the history of this turbulent city and how it has changed dramatically during the years.

After your museum visit, take a walk through the streets and be fascinated by the rich variety of architectural styles that distinguish this part of London. Explore the city walking around a variety of places of interest and great spots to take pictures such as **Tower Bridge**, the **Houses of Westminster** and the **Tower of London** to name but a view.



The **Houses of Parliament** and **Elizabeth Tower**, commonly called **Big Ben** are hugely iconic London attractions which can be seen from many angles along the River Thames



Overnight London
or departure flight home