

# WESTERN WONDERS



5 Days / 4 Nights Self Drive 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 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, Southampton, the New Forest and much more. You will also delight at spending time discovering the magnificent beauty of The Cotswolds and and exploring the magical site of Stonehenge.

From classical monuments, impressive landscapes and picturesque scenery, there's so much to see and discover, you'll be spoilt for choice!



Visit the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bath



Discover The New Forest - a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Experience the history of Gothic Salisbury



Spend time in the cruise capital of the world - Southampton

Spend your afternoon by indulging in some relaxation such as floating in the rooftop pool at the Thermae Bath Spa

## HIGHLIGHTS

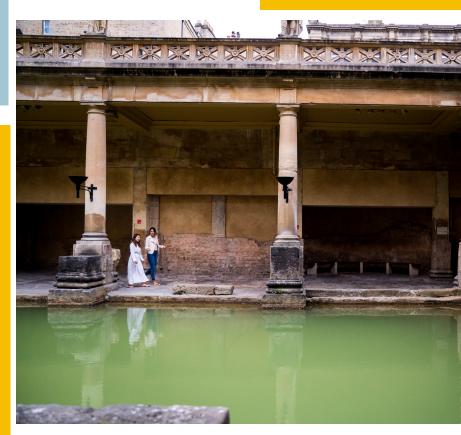
### **BATH**

Bath is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with more than 2000 years of history, It is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the 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.

#### BATH FASHION MUSEUM

The Fashion Museum is housed in the Assembly Rooms in Bath, Somerset, England. The collection was started by Doris Langley Moore, who gave her collection to the city of Bath in 1963





## **BRISTOL - BATH**



45 MINS

Collect your car at the airport and start your journey by driving West, making Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, your first stop.

Take a walk in the streets of this compact and friendly city and discover the iconic Royal Crescent, the Majestic Circus, Pulteney Bridge, Bath Abbey and of course the beautiful Roman Baths.

Time permitting visit the museum at No.1 Royal Crescent which will take you back to how the interiors might have looked in a fashionable Bath home in the late 18th-century.



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



Make sure to visit the Bridge Tea Rooms in Bradford on Avon - the perfect place for a typical English afternoon tea

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#### 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'.

### KENNET & AVON CANAL

Enjoy boating, walking and cycling along the peaceful towpaths of the Kennet & Avor Canal, fondly known as the 'K&A'. This beautiful waterway is a favourite family weekend escape for locals and a pleasure to discover





**BATH - BRADFORD ON AVON** 



**45 M1NS** 

Not far from the bustle and hustle of Bath city centre you'll find a beautiful garden set in a sweeping valley and the impressive mansion sitting proud at the top of the hill - Prior Park Landscape Garden. Here, you will enjoy magnificent views of Bath and the Palladian Bridge (1755) the last of three of its kind built in England.

Your journey continues to Bradford on Avon, a little town on the edge of the Cotswolds

Enjoy a boat trip on the beautiful Kennet and Avon Canal and meander through the peaceful Wiltshire countryside, finishing the day with a classic English Afternoon Tea.

Return to Bath for your overnight accommodation



Prior Park's best known feature, the Palladian Bridge, is an elegant and eye-catching example of world class architecture.



Get even closer to the animals with a VIP safari package at Longleat!

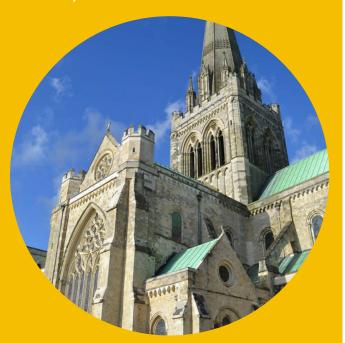
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#### LONGLEAT HOUSE & GARDENS

There is an abundance of exciting attractions and things to do at Longleat, including the Jungle Kingdom and Animal Adventure where you can get up-close and personal with truly amazing animals or take part in a safari tour.

#### **SALISBURY**

Salisbury is famed for its ancient pubs and places to go out. Enjoy dinner at one of Salisbury's oldest pub, such as "The Haunch of Venison" dated back to 1320 where it was discovered that a mummified human hand was buried beneath one of its fireplaces. This pub is proudly listed as one of "25 Pubs in the UK you must drink in before you die"





# LONGLEAT - SALISBURY



1 HR 15 MINS

The morning starts with a visit to Longleat House & Gardens, a beautiful stately home packed with interesting objects and incredible antiques. Explore this stunning example of high Elizabethan architecture — and the Capability Brown landscaped grounds surrounding it.

In the afternoon, continue your journey to experience the medieval city of Salisbury and its Gothic Cathedral.

The Cathedral Close, in particular, is an oasis of peace and tranquillity hidden behind mighty wooden gates and massive stone walls.



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



Alternatively, visit the Palace House, a beautiful restored Victorian Country house where costumed guides welcome and show you what it would have been living in Victorian times.

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#### THE NEW FOREST

The New Forest is an area of southern England that includes New Forest National Park, known for it's heathland, forest trails and native ponies. In the southeast, the National Motor Museum houses F1 race cars and vintage motorbikes. Exbury Gardens & Steam Railway is home to exotic trees, plus colourful rhododendrons and azaleas. Owls, otters and wolves are among the residents of New Forest Wildlife Park.

#### **BEAULIEU**

Beaulieu, in the South of England is a fantastic destination for a fun filled day out. Visit the National Motor Museum, Palace House and Gardens, Beaulieu Abbey and World of Top Gear





# SALISBURY - SOUTHAMPTON



2 HRS

Leave Salisbury and continue your journey to Southampton, better known as the cruise capital of Europe. Explore the city by foot, wandering through its stone walls. Follow the line of some of England's best-preserved medieval Town Walls and step back in history to find out more about Southampton's Old Town. Don't miss a visit to the Tudor House and Gardens the first ever museum of Southampton, which opened to the public in 1912 but was in fact built in 1491.

Continue your day driving through the New Forest and stop at the small village of Beaulieu and visit the National Motor Museum

Leave Beaulieu and make your way back to Salisbury



National Motor Museum – home to a fine collection of vintage cars, F1 racing cars and motorcycles – a great visit for any motor enthusiast!



Purchase your ticket in advance for your Stonehenge visit – advance booking is the only way to guarantee entry on the day and time of your choice.

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#### **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.

## **BOMBAY SAPPHIRE DISTILLERY**

Discover the artistry and heritage behind Bombay Sapphire at the state-of-the-art distillery, set astride the banks of the crystal clear River Test. Go behind the scenes and discover how they infuse ten exotic botanicals from around the world into this world famous gin.





# SALISBURY - LONDON



2 HR 30 M1NS

This day starts with a morning visit to Stonehenge Visitor Centre where you can find out about the development of this World Heritage landscape and its monuments over a period of around 2000 years.

You can then go out to the stones themselves and discover evidence of how prehistoric people shaped their landscape through the monuments they built.

After lunch continue your journey by driving East and discover the artistry and heritage behind the famous gin brand Bombay Sapphire. There are different tours and experiences you can do from the self-discovery experience to the gin cocktail masterclass.

Make your way to London for your departure flight home or spend the night in London

