

# WESTERN WONDERS



5 Days / 4 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





# 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 also spending time discovering the magnificent beauty of The Cotswolds and and exploring the magical site of Stonehenge. 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, wou'll be spoilt for choice!



Visit the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bath



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



Experience the history of Gothic Salisbury



Spend time in the Citu of London

Step into the shoes of a Victorian sailor and climb the huge mainmast of the SS Great Britain.

open every weekend 12pm - 4pm

## HIGHLIGHTS

#### **CLIFTON VILLAGE**

Known as the most beautiful shopping quarter in Bristol., Clifton Village is set amongst wonderful Georgian architecture. Here, you can take your pick from any one of the many up-market independent shops and boutiques selling jewellery, art, gifts, furniture, fashion good food and more

### **BRISTOL HARBOURSIDE**

This is where most of the city's action happens, and it's a brilliant place to spend some time walking around and enjoying the cheerful atmosphere of the city. There are loads of Bars and Restaurants where you can have lunch and relax.





## **BRISTOL**

Begin your journey discovering the modern and vibrant city of Bristol. Start your city tour exploring Clifton Village with its gorgeous Georgian streets. Check out the Clifton Suspension Bridge, just a short walk away for some great pictures!

Continue your day at Bristol Harbourside, stopping off for lunch at a restaurant of your choice.

In the afternoon visit the SS Great Britain, one of Bristol's most famous attractions and top 10 museums in the UK. This steam ship was designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel and nowadays is an interactive museum.



Bristol is the birthplace of **Banksy** and it's very common to come across of some amazing street art that adorns many of the city's buildings.

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

# HIGHLIGHTS

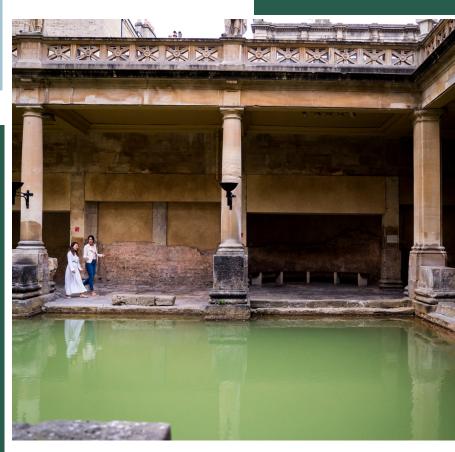
#### UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

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





## **BRISTOL - BATH**



**15 M1NS** 

Located just 15 min away, 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



# DAY3

## 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



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

Dine in style in a Michelin Restaurant such as Club 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