

Top Film & TV

LOCATIONS IN WILTSHIRE

Wiltshire's rolling hills, breath-taking landscapes and historic, cottage-lined villages make it a favourite location for film and TV producers. Offering the perfect backdrop for the big screen, Wiltshire has taken centre stage in a whole range of recognisable shows over the years, from Sci-Fi adventures to period drama classics.

DAY 1

AM: Visit **Castle Combe**, often said to be the 'prettiest village in England' and a favourite with tv and film makers. These include *Dr Thorne*, *War Horse*, *The Wolf Man*, *Stardust* and *Dr Dolittle*.

Travel to the nearby historic market town of **Corsham**, which was not only used to create the perfect backdrop for BBC series *Poldark* but most recently it was transformed into Cotchester, in the Disney+ hit series *Rivals*, based on Jilly Cooper's best-selling novel.

PM: Continue your journey to **Lacock Village, Abbey & Fox Talbot Museum**. This has been a popular go-to location for historical films and dramas, which include *Downton Abbey*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Wolf Hall*, *The White Princess*, *The Wolfman*, *The Other Boleyn Girl*, *Dr Thorne* and *Cranford*. The iconic Abbey was the Tudor home of the Talbots and its dramatic Gothic architecture is most notably in the *Harry Potter* films, where its interior appeared as the Potions and Dark Arts classrooms at *Hogwarts!*

Overnight: **Best Western Angel Hotel**, Chippenham

DAY 2

AM: Visit **Bowood House & Gardens**, near Calne, which has starred in a number of period dramas. It was a filming location for *Sanditon*, an Estate cottage was featured in the *Downton Abbey* film and the parkland featured in *Poldark*.

PM: Travel on to **Bradford on Avon**, where the the Barn and surrounding areas were used in the filming of BBC's *Wolf Hall* and *Robin Hood of Sherwood*. The town was also used in the filming of *Creation*, *The White Princess* and the *Downton Abbey* film.

The nearby *Iford Manor Gardens* is a romantic, award-winning gardens which featured in the latest film adaptation of *The Secret Garden*.

Overnight: **Woolley Grange Hotel**, Bradford on Avon or **The Old Bell Hotel**, Warminster

DAY 3

AM: Visit **Longleat House & Safari Park** which has been used for a number of popular tv and film productions including the Bollywood production of *Mohabbatein* and is the location for the BBC's *Animal*

- Castle Combe
- Corsham
- Lacock
- Bowood House & Gardens
- Bradford on Avon
- Iford Manor Gardens
- Longleat
- Stourhead
- Stonehenge
- Salisbury Cathedral
- Mompesson House



Filming of *Rivals*, in Corsham

Park series. The House also featured in *Rosamunde Piilcher's The Four Seasons*.

PM: Journey onto **Stourhead**, where the magnificent gardens were used for the filming of *Pride and Prejudice* where Lizzie initially rejects Darcy's proposal of marriage.

If time allows head to **Old Wardour Castle**, where these medieval ruins have featured in *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, although. The Castle looks slightly more intact on screen due to special effects!

Overnight: **Holiday Inn Salisbury Stonehenge**

DAY 4

AM: Take a drive through **Salisbury Plain** where the wide expanses have been used as a filming location in Sam Mendes' blockbuster war film *1917*, and for an epic motorbike chase in James Bond film *No Time To Die*.

PM: Explore **English Heritage's Stonehenge**, known worldwide for its prehistoric tales and orientation on the rising and setting sun. It has appeared in many productions such as *Thor: The Dark World*, *Doctor Who*, *Transformers: The Last Knight* and *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, are among the most popular.

Overnight: **Salisbury hotels eg. Legacy Rose & Crown, Milford Hall Hotel, Stones Hotel**

DAY 5

AM: Visit **Salisbury Cathedral**, which was the inspiration behind the Ken Follet's *Pillars of the Earth*. With its awe-inspiring Gothic architecture, it has also featured prominently in historical dramas, such as *The Other Boleyn Girl* and Netflix series *The Crown* and *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*. The cloisters have featured in TV drama based on Philippa Gregory novel, *Spanish Princess*.

PM: Walk across the Cathedral Close to explore **Mompesson House**, which was the home of Mrs Jennings in *Sense and Sensibility*.

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