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In 2020 Salisbury Cathedral and the city commemorate one of the most remarkable moves in medieval history, the relocation of the Cathedral and its community from Old Sarum to its present site, with Salisbury 2020: City on the move.

A year of celebrations is planned to mark the audacious vision required to pull off this incredible feat. From the craftsmen who constructed the medieval masterpiece with its 123m high spire, to the citizens who built a thriving commercial centre around it, in 2020 the city recognises the vision that transformed what was once a modest hamlet into one of the most influential cities in Britain. Highlights include an immersive light and sound show **Sarum Lights** from 18-22 February, a major art exhibition **Spirit and Endeavour** from 1 April-25 October, and **Confluence: a Festival of Flowers** from 15-20 September. Situated at the gateway to the south west and with Stonehenge only 8 miles away, there has never been a better time to visit this jewel in the Wiltshire countryside. For more details go to salisburycathedral.org.uk

Nowhere else in England has such a concentration of iconic sites as Wiltshire. For thousands of years, travellers have been in awe of their grandeur and magic. Now you can explore them and experience that same sense of wonder for yourself by following the **Great West Way**. Around a quarter of this new touring route between London and Bristol runs through the breathtaking landscape of Wiltshire. Along ancient paths once used by druids, pilgrims and drovers. Through lush river valleys. Over rolling chalk hills. Amid ancient woodland. Past picturesque towns and villages. To find out more, turn to pages 20-23 of this Guide or visit GreatWestWay.co.uk

Wiltshire is timeless wonders, timeless places, timeless pleasures and timeless nature. Morning mist swirling round prehistoric stone circles. Historic houses nestling in 'Capability' Brown parkland. Museums bursting with exhibits of national importance. Delicious local produce. Authentic festivals and events. Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Make 2020 the year you discover them all for yourself.

There's always time for Wiltshire.



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> Longleat



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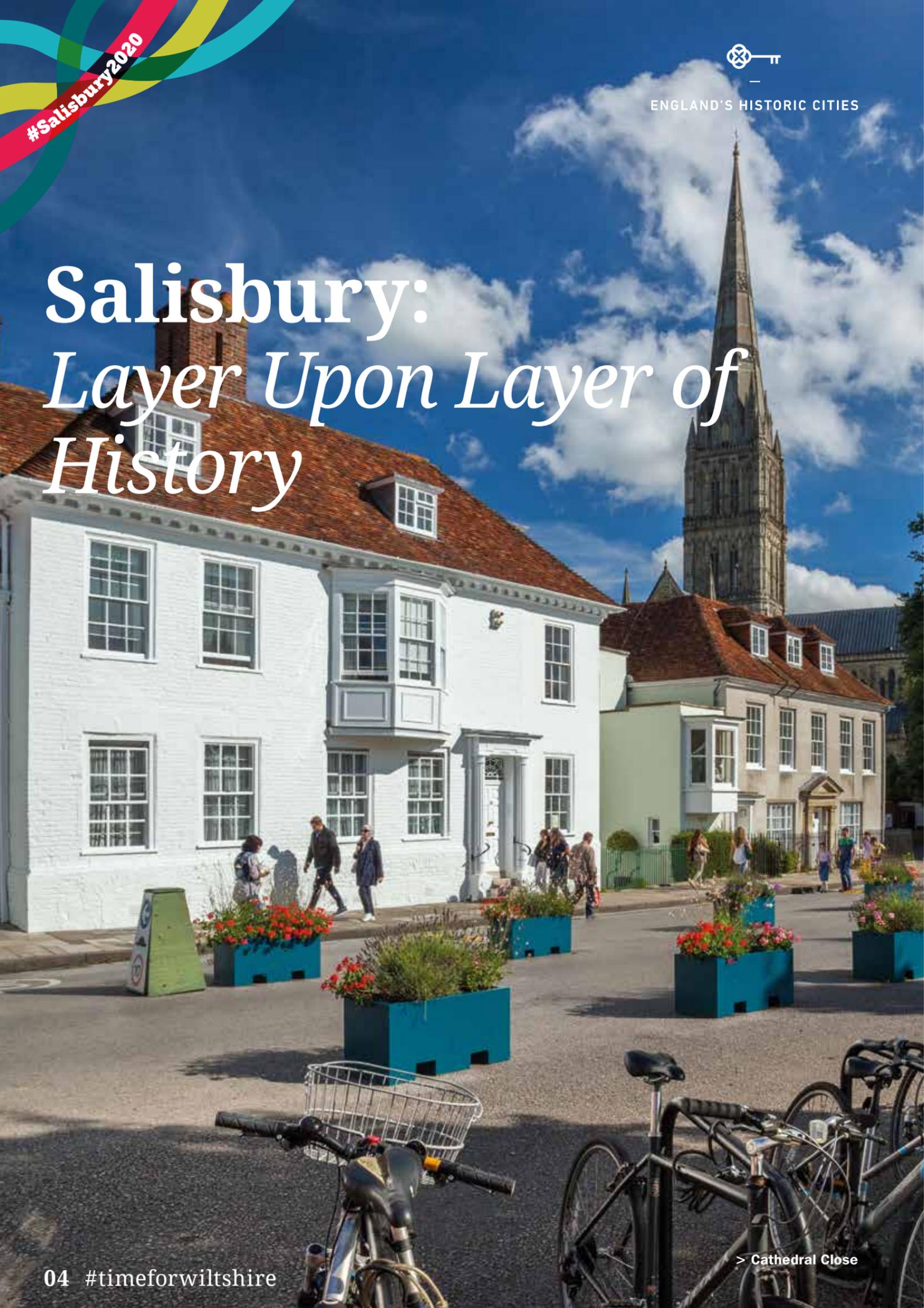


> Stonehenge Visitor Centre



ENGLAND'S HISTORIC CITIES

Salisbury: Layer Upon Layer of History



> High Street



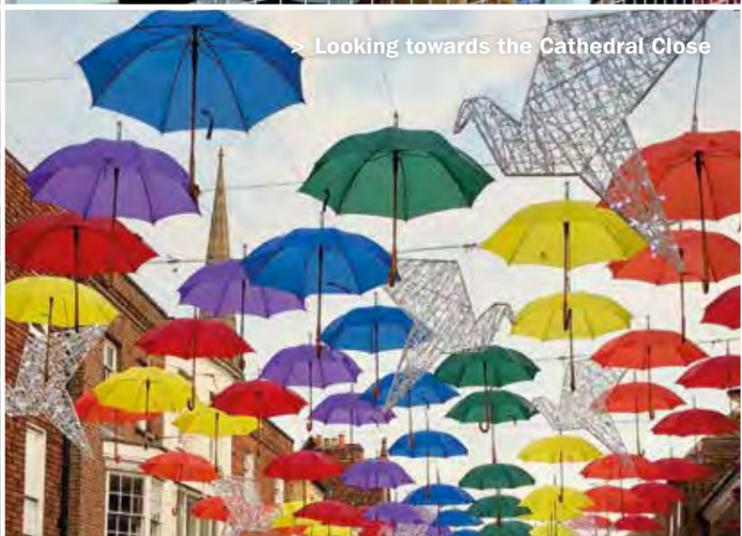
> Magna Carta Exhibition



> Salisbury International Arts Festival



> Salisbury Racecourse



> Looking towards the Cathedral Close

Ancient... modern... timeless... the city of Salisbury combines ageless beauty with captivating history.

Home to the tallest spire in Britain and the best-preserved original 1215 **Magna Carta**, **Salisbury Cathedral** has been described as 'the single most beautiful structure in England'. In 2020 Salisbury Cathedral and the city commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Cathedral's relocation from Old Sarum to its present site. A year of celebrations marking the spirit, endeavour and vision required to pull off this remarkable feat will include an immersive light and sound show from 18-22 February, a major art exhibition from 1 April-25 October, and a festival of flowers from 15-20 September. Visit salburycathedral.org.uk to find out more.

Gathered within the Cathedral Close are further fascinating attractions. Discover finds from Stonehenge at **The Salisbury Museum**. Relive scenes from *Sense and Sensibility* at the National Trust's **Mompesson House**. Browse the diverse collections at **Arundells**, former home of Sir Edward Heath. Or delve into the history of two local regiments at **The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum**. A short stroll along the High Street takes you to the **Parish Church of St Thomas** with its magnificent Doom Painting. On the outskirts of the city you'll find **Old Sarum**, the original site of Salisbury, and **River Bourne Community Farm**. While **Boscombe Down Aviation Collection**, **Salisbury Racecourse** and, of course, **Stonehenge** are right on the doorstep too.

The historic heart of Salisbury has retained its medieval 'chequered' layout - keep an eye out for original street names as you stroll around. When it's time for a break you'll find tempting tearooms and coffee shops, family-friendly brasseries and romantic tables-for-two, cosy city pubs and historic inns with views of the river. One of the quirkiest hostleries is the 14th century **Haunch of Venison**. Order a pint at the unusual pewter-topped bar, then take a peek at the former bread oven containing (so the story goes) the mummified hand of an ill-fated card sharp.

Shoppers can head for their favourite high street stores. Or seek out quirky, independent shops offering products designed and crafted locally. For hustle and bustle you can't beat a good market, and Salisbury's Charter Market has been drawing people to the city - every century, every year, every week, every Tuesday* and Saturday - for almost 800 years. Throughout the year the Market Place and Guildhall Square are also home to artisan, teenage and vintage markets. Farmers' and Foodie Friday markets. Continental markets and an ever-popular Christmas Fayre.

Salisbury's engaging cultural scene reflects a deep-rooted creativity and imagination. Under the banner of **Wiltshire Creative**, the Playhouse, Arts Centre and International Arts Festival embrace the contemporary, the traditional and the - occasionally - downright eccentric. Resulting in a vibrant blend of music, dance, theatre, comedy and more. Add to this an eclectic range of events on offer at **City Hall** and you can enjoy top notch entertainment, all year round. With so much going on throughout the day and into the early hours, Salisbury has been awarded **Purple Flag** status - the 'gold standard' for a great night out.

Just 90 minutes by train from London Waterloo, Salisbury makes an unbeatable destination for day trips and short breaks alike. It is also an excellent base for discovering all that Wiltshire has to offer. For a comprehensive guide to the city and surrounding areas go to visitsalisbury.co.uk or download the **England Originals** app which features Salisbury.

*Except the third Tuesday in October

#Salisbury2020



> Cathedral Close

Wiltshire's Towns and Villages

The home of timeless experiences

Wiltshire's historic towns and villages are friendly, relaxed and welcoming.

Each with something unique to offer. Stylish independent shops and colourful markets. Great entertainment. Fascinating history and heritage. Tempting pubs and restaurants. In all four corners of the county you'll find an excellent range of accommodation to suit every budget. So come and spend time in Wiltshire: the England you love in one county.

Amesbury

It's hard to imagine what life would have been like over 10,000 years ago, but Amesbury has a history dating back to 8,820BC. Nowadays it offers free parking, a weekly market, restaurants, inns and independent shops. Nestling in a loop of the meandering River Avon, the town is close to the ancient wonders of Stonehenge and Woodhenge.

www.amesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Bradford on Avon

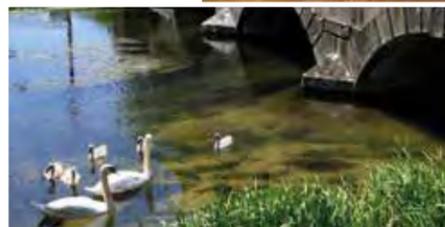
This stunning town flanks both sides of the peaceful River Avon at the southern end of the Cotswolds, with the Kennet & Avon Canal also running through it. Steeped in history, it boasts spectacular medieval barns, Saxon and Norman churches, imposing mansions and a rich industrial heritage, which means this town is definitely not one to be missed!

www.bradfordonavon.co.uk

Calne

For a small town, Calne packs in a lot of history. Its story is one of drovers' trails and coach roads. The rise and fall of canal and rail travel. The legacy of woollen broadcloth. It's where the traditional English technique of producing ham and bacon – the Wiltshire Cure – was invented. Also where oxygen was discovered. Visit the heritage quarter to experience each chapter of its past.

www.visitcalne.co.uk



> Caen Hill Locks



Castle Combe

The perfect English hamlet. Arguably 'the prettiest village in England'. Also a location scout's favourite, featuring regularly on the big screen in films such as *Stardust*, *The Wolf Man* and *War Horse*. In short, unmissable.

Chippenham

This busy market town has much to recommend it. Modern shopping centres and a wealth of historic buildings. The Neeld Community and Arts Centre, Chippenham Museum, and Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre. John Coles Park and the River Avon, which forms a peaceful backdrop for walking and cycling. Lacock, Castle Combe and major attractions including Bowood are nearby.

www.chippenham.gov.uk

Corsham

Corsham developed from Saxon origins into a prosperous town thanks to the wool trade and the quarrying of golden Bath stone. Home to quirky independent shops, the historic High Street contains properties from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, with the 350-year-old Almshouses at one end and stately Corsham Court at the other. The town starred, as Truro, in BBC One's *Poldark*.

www.corsham.gov.uk/visit

Cricklade

Lying at the southern gateway to the Cotswold Water Park is the first town on the River Thames. An historic Saxon town with over 100 listed buildings, including the medieval St Sampson's Church. There is free parking with opportunities to shop, eat and drink as you stroll around the Heritage Trail, explore North Meadow Nature Reserve or walk parts of the Thames Path.

www.crickladedtowncouncil.gov.uk

Devizes

This historic market town has a colourful medieval past and a rich heritage of Georgian houses. The town has kept its character, with many small, family-run businesses and a traditional market bustling with fresh food, crafts and curios. Home to both the Wiltshire Museum and Wadworth Brewery, Devizes stands on the Kennet & Avon Canal, near the flight of 29 locks at Caen Hill.

www.devizes-tc.gov.uk

Highworth

This ancient hilltop market town is situated on the edge of the Cotswolds, four miles from the River Thames. Described by John Betjeman as "...one of the most charming and unassuming country towns in the west of England" its claims to fame range from being a Cavalier stronghold during the Civil War, to running the official ABBA fan club from a house in Sheep Street.

www.highworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Lacock

A stunning National Trust village. Here, cottages and inns dating back to the 15th century have formed a breathtaking backdrop to many film and TV classics, from *Wolf Hall* and *Pride and Prejudice* to *Harry Potter*.

Ludgershall

Were you to delve into the Domesday Book of 1086 you would find a listing for this small town on the eastern edge of Salisbury Plain. Dating from the late 11th century, Ludgershall Castle was originally a royal hunting lodge; today its ruins are in the care of English Heritage. From the castle grounds there are splendid views, and local walks to nearby Collingbourne Woods.

www.ludgershall-tc.gov.uk



Malmesbury

This vibrant market town is believed to be the country's oldest borough and the one-time capital of England. There is much to delight and discover, including the stunning 12th century Abbey, Abbey House Gardens and river walks along the Avon. The High Street offers unique shops, cafés, restaurants and a regular market at the 15th century Market Cross.

www.malmesbury.gov.uk www.discovermalmesbury.life



Marlborough

Set in beautiful countryside, this handsome former staging post has evolved into a stylish and cosmopolitan town with its own thriving café culture. With a twice-weekly market, the wide High Street is lined with characterful old buildings housing an array of high quality shops, pubs and restaurants. Don't forget to explore the side streets, riverside parks and green spaces too.

<https://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/visitors>



Melksham

Melksham evolved at a ford across the River Avon and is served by excellent bus routes and a railway station. At the heart of a rural community, its friendly town centre is full of independent shops and plenty of cafés. Melksham is renowned for having spectacular Christmas lights and the busy community calendar ensures that there is always something going on.

www.melkshamtown.co.uk



Mere

A delightful spot with many amenities. There is excellent walking, cycling and horse riding in the surrounding landscape, and the spectacular National Trust house and garden at Stourhead are nearby.

Royal Wootton Bassett

A bright and vibrant town with a welcoming atmosphere, a range of independent shops and plenty of places to eat. The iconic black and white Town Hall on the High Street houses the Museum.

Swindon

Swindon is surrounded by some of England's finest countryside and attractions. Enriched with Victorian parks and gardens, STEAM Museum, an art gallery, and Lydiard House – an elegant Palladian abode set in rolling parkland. Originally a small market settlement, the arrival of the Great Western Railway in 1840 led to the birth of an entire new town for Swindon.

www.visitswindon.org.uk



Tidworth

The small town of Tidworth lies close to the Wiltshire/Hampshire border. If you are travelling through, keep an eye out for clues to its long and interesting history. The Iron Age earthworks on Sidbury Hill, the Norman church of Holy Trinity, the thatched cottages, Station Road, St Mary's Church and Tedworth House all stand testament to the centuries of this town's existence.

www.tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk



Tisbury

The picturesque village of Tisbury has been a settlement for over 2,000 years. With a mainline railway station and an excellent choice of independent shops, it makes a superb base for walking, riding and cycling. Visit Old Wardour Castle just three miles away and the excellent medieval tithe barn at Place Farm, recently re-opened as a stunning centre for the arts.

www.tisbury-wiltshire-pc.gov.uk



Trowbridge

A Magna Carta Baron town. Unique industrial architecture and a superb museum (reopens August 2020) showcase its rich past as a centre for woollen cloth production. Today it boasts a vibrant heritage and arts scene, quality markets, independent retailers, family restaurants, a cinema and a Premier Inn. Great transport links, with mainline rail connections to Bath, Bristol and London.

www.trowbridge.gov.uk



Vale of Pewsey

White horses, ancient downland and the Kennet & Avon Canal make this a great base for walking, cycling and riding. You'll find thatched cottages, peaceful villages and places to eat, drink and shop, as well as Pewsey Heritage Centre, Crofton Beam Engines and Wilton Windmill. Mainline railway stations at Great Bedwyn and Pewsey connect to London Paddington and the South West.

www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk



Warminster

A historic market town packed with listed buildings and a variety of independent shops, cafés, restaurants and inns. Head to Lake Pleasure Grounds for the brand new skatepark, the pavilion café, play areas, boating lake and more, or enjoy Smallbrook Meadows Nature Reserve. Longleat and Stourhead are nearby, with excellent transport links to Bath and Salisbury.

www.warminstercommunityhub.co.uk

Westbury

On the edge of Salisbury Plain, watched over by the famous White Horse, Westbury offers a lively mix of shops, pubs and restaurants, surrounded by stunning countryside with many outdoor activities.

Wilton

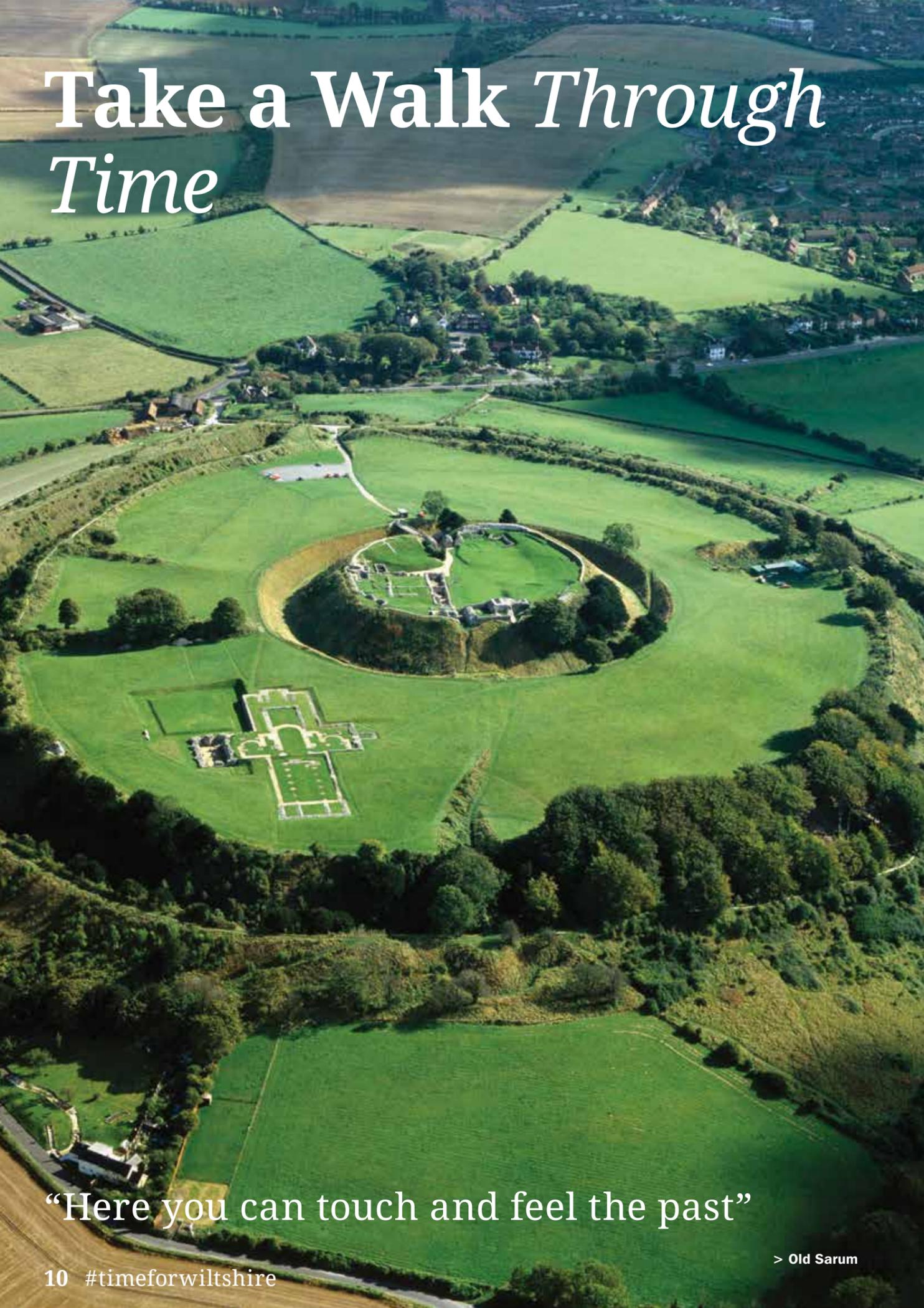
Once the ancient capital of Wessex, the quintessentially English market town of Wilton nestles at the confluence of the rivers Nadder and Wylde. Within a short walk of the Market Square and St Mary's Ruin you will find the famous Italianate Church, a delightful riverside walk, the stately home of Wilton House and the factory outlets of Wilton Shopping Village.

www.wiltontown.com



> Vale of Pewsey

Take a Walk *Through* Time



“Here you can touch and feel the past”

> Old Sarum



> Looking towards Cley Hill



> Wiltshire Museum



> Old Wardour Castle



> Malmesbury Abbey

From stone circles to crop circles, history in Wiltshire has been thousands of years in the making. Numerous civilisations have called it home. Why not visit in 2020 to write your own chapter in our never-ending story?

People have been drawn to Wiltshire since ancient times. Reaching back to the Stone Age and beyond, the county’s archaeological inheritance is second to none. Our prehistoric henge monuments at **Stonehenge** and **Avebury** are renowned throughout the world. But they are only part of the story. Later inhabitants have left their mark as well, bequeathing tangible links with the past.

Built for defence and characterised by enormous ditches and banks, Iron Age hillforts are a recurring feature of the Wiltshire landscape. Visit at sunrise or sunset. Pause for a while on the ramparts. See how the atmosphere alters with the light and reflect on the generations who have stood in this very spot before you – these are the ideal places to connect with our ancestors. The best known can be found at **Old Sarum** on the northern outskirts of Salisbury. This massive earthwork began life as a Neolithic community some 5,000 years ago. Subsequently inhabited by Romans, Saxons and Normans, it developed into a flourishing medieval settlement, eventually becoming the original city of Salisbury. Today you can stroll among the ruins of a royal palace, a castle, and no less than two earlier cathedrals.

Other Wiltshire hillforts include Barbury Castle on the North Wessex Downs. Battlesbury Camp, one of the best preserved in the county. Bratton Castle, home to an even older Neolithic long barrow. Cley Hill, Britain’s UFO capital, with hundreds of sightings since the mid-1960s. Oldbury Castle, overlooking the Cherhill White Horse. For further inspiration, view our ancient hillforts film: visitwiltshire.co.uk/videos

Elsewhere, the legacy of the past continues. **Ludgershall Castle** was built as a fortress in the late 11th century – once a royal hunting lodge, it is now a glorious ruin. The beautiful 12th century Abbey at **Malmesbury** contains the tomb of Athelstan, first king of all England, who made this historic town his capital. **Old Wardour Castle**, dating from the 14th century, was badly damaged in the English Civil War, but today provides a picturesque lakeside setting for picnics.

To unearth the secrets of Wiltshire’s journey through the ages, team up with an expert tour guide. Or explore the galleries at our award-winning museums, bursting with treasured exhibits of outstanding national importance. **The Salisbury Museum** is home to one of Europe’s most extensive collections of Stonehenge and prehistoric artefacts. Here you can discover the Monkton Deverill Gold Torc, recovered from a Bronze Age burial mound, and the grave of the ‘Amesbury Archer’, the richest Beaker burial in Britain. Galleries at **Wiltshire Museum** in Devizes cover 500,000 years of Wiltshire’s history, including the Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age eras, as well as Roman, Saxon and Medieval times. The displays of ‘Gold from the Time of Stonehenge’ feature remarkable finds excavated from the prehistoric landscapes of the World Heritage Site.

For further evidence of Roman occupation in Wessex you need look no further than the **Roman Baths** in Bath, home to the Sacred Spring, the Roman Temple, the Roman Bath House and finds from Roman Bath. **Amesbury**, on the southern edge of Salisbury Plain, is the nearest town to Stonehenge and close to the ancient monuments of Woodhenge, the Cursus, the Avenue and Durrington Walls. Recent excavations suggest that the town may date back more than 10,000 years.



“Bringing the history of England to life”

Centuries of Stately Splendour

> Bowood



> Stourhead



> Arundells



> Lydiard House



> Westonbirt, The National Arboretum

Set against the drama and majesty of the surrounding landscape, Wiltshire’s great estates combine magnificent residences with equally outstanding grounds. From acres of landscaped parkland, to intimate formal and informal gardens.

Grand country properties don’t come much finer than those to be found in Wiltshire. Among them are **Longleat House**, a splendid example of high Elizabethan architecture. Impressive 18th century **Bowood**, with interiors designed by Robert Adam. **Wilton House**, home to the Earls of Pembroke for over 400 years. As you might expect, legendary horticultural genius Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown was hard at work in 18th century Wiltshire. The breathtaking pastoral settings which complement these properties today were greatly influenced by his brilliance as a landscape architect. Even the grounds surrounding **Lacock Abbey** – founded in the 13th century for monastic purposes, before later becoming a family home – are said to have benefited from his attention.

But he was not the only green-fingered enthusiast to have left his mark in Wiltshire. The stunning National Trust garden at **Stourhead** was designed in the 18th century by gentleman gardener Henry ‘the Magnificent’. Described as a living work of art, reflections of classical temples and grottoes shimmer in the waters of a spectacular lake, surrounded by rare and exotic trees. The garden is open all year, and from March to October (as well as in the run up to Christmas) you can also visit the Palladian mansion of **Stourhead House**. **Lydiard House**, at the opposite end of the county, is another Palladian jewel, renowned for its elegant state rooms, original family furnishings and Elizabethan portraits. It is surrounded by 260 acres of parkland, with a lake and 18th century walled garden.

Designers of note have also left their mark on smaller homes of the well-to-do. Thanks to the vision of General Pitt Rivers, **Larmer Tree** is an extraordinary example of Victorian extravagance, perfectly set amid the rolling downland of Cranborne Chase. An Arts and Crafts garden surrounds 15th century **Great Chalfield Manor** near Melksham, familiar to many as a TV location from *Wolf Hall* and *Poldark*. **Iford Manor Gardens**, featuring romantic Italianate terraces cut into the hillside, evokes an Edwardian version of Tuscany. At **Avebury Manor**, some of the rooms and part of the garden have been variously redesigned to reflect Tudor, Queen Anne, Georgian, Victorian and 20th century styles. While Malmesbury’s **Abbey House Gardens**, beside the 12th century Abbey Church, have been restored in recent years by the Pollard family (better known as ‘The Naked Gardeners’).

The walled gardens at three properties in Salisbury Cathedral Close provide peace and tranquillity in the midst of the city. Within this timeless setting are the National Trust’s **Mompesson House**, a charming Queen Anne mansion; **Arundells**, home of former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath; and a former Bishops’ storehouse, known as ‘The Wardrobe’, which houses **The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum**. The gardens at the latter two properties run down to the river, with views of the soaring cathedral spire.

Three equally memorable properties lie just across the county border in Gloucestershire. As well as being breathtakingly beautiful, the 600 acres at **Westonbirt Arboretum** are a record-breaker, with one of the world’s finest collections of temperate trees and shrubs. 15th century **Chavenage House**, with its golden stone walls and lichen grey rooves, has remained almost unchanged for 400 years, making it the perfect vision of a Cotswold manor. Although currently closed for renovation works, the Grade I listed house and enchanting riverside gardens at **Kelmscott Manor** were the Cotswold retreat of William Morris: poet, designer, craftsman, socialist and founding father of the Arts and Crafts movement.

The Age of Industry Brought to Life

“Explore exciting new features and exhibits when Trowbridge Museum re-opens in August 2020”



> STEAM - Museum of the Great Western Railway



> Crofton Beam Engines and the Kennet & Avon Canal



> Trowbridge Museum



> Wilton Windmill



> Swindon & Cricklade Railway

The source of many Wiltshire towns' modern-day prosperity lies in the production of woollen broadcloth in centuries past. Apart from Wilton Carpets – which has been trading on the same site in the former capital of Wessex for more than 300 years – the textile industry is long gone. But outstanding examples of industrial architecture remain to provide tangible links with the past.

Back in its textile manufacturing heyday, Bradford on Avon was home to more than 30 cloth factories. Today, the towering walls of Abbey Mill still flank the river, while the cottages once inhabited by spinners and weavers can be seen clinging to the hillside above. In Trowbridge the history of weaving dates back

over 1,000 years. The result is an important architectural legacy ranging from the late-16th to the mid-19th century. Trowbridge Museum, reopening in August 2020 following extensive renovation and expansion, has a fascinating collection relating to West Country woollen cloth production, including interactive exhibits, sensory experiences and working looms.

For much of its 87-mile course, the beautifully restored Kennet & Avon Canal runs through Wiltshire. During the Industrial Revolution it was a key means of transport for goods and materials. Today it makes a peaceful and unhurried way to enjoy the county's timeless scenery. Colourful narrowboats are the traditional way to travel. But you can also walk or cycle along the towpath. Try your hand at stand-up paddleboarding. Or take to the water in a canoe.

In the course of your journey along and around the canal you will come across outstanding examples of industrial archaeology. Pay a visit to Crofton Beam Engines, just outside Marlborough – 200 years old, yet still capable of performing their original job. Nearby Wilton Windmill, the only working windmill in Wessex,

where you can buy a bag of Wiltshire flour to take home. Or the flight of 29 locks at Caen Hill on the edge of Devizes – an astonishing feat of engineering. For further inspiration, view our Kennet & Avon Canal film here: visitwiltshire.co.uk/videos

In 1840 Isambard Kingdom Brunel chose to site the factory for his Great Western Railway in Swindon. Today, the Grade II listed buildings of the former railway works make a fitting home for STEAM Museum. Here you can step back in time, try out the interactive exhibits, and discover the story of this iconic line. For the chance to actually ride aboard a vintage steam train, head for Swindon & Cricklade Railway.

Wiltshire's local museums offer further links with the past. Athelstan Museum in Malmesbury traces the history of lacemaking. Calne Heritage Centre tells the story of the town and its surrounding area. Chippenham Museum highlights aspects of trade and industry, including a working model of a flourmill. While displays at Royal Wootton Bassett Museum depict the town's social, rural, commercial and industrial history.

A more recent example of manufacturing in Wiltshire can be experienced at Hillbrush, in Mere, where they've been making cleaning equipment since 1922. Visit Hillbrush, their visitor centre, includes not only a gift shop, restaurant and coffee bar but also a brush museum – the only one in the UK!

“Experience the power of steam”



> Vintage Classics

> Boscombe Down Aviation Collection

> Royal Signals Museum

> Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum

> REME Museum

> The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum

Hands-on Heritage

Vehicles, aircraft and the armed forces

If you've always wanted to take the wheel of an iconic car, now is your chance, as **Vintage Classics** bring you the ultimate driving experience! Timeless models available to hire include the Audi Ur Quattro Turbo (as featured in the BBC's *Ashes to Ashes*), the Jaguar MKII (of Inspector Morse fame) and many other models from Triumph and Daimler to Austen and Alfa Romeo.

You can also enjoy the freedom of the road in a well-equipped campervan from **Practical Car and Motorhome Hire** – with a choice of 2-3 or 4-6 berth models, they're ideal for touring. Or take a nostalgic trip down memory lane at **Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum** in Calne, which showcases vehicles from yesteryear.

Most exhibits are cars from 1910 onwards. But you'll also find motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles; a reconstructed 1930s-style garage complete with vehicles; a model lorry collection; and a range of interesting motoring memorabilia.

Highlighting the ingenuity and endeavour of Britain's armed forces, from centuries past to the present day, several of our museums trace the history of a particular corps or regiment. Within the walls of Salisbury's Cathedral Close, **The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum** showcases the exploits of the infantry of these two local regiments, from 1748 until the present day. In addition to many fascinating photographs, the collection features documents, medals and items of uniform; swords, pistols and anti-tank weapons; pictures, flags and battlefield souvenirs... even a cannonball from the American War of Independence.

The **Royal Signals Museum** near Blandford Forum traces the history of the British Army's battlefield communications. From the introduction of telegraph in the Crimea, via espionage and

satellites, to today's digital battlefields of cyberspace and electronic warfare. With interactive exhibits bringing history to life, you can send and receive messages in Morse code, set up a radio and satellite network, and drive a full-size truck through a virtual world.

REME Museum in Lyneham is the latest addition to the Wiltshire stable. Opened in 2017, its remit is to preserve the heritage of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. In a collection exceeding 100,000 items you'll find over 100 military vehicles and more than 1,700 medals. Over 950 weapons and more than 2,000 items of uniform. Plus an extensive archive of letters, pamphlets and photographs, paintings, instruction manuals and vehicle specifications.

Located beside the busy airfield at Middle Wallop near Salisbury, the **Army Flying Museum** is the official Regimental Museum of the Army Air Corps and its predecessors. Here you can experience 100 years of British soldiers in the air, from the pioneering era of balloons and kites through to modern day helicopter operations. Exhibits housed in two large hangars include over 40 fixed wing and rotary aircraft.

You can also trace the fascinating story of flight at **Boscombe Down Aviation Collection** near Salisbury. A working museum, housed in a historic World War One hangar, it brings the history of test flight in the UK to life with over 100 exhibits, including 30 aircraft. Sit in a cockpit, dress up in a flight suit and helmet, imagine yourself as a fighter pilot, and watch ongoing restoration on real aircraft.

“The story of military communications, from semaphore to cyber”

Encounter Wiltshire's Wild Side

As you would expect from a county of such outstanding natural beauty, Wiltshire has plenty of indigenous wildlife. What you might be surprised to learn is that the county is home to all manner of exotic creatures too. Lions... Lemurs... Lorikeets...

How come? Because **Longleat**, with its outstanding Elizabethan house, 'Capability' Brown parkland, enormous hedge maze and more, was also the first Safari Park outside of Africa. Keep an eye out for adorable Amur tiger cubs on the Safari Drive-through. Say g'day to England's only koalas in their purpose-built, walk-through habitat. Check out the Jungle Cruise. Observe the pack in Wolf Wood. Hand feed sea lion and giraffe. And don't miss Longleat's astonishing range of events, including the Food & Music Festival, Sky Safari, Festival of Light and more.

You can imagine yourself on safari at **Cotswold Wildlife Park**, too, where there's a real sense of being in the wild. Look out for zebra, giraffe and rhino. Red pandas, lemurs and sloths. Giant tortoises, slender tailed meercats and pygmy marmosets. Then feed the penguins, take a trip on the narrow-gauge railway, and navigate jungle bridges in the Skymaze. Set in over 160 acres of beautiful grounds, the Park has an amazingly diverse collection of species, many of which are endangered. Dedicated and caring keepers are passionate about the animals in their care, and keen to share their knowledge with visitors.

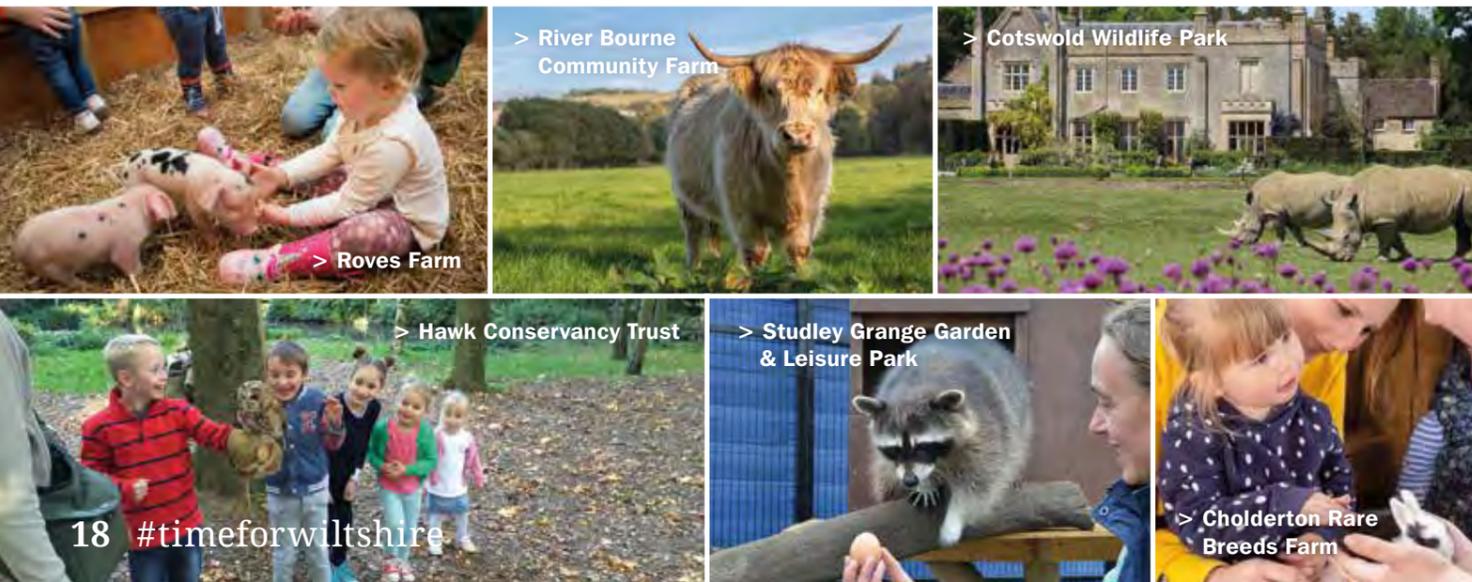
If big game spotting is a bit overwhelming, young children may feel more at home in one of our smaller animal parks. Here there are rabbits to handle, lambs to stroke and tractor and trailer rides to enjoy. In the event that anyone has energy to spare, exciting indoor and outdoor play areas provide the perfect place to let off steam. Many of these activities are common to all our animal parks, but each has unique features too.

At Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm Park the peak time pig races are a sure-fire hit. At Roves Farm would-be explorers can sharpen up their survival skills with den building and outdoor adventure play. On Tractor Ted's Little Farm at Bowood budding mechanics can tackle the mini tractor track and master mechanical diggers. For the opportunity to experience a working farm and learn about rural life, look no further than **River Bourne Community Farm**. Here you can meet and hand feed animals such as pigs, sheep, alpacas, donkeys, goats and Highland cattle, plus ducks, turkeys, poultry, chicks, guinea pigs and rabbits. In addition to 5 acres of farmyard there are 53 acres of water-meadow to explore and nature trails to follow.

For a taste of the tropics, visit **Studley Grange Garden and Leisure Park** to walk among some of the world's most beautiful butterflies as they fly freely against a backdrop of tropical plants and fish-filled ponds. Head for the zoo area to meet meerkats Thelma, Louise and JD. Say hello to otters Einstein, Darwin and Buzz. Introduce yourself to Rigby the Raccoon. Then brave creepy crawlies in the reptile house, greet geese and goats in the Farm Park, and round it all off with a session in Bonkers Soft Play.

Comprising 150 lakes set over 40 square miles, lovely off-road cycle routes, miles of peaceful footpaths and wonderful flora and fauna, **Cotswold Water Park** is a great place to discover the wonders of our natural world. As is **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's** nature reserve at **Langford Lakes**, which attracts a whole host of wild birds throughout the year. Depending on the season you can watch as grebes shake their heads in dramatic courtship displays. Look out for Canada geese and tufted duck. Spy the turquoise flash of a kingfisher. Or glimpse the spectacular osprey. Even the elusive and endangered bittern has been spotted creeping silently through the reeds. With a packed timetable of activities the **Hawk Conservancy Trust** offers a full-on family adventure. Witness up to three world-class flying displays each day. Find out more about the birds at a special Experience session. Book a VIP Encounter. There are over 150 birds of prey on view here... and every visitor can meet one!

“Go on safari, Wiltshire-style!”



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Great West Way®



“For travellers who want to explore further and delve deeper”



> Windsor Castle



> Roman Baths, Bath



> Aerospace Bristol



> Hampton Court Palace



> Westonbirt Arboretum



> Clifton Suspension Bridge, Bristol

Welcome to the Great West Way: an exciting new touring route combining the world-renowned with the yet-to-be-discovered. Where timeless icons rub shoulders with everyday England.

At one end you have **London**, with its rich cultural heritage and famous royal sights. At the other, **Bath and Bristol** – close neighbours, yes, but with very different personalities. While elegant Bath is renowned for its classical Georgian architecture and romantic literary connections, Bristol is a riot of alternative art, music and dining experiences. In between lie lush green landscapes, characterful villages and relaxing riverside towns. But the Great West Way isn't simply about getting from A to B. The Great West Way is for those who relish the journey. The curious. For whom the colourful characters they encounter along the way are as fascinating as the places they visit.

There is no right or wrong place to start your Great West Way journey. No correct route to follow. No best mode of transport. Travel by road, rail or water. On two feet or two wheels. Stay in one place for a while or move on every day. Just be sure to say 'yes' to unforeseen

adventures and unexpected diversions. Take the direct route and the Great West Way runs for 125 miles... add in all the tempting trails and off-the-beaten-track detours and there are 500 miles or more to explore. As you follow its twists and turns you'll encounter the very essence of England.

Along the Great West Way you'll find three breathtaking Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty – the Chilterns, the **Cotswolds** and the **North Wessex Downs** – as well as the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of **Stonehenge and Avebury**, Kew Gardens, **Blenheim Palace** and **Bath**.

You can stand on the site of the sealing of **Magna Carta** at Runnymede. Step aboard the last Concorde ever made at **Aerospace Bristol**. Enjoy a wine tour and tasting at **Alder Ridge Vineyard**. Or soak in the UK's only natural hot springs at **Thermae Bath Spa**. Watch the Changing of the Guard at **Windsor Castle**. Sample award-winning real ale at **West Berkshire Brewery**. Stroll through 15,000 extraordinary trees at **Westonbirt, The National Arboretum**. Or lose yourself in the hedge maze at **Hampton Court Palace**. Take a pleasure cruise along the **Royal River Thames**. Admire sumptuous Georgian gowns at the **Fashion Museum**. Follow in the footsteps of prehistoric man at **Cheddar Gorge and Caves**. Or unearth amazing archaeology at the **Roman**

Baths. Enjoy **Newbury's** canalside pubs and restaurants. Discover **Reading's** Museum and Abbey Quarter. Trawl **Hungerford's** antique shops and fairs, then sample seasonal produce at **Cobbs Farm Shop & Kitchen** on the edge of town. Or visit a stunning **National Trust** property.

From the famous to the far out, the Great West Way offers an astonishing variety of English experiences. A combination not found in any other part of the country. If you're on a tight schedule, it makes for a wonderful day trip. But for those with more time to spare, a short break or longer adventure will allow you to immerse yourself more thoroughly in local life. Your choice of accommodation can be an integral part of the Great West Way experience, too. Quirky glamping sites, pretty country B&Bs, cool city hotels... even castles and stately homes. Offering a world of hidden delights, **The Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa** in Bath is a Georgian gem.

Based on one of the first Great Roads commissioned by kings, the Great West Way is easy to join and easy to follow. It passes by both Heathrow and Bristol airports. It's accessible for visitors travelling from the Channel ports or already based in London. It will take you to places you've always dreamed of visiting, and secret spots that even some locals have yet to discover.

So create your own itinerary. Write your own story. Go to **GreatWestWay.co.uk** and discover your way.

You can get social and follow us along the Great West Way too:

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Great West Way Discoverer pass

To make the most of your Great West Way adventure, choose the **Great West Way Discoverer** pass, offering unlimited off-peak train travel from London Paddington or London Waterloo to Bristol Temple Meads, via the Reading and/or Basingstoke routes, with options to branch off towards Oxford. Plus unlimited travel on designated bus services along the route. One-day and seven-day options are available, with prices from just £24 per person. For further details and to book go to **gwr.com** or **visitbritainshop.com**

Wiltshire on the Great West Way®



“You never quite know what awaits you around the corner”



The Great West Way is England undiluted. England concentrated. Around a quarter of it runs through the beautiful county of Wiltshire. Across rolling hillsides in the North Wessex Downs. Past white horse carvings that have watched over the Vale of Pewsey for generations. Along routes that brought drovers to market. Druids to Stonehenge. Pilgrims to Salisbury Cathedral.

The Great West Way is all about finding your own way. By all means tick off those celebrated icons you've always dreamed of seeing, but allow for spontaneity too. The joy of the Great West Way is that you are never more than a few minutes from a quirky attraction or an extraordinary experience. Just pick somewhere you like the sound of and see where the Great West Way leads you.

Much of the Great West Way's appeal lies in its enormous variety. Stroll around 'Capability' Brown parkland at **Bowood House and**

Gardens. Channel your inner racing driver on a lap of **Castle Combe Circuit**. Admire elegant state rooms at **Lydiard House**. Step back in time at **STEAM – Museum of the Great Western Railway**. Or see how many incredible animals you can spot on a six-and-a-half-mile drive-through experience at **Longleat**, the first Safari Park outside of Africa.

If **Stonehenge** and **Avebury** feature on your wish list, try to visit at dawn or dusk to fully appreciate the magnetism that has drawn people to them over thousands of years. Take time, too, to discover the other monuments that make up this outstanding **World Heritage Site**. Gaze across fields at the enigmatic mound of **Silbury Hill**, perhaps. Or edge your way inside the Neolithic tomb at **West Kennet Long Barrow** (torches recommended).

The industrial revolution left a rich legacy in Wiltshire. Not least the **Kennet & Avon Canal**. Walk or cycle the towpath. Take to the water with a kayak or paddleboard. Relax aboard a traditional narrowboat. Back on dry land you can meet the mighty Shire horses and see sign writers at work on a tour of **Wadworth Brewery** in Devizes. Uncover fascinating industrial archaeology at **Wilton Windmill** and **Crofton Beam Engines** near Marlborough. Or visit **McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Swindon**, housed in the

beautifully renovated Grade II listed buildings of Brunel's former railway works, and search for bargains in over 100 top name stores.

Many of Wiltshire's timeless towns and villages are within easy reach of the Great West Way. Marvel at **Bradford on Avon's** 14th century tithe barn. Visit the heritage quarter in **Calne** to learn of its colourful past. Seek out the wealth of historic buildings in **Chippenham**. Discover **Corsham**, familiar to many as Truro from BBC's *Poldark*. Unearth the rich heritage of Georgian houses in **Devizes**. Wander through the stunning National Trust village of **Lacock**. Explore hilltop **Malmesbury**, England's oldest borough. Stroll along the high street in the handsome former staging post of **Marlborough**. Enjoy entertainment and leisure opportunities in **Swindon**. Stumble across unique industrial architecture in **Trowbridge**. Or visit the medieval city of **Salisbury** with its magnificent **Cathedral**.

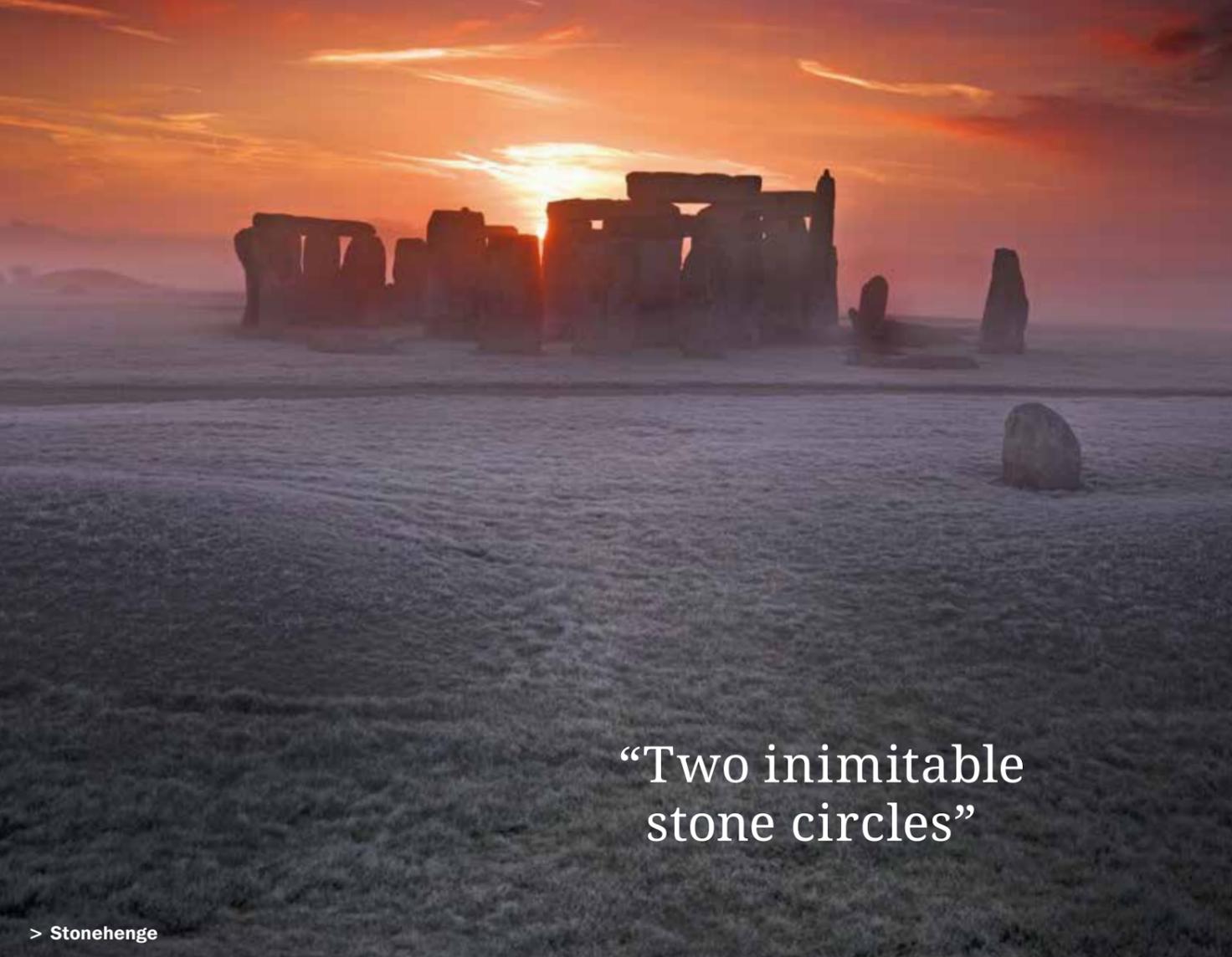
With beer gardens for summer and log fires in winter, an authentic English pub experience is hard to beat. So settle down at one of Wiltshire's many traditional inns. If your Great West Way adventure includes an overnight stay, you can enjoy home-from-home hospitality in a friendly B&B, character and charm at **The Old Bell Hotel** or some serious pampering at **Whatley Manor Hotel** and

Spa. Other options include the chance to live the rural dream on a farm stay, or climb aboard a traditional narrowboat and let the lapping waters soothe you to sleep.

Rail connections along the Great West Way are excellent, linking Wiltshire with London's Paddington and Waterloo stations at one end, Bristol and Bath at the other. Within 90 minutes, or less, of leaving the capital you can find yourself here, enjoying authentic English experiences.

To uncover Wiltshire's secrets and immerse yourself in some of the grand dramas of English history, go to GreatWestWay.co.uk

“Discover an essential strand of England's story”



“Two inimitable stone circles”

> Stonehenge



> Salisbury Cathedral



> West Kennet Long Barrow



> Avebury



> Silbury Hill

Unforgettably Unique

1220 was a very special year in the chronicles of Wiltshire. The foundation stones of Salisbury Cathedral were laid, and construction began on what was to become a masterpiece of medieval engineering. In 2020 we mark the 800th anniversary of this historic milestone with a year of celebrations - see salisburycathedral.org.uk for details.

Salisbury Cathedral is a magnificent example of Early English Gothic architecture. Its glorious Chapter House is home to the finest of only four original **Magna Carta** manuscripts, dating from 1215. Other incomparable features include the tallest spire in Britain, Britain's largest cathedral close and cloisters, and the world's oldest working clock. For stunning panoramic views, take a Tower Tour up narrow spiral stairs to the foot of the spire, 225 feet (over 68 metres) above ground.

Superlatives abound at **Stonehenge** and **Avebury** too. Stonehenge, the world's most famous prehistoric monument, is the only hinged stone circle to feature lintels across some of its stones. Avebury, though less well known, is the largest megalithic stone circle in the world, and the only one to have a village built partly within it. Whilst their origins and meaning have been lost in the mists of time, together they have a magnetism that continues to draw people to them after thousands of years.

If you stand on Salisbury Plain at sunrise or sunset, it's easy to see why the ancient Britons believed **Stonehenge** was special. One of its many unique features is its orientation on the rising and setting sun, although why it was built in this way remains an enduring mystery. **Stonehenge visitor centre** brings its story to life through outstanding exhibitions showcasing items on loan from nearby museums, a superb 360° audio-visual stone circle experience, and replicas of Neolithic houses built from authentic materials. Understandably it's a popular place, so entry is by timed ticket and pre-booking is strongly recommended – you can do this easily at visitwiltshire.co.uk/shop

Arrive at **Avebury** on a misty autumnal morning, or in the depths of winter when a sprinkling of snow dusts the ground, and you'll understand the appeal this sacred place held for our ancestors. Here, no less than three stone circles and part of the village shelter within the massive outer bank and ditch. Stroll among the stones. Touch them, if you will. Try your hand at dowsing for ley lines. Then complete your Avebury experience with visits to the Alexander Keiller Museum and Avebury Manor and Garden.

Dotted across the wider landscape of the World Heritage Site are other monuments, some of them older than the stone circles themselves. Near Avebury you'll find **Silbury Hill**, the largest artificial mound in Europe; **West Kennet Long Barrow**, one of Britain's largest Stone Age burial sites; and the 'dolmen' burial chamber of **The Devil's Den**. Not far from Stonehenge are the Bronze Age burial mounds at **King Barrow Ridge**; the site of a Neolithic settlement and henge at **Durrington Walls**; and earthworks including **The Cursus** and **The Avenue**.

The Stonehenge Tour makes a convenient way to explore several of Wiltshire's ancient wonders. Picking up from Salisbury railway station and the city centre, it runs via Old Sarum to Stonehenge, before returning via Salisbury Cathedral.

Among Wiltshire's other iconic views are its **White Horses**, carved into the rolling chalk downs. Westbury, the oldest, dates from 1778 (although local records suggest it may have replaced an even earlier one carved in the late 1600s). Devizes, the most

recent, was cut into Roundway Hill in 1999, to mark the new millennium. For further inspiration, view our white horse film here: visitwiltshire.co.uk/videos

Wiltshire's World Heritage Site and other timeless wonders are within easy reach of all accommodation in this guide. To experience the magic for yourself, an overnight visit is highly recommended. Go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation for a wide range of places to stay.

“One outstanding World Heritage Site”





> Marlborough College Summer School



> Chalke Valley History Festival



> Wiltshire Wildlife Trust



> Confetti Battle, Devizes



> Enchanted Christmas, Westonbirt



> Longleat Festival of Light



> Malmesbury Carnival



> Salisbury Literary Festival

2020 Events

Full details of these and many other festivals and events can be found on our website: visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on. Please be sure to double check dates and times in advance, as details can sometimes change.

Regular and Long-Running Events 2020

Your Stonehenge: 150 Years of Personal Photos, Stonehenge	Dec 2019-Aug 2020
The Walking Challenge, Avebury	Wed 1 Jan-Thu 31 Dec
Albert Goodwin Exhibition, The Salisbury Museum	Sat 25 Jan-Sat 18 Apr
Stories of Sanctuary, Lacock	Daily from February
Owls by Moonlight, Hawk Conservancy	Selected dates Feb, Mar, Sep, Oct
Louise Luton Exhibition, Fisherton Mill	Sat 29 Feb-Sat 4 Apr
Inspired? Exhibition, Mompesson House	Sat 7 Mar-Sun 1 Nov
Spirit & Endeavour Art Exhibition, Salisbury Cathedral	Wed 1 Apr-Sun 25 Oct
Woodland Gardens Open, Bowood House	Mid Apr-Jun
Race Days, Salisbury Racecourse	Selected dates Apr-Oct
Sky Hunters at Sunset, Hawk Conservancy Trust	Selected Sat Apr, May, Jul, Aug
British Portraiture Exhibition, The Salisbury Museum	Sat 2 May-Sun 27 Sep
Salisbury Art Trail	Sat 30 May-Sun 14 Jun
Peace by Piece, Lacock	Sat 20 Jun-Sun 1 Nov
Torchlit Summer Evenings, Roman Baths, Bath	Sun 21 Jun-Mon 31 Aug
Summer Exhibition, Fisherton Mill	Sat 4 Jul-Sat 15 Aug
Summer Holiday Activities, Roves Farm	Jul & Aug (dates tbc)
Marlborough College Summer School	Sun 12 Jul-Sat 8 Aug
Summer Holiday Activities, Cholderton	Thu 23 Jul-Mon 31 Aug
Autumn Event, Westonbirt Arboretum	Tue 1 Sep-Mon 30 Nov
Sculpture Exhibition, Avebury Manor Garden	Sat 5 Sep-Sun 11 Oct
Natural Elements Exhibition, Fisherton Mill	Sat 3-Sat 31 Oct
Spruce & Splendour Exhibition, Fisherton Mill	Sat 7 Nov-Sat 2 Jan 2021

February 2020

Adults' Valentine's Evening, Bluestone Vineyards	Fri 14 Feb
Introduction to Silversmithing, Langford Lakes	Sat 15 Feb
Canal Days, Chippenham Museum	Tue 18 & Thu 20 Feb
Family Events, The Salisbury Museum	Tue 18 & Thu 20 Feb
Sarum Lights, Salisbury Cathedral	Tue 18-Sat 22 Feb
Handbag Amnesty, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet	Sat 22 & Sun 23 Feb
Eastcott Window Wanderland, Swindon	Fri 28 Feb-Mon 2 Mar
Science Swindon 'Tomorrow' Festival, STEAM Museum	Feb (dates tbc)

March 2020

Beginner's Guide to Spoon Carving, Green Lane Wood	Sun 1 Mar
Antiques Fair, Wilton House	Fri 6-Sun 8 Mar
Wiltshire Wildcat Sportive, Salisbury Racecourse	Sun 8 Mar
Larmer Tree Races	Sat 7 & Sun 8 Mar
Beer Festival, Salisbury	Sat 14 Mar

Lambing, Roves Farm	Thu 19 Mar-Sun 5 Apr
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St George's Day Celebrations, Salisbury	Thu 26 Mar
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April 2020

Easter Events Around Wiltshire	Apr (various dates)
Bookbinding, Langford Lakes Nature Reserve	Fri 3 Apr
Spring Action Day, Castle Combe Circuit	Sat 4 Apr
Highworth Scarecrow Trail	Sat 4-Sun 19 Apr
Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race	Fri 10-Mon 13 Apr
Frittillay Season, North Meadow, Cricklade	From mid-Apr (dates tbc)
VW Festival, Stonehenge Campsite	Fri 17-Mon 20 Apr
Gifford's Circus, Bowood House & Gardens	Tue 21 Apr-Sun 3 May
Calne Spring Sing	Sat 25 Apr
Cotswold Water Park Spring Ball	Sat 25 Apr

May 2020

Downton Cuckoo Fair	Sat 2 May
Highworth May Day Festival	Sat 2 May
May Day Celebrations, Avebury	Sun 3 May
Swindon Spring Festival of Literature & the Arts	Sun 3-Sat 16 May
Stone Carving Workshop, Langford Lakes Nature Reserve	Tue 5 May
VE Day Celebrations, Chippenham & Ludgershall	Fri 8 May
Model Engineering Festival, Crofton Beam Engines	Fri 8-Sun 10 May
Wartime Britain Event, REME Museum	Sat 9 & Sun 10 May
ARB Show, Westonbirt Arboretum	Fri 15 & Sat 16 May
Green Man Festival, Bradford on Avon	Sat 16 May
Stourhead Immortal Weekend	Sat 16 & Sun 17 May
Chippenham Folk Festival	Fri 22-Mon 25 May
Salisbury International Arts Festival	Fri 22 May-Sun 7 Jun
Real Ale & Cider Festival, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Sat 23-Mon 25 May
Spring Half Term at Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm	Sat 23-Sun 31 May
Live@TheFarm, River Bourne Community Farm	Sun 24 May
St Aldhelm's Day Fair, Malmesbury	Mon 25 May
Family Yoga, Lacock	Tue 26-Fri 29 May
Late Night Shopping, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet	Thu 28 May
Food & Drink Festival, Bradford on Avon	Sat 30 May
Artspace @ Chippenham Museum	May (dates tbc)
Spring in the Park, Warminster	May (date tbc)

June 2020

Summer Fete, Ludgershall	Sat 6 Jun
War to Wildlife, Blakehill Farm Nature Reserve	Sat 6 Jun
Indian Summer Event, Salisbury	Sun 7 Jun
Forest Live, Westonbirt Arboretum	Thu 11-Sun 14 Jun
Corsham Walking Festival	Fri 12-Sun 14 Jun
Taste of Corsham Food Festival	Sat 13 Jun
Murder Mystery & Hog Roast, Wilton Windmill	Sat 13 & Sun 14 Jun
Solsticefest, Stonehenge Campsite	Thu 18-Sun 21 Jun
Amesbury Carnival & Show	Sat 20 Jun
Solstice Family Festival, Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm	Sat 20 Jun
Cricklade Festival	Sun 21 Jun
Open Gardens, Marlborough	Sun 21 Jun
Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival	Mon 22-Sun 28 Jun
Armed Forces Day, Around Wiltshire	Sat 27 Jun

Calne Summer Carnival	Sat 27 Jun
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Historic Vehicles Festival, Crofton Beam Engines	Sat 27 & Sun 28 Jun
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MantonFest, Marlborough	Sat 27 Jun (date tbc)
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Big Day Out, River Bourne Community Farm	Jun (date tbc)
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Blue Sky Festival, Corsham	Jun (dates tbc)
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Summer Action Festival, Castle Combe Circuit	Jun (dates tbc)
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July 2020

Outdoor Theatre Larmer Tree	Wed 1 Jul
Food & Music Festival, Longleat	Sat 4 & Sun 5 Jul
Inspire of Warminster (free live music event)	Sun 5 Jul (date tbc)
Calne Musical Medley	Sat 11 Jul
Devizes Carnival	Sat 11 Jul
Trowbridge Active Festival	Sat 11 Jul
WrdeUp Music Festival, Highworth	Sat 11 Jul
Annual Show, Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum	Sun 12 Jul
Outdoor Theatre, Lacock	Thu 16, Fri 17, Fri 31 Jul
Larmer Tree Festival	Thu 16-Sun 19 Jul
Royal International Air Tattoo, RAF Fairford	Fri 17-Sun 19 Jul
WOMAD, Malmesbury	Thu 23-Sun 26 Jul
Open Air Theatre, Lydiard Park	Fri 24 Jul
Classic Ibiza, Bowood House & Gardens	Sat 25 Jul
MFor Festival, Swindon	Sat 25 Jul
VE & VJ Day Steaming, Crofton Beam Engines	Sat 25 & Sun 26 Jul
Wilton Horse Trials, Wilton House	Sat 25 & Sun 26 Jul (dates tbc)
Festival of Archaeology, Salisbury Museum	Jul (dates tbc)
Melksham Party in the Park	Jul (dates tbc)
Tidworth Town Festival	Jul (dates tbc)

August 2020

Malmesbury Carnival	Various dates during Aug
Summer Fete, REME Museum	Sat 1 Aug
Summer Market, Avebury	Sat 1 & Sun 2 Aug
Wessex Country Fair, Wilton House	Sun 2 Aug (date tbc)
Open Air Theatre, Lydiard Park	Fri 7 & Fri 21 Aug
Vintage Weekend, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Sat 8 & Sun 9 Aug
Open Air Theatre, Larmer Tree	Tue 11 Aug
Thomas & Friends, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Fri 21-Sun 23 Aug
Salisbury Food & Drink Festival	Sun 23 Aug
Devizes International Street Festival	Sun 23 & Mon 24 Aug
Edington Music Festival	Sun 23-Sun 30 Aug
Music on the Canal, Devizes	Fri 28 Aug
Crafters & Makers Fair Steaming, Crofton Beam Engines	Sat 29-Mon 31 Aug
Tree Climbing, High Ropes & Zipwire, Chippenham	Sat 29-Mon 31 Aug
Colour Rush & Confetti Battle, Devizes	Sun 30 Aug
Kilvert's World Exhibition, Chippenham Museum	Aug (dates tbc)
Motor Cycle Grand National, Castle Combe Circuit	Aug (dates tbc)
Melksham Food & River Festival	Aug/Sep (dates tbc)

September 2020

End of the Road Festival, Larmer Tree	Thu 3-Sun 6 Sep
Swindon Railway Festival, STEAM Museum	Sat 5 & Sun 6 Sep
Taste Wiltshire, Bromham	Sun 6 Sep
Sky Safari, Longleat	Fri 11-Sun 13 Sep
Corsham Street Fair	Sat 12 Sep

Military Weekend, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Sat 12 & Sun 13 Sep
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Confluence: A Festival of Flowers, Salisbury Cathedral	Tue 15-Sun 20 Sep
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XTC Convention, Swindon	Fri 18 Sep
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Pewsey Carnival Illuminated Procession	Sat 19 Sep
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Tisbury Carnival	Sat 19 Sep
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Marlborough Literary Festival	Thu 24-Sun 27 Sep
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Flying Monk Trail, Malmesbury	Sat 26 & Sun 27 Sep
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Swindon Open Studios	Last 2 weekends of Sep
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Flower & Produce Show, Bradford on Avon	Sep (dates tbc)
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Heritage Open Days, Across Wiltshire	Sep (dates tbc)
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Mortuary Chapel Open Day, Tidworth	Sep (date tbc)
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Walking Festival, Bradford on Avon	Sep (dates tbc)
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Wiltshire 100 & Big Wheel Bike Ride, Devizes	Sep (date tbc)
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October 2020

Calne Music & Arts Festival	Thu 1-Sun 11 Oct (dates tbc)
Dark Skies Festival, Marlborough	Fri 2-Sun 4 Oct
Great Western Brick Show, STEAM Museum	Sat 3 & Sun 4 Oct
Big & Little Mop Fairs, Marlborough	Sat 10 & Sat 17 Oct
Model Show, REME Museum	Sat 17 Oct
Wessex Week, Malmesbury	Sat 17-Sun 25 Oct
Halloween at Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm	Thu 22 Oct-Sun 1 Nov
Salisbury Carnival	Fri 23 Oct
Trowbridge Heritage Festival	Fri 23 Oct-Sun 1 Nov
Fireworks Nights, Longleat	Thu 29-Sat 31 Oct
Owl-O-Ween, Hawk Conservancy Trust	Fri 30 & Sat 31 Oct
Autumn Classic Racing Festival, Castle Combe Circuit	Oct (dates tbc)
Celebrate Voice, Salisbury	Oct (dates tbc)
Halloween Party, Tidworth	Oct (date tbc)
Salisbury Literary Festival	Oct (dates tbc)
StoryTown, Corsham	Oct (dates tbc)
Warminster Carnival	Oct (date tbc)

November, December & Christmas 2020

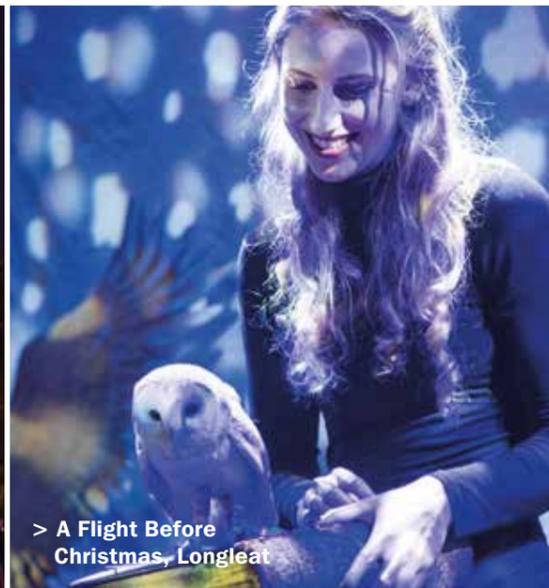
Bonfire & Fireworks Events, around Wiltshire	Nov (various dates)
Christmas Launch, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet	Sat 7 Nov
Longleat Festival of Light	Selected dates Sat 7 Nov-Sun 3 Jan
Magic & Mayhem Festival, Corsham	Nov (dates tbc)
Christmas Lights & Shopping Events, around Wiltshire	Nov & Dec (various dates)
The Christmas House, Stourhead	Sat 21 Nov-Wed 23 Dec
Christmas at Avebury	Sat 21 Nov-Sun 3 Jan (exc 25/26 Dec; Manor closed Wed)
Christmas at Mompesson House	Wed 25 Nov-Sun 20 Dec (Wed-Sun)
Winter Parade, Devizes	Fri 27 Nov
Darkness to Light, Salisbury Cathedral	Fri 27, Sat 28 & Sun 29 Nov
Black Friday Weekend, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet	Fri 27-Sun 29 Nov
Enchanted Christmas, Westonbirt Arboretum	Fri, Sat & Sun from 27 Nov-20 Dec
Santa Specials, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Sat & Sun from 28 Nov-20 Dec
Salisbury Christmas Fayre	Sat 28 Nov-Sun 3 Jan 2021 (dates tbc)
Christmas at Lacock	Throughout Dec (exc 25/26 Dec)
Christmas Carols & Owls by Moonlight, Hawk Conservancy	Fri 18 & Sat 19 Dec
Christmas at Cholderton	Sat 19 Dec-Sun 3 Jan
Christmas at Avebury Manor	Mon 28 Dec-Fri 1 Jan 2021
Tis the Season, Tisbury	Dec (date tbc)

Escape *the Everyday*

“In Wiltshire, imagination and creativity flourish”



> Salisbury Cathedral



> A Flight Before Christmas, Longleat



> Wyvern Theatre



> Enchanted Christmas, Westonbirt



> Salisbury Playhouse



> Salisbury Arts Centre



> Wiltshire Music Centre



> The Pound Arts Centre

Theatres, galleries, arts centres. Plays, recitals, exhibitions. Inspirational venues and outstanding entertainment, dedicated to making imaginations fly. With such beautiful and diverse countryside as our backdrop, Wiltshire is a canvas for creativity.

Wiltshire Music Centre, in Bradford on Avon, hosts over 120 events every year, from classical, jazz and folk music to children's and storytelling shows. Sean Rafferty of BBC Radio 3 once described its 300-seat concert hall as having 'the finest acoustic outside London'. No surprise, then, that musicians of international renown are regular performers here. In Corsham, **The Pound** arts centre is a thriving venue with a year-round programme of shows, exhibitions and films. **Pound Arts** creates live performances

across Wiltshire under the banner of Rural Arts Touring, running both the family-focussed *Blue Sky Festival* in June and the decadent *Magic and Mayhem Festival* in November. At the heart of the community, **Trowbridge Town Hall Arts** offers professional performances and exhibitions by companies and artists from around the world. While Swindon's **Wyvern Theatre and Arts Centre**, with its impressive main auditorium seating over 600 people, offers a mixed programme of concerts, comedy, musicals, drama and dance, including a popular annual pantomime.

Under the banner of **Wiltshire Creative**, two Salisbury venues and a major event have joined forces in a pan-arts organisation, rooted in the city, yet drawing inspiration from across the county and beyond. **Salisbury Playhouse** is renowned for commissioning and producing new works as well as hosting touring productions. **Salisbury Arts Centre** is a vibrant hub of activity housed in a beautiful deconsecrated church. While **Salisbury International**

Arts Festival takes over the city for two fabulous weeks from the end of May. Together with **City Hall**, Salisbury's largest venue which programmes three seasons of live entertainment each year, they offer first-rate performances in music, theatre, dance, comedy, film and more.

At the **Victoria Art Gallery**, just across the county border in Bath, you'll find a stunning permanent collection from Turner and Gainsborough to the moderns, as well as an exciting programme of temporary exhibitions. Important art collections can be seen in many of Wiltshire's stately homes too. At Corsham Court, for example, housing furniture by Chippendale, mirrors by Adams and portraits by Sir Joshua Reynolds. Or **Wilton House**, where the magnificent Inigo Jones staterooms include the Double Cube Room, the finest surviving 17th century stateroom in England. Designed to display family portraits by van Dyck, it contains the greatest collection of his paintings still housed in its original setting.

Events including open-air theatre, historic re-enactments, firework displays and Christmas celebrations are regular occurrences at historic properties too. Including **Arundells**, **Avebury** and **Bowood**, **Lacock**, **Longleat** and **Mompesson House**, **Old Sarum**, **Old Wardour Castle**, **Stourhead** and **Westonbirt Arboretum**.

We're a creative lot in Wiltshire. Our arts scene is thriving, inventive and engaging. If you appreciate art in any of its forms, Wiltshire is the perfect place to take time out and immerse yourself in timeless pleasures.

For further information on the many artistic opportunities to be enjoyed around the county, go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on

Authentic and Entertaining

During 2020, Salisbury and its magnificent cathedral will be celebrating 800 years of enterprise, culture and innovation, marking the founding of a modern city and the creation of the medieval masterpiece with a programme of events and activities throughout the year. Highlights will include Sarum Lights, a spectacular light and sound show inside and outside the Cathedral; Spirit and Endeavour, a summer-long exhibition of contemporary art including works by Henry Moore and Grayson Perry; and Confluence: a Festival of Flowers. For more information go to salisburycathedral.org.uk

Elsewhere around the county, an outstanding programme of festivals and events will showcase Wiltshire's creativity and inventiveness. Often based on stories drawn from the history of England, these experiences offer plenty to fire the imagination.

As soon as spring has sprung it's time to get in festive mood. On Saturday 2 May the focus is on **Downton Cuckoo Fair**, with over 300 craft and produce stalls lining the picturesque village greens, as well as rural craft demonstrations, maypole and Morris dancing, street entertainment, music and plenty for the children. **Swindon Spring Festival of Literature and the Arts**, from 3-16 May, celebrates all things well thought, well written and well said, alongside dance, drama, music, film, and circus performances.

Chippenhams Folk Festival from 22-25 May sees more than 200 individual events and workshops over one long weekend, combining nationally acclaimed performers with dynamic young musicians, dancers and singers. From 22 May-7 June the world-renowned **Salisbury International Arts Festival** returns with two weeks of music, comedy and dance, poetry, exhibitions and outdoor spectacles. While Corsham's **Blue Sky Festival** in June is a celebration of the arts for all the family. From artisan market stalls showcasing local and regional companies, to sampling tents, food and drink retailers, master classes, guest speakers and more, the **Taste of Corsham Food Festival**, on 13 June, is just one of many fabulous foodie events throughout the year.

Set within 70 acres of downland amid Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the **Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival** from 22-28 June is the UK's largest festival dedicated entirely to history. With a star-studded line-up of speakers it offers a unique blend of talks, discussions and debates alongside interactive living history, through-the-ages encampments and stunning air displays.

Trowbridge's **Active Festival** on Saturday 11 July offers a huge variety of activities and sports for all the family, from inflatables and face painting to food from around the world. This is followed by the largest multi-generational learning experience of its kind, as this year's **Marlborough College Summer School** runs from

12 July-8 August. While there are over 500 fascinating courses for adults, its comprehensive programme for young people is a winning formula packed full of inspirational activities. Younger children enjoy a multi-activity approach with art and crafts, music, sports and outdoor adventures. While older children and teenagers can choose a morning and afternoon course which they continue all week.

Devizes kicks off its summer celebrations with the **Carnival** on Saturday 11 July, followed by a whole week of festivities including the **International Street Festival** on Sunday 23 and Monday 24 August, **Music on the Canal** on Friday 28 August, and ending with the **Colour Rush** and **Confetti Battle** on Sunday 30 August. Sheer delight for lovers of sacred choral music, **Edington Music Festival** makes its 65th annual appearance from 23-30 August, featuring some of the most complex and beautiful music ever written, from plainchant to new commissions. Another regular fixture is **Malmesbury Carnival** with events throughout August finishing with a carnival procession at the end of the month.

Focusing on creative writing across all genres and with a strong local content, **Salisbury Literary Festival** is one of October's highlights. In mid-November, **Magic and Mayhem** at The Pound arts centre in Corsham offers four days of music, comedy, burlesque and more. While from late November **Salisbury Christmas Fayre** fills the Guildhall Square with stalls selling tasteful, high quality gifts and festive goods.

Throughout the year **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** runs a wide range of events. Try your hand at spoon carving, silversmithing and bookbinding, or take the family on a nature-themed treasure trail – there's always something new and interesting to get involved in.

And it doesn't stop there... Around the county and throughout the year, you'll find game fairs, country fairs and Mop fairs. Open days, action days and fun days. Horse races and canoe races. Pancake races and duck races. There are river, cycling and walking festivals. Scarecrow, sculpture and gin festivals. Archaeology, textile and wellness festivals. Not to mention steam and vintage weekends and a flying monk trail.

In Wiltshire we've got entertainment down to a fine art. For an even wider range of events, around the county and throughout the year, see pages 26-27 or go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on

Just remember to check dates and times before setting out, as these can sometimes change.

“A year of celebrations”



> Downton Cuckoo Fair



> Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Country Comes to Town



> Swindon Spring Festival of Literature and the Arts



> Chippenhams Folk Festival



> Taste of Corsham Food Festival



> Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival



> Marlborough College Summer School



> Darkness to Light 2018, Salisbury Cathedral

Showstopping Locations

From swashbuckling adventures to Jane Austen classics, Dr Dolittle to Dr Who, Wiltshire locations have played a leading role in a host of big screen movies and TV costume dramas. Some of the best known are listed below; for more information on how to follow in the footsteps of the stars go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/film

Bowood House and Gardens – Locations around this magnificent property were chosen to feature in series 4 of BBC's *Poldark*, representing Hyde Park and the Serpentine lake, among others.

Bradford on Avon – This charming town featured in the film version of *Downton Abbey* (2019) and has also appeared in *The*

White Princess (2017) and *Creation* (2009). Its Tithe Barn and surrounding areas were seen in the BBC's *Wolf Hall* (2015) and *Robin of Sherwood* (1984-1986).

Castle Combe – Sometimes referred to as 'the prettiest village in England', Castle Combe has played host to many TV and film productions including *Dr Thorne* (2016), *War Horse* (2012), *The Wolf Man* (2010), *Stardust* (2007) and *Dr Dolittle* (1966).

Chavenage House – Just across the border in Gloucestershire, Chavenage House played the part of Trenwith, Ross's family home, in the BBC's adaptation of *Poldark* (2015-2018).

Corsham – The High Street of this attractive market town was selected as the perfect match for 18th century Truro in series one of BBC's *Poldark* (2015). Locations near Corsham also featured in *Lark Rise to Candleford* (2008-2011).

Devizes – Devizes achieved renown as Casterbridge in Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd* (1967) with scenes shot in the Market

Place, St John's Church, the Corn Exchange and the Shambles Market. Nearby Roundway Down featured in Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (1984).

Great Chalfield Manor – In *Wolf Hall* (2015) the Manor's interiors stood in for Austin Friars, home of Thomas Cromwell. It also appeared – as Killewarren, home of the Penvenens – in series three of BBC's *Poldark* and starred as the family home of the Boleyns in *The Other Boleyn Girl* (2008).

Iford Manor Gardens – Keep an eye out for these romantic, award-winning gardens in a re-make of *The Secret Garden* (due for release in April 2020). Iford Manor has also featured in *The Razor's Edge* (1984), the BBC's *Robin of Sherwood* (1984-1986) and ITV's *Element of Doubt* (1996).

Lacock – Having featured in the final series of ITV's *Downton Abbey* (2015) this charming National Trust village made a welcome return in the film version (2019). It has also played host to a variety of classic films including *The White Princess* (2017), *Wolf Hall* (2015), *The Wolfman* (2010), *The Other Boleyn Girl* (2008) and *Pride and Prejudice* (2005). Scenes from *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* (2009) and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (2002) were shot here. Lacock featured in ITV's costume drama *Dr Thorne* (2016) too, and in the BBC production of *Cranford* (2007).

Longleat – The safari park has starred in various series of the BBC's *Animal Park*, while the Elizabethan house featured in *The Four Seasons* (2008), based on two of Rosamunde Pilcher's best-selling novels. Other productions filmed here include a Bollywood movie.

Mompesson House – Situated in Salisbury's Cathedral Close this National Trust mansion achieved celebrity status as the London home of Mrs Jennings in the Oscar-winning version of *Sense and Sensibility* (1995).

Old Wardour Castle – This impressive historic property experienced some modern-day drama when it was used in the filming of *Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves* (1991).

Salisbury Cathedral – The cathedral was the inspiration behind TV mini-series *Pillars of the Earth* (2010).

Stonehenge – In recent years this iconic location has featured in *Transformers: The Last Knight* (2017), *Thor: The Dark World* (2013) and *Doctor Who* (2010). It also appeared in the BBC production of *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* (2008).

Stourhead – This National Trust property's magnificent gardens were used in the filming of *Pride and Prejudice* (2005) for the scene where Lizzie initially rejects Darcy's proposal of marriage.

Wilton House – Most recently Wilton House has featured in *Tomb Raider* (2018) and *The Crown* (2017). In *The Young Victoria* (2009) it represented Rosenau Castle, Prince Albert's Coburg family home and Buckingham Palace. The Double Cube Room featured in the cinema version of *Pride and Prejudice* (2005) and was also used for ballroom scenes in *Sense and Sensibility* (1995).

Wilton Windmill – Featured in *The Victorian Farm* produced by Lion TV for the BBC series.



> Filming *War Horse* in Castle Combe



> Iford Manor Gardens



> *Pride & Prejudice*, Wilton House



> Mompesson House



> Great Chalfield Manor



> Animal Park at Longleat



> Filming *Poldark* in Corsham

What's in Store...

Whether you're looking for top notch designer brands or familiar high street names, independent outlets or chain store favourites, shopping malls, farm shops or markets, you'll find everything you could possibly want in Wiltshire!

Our award for the most extraordinary shopping location goes to... Avebury! Probably not the first place that comes to mind when planning a little retail therapy. Yet here, within the world's largest prehistoric stone circle, you'll find not one, but two charming businesses: **The Henge Shop** and **Elements of Avebury**.

Not far geographically, yet a million miles away in atmosphere, **McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Swindon** makes a great day out for all the family. Over 100 stores to choose from... a huge range of high street and designer labels... up to 60% off recommended retail prices... plus cafés, restaurants and children's activities. All housed in the tastefully converted Grade II listed buildings of Brunel's former Great Western Railway Works. This is where the past meets the present, so keep an eye out for clues to the building's fascinating history. Other retail opportunities in **Swindon** include the traditional stores of Old Town and shopping malls in the modern city centre.

All around Wiltshire, numerous small, family-run outlets continue to thrive. Offering a relaxed and unhurried shopping experience as they've been doing for generations. In **Devizes**, for example. Hilltop **Malmesbury**. Or **Tisbury** – which more than makes up for its lack of size with a unique selection of interesting, stand-alone shops. For stylish stores in a cosmopolitan setting, the quintessentially English towns of **Marlborough** and **Bradford on Avon** are popular choices. As is **Corsham**, where many of the Bath stone buildings on High Street are independent businesses, providing irresistible retail opportunities.

PA Oxley near Calne is a treasure trove of antique clocks and barometers. In Salisbury you'll find galleries, studios and workshops at **Fisherton Mill**, classic and contemporary menswear at **Chas H Baker** and fine lingerie at **Annie's Just Jane**. Head to **Casa Fina** for hand-picked home décor, accessories and gifts. **Regent Tailoring** for timeless design with British heritage at its core.

Or **Roly's Fudge Pantry** for the ultimate in indulgent treats. **Wilton Shopping Village**, a short drive away, offers a relaxing experience with shops, restaurants, a historic courtyard and the renowned Wilton Carpets, which has occupied this riverside setting in the ancient capital of Wessex for over 300 years.

As befits a county famous for its local produce there are farm shops aplenty – **Allington Farm Shop** near Chippenham, for example, and **Neston Park Farm Shop** near Melksham – and Wiltshire is also home to markets of every shape and size. Indoor, outdoor and farmers' markets... continental and Christmas markets... vintage, artisan and foodie markets... we've got them all. What better way to spend an hour or two than browsing the many stalls, where every imaginable item is on offer. Top quality fruit and vegetables. Meat, fish, cheese and eggs. Haberdashery, clothing, jewellery and more.

First prize for the longest running market goes to Trowbridge, Wiltshire's county town, where stallholders have been trading since the year 1200. These days, it's on a Wednesday. Hot on its heels, history-wise, is Salisbury's Charter Market, which has been coming to the city on Tuesdays and Saturdays (except the third Tuesday in October) for nigh on 800 years. Other bustling market towns include Amesbury (Wednesday), Bradford on Avon (Thursday), Calne (Friday), Chippenham (Friday and Saturday), Corsham (Tuesday), Devizes (Thursday), Highworth (Saturday), Marlborough (Wednesday and Saturday), Melksham (Tuesday), Pewsey (Tuesday), Royal Wootton Bassett (Wednesday), Swindon (Monday-Saturday), Warminster (Friday), Wilton (Thursday) and Wroughton (Friday). For up-to-date details of these and other markets go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/markets

“Unique and unusual items you won't find on every high street”



> Street Market, Devizes



> McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Swindon



> Fisherton Mill



> Chippenham



> Wilton Shopping Village



> Malmesbury

Culinary *Magic*

“Menus change with the seasons”



> Howard's House Hotel



> Bombay Sapphire Distillery



> The Harrow at Little Bedwyn



> The Field Kitchen



> Pythouse Kitchen Garden

Taste, provenance, food miles... when it comes to local produce, Wiltshire's pedigree is second to none. Back in 18th century Calne, the Harris family invented the traditional technique of curing bacon and ham. In time, this became known as the 'Wiltshire Cure' and is now recognised countrywide.

Start the day by tucking into a hearty Wiltshire breakfast. As you might expect, bacon features widely on the menu. Home-made bread, jam and preserves are Wiltshire staples too. Depending on where you stay, you could even find yourself eating the very eggs you collected fresh from the hens that morning.

At some point in a busy day's sightseeing you'll almost certainly

start to feel peckish again. Giving you the perfect excuse to take a break and savour the taste of Wiltshire. Mouth-watering cakes and pastries are widely available at coffee shops and tea rooms around the county. So linger over elevenses. Treat yourself to afternoon tea. Keep an eye out for ice cream, prepared on site using milk from the farm's own cows. Naturally, you'll want to sample some of our traditional local specialities. Malmesbury Pudding, maybe. Wiltshire Lardy Cake. Wiltshire Loaf. (That last one's a cheese, by the way, not a type of bread!) Made using recipes handed down the generations, they still taste just as good as ever today.

Wiltshire is fortunate to enjoy an abundance of friendly inns offering delicious food and drink at reasonable prices. Restaurants across the county embrace the concept of 'plot to plate', crafting timeless classics and new favourites with equal care and attention. If celebrations are the order of the day you could head for **Rick Stein, Marlborough**. Book a table at **Howard's House** near Salisbury. Try **The George & Dragon** at Rowde, **Beechfield House**

near Melksham, **The Bishopstrow Hotel & Spa** near Warminster, or **Woolley Grange** near Bradford on Avon, all of which have been awarded two AA Dining Rosettes. If you really want to push the boat out, look no further than the **Red Lion Freehouse** at East Chisenbury, **The Harrow at Little Bedwyn**, and the hotel restaurant at **Lucknam Park** near Chippenham – all proud holders of coveted Michelin stars.

With such a wealth of fresh local produce right here on the doorstep, Wiltshire sets great store by its mouth-watering range of foodie events. Sample the beer festivals in Devizes (February and July), Salisbury (March), Chippenham (April), Blunsdon (May), Malmesbury (July) and Swindon (October). Or savour the food and drink festivals in Corsham (June), Longleat (July), Salisbury (August), Melksham (end August/early September), Bromham and Calne (September) and Devizes (late September/early October). Wander among an array of tempting stalls. Inhale the aromas of freshly ground coffee and herbs. Eat your fill from sizzling sausages, barbecues or a hog roast. Then wash it all down with one of our lip-smacking local ales. With

names such as Honey Bee Nectar and Rosy Rain, they sound almost as good as they taste!

You can discover your own personal gin profile – and their range of signature cocktails – at **Bombay Sapphire Distillery** in Whitchurch. Or sample award-winning still and sparkling wines at **a'Beckett's Vineyard** near Devizes.

In Wiltshire, good food matters. Luckily, life here moves at a gentle pace. Giving you time to savour the culinary magic conjured up by our chefs, bakers and brewers. While away the hours over a long lunch, or dinner with family and friends. No hurry. It'll be ready in a Wiltshire minute.

For more inspiration pick up a copy of our Food and Drink Map or go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/food-and-drink

Relax and Unwind

“Wiltshire will leave you restored and rejuvenated”



> Salisbury Racecourse



> Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa



> Sleight Valley Golf Driving Range



> Salisbury Plain Safaris



> The Gym, Bowood



> Bishopstrow Hotel & Spa



> Rein and Shine



> Cumberwell Park Golf Club

Horse riding is a great way to discover Wiltshire’s varied and breathtaking scenery. Follow bridleways across the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge and Avebury. Trek within the New Forest National Park. Or sample sections of the Ridgeway National Trail.

Surrounded by 500 acres of unspoilt parkland, **Lucknam Park Equestrian Centre** near Chippenham has access to numerous routes across the southern Cotswolds. With 35 horses of all sizes and capabilities it welcomes adults and children, complete beginners and expert riders alike. Based at Braydon in north Wiltshire, **Rein and Shine** offers private, semi-private and group lessons, as well as short-term livery and holiday events for children. All ages and abilities are welcome here too. Or, if you fancy something

a little different, saddle up for a two-hour hack with **Salisbury Plain Safaris** and explore the vast and untamed plateau at the heart of the county.

For horse racing enthusiasts, **Salisbury Racecourse** holds sixteen flat race meetings between April and October each year. With a mix of afternoon and evening fixtures it combines high quality racing with a friendly and enjoyable day out. Accompanied children are always welcome and entertainments are provided at weekend and evening meetings. They’ve been laying the odds here since the early 1600s, making it one of England’s most historic racecourses. Thanks to a glorious location on the eastern edge of Cranborne Chase, with the soaring Cathedral spire in the distance, the views are as outstanding as the racing.

There are many reasons to choose Wiltshire for your next golfing break. First-rate courses, excellent facilities, affordable green fees, flexible timings, special offers, stay-and-play packages

and, of course, more fabulous vistas. The meticulous 18-hole championship course at **Bowood Golf and Country Club** blends perfectly with woodland and undulating countryside, looking out across rolling parkland towards the Cherhill White Horse. **Cumberwell Park Golf Club**, near Bradford on Avon, has a total of five 9-hole courses set within 700 acres of beautiful parkland, a delightful blend of rolling hills, lakes and streams, natural copse and woodland. If you feel in need of a little practice before you head out, **Sleight Valley Golf Driving Range** on the edge of Devizes provides twelve floodlit bays, plus tuition with PGA professionals.

There’s nothing quite like a luxurious spa experience for restoring body and soul. Surrounded by Wiltshire’s magnificent landscape, **Bishopstrow, Bowood and Lucknam Park** are among the UK’s finest spa hotels; perfect sanctuaries from the pressures of everyday life. Facilities vary, but chances are you’ll be able to pamper yourself with a choice of calming beauty treatments. Exercise in a state-of-the-art gym. Detox in a steam room. Chill out in a hot tub. Or paddle gently around an infinity pool. For added indulgence, treat yourself to an ‘Afternoon Tea and Spa Package’. Or ring the changes by combining riding and relaxation on a ‘Saddle and Spa Day’.

“Get in the swing of things on a golfing weekend”

Send Your Heart Rate Soaring

“Step outside your comfort zone”



> Aerosaurus Balloons



> Salisbury Plain Safaris



> Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team



> Treasure Trails

If jumping out of a plane from almost three miles high sounds like the ideal way to relax and unwind, team up with GoSkydive or Skydive Netheravon for the experience of a lifetime. On a tandem skydive with one of their highly qualified instructors you'll enjoy up to a minute's freefall against the stunning backdrop of Salisbury Plain. One day, one jump, one big adventure!

Think unrivalled excitement and exhilaration in the air, followed by elation and a real sense of achievement on landing – if this doesn't set your pulse racing, nothing will! At Netheravon, skydivers with over 200 jumps under their belt can even have a go at wingsuiting, a whole new way to experience the freedom of the skies.

But, rest assured, not all airborne adventures have to be nerve-racking, white knuckle rides. For a gentler experience, a dawn or dusk flight with **Aerosaurus Balloons** will see you drifting peacefully over Wiltshire's timeless countryside, admiring the view from on high. With complimentary in-flight Champagne and a post-flight certificate signed by your pilot to complete a truly memorable trip.

Back on solid ground, **Castle Combe Circuit** has been welcoming fans of racing, car shows and events for 70 years! This season sees more action than ever before with a full race programme, adrenaline-fuelled action days, incredible live action shows and their hugely popular racing school. With everything from an epic 2-day bike race meeting to Europe's biggest rally car show, it's a petrol head's paradise that's also fun for all the family – especially with FREE entry for the under 17s. With so much variety, exhilarating entertainment and good value action, this is the West Country's home of motorsport.

Fans of karting can get behind the wheel, too, at **Wessex Raceway**, one of the largest indoor tracks in Europe. Free from pillars, ramps and bridges, this could just be the ultimate karting encounter. Rather let someone else do the driving? Then sign up for a **Salisbury Plain Safari** and sit back as their iconic Land Rover Defender transports you to far flung parts of the Wiltshire landscape; hidden places inaccessible to many other vehicles. Take spectacular views of Europe's largest expanse of chalk downland... throw in some rutted tracks, deep puddles and bumpy roads... add a splash or two of mud and you have all the makings of an expedition to write home about.

Designed to make the blood freeze in your veins, **Virtual Warfare** is home to the tactical, team-based game of Battlefield Live. With massive ranges and ultrarealistic arenas, this is laser combat for the 21st century.

Prefer your activities wet and wild? Then head to the **Cotswold Water Park** for canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, sailing, swimming, wakeboarding, waterskiing and windsurfing. Or for an (almost) A-Z of activities, join **Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team** to experience abseiling, archery, axe throwing, bush craft, canoeing, fishing, high ropes, kayaking, laser tag, mountain biking, orienteering, raft building, stand-up paddle boarding, a Tarzan tree top trail, zip wires and more!

For fitness fans and lovers of the great outdoors Wiltshire offers plenty of extreme sporting events to take part in too. Half and full marathons, horse trials, cycling sportives, epic canoe races – there are no limits, other than your own endurance.

For those who get a kick out of racing against the clock, real life escape games have taken the world by storm. Faced with an array of puzzles, riddles and clues, your team has to work swiftly to solve the mystery and escape from captivity. Unique, interactive challenges are offered by **Co-Decode**, **Live Escape Salisbury** and **Salisbury Escape Rooms**. So choose your favourite theme and start sleuthing. But don't forget, for each challenge you have only one hour, and time is fast running out...

Treasure hunts are another great way to have fun with friends and family. **Treasure Trails** offer challenges in over 20 locations around Wiltshire – just download a self-guided booklet and set out on your expedition. Your mission: to find and solve intriguing clues on buildings, statues and monuments, revealing fascinating history and stunning scenery along the way.

In Salisbury you can find your way around the fun way with **Text Quest**. As its name suggests, you receive a text with directions and a clue. Reply with the right answer and you receive the next clue. Pit your wits against other teams. Aim for a personal best. Or just amble round at your own pace, enjoying the sights. However you play it, it's time to channel your inner Holmes and Watson.

Why not share your adventure stories with other enthusiasts using **#timeforwiltshire**



> Skydive Netheravon



> Cotswold Water Park



> Castle Combe Circuit



> GoSkydive

“Experience the ultimate adrenaline rush”

A County for All Seasons

“Big skies and broad horizons”

What view did you wake up to this morning? Newborn lambs taking their first unsteady steps? Scarlet poppies nodding amid fields of golden corn? Blankets of mist floating low over meadows? Mighty standing stones sparkling with frost? In Wiltshire you can enjoy all these sights, and more...

Summer is traditionally a lovely time of year to visit Wiltshire. With luck, it brings long, lazy days filled with sunshine, perfect for outdoor pursuits. Try a spot of cycling or horse riding. Tour a stately home or a landscape garden. Pack a picnic and head for the hills. Every year, thousands gather to observe the Summer Solstice at **Stonehenge** or **Avebury**, watching transfixed as the sun rises above the horizon on the longest day, bathing the stones in the first light of dawn. Throughout June, July and August the festival season is in full swing, and warm evenings invite you to book tickets for open-air theatre or outdoor music events.

But the summer months are not the only time to enjoy a holiday or short break here. Once the harvest has been safely gathered, autumn is in the air. Across the landscape, ploughed furrows run in straight lines as far as the eye can see. Migrating birds gather on telegraph wires and conkers are ripe for collecting. As September slips into October and the nights draw in, berries adorn the hedgerows. Clumps of toadstools push up through the earth and there's a new chill in the mornings. Blue skies may still stretch overhead, but leaves now crunch underfoot and the Wiltshire landscape turns a dazzling mix of red and gold. To see autumnal colours in all their glory, head to **Stourhead**, **Bowood** and **Longleat**, the Savernake Forest or the New Forest National Park.

According to folklore, catch a falling leaf and it will bring you good luck... that's got to be worth a try!

The run up to Christmas can be a hectic time, but a short break in Wiltshire will lift your spirits and help you get into festive mood. To keep the cold at bay, cosy up with friends or family in a traditional Wiltshire pub. Sip mulled wine by an open fire. Tuck into hearty, rib-sticking dishes. Then go late night shopping in one of our charming market towns and solve all your present dilemmas at one fell swoop.

After you've welcomed in the New Year, where better to walk off any over indulgence than Wiltshire's breathtaking countryside. Almost half the county falls within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and even – or perhaps especially – when dusted with snow, it's the perfect place to blow those cobwebs away. So wrap up warm, put your best foot forward and stride out across the frozen landscape. For a cheering sight in the depths of winter, **Lacock Abbey** and **Lydiard Park** are renowned for their dramatic displays of snowdrops.

Eventually, winter gives way to spring. The days grow longer and there's less of a nip in the air. Drifts of golden daffodils help to raise the spirits. Verges are dotted with clusters of primrose and celandine. Hedgerows turn green as leaves unfurl, and hibernating hedgehogs wake. If you know where to look (and the answers are given in these pages) you can find ancient woodland carpeted with bluebells. Lowland pasture covered in rare Snakeshead fritillaries. Nature in all its glory.

Wiltshire gives you space and time. To enjoy nature's bounty. To appreciate the simpler things in life. It's the perfect place to celebrate the changing of the seasons and every time of year brings its own rewards. So why not plan your own escape to the country in 2020?

“An ideal year-round destination”



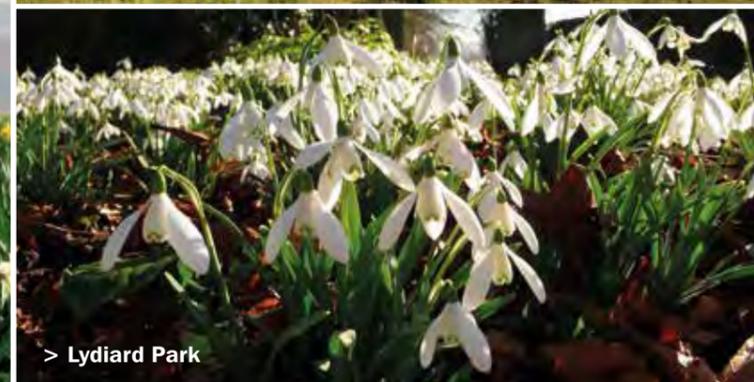
> Sunrise, Sutton Veny



> Summerslade Down



> Pepperbox Hill



> Lydiard Park



> North Meadow, Cricklade



> North Wessex Downs



> Vale of Pewsey



> View from Sugar Hill

Perfect for Outdoor Pursuits

This year, step off the world for a while and allow yourself to appreciate the beauty of Wiltshire's breathtaking countryside. Saddle up for a pony trek or horseback safari. Go fishing. Try your hand at canoeing or paddle boarding. Whatever you choose, new stories await you around every corner.

For those travelling under their own steam we have an outstanding array of walks you can comfortably complete within just a few hours. Follow in the footsteps of the ancient drovers. Meander through our market towns. Amble along the towpath of the Kennet & Avon Canal. Even if you're short on time, you'll never be short on views! If you hanker after more serious, long-distance routes you can stride out to your heart's content too. Walk the Wansdyke. Roam the Ridgeway. Hike the White Horse Trail. Tackle their entire length over several days (sturdy shoes recommended!) or cherry pick the bits you like best.

Cyclists – whether seasoned experts, keen amateurs or just starting out – have plenty of options too. From the confidence-building to the downright daring. Looking for a stress-free family outing? Give the Golden Way a go. Crave the excitement of off-road adventure? The Longleat Estate is a great place to start. Keen to test your mettle on a demanding long-distance trail? The 160-mile Wiltshire Cycleway should provide more than enough of a challenge. There's an exciting selection of cycling events throughout the year to watch or take part in too. And don't worry if you've left your wheels at home – you can hire a bike from **Hayball Cyclesport** in Salisbury, or the **Towpath Trail** in Bradford on Avon.

You'll find a great choice of walker- and cyclist-friendly accommodation on our website. Accommodation providers are often happy to advise on their favourite local routes, and many actively welcome outdoor enthusiasts by offering facilities such as drying rooms for wet clothing. To find out more go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation. If your idea of happiness is heading off in the morning with only a packed lunch and a map for company, that's fine by us. But if you'd like a little help with planning your itinerary, arranging places to stay – even transporting your luggage – local specialists such as **Foot Trails**, **Footpath Holidays** and **Guided Walks in Wiltshire** are on hand to take the hassle out of your holiday.

If the sun seems reluctant to put in an appearance, why not try out new culinary techniques at one of our cookery schools? You'll find a wide range of courses for adults and children at **Vaughan's Cookery School** in Devizes, **Lucknam Park Hotel Cookery School** in Colerne, **The Farm Cookery School** in Bromham, **The Cooking School** in Warminster and **Waitrose Cookery School** in Salisbury. From beginners' courses on bread making to Michelin starred dining at home, there is plenty to choose from.

Further details of a wide range of other things to do around Wiltshire, as well as walking and cycling routes, can be found at visitwiltshire.co.uk/activities. Maps and routes for cyclists and walkers can be downloaded from connectingwiltshire.co.uk too. Or contact one of the Information Centres listed on page 70.

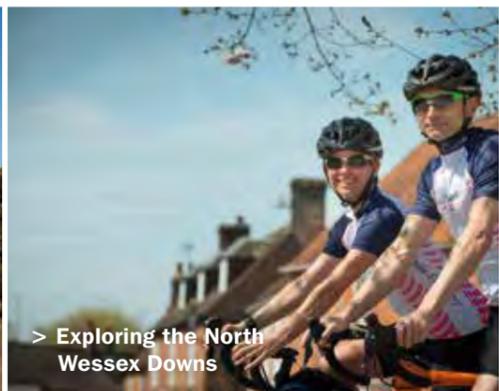
These days we're all so busy. 24/7 this. 5G that. Sometimes you need to escape, press pause and let time stand still. To take things at a gentler pace, try a narrowboat cruise along the **Kennet & Avon Canal**. With just three speeds – slow, very slow and stop – there's no need for speed cameras, although the more conventional kind could come in handy!



> Kayaking near Bradford on Avon



> New Forest



> Exploring the North Wessex Downs



> Caen Hill Locks



> Marlborough College Summer School



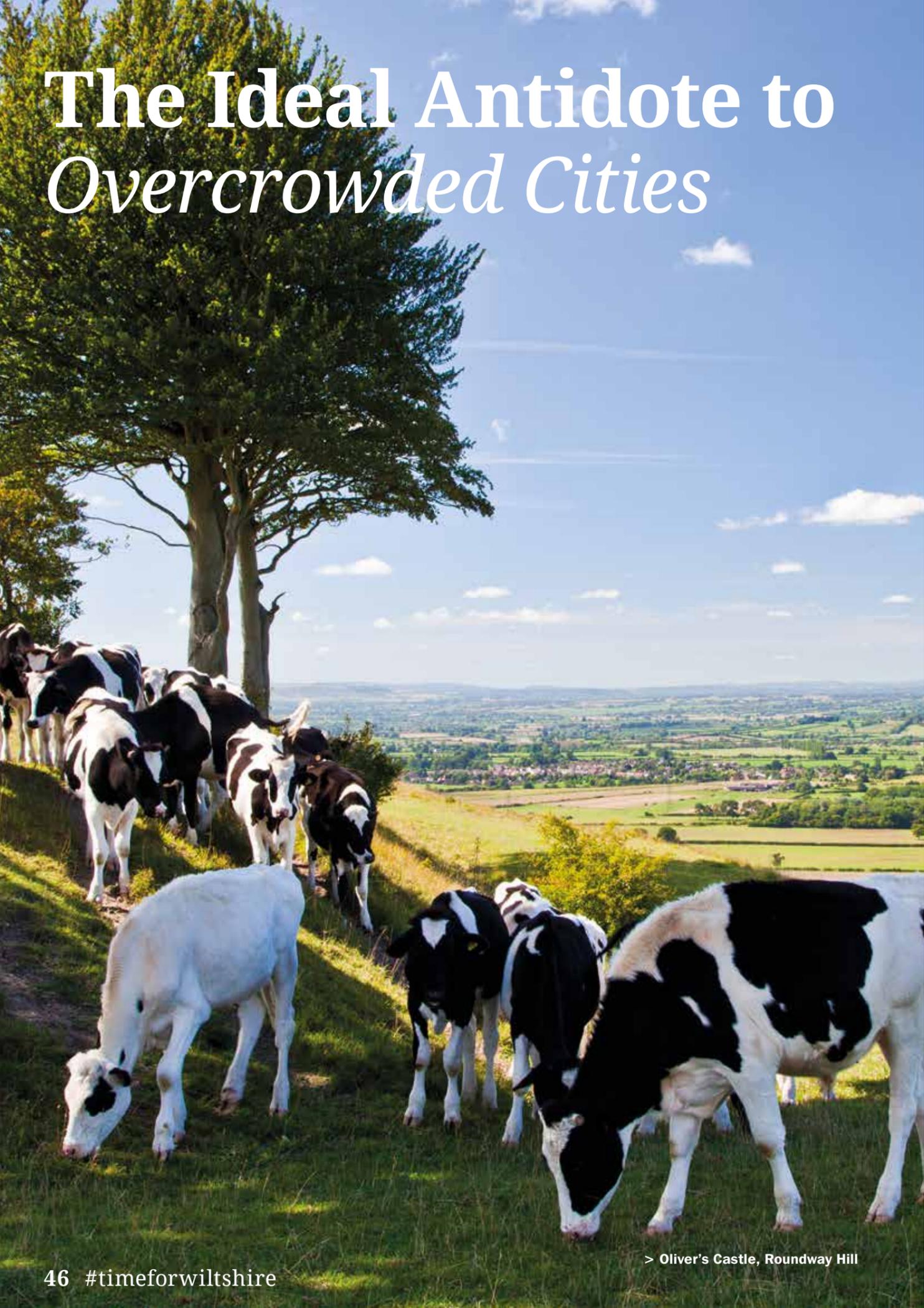
> Lucknam Park Equestrian Centre

> Old Sarum



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> Oliver's Castle, Roundway Hill

> North Wessex Downs



> Cotswolds



> Bluebell woods near Pewsey



> Woodford Valley

If you're tired of the everyday, it's time for **Wiltshire**. Easy to explore, yet off the beaten track, this is an enchanted place. Here, you feel close to the earth and the ever-changing big skies. As the landscape's mood alters with the seasons and light changes the texture of the hills, you feel connected not just to nature, but to time itself.

Wiltshire is rural England at its very best. Almost half the landscape lies within an **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**. In the **Cotswolds**, where dry stone walls, narrow winding lanes and honey-coloured villages meld seamlessly into rolling hills. In **Cranborne Chase** and the **West Wiltshire Downs**, which stretch in a giant undulating swathe across the south of the county. In the **North Wessex Downs** and the **Vale of Pewsey**, where lush meadows and more austere expanses of upland unite amid a nationally protected landscape. Crop circles are a much-debated phenomenon here. To ponder the meaning of these mysterious formations, head to the **Crop Circle Exhibition and Information Centre** in Honeystreet. There are acres of ancient woodland to be found, too, on the edge of the **New Forest National Park** and in the **Savernake Forest**. And, at the heart of it all, the vast, untouched expanse of **Salisbury Plain**. An untamed plateau, it is home to rare and endangered species which thrive in the sparsely populated landscape.

Whether you are walking, cycling or travelling by car, miles of ancient drove roads and quiet country lanes make exploring a pleasure. Look out for charming hamlets, nestling amid rolling, unspoiled countryside. Among them **Castle Combe**, arguably one of England's prettiest, and the stunning National Trust village of **Lacock**. Film-makers' favourites, both.

The 40 nature reserves managed by **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** cover a variety of natural habitats. From chalk grassland and woodland to wetland and bog, they are havens for flora and fauna. **North Meadow** on the outskirts of Cricklade is renowned for its spectacular display of rare Snakeshead Fritillaries during April. **West Woods** near Marlborough and **Grovely Wood** near Wilton are awash with bluebells in May. **Lower Moor Farm** near Cricklade is a mosaic of lakes, brooks and ponds linked by boardwalks, ancient hedges, woodland and meadows. **Langford Lakes** between Salisbury and Warminster is the perfect spot for birdwatching enthusiasts.

Wiltshire is also blessed with outstanding chalk streams and rivers. Flowing south from Pewsey, the **River Avon** supports an abundant variety of wildlife, including the endangered water vole. The gin-clear waters of the **Wylde, Nadder, Bourne** and **Ebble** offer excellent trout fishing and delightful riverside walks. The **River Kennet** winds through the North Wessex Downs, skirting the prehistoric sites of Avebury and Silbury Hill. Even the young **River Thames** gets a look in, as it meanders through the north of the county, close to the Saxon town of Cricklade.

To find out more and to book your rural break, go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation

“Cranborne Chase is an International Dark Sky Reserve”

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For details of all our places to stay, as well as the latest offers, go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation



> Church Farm Country Cottages



> Highway Hill



> Manor Farm Cottages



> Woolley Grange Hotel



> Log House Holidays



> The Castle Inn



> Ridgeway Campsite



> Spa Garden, Lucknam Park Hotel

These days, it seems, you're always on the go. Someone's always on your case. When you need to relax, unwind and enjoy a little 'me' time, visit Wiltshire and step off the world for a while.

With comfortable two, three and four star options we have **hotels** to suit every pocket. Some at the centre of the action. Others peacefully rural. Several with AA Dining Rosettes. Wherever you choose to lay your head, you'll feel rested and restored. Ready for another day, out and about in Wiltshire.

At the upper end of the market our breathtaking **country house hotels** are the ultimate in indulgence. Excellent facilities and levels of comfort and service that are second to none. Some offer

Michelin star dining. Others a luxurious spa, on-site golf course or their own riding stables. Many are surrounded by acres of beautiful English parkland. Take time out and treat yourself. No expense spared.

What could be more timeless than the English B&B experience? Cosy rooms, thatched rooves, and a hearty English breakfast featuring local produce to start the day. Make time for each other at a perfect **bed and breakfast**, in a charming Wiltshire village.

When was the last time you all went away together? Reconnect with the family at one of our **self-catering** properties. A converted stable or barn, maybe, with inglenook fireplace and flagstone floors. Or a city centre property, with all amenities close at hand. Come and go as you please. Eat out or cater for yourselves. If your thing is to do your own thing, these homes from home offer the last word in flexibility.

In Wiltshire we know that little moments matter. A crackling open fire, a comfy chair, and a glass or two of your favourite tippie. Wiltshire's **pubs and inns** have been welcoming and reviving generations of weary travellers for centuries. Our **restaurants with rooms**, too, are the perfect places to enjoy a delicious evening meal with good company all around.

For many people, holiday heaven means waking up to the sounds of the countryside. With home-made bread, local honey, and eggs straight from the hen. If this describes your rustic dream, a **Farm Stay** property could be the perfect fit. Some are on working farms, others simply in farm locations. Chances are you'll be able to take your best friend along too, as many are happy to welcome dogs. Or even horses!

When only the ultimate countryside experience will do, nothing beats spending the night under a canopy of stars. Which is where

our **campsites** come into their own. Just park your caravan, pitch your tent, or pull up in your motorhome and get in touch with your rural roots. If you hanker for something a little out of the ordinary, we have plenty of quirky **alternative** and **glamping** options too. Colourful narrowboats on the canal. Well-appointed log cabins and canvas lodges. Romantic eco pods and shepherd's huts. Simple pleasures, with creature comforts thrown in. All with the great outdoors on your doorstep.

“Find your ideal home from home”

Choosing and Booking Your Accommodation

Hopefully the information contained within these pages has whetted your appetite and inspired you to visit Wiltshire in 2020... all you need to do now is find somewhere to stay.

To help you on your way

A selection of accommodation is featured on pages 51-59 of this guide. If you can't see exactly what you're looking for there, a wider choice of places to stay can be found on our website.

As you would expect, our website has an extensive range of hotels, bed & breakfasts and self-catering cottages to choose from. Farm stay properties, caravan and campsites are also featured. Or, if you fancy something a little different, you'll find log cabins, canvas lodges, glamping pods, narrowboats and shepherd's huts too.

Getting started is easy

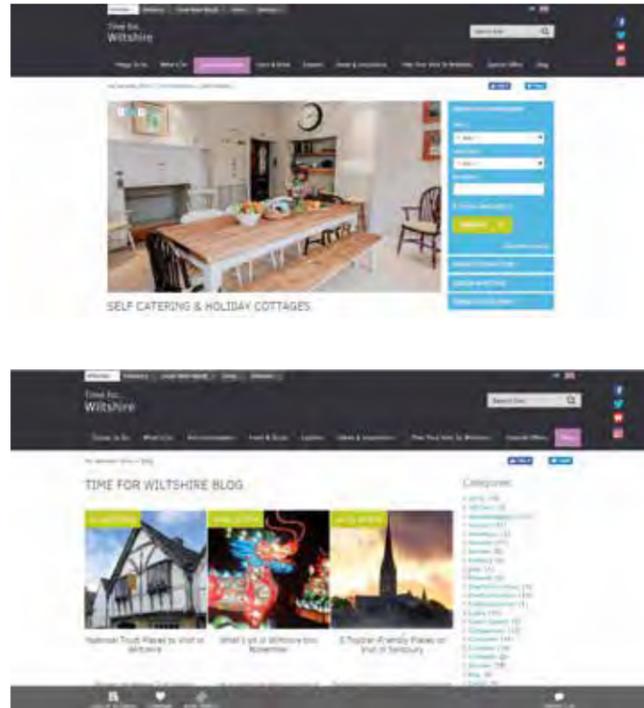
Just go to visitwiltshire.co.uk on your mobile, tablet or laptop and click on the 'Accommodation' tab. You can search by location and/or type of accommodation; narrow the search by adding keywords; filter by price, room type or facilities; and check availability for your preferred dates.

Once you've found somewhere you like the look of, the **next step** is to check out its full details online, as comprehensive information is provided for each property. We also highlight details of **what's nearby** – from attractions, events and activities to shopping and eating out, including distances from your chosen accommodation – and once you have made your decision you can **add it to your itinerary**.

That's all there is to it

Planning your short break or holiday to Wiltshire using our website couldn't be easier... especially as you can now also **book tickets online**, before you arrive, for lots of places to visit and things to do – just go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/shop

And finally... don't forget to check the **Events Calendar** on pages 26-27 of this guide to see what's on while you're here. Keep an eye on the **Special Offers** page on our website for a range of seasonal escapes, activity breaks, last minute deals and more. And be sure to check out our **Blog** – it's full of great ideas for places to visit and things to do.



“Book via VisitWiltshire or direct with the accommodation provider”

Wedding Venues



Corsham Town Hall Map Ref C2

Corsham Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 0EZ
T: 01249 702130
E: mjones@corsham.gov.uk

In the heart of Corsham's picturesque High Street, two minutes' walk from St Bartholomew's Church, the historic Town Hall makes an excellent wedding reception venue – and a glorious backdrop for photographs. Seats 100. The hire price includes use of the kitchen (including crockery and cutlery) and tables and chairs.

www.corsham.gov.uk

The Field Kitchen Map Ref D2

The Field Kitchen, Glove Factory Studios, 1 Brook Lane, Holt, Wiltshire, BA14 6RL
T: 01225 784081
E: enquires@thefieldkitchen.com

We've married rural romance and industrial style to create a unique wedding venue set in 32 acres of Wiltshire countryside. With flexible spaces for up to 150 guests and playful menus inspired by seasonal flavours, we'll transform your special day into a lifetime of memories.

<https://weddings.thefieldkitchen.com>

Accommodation

Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge & Villages

For quality assessment, pricing and symbol information please see pages 69-70
 For map references please see page 71

Best Western Leigh Park Country House Hotel & Vineyard Map Ref D2

★ ★ ★ Country House Hotel

Leigh Road West, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 2RA
T: 01225 864885
E: info@leighparkhotel.co.uk

Relaxing, informal venue with its own walled garden and vineyard, only 15 minutes' drive from the Georgian city of Bath. Stunning views over the Wiltshire Downs. Ideal for weddings, meetings and conferences.

Bedrooms 38
Bathrooms 38 en suite Room only (B&B available)
S £88-£95 **D** £98-£175 **T** £98-£175 **F** £130-£175

www.leighparkhotel.co.uk

Cumberwell Country Cottages Map Ref D2

★ ★ ★ ★ Self-Catering

Great Cumberwell Farm, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 2PQ
T: 01225 869230
E: enquiries@cumberwellcountrycottages.com
 Mr Alistair James

Seven unique, luxurious and spacious self-catering cottages set in a peaceful, rural location on the edge of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, only 5 miles from Bath and 1 mile from Bradford on Avon.

Bedrooms 1 or 2 per unit
Sleeps Between 2-4 in seven cottages
Prices £265-£855

www.cumberwellcountrycottages.com

Church Farm Country Cottages and The Old Granary Map Ref D2

★ ★ ★ ★ Self-Catering

Newhouse Farm Map Ref D2

★ ★ ★ ★ Bed & Breakfast

Littleton, Semington, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 6LF
T: 01380 870349 **E: stay@newhousefarmwilt.co.uk**
 Mrs Carole Ball

Comfortable Victorian farmhouse offering a warm welcome, spacious rooms and delicious breakfasts. Ideal for Longleat, Bowood, Bath and Lacock; also walking and cycling along the Kennet & Avon Canal. Great pubs nearby.

Bedrooms 3
Bathrooms 3 en suite
S £46-£60 **D** £75-£95 **T** £75-£95

www.newhousefarmwilt.co.uk

Church Farm, Winsley, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 2JH
T: 01225 722246 **E: stay@churchfarmcottages.com**

Coachmans Cottage Map Ref D2

★ ★ ★ ★ Self-Catering

Vicarage Lane, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 6HH
T: 01380 870764
E: stay@coachmans-cottage.com Penny Hornsey.

Coachmans Cottage is located in the heart of the conservation village of Steeple Ashton, West Wiltshire. Relax and unwind in peace and quiet. An idyllic spacious retreat for 2 or 3 guests. The 2-bedroom accommodation is all on one level. Courtyard garden. Private parking. WiFi. Village pub and shop. Open all year.

Bedrooms 2 **Sleeps** 3
Prices £380-£815

www.coachmans-cottage.com

Church Farm offers family-run cottages on a working sheep farm, with a superb indoor heated pool and games room. Well located on the edge of the village of Winsley in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Seven well-equipped, single-storey cottages including one with M2 grading. Four 4-person cottages with two bedrooms, three 2-person cottages with one bedroom. The gold award-winning twelve-person converted barn, The Old Granary, is ¾ mile away along a country lane. Green Tourism gold award. Bath 5 miles and Longleat 12 miles. Regular buses. Ample parking on site. Free WiFi. Excellent village pub and award-winning farm shop/café both under 500m. Kennet & Avon canal ¾ mile for cycling and walking. Couples, families, friends' gatherings, business groups are all welcome. Up to 34 can be accommodated. The increasingly popular farm and woodland activities can be booked in advance. Pets welcome (by prior arrangement). Weekend and midweek breaks, weekly and longer stays available. Welcome cream tea on arrival. Event space bookings for The Walnut Room now being taken – ideal for groups dining together or activities.

7 Cottages: Four 4-person and three 2-person cottages. £215-£695 short break; £395-£1,295 per week.
Old Granary: Sleeps up to 12. Short breaks from £995-£2,395; £2,595-£3,495 per week.

www.churchfarmcottages.com

Accommodation

For quality assessment, pricing and symbol information please see pages 69-70
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Calne, Devizes & Villages



Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort Map Ref C3



Derry Hill, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 9PQ
T: 01249 822228 E: resort@bowood.org

Situated on the stunning Bowood Estate just outside Chippenham, all the bedrooms are individually designed in a contemporary house style using heritage colours. Relax in front of log fires in Winter or on the terrace with a chilled glass of wine in Summer and enjoy a relaxed yet sophisticated dining experience with panoramic views of Bowood's pristine parklands in the Shelburne Restaurant, Bar and Library. Bowood offers a luxurious award-winning Spa for use by all guests and a wide selection of spa treatments to indulge a little further. For golfers, the Bowood PGA Golf Course for the South West will not disappoint, and there's plenty to keep children happy too, with a host of games, swim sessions, flexible mealtimes and complimentary access to Bowood House & Gardens during the open season, April to October. For an exclusive break away with friends or family, enjoy the privacy of Queenwood Lodge with your own private host and chef, or simply close the door and enjoy time to yourselves with a self-catering break.

Bedrooms 43 (all en suite) **B&B Rates** Single Occupancy from £130 or Double Occupancy from £140
www.bowood.org

Queenwood Lodge Map Ref C3

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort, Derry Hill, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 9PQ
T: 01249 822228
E: resort@bowood.org

For an exclusive break away with friends or family, enjoy the privacy of Queenwood Lodge, a beautiful Georgian house on the Bowood Estate, with your own private host and chef, or simply close the door and enjoy time to yourselves with a self-catering break.

Bedrooms 4 (all en suite)
Sleeps 8 adults, plus 2 children
Prices From £1,075 per night for DBB or from £450 self-catering
www.bowood.org

The George & Dragon Map Ref D3



High Street, Rowde, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2PN
T: 01380 723053 E: gm@thegeorgeanddragonrowde.co.uk. Christopher Day.

The George & Dragon in Rowde is a pub, restaurant and rooms. Specializing in fresh fish from Cornwall, you will find handwritten chalkboards above the bar offering a wide range of Cornish seafood. The bar is well stocked with a selection of local craft beers and we have a small but perfectly formed wine list and a wide selection of gins and spirits.

The garden terrace has been transformed into a winter conservatory, allowing guests to make full use of the outside space for al fresco drinks and dining. When the sun goes down, we'll light the fire and offer blankets and hot water bottles. The private sitting room holds up to 20 people for a sit down meal.

Our three cosy, individually designed bedrooms all come with large double beds, luxurious linen and duvets, and modern comforts including flat screen TVs / DVDs and iPod stations. We look forward to welcoming you.

Bedrooms 3 **Bathrooms** 2 en suite, 1 private. **S** £75-£95 **D** £75-£95 **F** £125-£155
www.thegeorgeanddragonrowde.co.uk



Chippenham & Villages



Manor Farm Map Ref C2
★★★★ Farmhouse

Slaughterford, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 8RE
T/F: 01249 782243
E: janmanorfm@btinternet.com
Ms Janet Jones

A working farm near the pretty Cotswold village of Castle Combe. You can enjoy horse riding and walks along the Macmillan Way and River Bybrook. Breakfasts include home-grown produce.

Bedrooms 2
Bathrooms 2 en suite
S £30 **D** £60 **F** £65



Lucknam Park

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Located near the historic city of Bath, Lucknam Park is a magnificent Palladian mansion dating from 1720. Maintained as a family home until 1988, it then opened its doors as one of the UK's top country house hotels. Set in 500 acres of listed parkland and beautiful gardens, Lucknam Park has been lovingly restored to the elegance and style of the past era. The distinguished hotel boasts 42 individually styled rooms and suites, Michelin star dining in Restaurant Hywel Jones, casual all day dining in The Brasserie, an award-winning spa, equestrian centre with 35 horses, cookery school, family play facility and two charming country cottages. Lucknam Park is truly one of England's finest hotels, providing 5-star luxury at every turn.

To book: call + 44 (0) 1225 742 777 or visit www.lucknampark.co.uk.



Accommodation

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For map references please see page 71

Hotel Accommodation Guest Accommodation Self-Catering Camping & Caravanning

Corsham, Lacock & Villages



> Corsham



> Lacock

The Old Post Office Cottage Map Ref C2
VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Silver Street, Gastard, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 9PY
T: 01249 713968
E: pjcollier@talktalk.net
Peter and Jenny Collier

A well-equipped cottage in the grounds of owners' Grade II listed home. Quiet village location 1.2 miles from Corsham and convenient for Lacock, Castle Combe and Bath. Village pub 150 yards.

Bedrooms 1
Sleeps 2
Prices £400-£450
www.theoldpostofficecottage.com



Piccadilly Caravan Park Map Ref C2
Camping & Touring Park

Folly Lane West, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2LP
T: 01249 730260
E: info@piccadillylacock.co.uk
Peter Williams

A peaceful, pleasant location close to the National Trust village of Lacock. Facilities and grounds are immaculately kept and showers have been recently upgraded. 2.5 acre level site with good screening.

Pitches 43
Prices £20-£22 per night
www.piccadillylacock.co.uk




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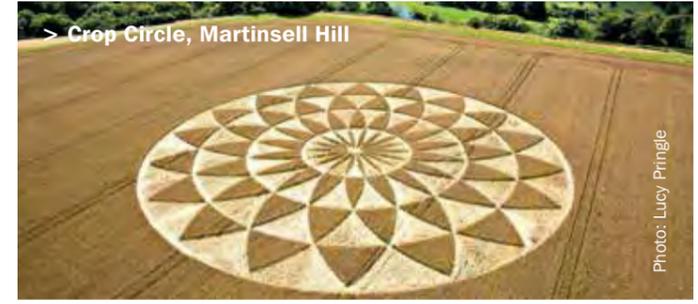
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www.redlionfreehouse.com



> Market day in Marlborough



> Crop Circle, Martinsell Hill

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Marlborough, Pewsey Vale & Villages



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Buckerfields Barn Map Ref C4
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Buckerfields Nursery, Ogbourne St George, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1TF
T: 01672 841414 M: 07976 912927
E: info@buckerfieldsbarn.co.uk Terence and Sonia Wright

Four comfortably furnished, high quality self-catering apartments. Created from a barn on an old farmyard, now a small plant nursery run by the hosts, and surrounded by lovely gardens.

Bedrooms 4 one bedroom apartments
Sleeps 2 persons per apartment
Prices on application
www.buckerfieldsbarn.co.uk

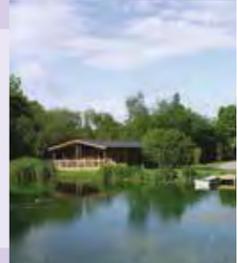


Willowbank Lodges Map Ref D4
VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Milkhouse Water, Pewsey, Wiltshire, SN9 5JX
T: 01672 562110 M: 07778 205763
E: nickywood@willowbanklodges.com
Nicky Wood

Five spacious, comfortable and well equipped log cabins nestled in a small hamlet in the heart of the Pewsey Vale, bordering the Kennet & Avon Canal. Situated in 3½ acres, including a private lake.

Bedrooms 1 or 2 per cabin **Sleeps 2-5** per cabin
Prices One bed cabin £393-£585 per week
Two bed cabin £465-£789 per week
www.willowbanklodges.com



Accommodation

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Mere, Warminster, Westbury & Villages

Cornerways Cottage
Visit Wiltshire Accommodation Charter

Longcross, Zeals, Mere, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 6LL
T: 01747 840477
E: cornerways.cottage@btinternet.com

Comfortable cottage in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Close to Longleat, Stourhead, Salisbury and Bath. Golf, riding, fishing and walking nearby. Discounted day tickets for Longleat.

Bedrooms 3
Bathrooms 2 en suite, 1 private
S £60 D £75 T £75
www.cornerwayscottage.co.uk

Map Ref F1



The Bishopstrow Hotel and Spa
★★★★ Hotel

Map Ref E2



Boreham Road, Bishopstrow, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 9HH
T: 01985 212312 E: info@bishopstrow.co.uk

Bishopstrow Hotel and Spa is one of the finest luxury hotels in Dorset and Wiltshire. All rooms and suites are beautifully furnished and decorated. Our award-winning restaurant serves the finest locally sourced food in a modern, light and spacious dining room. Sample afternoon tea in one of our comfortable lounges. Relax in our spa with one of our many treatments or enjoy the thermal experiences, indoor or outdoor pools, fitness suite and indoor and outdoor tennis courts. Close to Salisbury, Bath, Longleat and Stonehenge.

Bedrooms 32
Bathrooms 32 en suite
S £85-£170 D £106-£535 T £120-£535 F £250-£570 (2 adults + 1 child)
www.bishopstrow.co.uk

Brokerswood Holiday Park
Holiday Home Site

Map Ref D2



Brokerswood Holiday Park, Brokerswood, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 4EH
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Marshwood Farm, Dinton Map Ref F3

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Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms 2 en suite
S £60-£70 **D** £70-£90 **T** £80-£100
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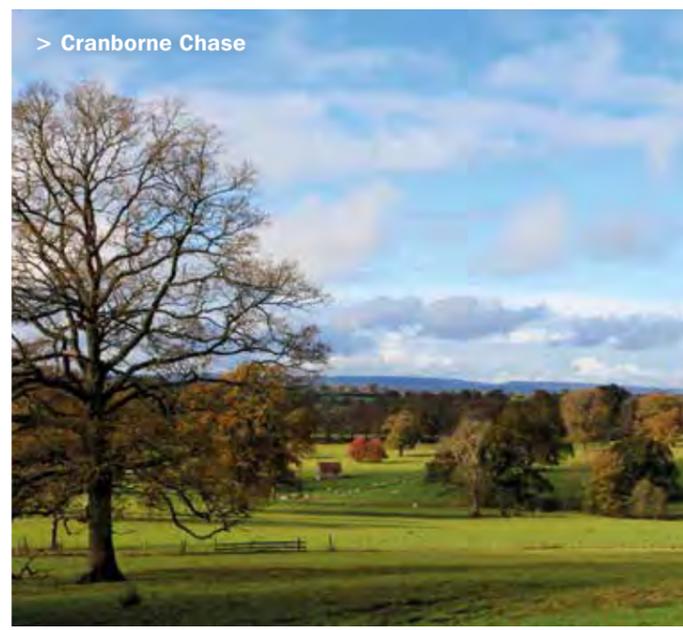
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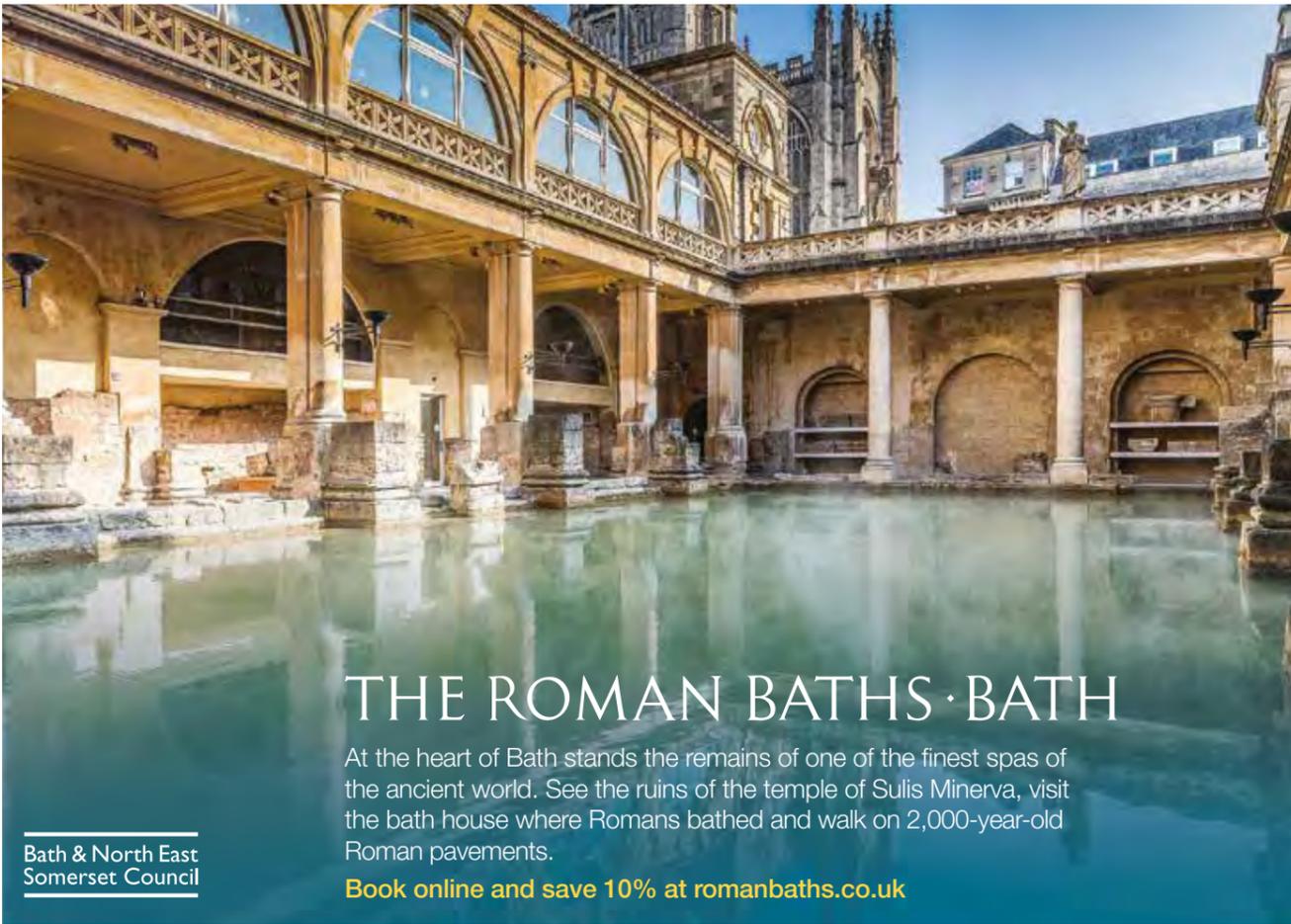


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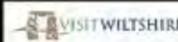


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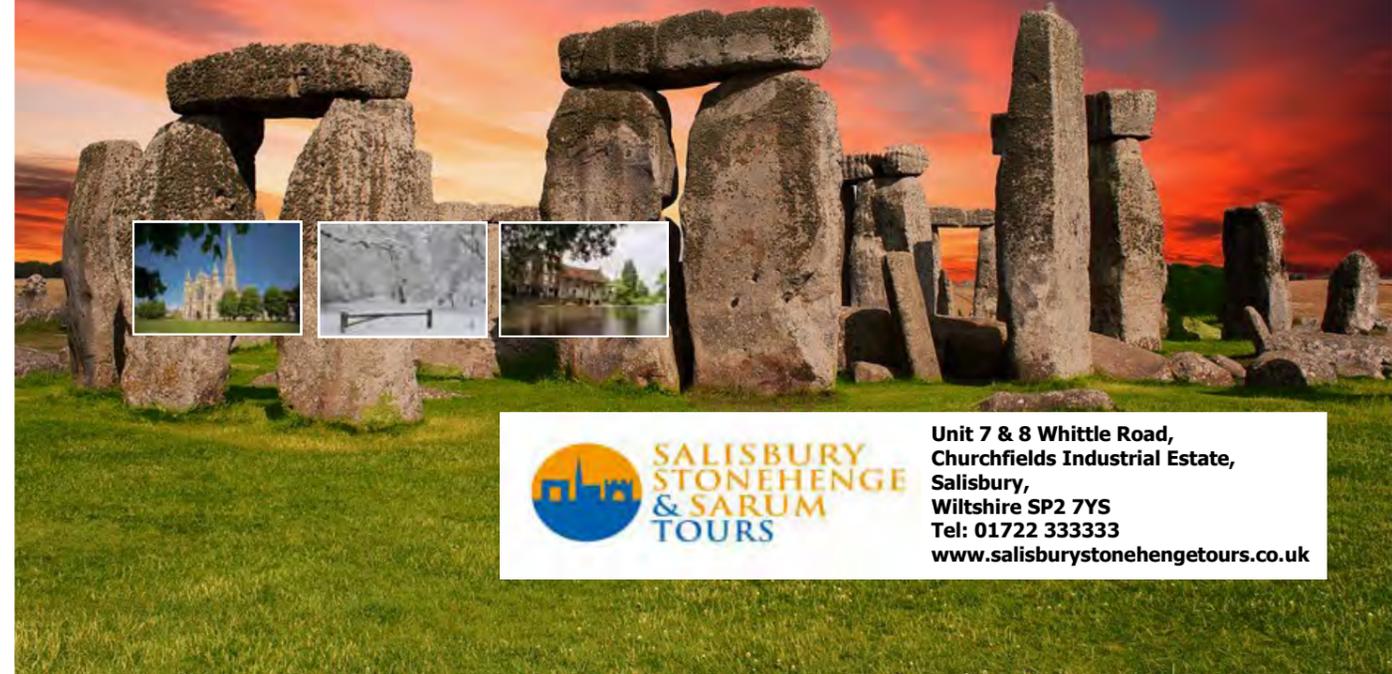
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Key to Symbols Used in this Guide

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| VisitEngland | VisitEngland Cyclists Welcome |
| VisitEngland Gold Award | VisitEngland Families Welcome |
| VisitEngland Silver Award | VisitEngland Pets Welcome |
| VisitEngland Walkers Welcome | VisitEngland Breakfast Award |

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| The AA | AA Highly Commended Award Guest Accommodation |
| AA Breakfast Award | AA Dining Rosette |

- AA Silver Star Award

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| Green Tourism Award | World Host |
| Welcome to Excellence | |

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| Mobility Level 1 | Mobility Level 3 |
| Mobility Level 2 | Mobility Level 4 |

Key to Room Types and Abbreviations Used in this Guide

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| D – Double | K – King | Su – Superior | Tr – Triple |
| F – Family | S – Single | T – Twin | |

