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VISITOR GUIDE





Wiltshire Welcome to timeless!

Nowhere else in England has such a concentration of fascinating iconic sites as Wiltshire. For thousands of years, travellers have been in awe of their grandeur and magic.

Ready to start planning an amazing holiday for the coming year? If you're planning a staycation, Wiltshire is the ideal destination to visit. Need convincing?

There's so much space to enjoy. In Wiltshire, you'll find rolling open countryside and expansive views. With over 8,000 footpaths around the county there's always somewhere to stretch your legs off the beaten track! Get the most out of our spacious landscapes by going for a walk, exploring by bike or trying out horse riding. You can even hire a classic car to enjoy a scenic drive in style.

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 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 12-16 of this Guide or visit **GreatWestWay.co.uk**

Wiltshire is timeless wonders, timeless places, timeless pleasures and timeless nature. Morning mists curling round Avebury's stone circles and shadows in the cloisters at Salisbury Cathedral. Grand historic houses nestling in 'Capability' Brown parkland and museums bursting with exhibits of national importance. Delicious local produce sourced from farmers' markets and authentic festivals and events. Big skies, undulating downland and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

When life's been moving a bit too fast, take a deep breath. Stop and look around you. Wiltshire has been calming and inspiring visitors for generations.

A weekend (or longer!) here will help put back what the everyday takes out.

Visit Wiltshire. Discover Timeless. You'll be here in no time.











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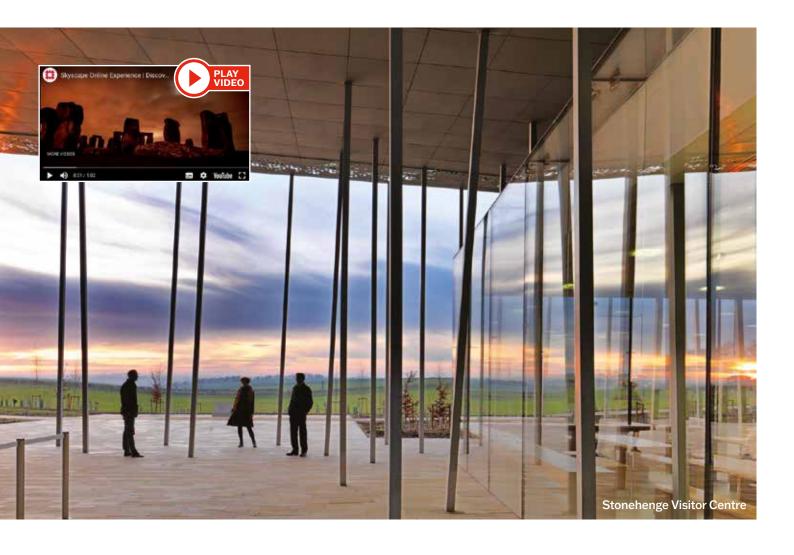
This Way for a Journey through Time

Wiltshire has been a special place for a very long time and our World Heritage Site stands testament to the ages. The ancient standing stones at Stonehenge and Avebury have a magnetism that has drawn people to them for centuries. But history in Wiltshire is not just ancient.

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.

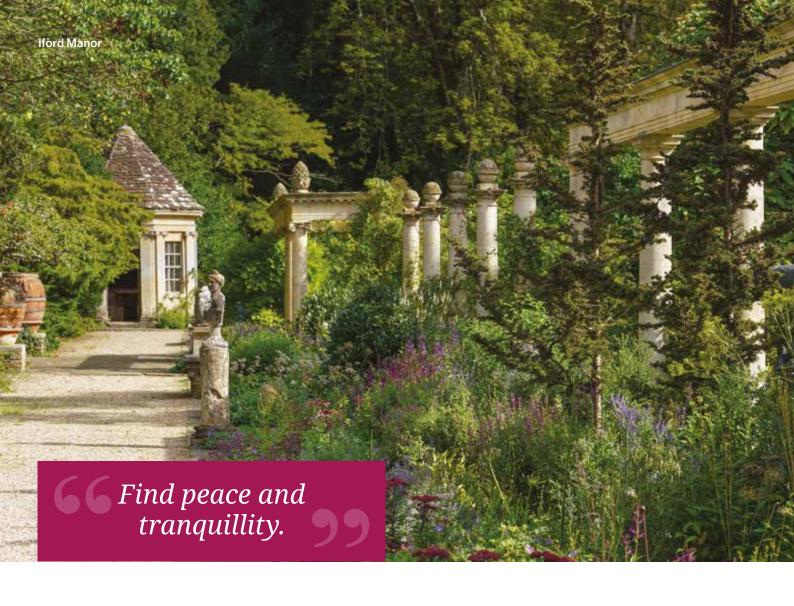
For further evidence of Roman occupation in Wessex you need look no further than the **Roman Baths** in Bath, home to the Sacred Spring, the Roman Temple, the Roman Bath House and finds from Roman Bath. **Amesbury**, on the southern edge of Salisbury Plain, is the nearest town to Stonehenge and close 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.

The **Amesbury History Centre** (opening 2023) tells the story behind Amesbury's unique heritage, its connections to Stonehenge and the origins of its rise to military importance may date back more than 10,000 years.









Centuries of Stately Splendour

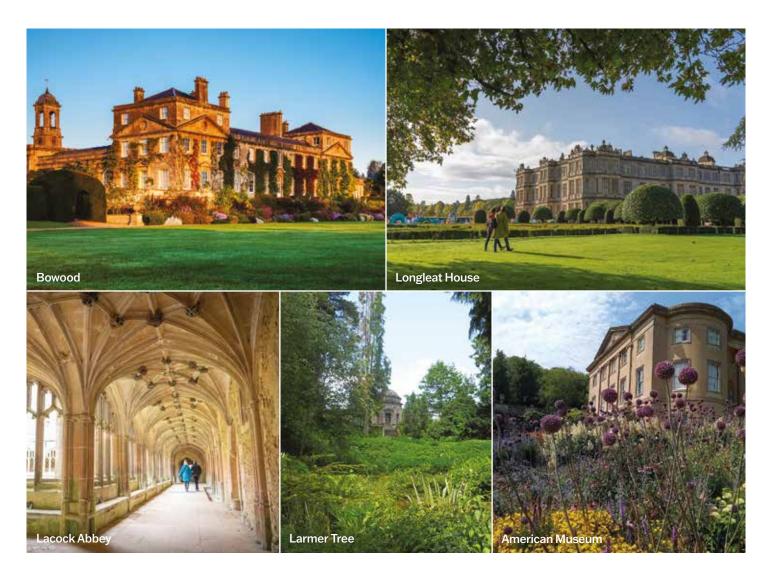
Set against the drama and majesty of the surrounding landscape, Wiltshire's great estates combine magnificent residences with equally outstanding grounds. From acres of landscaped parkland, to intimate formal and informal gardens.

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. 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 Park**, 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,







Click for Iford Manor Gardening Tips

Larmer Tree is an extraordinary example of Victorian extravagance, perfectly set amid the rolling downland of Cranborne Chase. 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.

The walled gardens at two 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; 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.

Moulton Hall, in Bradford on Avon is a Jacobean town house located in central Bradford on Avon. It's most recent occupants, the Moulton family, were responsible for introducing vulcanised rubber to England. Today, The Hall and its interior remains exactly how Dr Alex Moulton left it, with stylised rooms, family memorabilia and a large collection of work, books and designs.

Two equally memorable properties lie just across the county border in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire. 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. Recently re-opened after extensive 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.

In Bath you can take a trip through US history at **The American** Museum and Gardens set in picturesque gardens of winding path, colourful flowers, woodland and climbing adventures.

A Rich Industrial Heritage Brought to Life

The source of many Wiltshire towns' modernday 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**, following extensive renovation and expansion, has a fascinating collection relating to West Country woollen cloth production, including interactive exhibits, sensory experiences and working looms.

Alex Moulton Charitable Trust (The Hall) is a hidden gem in central Bradford on Avon. Historically significant for its connection to the industrial trade, it has had a variety of purposes including that of a family home, a storage space for wool, accommodation for factory workers, and an officer's mess.

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.

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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 of the Great Western Railway**. 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**.

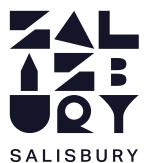
Wiltshire's local museums offer further links with the past. Athelstan Museum in Malmesbury traces the history of lacemaking. **Chippenham Museum** highlights aspects of trade and industry, including a working model of a flourmill. While displays at **Royal Wootton Bassett Museum** depict the town's social, rural, commercial and industrial history. Wiltshire has long been renowned for its local ales and, happily for us, one industry that does survive to this day is brewing. Founded in 1875, **Wadworth Brewery** is still based at its original home in Devizes town centre. Its mighty Shire horses can often be seen pulling their barrel-laden dray around the town, raising a smile and a wave from visitors and local residents alike.

Wiltshire is blessed with a number of smaller breweries dotted around the county including **Stone Daisy Brewery** in the Fonthill Estate.

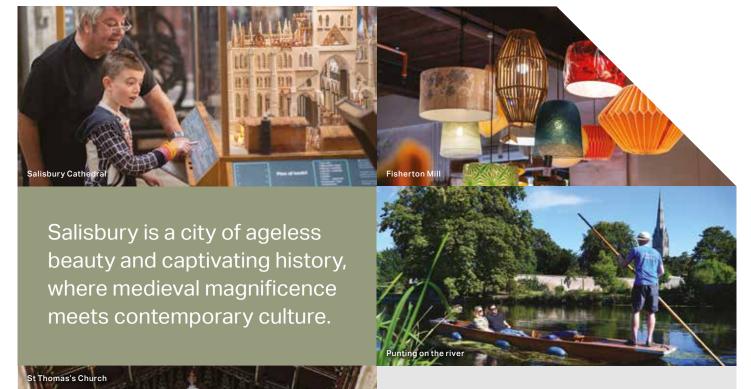








Layer upon layer of history...



At its heart is **Salisbury Cathedral**, a beacon which has attracted travellers for hundreds of years. Gathered around it is an inspiring city, alive with fascinating people, places and experiences. Salisbury's story reaches back through the centuries and the city is proud of this rich heritage. Yet it is no stranger to original thinking.

Within the Cathedral Close discover finds from Stonehenge at The Salisbury Museum. Relive scenes from Sense and Sensibility at the National Trust's Mompesson House. 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.

Traditionally English with an independent spirit, the city's living heritage and lively culture rewards repeated visits. It is a creative and independent hub which has captivated visitors and inspired innovation for hundreds of years.

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 hostelries 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 tale 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 is blessed with markets in abundance. A magnet for traders and shoppers alike, the 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 Art Scene hold a monthly event in the Market Square (March to December) to showcase the skills and works form

Salisbury's engaging cultural scene reflects the city's deep-rooted creativity and imagination. Under the banner of Wiltshire

Creative, Salisbury Playhouse, Salisbury Arts Centre and Salisbury International Arts Festival embrace the contemporary, the traditional and the - occasionally -



somewhat eccentric. Resulting in a vibrant blend of music, dance, theatre, comedy and more. It's no surprise that 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

Salisbury, welcoming visitors since 1227. Become part of our story.



ENGLAND'S HISTORIC CITIES

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.

EVCP Electric Vehicle Charging Points Railway Station

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.

EVCP: Main car park in Amesbury on the A345.

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

Calne is a small vibrant town with so much to discover. You can explore our history at the Calne Heritage Centre. Join the annual Calne Bike Meet which brings motorcyclists and the community together on 29 July 2023 or plan a visit to the Atwell Wilson Motor Museum. Spend a day cycling or walking along National Cycle route 403 and visit the nearby Cherhill White Horse. With two hours free parking in the Heritage Quarter, take an opportunity to appreciate the flourishing past and present of our beautiful town and shop, eat, drink and relax.

www.visitcalne.co.uk





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

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.

EVCP: Post Office Lane (Long-Stay) Car Park.

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.

EVCP: Fairview Fields Car Park - just off the A419 by the rugby club. Cricklade Leisure Centre, Stones Lane.

www.crickladetowncouncil.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.

EVCP: 2 devices and 4 connectors at Aldi, SN16 9JL. www.malmesbury.gov.uk www.discovermalmesbury.life

Marlborough *****



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.

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 Park - 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.

EVCP: 2 slow chargers in Whalebridge car park. 2 fast chargers in Brunel North, plus 4 on Civic campus.

www.visitswindon.org.uk



EVCP Electric Vehicle Charging Points Railway Station



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.

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, 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 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.

EVCP: Cradle Bridge Retail Park, County Way; Lovemead Car Park, Duke Street; Bythesea Road; 94 Newtown; 110-122 Bythesea Road; 32-33 Bythesea Road; 6 Station Approach; County Way; 12 Westbury Road.

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, Wilton Windmill and the Crop Circle Exhibition. Mainline railway stations at Great Bedwyn and Pewsey. Walkers are Welcome accredited.

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.

EVCP: Morrisons Car Park, BA12 9NT x2; Central Car Park, BA12 9BP x2; Longbridge Service Station, BA12 7DS x2.

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.

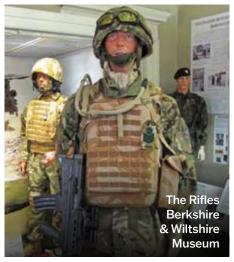
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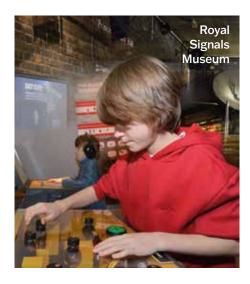
Once the ancient capital of Wessex, the quintessentially English market town of Wilton nestles at the confluence of the rivers Nadder and Wylye. Wilton offers a range of shops, including The Guild and a variety of places to eat.











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 you can 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 theintroduction of telegraph in the Crimea, via espionage and satellites, to today's digital battlefields of cyberspace and electronicwarfare. 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.

Nearby St Michael's Church, has strong links to RAF Lyneham and features a variety of items related to the RAF and its history in the area. These include the RAF Lyneham 50th anniversary window, a unique and complex window which is designed to lift the eye from the busyness of life on the station to things spiritual; and the 47 Squadron window which was installed by Salisbury Cathedral Stained Glass and was inspired by the Squadron badge and motto.

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.

Go Wild in Wiltshire

Click here to meet the animals with Longleat's 3 part virtual safari tour narrated by Kate Humble



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 the baby Koala at the Koala Creek. Say g'day to England's only koalas in their purpose-built, walkthrough 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 seasonal events, including concerts, spooky Halloween fun, Festival of Lights and more.

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. There are also great animal activities throughout the day, like Alpaca Walks, giving you lots of opportunities to interact with the animals. 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

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 and energetic Wallabies. Introduce yourself to Rigby the Racoon. 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 our Soft Play area or wander around the extensive garden centre and shopping outlets.

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!

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 amongst many others. Set in over 160 acres of beautiful grounds, the Park has an amazingly diverse collection of species, many of which are endangered.











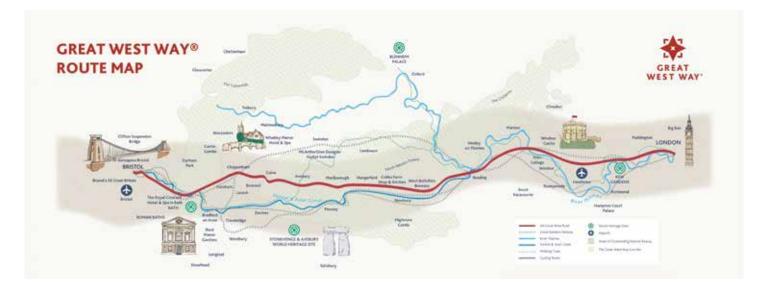


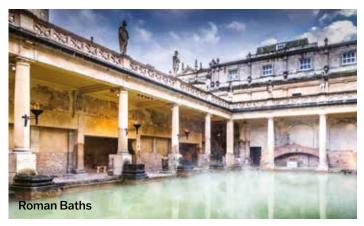




Great West Way®









Welcome to the Great West Way. It's time to explore England. To uncover tales of the past. And experience all that's to offer today. Welcome to a journey through time. And an adventure across England. The Great West Way is based on one of the first great roads, commissioned by the Kings of England. As you travel between London to Bristol, you'll uncover the very soul of England.

The Great West Way brings you to world-famous sites such as Stonehenge, Roman Bath with its double World Heritage status and Windsor Castle, but the real joy is in discovering somewhere different, a real slice of England that you can take back home with you - as memories, as photographs, or even as a bottle of craft ale or piece of local art.

At one end of the Great West Way is **London**, with its famous royal sights and rich cultural heritage. At the other, Bath and Bristol close neighbours geographically, yes, but with very different personalities. Elegant Bath is renowned for its classical Georgian architecture and romantic literary connections. While Bristol is a riot of alternative art, music and dining experiences. In between lie

relaxing riverside towns, lush green landscapes, and characterful villages.

There's so much more to the Great West Way than simply getting from A to B. The Great West Way is for travellers who want to explore further and delve deeper. Those who relish the journey. The curious, for whom the colourful characters they chance upon are as fascinating as the places they visit.

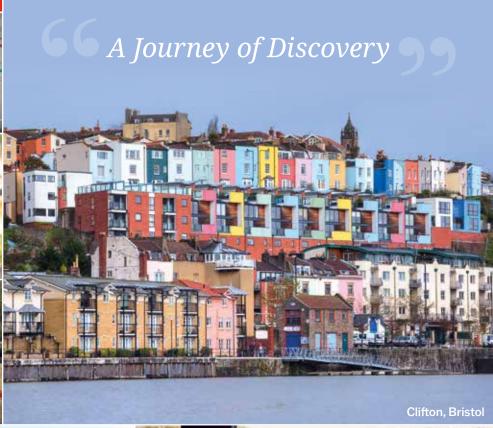
There are many ways to experience the Great West Way. But whether you choose to travel by road, rail or water, on two feet or two wheels, base yourself in one place for a while or move on every day, you can create your own itinerary and write your own story. The Great West Way navigates over 500 miles of twists and turns with tempting trails and off-the-beaten-track detours there is so much to explore. Follow paths taken by generations of travellers and 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 and **Bath**.











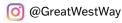


You can stand on the site of the sealing of Magna Carta at Runnymede. Watch the Changing of the Guard at Windsor Castle. Or relax and unwind on an indulgent spa day at **Thames Lido**. Witness Hungerford's traditional 'Tutti Day' celebrations on the second Tuesday after Easter. Or join the party at Henley Festival.

Seek out exclusive fashion and lifestyle stores at Parkway **Shopping** in **Newbury**. Or soak in the UK's only natural hot springs at **Thermae Bath Spa**. Pootle along the **Kennet & Avon Canal** on your very own narrowboat. Search for artwork by anonymous street artist, Banksy, in Bristol.

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 still to discover.

So go in search of the real England. Go to GreatWestWay.co.uk and discover your way.



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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 £27.50 per person. For further details and to book go to gwr.com or visitbritainshop.com

Wiltshire on the **Great West Way®**





The Great West Way is England undiluted. England concentrated. Around a quarter of it runs through the beautiful county of Wiltshire.

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. 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.

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. 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 90 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.

Uncover Wiltshire's secrets. Go to GreatWestWay.co.uk and discover an essential strand of England's story.



The Great West Way weaves through the timeless county of Wiltshire. The Ancient Briton, Romans, Normans and Saxons have all left their mark. Now it's time for you to follow in





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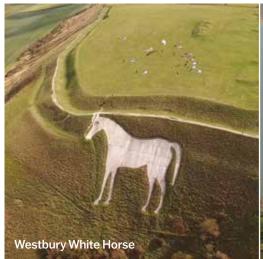
Nowhere else in England has such a concentration of fascinating iconic sites as Wiltshire. For thousands of years, travellers have been seduced by their grandeur and magic. They continue to inspire a sense of wonder in today's visitors.

Stonehenge and **Avebury**. Two inimitable stone circles. One outstanding World Heritage Site. One that also embraces West Kennet Long Barrow, Silbury Hill and numerous associated sites across the wider landscape. Together they have a magnetism that has drawn people to them for thousands of years and celebrations marking the summer and winter solstices still take place today. No visit to Wiltshire would be complete without experiencing their magic for yourself.

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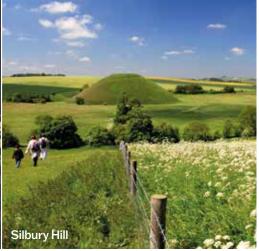
of its stones. **Avebury**, though less well known, is the largest megalithic stone circle in the world, and the only one to have a village built partly within it. Whilst their origins and meaning have been lost in the mists of time, together they have a magnetism that continues to draw people to them 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**









Two inimitable stone circles... one outstanding World Heritage Site

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.

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.

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.

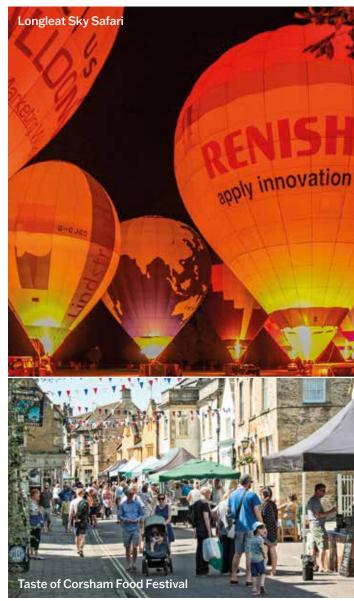


Events & Festivals

Keep up to date with full details of events and festivals in Wiltshire on our website, the number one source for latest information on what's on in Wiltshire.

To give you a taste of what's to come we've a small selection of events that are currently being planned for this year, any changes to these will be updated on the website. As more events and festivals are announced they will be added to the website visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on





May / June

1 May - 7 May: Swindon Festival of Literature

Authors, storytellers, poets, musicians, acrobats, discussions, readings, talks and performances.

6 - 8 May: The King's Coronation

Celebrate in style this year as Wiltshire celebrates the Coronation of his Majesty the King. Enjoy a 3-day bank holiday weekend full of events taking place across the county. From live music and street parades, to fun runs and picnics in the park, there's something planned for everyone to mark this special occasion. To find out more go to www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/whatson/the-kings-coronation

24 May - 16 June: Salisbury International Arts Festival

Salisbury International Arts Festival returns in 2023 with a full programme. The festival will feature a diverse programme of music, theatre, film, dance, spoken word, visual arts, family and free events, created by Wiltshire Creative's Artistic Director Gareth Machin, Associate Artist violinist Harriet Mackenzie, and Festival Producer Lucy Babb, alongside a team of associate curators.

9 June - 11 June: Cosham Walking Festival

Corsham's Walking Festival, catering for a wide range of walking enthusiasts and abilities walks vary in distance from 1.5 to 16.5 miles that go from Easy through Moderate to Challenging.

10 June - 11 June: Bradford on Avon Food and Drink Festival A festival celebrating everything that is wonderful about food and drink!

Bradford on Avon Food and Drink Festival is a dynamic and fun celebration of all that is wonderful and delicious in the South West. Produce at its very best, plenty to see, drink and eat and in a vibrant atmosphere in the centre of this gorgeous and historic market town.

18 June - 21 June: Solstice Fest A Festival for Solstice

4 amazing days celebrating the Summer Solstice at Stonehenge Campsite, live music, craft stands to browse, enjoy open access to the Stones for the Sunset & Sunrise.

26 June - 2 July: Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival The largest festival in the UK dedicated entirely to history.

July / August

9 July - 5 August: Marlborough College Summer School

Marlborough College Summer School will take place 9 July to 5 August 2023 and host over 500 courses encompassing the creative arts, history, science, body and mind, life skills, sport and country pursuits.



Keep up to date with full details of events in Wiltshire please visit visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on



16 July - 4 September: Longleat A Celebration of Summer

Live performances and a spectacular show each day on the stage in the Main Square.

22 July - 24 July: Iford Manor Jazz Festival

With music gently wafting over the garden, discover the woodlands, Japanese Garden, cloister, casita, orchard, loggia and so much more. Musicians will be located across the garden with performances at different times and places throughout. A rare opportunity to enjoy a picnic in the garden.

September / October

8 September - 10 September: Longleat Sky Safari

Longleat's hot air balloon festival returns! The biggest annual hot air balloon festival in Europe will be bigger, bolder and balloon-ier than ever. The skies above the Estate will come to life with all the vibrant colours of the rainbow as 200 hot air balloons take to the air in an astounding procession. Followed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening by a stunning night glow set to music - a sight not to be missed!

29 September - 2 October: Marlborough Litfest

The festival programme is being finalised but includes fiction, non-fiction, poetry events, workshops, debut novelists, award-winning established names, children's authors and more!

November / December

Bonfire and firework celebrations throughout Wiltshire November - January Selected dates check website for dates:

Longleat Festival of Light:

The illuminating lantern spectacle will see hundreds of silk-strewn scenes and digital installations embellishing the ornate Longleat Estate once more, bringing the spirit of the festive season to lustrous light.

25 November - 7 January: Salisbury Playhouse, **Dick Whittington**

Dick Whittington arrives at Salisbury Playhouse in November 2023 for the ultimate Christmas adventure!

2 December - 31 December: Wyvern Theatre and Arts Centre, **Snow White**

Mirror mirror on the wall - which is the best pantomime of them all? The Wyvern Theatre's Snow White of course!

Various dates throughout November and December:

Christmas Light switch on and Christmas Fayres around Wiltshire, look out for specific details to get you into the Christmas spirit!









Take time out

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 deliciously 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 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, three of Salisbury's arts venues have joined forces to form an exciting 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 three fabulous weeks from the end of May.

Also in Salisbury you will find Salisbury's Arts Scene where Salisbury's vibrant art, craft and music scene have come together







to showcase their amazing skills. They can be found in the market square on the first Sunday of the month from March to December.

Salisbury Arts Trail takes place in September (next in 2024) where you can discover local artists work in in fabulous retail and hospitality venues and in artists' own studios and homes.

At the **Holburne Museum**, just across the county border in Bath, you'll find a stunning permanent collection of fascinating pieces that adorn one of Bath's most beautiful buildings vary from Renaissance treasures to masterpieces by Gainsborough. 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 state rooms 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 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 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

66 In Wiltshire, imagination and creativity flourish.

Wiltshire on a budget

To help you we've put together 10 things to do for £10 or less.

Salisbury Cathedral

Head to the Medieval Salisbury Cathedral this season and marvel at its beautifully intricate architectural designs both inside and out. Upon your arrival to The Close, be sure to appreciate the magnificent spire as it rises to a breath-taking 404ft, the tallest in the country! Inside, be greeted by incredible arches and stainedglass windows, as well as cloisters surrounding a pretty courtyard at its centre.

Avebury Stone Circle and Avebury Manor and Gardens

Recognised for its globally important Neolithic and Bronze Age monuments, Avebury welcomes you to explore the world's largest stone circle, as well as stone avenues and ancient tombs this year. Just next door is Avebury Manor and Gardens, a beautifully decorated house which showcases different historical periods in which it was lived in. The hands-on experience allows for these many stories to be brought to life.

Wiltshire Museum

Make your way to Devizes where you will find a host of historical attractions including Wiltshire Museum. Discover the county's fascinating history with collections spanning across the last 6,000 years! Home to the best Bronze Age archaeology display in Britain, here you will also find gold from the time of Stonehenge, as well as various galleries in the Prehistoric Wiltshire exhibition. Learn more about the stories from those who built and used the world-renowned monuments as you discover a display of artifacts dating back over 4,000 years.

Old Sarum

Discover the story of original Salisbury when visiting English Heritage's Old Sarum this year! Capture 360 degree views of beautiful Wiltshire countryside as you walk amongst historical ruins. From the mighty Iron Age fort where the first cathedral once stood, to the royal castle on the motte, enjoy a fun day out exploring the once thriving town of Old Sarum this season.

REME Museum

REME Museum in Chippenham offers a unique collection of historical vehicles, uniforms, medals, and weaponry, all used in displaying the history of the Corps from within the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Enhanced by interactive and immersive displays, enjoy a hands-on experience as you walk amongst the various artifacts.

Iford Manor Gardens

Tucked away at the bottom of a tranquil valley with the Wiltshire/ Somerset border running through, Iford Manor invites you to step into its timeless world as you explore its Grade I listed garden. Twisting through ancient statues, columns, and terraces, be sure to appreciate the incredible architecture influenced by Italian, Byzantine, Ancient Roman and Oriental designs. Open from April-September, visit the beautiful garden as flowers bloom and flourish during the warmer months.

Studley Grange Garden & Leisure Park

A visit to Studley Grange Garden & Leisure Park is the perfect weekend destination for the whole family! From Meerkats and energetic Wallabies to the resident Raccoon, Rigby, be sure to get up close and personal during the Zoos animal feeding times. Entering the Butterfly World will provide you with a great taste of Wiltshire's tropics as you discover an enchanting world of butterflies, fish filled ponds, and wonderful tropical flowers.

Crofton Beam Engines

Found along the Kennet and Avon Canal and amongst unspoiled Wiltshire countryside is Crofton Beam Engines. Built over 200 years ago as a way of supplying water to the highest point of the canal, Crofton Beam Engines is one of the most important surviving remains of the Industrial Revolution in England! Discover the two steam-powered beam pumping engines which date back as early as 1812!

Fisherton Mill

Built in 1880 as a grain mill, Fisherton Mill in Salisbury is the south of England's largest independent gallery. Set over two floors and featuring an award-winning café and artist studios, the Mill is a true haven for shopaholics, art lovers and foodies alike. Discover a range of displays from leading artists, furniture makers and sculptors, as well as an ever-changing array of jewellery, glasswork and other decorative items!

Lower Moor - Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Made up of four reserves Lower Moor offers a landscape of fascinating contrasts. Owned by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and free to explore all year round, embark on an exciting adventure as you discover wildlife and beautiful scenery which surrounds the picturesque pathways this season.

To check up to date admission prices please go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/things-to-do/attractions





If you are looking for a good value holiday break or money saving days out then there are plenty of ways to help maximise your money in Wiltshire - just follow some of our tips below.

- Special offers look out for seasonal offers, money off vouchers, pub and restaurant offers and discounted entry off attractions on our special offers pages.
- Visit our markets many a deal can be struck in our local markets. Help stock up the fridge at prices often cheaper than the supermarkets.
- Download our walking or cycling routes for free and burn off some steam in the glorious Wiltshire countryside.
- Plan your visit ahead and you can often save money off transport tickets. Train companies often offer special rates on off-peak tickets or during the school holidays. Once in the county, look for special rates on bus passes and explorer tickets. Find out more on the Connecting Wiltshire website.
- Free events visit one of the many free events that take place across the county including the Downton Cuckoo Fair, Heritage Open Days, Wylye Valley Art Trail and much more.
- Explore our historic villages visit picturesque Lacock and Castle Combe, travel through the Woodford Valley on your way up to Stonehenge and feel the atmosphere at historic Avebury stone circle. Find out more about some of our historic villages.
- For those of you that can't resist a bit of retail therapy there are savings to be had at the McArthurGlen **Designer Outlet Swindon.**



Seen on Screen Filming locations in Wiltshire

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.

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).

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).

Iford Manor Gardens - Most recently these romantic, awardwinning gardens featured in a re-make of The Secret Garden (2020). Iford Manor has also appeared 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 for 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 hit Netflix series, Bridgerton (2020) and Tomb Raider (2018) and The Crown (2017). In The Young Victoria (2009) it represented Rosenau Castle, Prince Albert's Coburg 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.





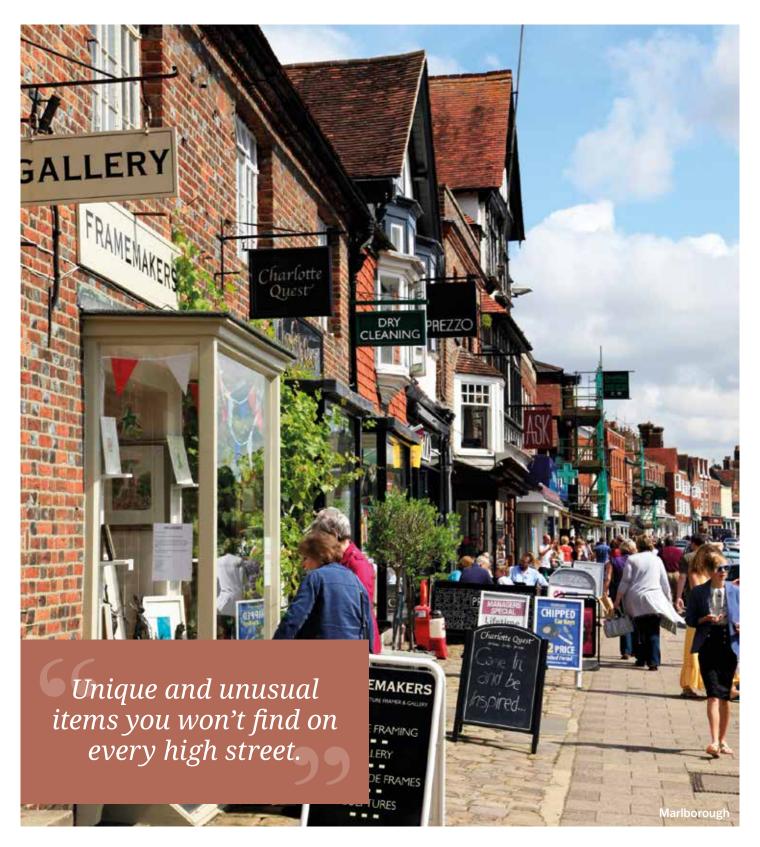
















McArthurGlen **Designer Outlet**

What's in Store...

Whether you're looking for designer brands or high street names, independent outlets or shopping malls, farm shops or markets, you'll find everything you want in Wiltshire!

Our award for the most unusual 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, but a million miles away in atmosphere, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Swindon makes a great day out for all the family. Over 90 stores to choose from... A huge range of high street and designer labels... Up to 60% off recommended retail prices... All housed in the tastefully converted Grade II listed buildings of Brunel's former Great Western Railway works. 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, independent 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 and fine lingerie at Annie's Just Jane. Regent Tailoring for timeless design with British heritage at its core. Or Roly's Fudge Pantry for the ultimate in indulgent treats. You'll find **The Guild** (formerly Wilton Shopping village) set in a rural and historic setting of regenerated carpet factory buildings, here you'll discover a distinctive mix of independent and national brands ranging from homeware, interiors, gifting and wellbeing.

As befits a county famous for its local produce there are farm shops aplenty -**Allington Farm Shop** near Chippenham, for example. At **Eversfield Organic** in Marlborough you showcase the best organic food & drink, award-winning produce and grassfed organic meat from their own farm. There is butcher. fishmonger, deli, fresh fruit and veg,



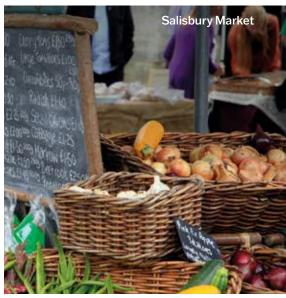
and even a 'Wine Cave'. Wiltshire is also home to markets of every shape and size. Indoor, outdoor and farmers' markets... continental and Christmas markets... vintage, artisan and foodie markets... we've got them all. What better way to spend an hour or two than browsing the many stalls, where every imaginable item is on offer. Top quality fruit and vegetables. Meat, fish, cheese and eggs. Haberdashery, clothing, jewellery and more.

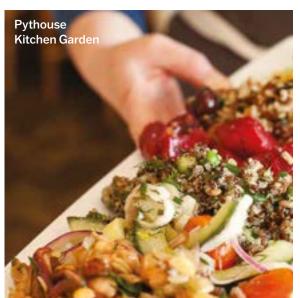
First prize for the longest running market goes to Trowbridge, Wiltshire's county town, where stallholders have been trading since the year 1200. These days, it's on a Wednesday. Hot on its heels, history-wise, is Salisbury's Charter Market, which has been coming to the city on Tuesdays and Saturdays (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













Culinary Magic?

Malmesbury Pudding, Wiltshire Lardy Cake, Wiltshire Loaf, That last one's a cheese, by the way, not a type of bread! Just a few of our traditional specialities. Made using recipes handed down through the generations. Still tasting as good as ever today.

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. So bacon features widely on the breakfast menu. Home-made bread, jam and preserves are Wiltshire staples too. And, depending on where you stay, you could even find yourself eating the very eggs you collected fresh from the hens that morning. Toasted 'fingers' dipped in golden yolk, anyone?

If a busy day's sightseeing is on the agenda, you may find yourself feeling a bit peckish. Which is good, as it gives you the perfect excuse to take a break and savour the taste of Wiltshire. You'll find coffee shops and tea rooms serving mouth-watering

cakes and pastries. Delicious ice cream, made on site using milk from the farm's own cows. Not to mention an abundance of friendly inns offering tasty food and drink at reasonable prices. At restaurants, wine bars and bistros across the county, menus change with the seasons. Timeless classics and new favourites are crafted with care and attention. Every day.

If celebrations are the order of the day you could head for Rick Stein's restaurant in Marlborough or Pythouse Kitchen **Garden** a restaurant within a stunning Victorian walled garden in Tisbury. Book a table at **The Old Bell** in Malmesbury (England's oldest hotel). Or Allium an independent, family-run fine dining restaurant, serving the best of modern British cuisine, located in the centre of the beautiful charter market city of Salisbury.



The hotel restaurants at Lucknam Park near Chippenham and Whatley Manor near Malmesbury. All of which have won a coveted Michelin star (or two!).

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), Chippenham (April), Blunsdon (May) and Swindon (October). Or savour the food and drink festivals in Devizes (September), Corsham (June), Chippenham (July) or Melksham and Salisbury (September). 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. Tunnel Vision... Bishop's Tipple... Flint Knapper... in Wiltshire the names are almost as delicious as the brews themselves.

You can enjoy a home-grown pint at Wadworth Brewery. 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 Bluestone Vineyards near Salisbury.

On the Fonthill Estate you will find Stone Daisy Brewery and Witchmark Distillery producing high quality beer and whiskey using mainly ingredients from the estate itself.

Why not try out your own 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, The Farm Cookery School in Bromham, The Cooking School in Warminster or Waitrose Cookery School in Salisbury. From beginners' courses on bread making to Michelin star 'dining at home, there is plenty to choose from. Dancing Flavours can offer both Lebanese cooking and dancing experiences in the comfort of your own holiday let or self catering accommodation.

For more inspiration or go to www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/ food-and-drink

Relax and Unwind







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.

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

Wiltshire will leave you restored and rejuvenated.











head out, Sleight Valley Golf Driving Range on the edge of Devizes provides twelve floodlit bays, plus tuition with PGA professionals.

The Manor House Hotel & Golf Club has an award-winning 18hole golf course designed by the

late Peter Alliss, nestled in the Cotswold countryside, bordering the village of Castle Combe.

The Wiltshire Hotel, Golf & Leisure Resort hots a 18-hole lakes course designed by the late Peter Alliss, which has become renowned nationwide.

There's nothing quite like a luxurious spa experience for restoring body and soul. If you're staying in Salisbury the Lime Tree Spa adjoins the Milford Hall Hotel, a delightful Boutique Spa offering a wide selection of therapies to really compliment your stay. Surrounded by Wiltshire's magnificent landscape, Bishopstrow,







Roman Baths

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'.





Send Your Heart Rate Soaring

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.

The Arc, Climbing Academy in Chippenham offers bouldering, roped climbing and auto belays for all ages and abilities are welcome. The site features a striking outdoor climbing wall, a free skatepark, adventure playground and a cafe.

Back on solid ground, Castle Combe Circuit has been welcoming fans of racing, car shows and events for the past 70 years! With a full racing calendar featuring three of its own buoyant club championships and the Hot Hatch Challenge as well as a host of other events, whether you want to race, watch or experience they've got it all!

As one of the UK's best-loved circuits, Castle Combe offers spectacular racing, modern facilities and stunning scenery. With so much variety, exhilarating entertainment and good value action, this is the West Country's home of motorsport.









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.

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, crossbows, 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 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.

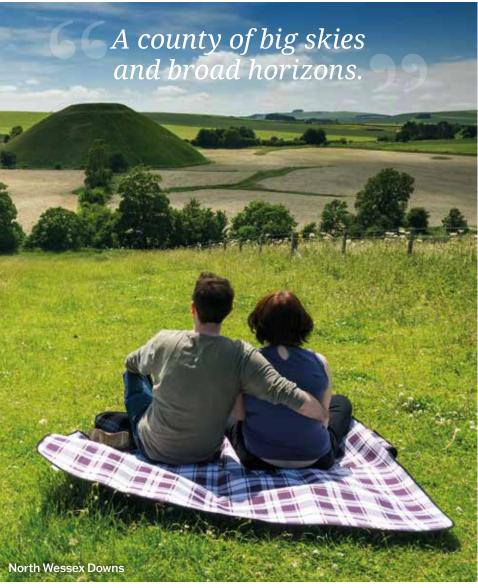
Why not share your adventure stories with other enthusiasts using #timeforwiltshire

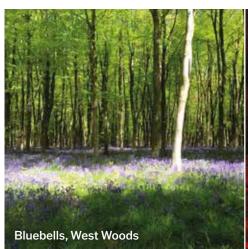


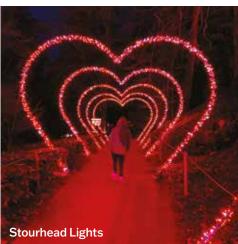






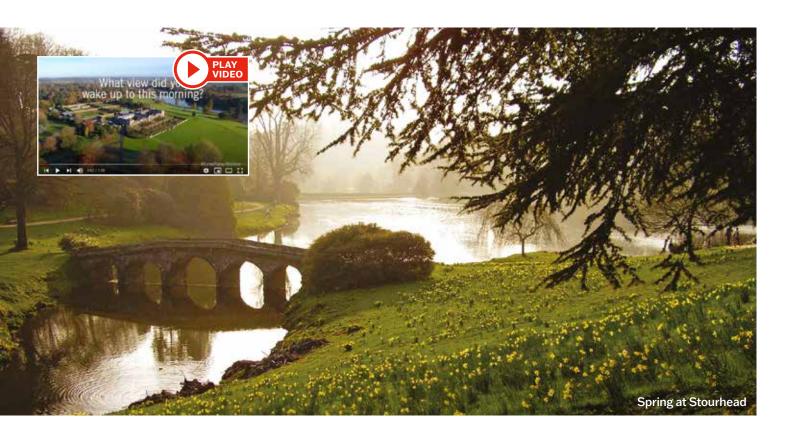








Snakeshead Fritillarie



A County for all Seasons

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 in full swing, and warm evenings invite you to book tickets for open-air theatre and other outdoor 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. During the autumn you'll find plenty to keep you busy with celebrations for Halloween, firework displays and gardens and landscapes in all their glory with their autumn colours that turns the Wiltshire landscape 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. Take time to walk through a Wiltshire winter wonderland as an array of winter light trails arrive in the county. 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 this year?





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. 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.

The Pewsey Vale Circular Way is a new long-distance 77 mile walking, cycling and riding route through dramatic downland, secluded woodland, sweeping valleys and the Kennet & Avon Canal.

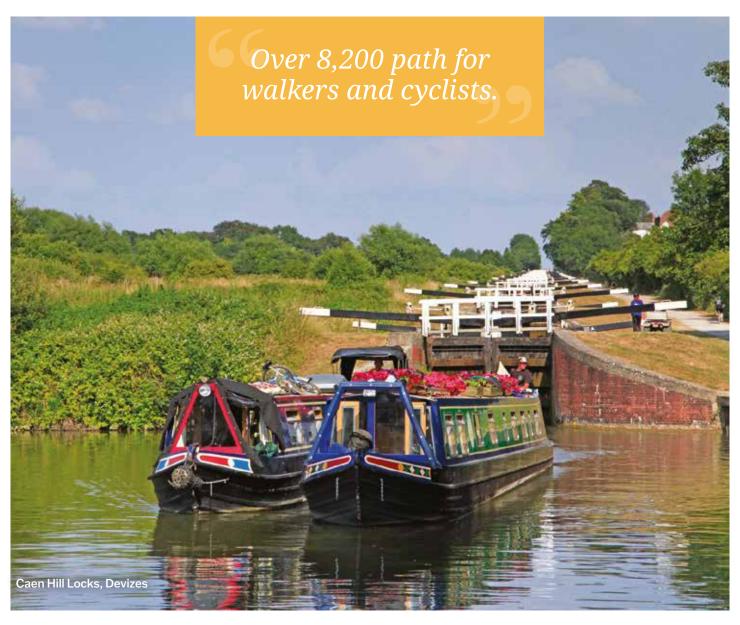
Cyclists – whether seasoned experts, keen amateurs or just starting out – have plenty of options too. From the confidence-building to the downright daring. Looking for a stress-free family outing? Give the Golden Way a go. Crave the excitement of off-road adventure? The Longleat Estate is a great place 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 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. Go to **visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation** to find out more. 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, **Oldbury Tours**, **Galahad Tours**, Britain's Best Heritage Tours, Stonehenge Travel, Mad Max Tours and Salisbury Chequered History Tours are on hand to take the hassle out of your holiday.

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 66. For walkers download the **Wiltshire Walks** app that includes over 150 GPS guided walking routes in and around Wiltshire.

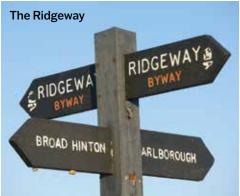
These days we're all so busy. 24/7 this. 5G that. Sometimes you need to escape, press pause and let time stand still. To take things at a gentler pace, try a narrowboat cruise along the Kennet & Avon Canal. You can also take a longer stay on canal with **Foxhangers Canal Holidays**, starting form the bottom of the iconic **Calne Hill Locks**. 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!





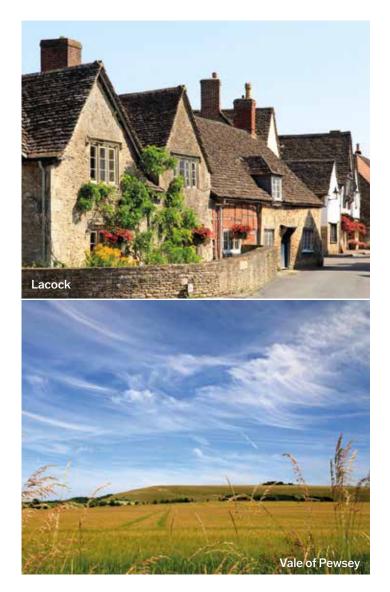


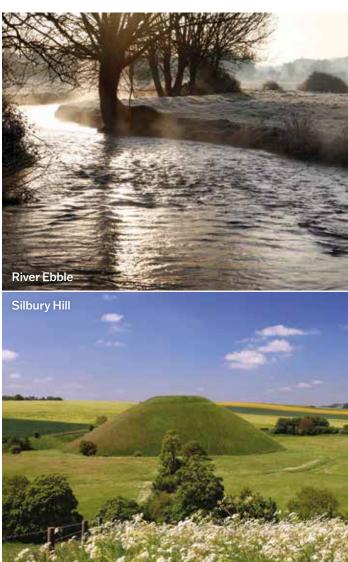






The Ideal Antidote to Overcrowded Cities





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.

66 Cranborne Chase is an International Dark Sky Reserve.





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 Wylye, 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

Sleep Soundly and Wake Refreshed

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









These days, it seems, you're always on the go. Someone's always on your case. When you need to relax and unwind, it's time for Wiltshire – the perfect antidote to busy lives and overcrowded cities.

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 yourself. 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 tipple. Wiltshire's **pubs and inns** have been welcoming and reviving generations of weary travellers for centuries. Our **restaurants with**



Keepers Cottage, Longleat











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. 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!

For a taste of the country life, nothing beats spending a 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 and country activities thrown in. All with the great outdoors on your doorstep.

Booking your accommodation online

Getting started is easy: just go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/ accommodation 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

Eco-Friendly Holidays in Wiltshire

Looking for a more environmentally responsible holiday your next trip away? Here in Wiltshire, we've got plenty of options to help you plan a holiday with a carbon footprint in mind from the way you travel to the places you visit.

Choose eco-friendly travel and transport

Wiltshire can easily be reached and explored using public transport. Buses or trains can bring you directly into historic and picturesque towns and villages like Salisbury, Westbury, Chippenham and Pewsey. And once you've arrived, there are many organisations that run bus tours to local attractions like Stonehenge and Avebury.

Wiltshire is largely rural and almost half of the county is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, so you can also be sure to find lots of options for exploring the gorgeous countryside and quaint English villages by foot or by bike! A new option is the Pewsey Vale Circular Way, a 77 mile marked route that can be enjoyed on bikes or walking with the Pewsey Vale at its heart.

Book environmentally-friendly accommodation

Ensure your stay in Wiltshire is green by booking eco-friendly accommodation. Many local hotels, B&Bs and self-catered holiday homes are working on making their accommodation more environmentally friendly and sustainable. Woolley Grange Hotel are exploring new ways to become more sustainable and eco-friendly, including having recently installed electric-car charging points.

Alternatively, take a look at one of the local glamping sites or a shepherd's hut for an off-grid holiday that will help you really get back to nature! Have a look at a whole range of places to stay in the area.

Sit down to an eco-friendly meal

The Dining Room at Whatley Manor here in Wiltshire is one of the first UK restaurants to be recognised with a Green Michelin Star. This new award celebrates restaurants that pioneer sustainability.





Enjoy sustainable, plastic-free and locally-sourced products

Trying traditional local food and drink like Cheddar cheese and West Country Cider is one of the timeless pleasures of a trip to Wiltshire. Many local pubs, cafes and restaurants pride themselves on using organic produce and sourcing their ingredients from local farms, vineyards and suppliers for the lowest possible impact on the planet. While you're in Wiltshire, why not head to one of the local farmers markets or a farm shop to pick up some local produce with a low carbon footprint?

If you're looking for sustainable cafes, restaurants and shops, the town of **Bradford on Avon** has recently been awarded 'Plastic-Free Community Status' by marine conservation charity Surfers Against Sewage. As part of this initiative, local businesses have committed to using biodegradable paper, re-usable straws, paper bags, and selling loose products without plastic packaging.

Vaughan's Kitchen & Cookery School in Devizes have recently announced that they have achieved zero food waste to landfil as well as switching to using biodegradable and compostable food packaging.

Support local conservation charities

While you're visiting Wiltshire, why not visit one of the attractions run by one of our local wildlife or conservation trusts? These organisations work hard to protect and support the landscapes and wildlife that make Wiltshire so special.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust runs many nature reserves in the local area, all of which are open to the public and free to explore. The Trust works to create living landscapes across Wiltshire by restoring, reconnecting and recreating wildlife habitats across local landscapes. They run lots of events, including craft classes, talks and guided walks - why not book onto one of their upcoming events to support the work they do across Wiltshire?

The Hawk Conservancy Trust just over the border in Hampshire supports conservation efforts to protect birds of prey. Visit the Trust for a fun family day out where you can watch spectacular flying displays while supporting the Trust's important conservation

You can find out more about why Wiltshire is the perfect Eco-Friendly holiday destination on our dedicated web page.

Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge & Villages

Cumberwell Country Cottages

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Great Cumberwell Farm, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 2PQ

T: 01225 869230 E: enquiries@cumberwellcountrycottages.com Mr Alistair James

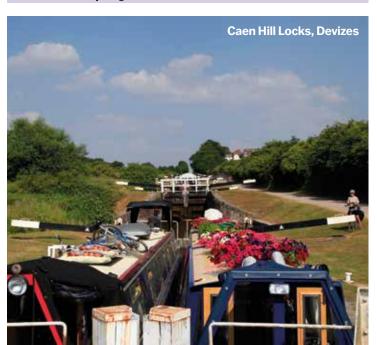
Nine unique, luxurious and spacious self-catering cottages set in a peaceful rural location on the edge of an AONB, close to Bradford on Avon and Bath. The cottages are within walking distance of Cumberwell Park Golf Club - families and golfers are very welcome

Bedrooms 1 bed – 2 bed or 5 bed Sleeps Between 2-10 in nine cottages Prices £390-£1400 per week

www.cumberwellcountrycottages.com



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Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort

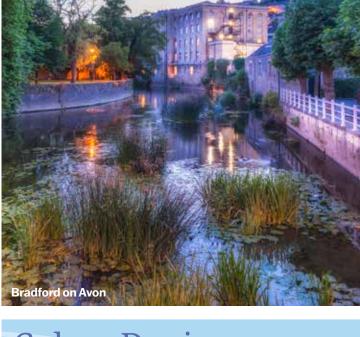
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Derry Hill, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 9PQ T: 01249 822228 E: resort@bowood.org

Located on the stunning Bowood Estate just outside Chippenham, all hotel bedrooms and suites were designed in a contemporary style by the Marchioness of Lansdowne in stunning heritage colours. Relax in front of log fires in Winter or on the terrace with a chilled glass of wine or cocktail in the Summer. You can enjoy the relaxed yet sophisticated dining experience with panoramic views of Bowood's pristine parklands in the Shelburne Restaurant with its 2AA Rosette accreditation. The award-wining Spa offers the ultimate relaxation with an indoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi overlooking the parkland, plus a wide selection of dreamy Temple Spa treatments. Tee off on our PGA 18-hole Golf Course, or practice your game on our PGA Academy Course and new Performance Studio. Hotel guests receive complimentary access to Bowood House & Gardens during the open season (April to October).

Bedrooms 43 (all en suite)
Dinner, Bed & Breakfast from £275 www.bowood.org/hotel



Calne, Devizes & Villages

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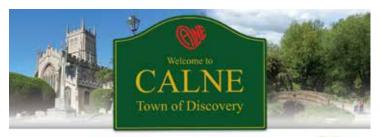


Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort is one of the finest Luxury Hotels in Wiltshire, with relaxing Spa, PGA 18-hole Golf Course, superb dining and acres of space in stunning grounds.

An idyllic retreat for an escape from life, the Hotel sits within the Bowood Estate, offering complimentary access to Bowood House & Gardens through the season.

FIND OUT MORE: **BOWOOD.ORG/HOTEL** BOWOOD HOTEL, SPA AND GOLF RESORT DERRY HILL, CALNE WILTSHIRE SN11 9PQ

Accommodation



- SHOP - EAT - DRINK -

A warm welcome awaits you in Calne! Look no further and discover Calne's Heritage Quarter with two hours free parking in the Church Street Car Park, and explore what Calne has to offer with a host of options to eat, drink and stay.

- WALK - DISCOVER - UNWIND -





Discover more at Calne.gov.uk





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Salisbury & Villages

The Old Rectory Wiltshire Accommodation Charter





Chicklade, Hindon, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 5SU T: 01747 820000 E: bookings@oldrectorychicklade.co.uk

The Old Rectory is a traditional B&B with double rooms and a family suite, ideally located for visits to Longleat and Stourhead, as well as Salisbury and Bath. All our rooms have en-suite shower or bath and the family suite accommodates two adults and 2/3 children in separate but linked rooms Our traditional English breakfast earns rave reviews from our guests and Tim & Helen look forward to welcoming you the next time you are in the area! Book direct on oldrectorychicklade.co.uk

Rated 95% by booking.com guests in 2020 and 2021 and 4.9 out of 5 by guests booking direct. All rates are inclusive of full English Breakfast.

Three Rooms: two doubles, one family suite.

D: from £99.00 Tr: from £130.00 (3 adults) oldrectorychicklade.co.uk

The Stones Hotel

Highpost, Salisbury SP4 6AT T: 01722 782929 E: enquiries@thestoneshotel.co.uk

Discover the tranquil charm of The Stones Hotel. Our idyllic location is just a stone's throw from the historic World Heritage site of Stonehenge and 15 miles from the natural beauty of New Forest National Park, making it the perfect countryside retreat. Whether you're looking for a weekend break or longer stay, The Stones hotel is the perfect getaway. Enjoy a relaxing stay and then find endless attractions to explore in Salisbury city centre such as the stunning Salisbury Cathedral, which is only 5 miles away.

Room Prices from £75.00 www.thestoneshotel.co.uk

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Corsham, Lacock & **Villages**

The Old Post Office Cottage

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

7 Silver Street, Gastard, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 9PY T: 01249 713968 M: 07876155676

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 From £560 per week

www.theoldpostofficecottage.com



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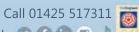
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Short Stay Homes own a number of high quality properties in Salisbury, the New Forest, Dorset, and Devon available for short lets all year. Whether it is a 2 night break, or a longer stay, we can cater for your needs and pets are welcome.

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Marlborough

Buckerfields Barn

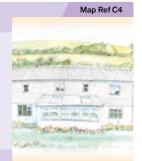
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Buckerfields Nursery, Ogbourne St George, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1TF T: 01672 841414 M: 07976 912927

E: info@buckerfieldsbarn.co.uk Terence and Sonia Wright

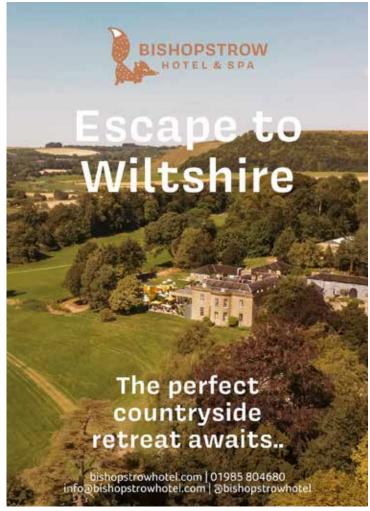
Four comfortably furnished, high quality self-catering apartments. Created from a barn on an old farmyard, now a small plant nursery run by the hosts, and surrounded by

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



Guest Accommodation

Mere, Warminster, Westbury & Villages



Marshwood Farm, Dinton

Map Ref F3 Come and enjoy peace and tranquillity at Marshwood Farm, tucked between the Nadder and Wylye valleys at the heart of Cranborne Chase. Combining a relaxing farmhouse B&B, a tranquil self-catering cottage and a cosy Shepherd's Hut, our friendly working farm is just a short drive from Stonehenge, Salisbury and Longleat. Stourhead, Shaftesbury, Bath and Glastonbury are within easy reach, as are many



Bed & Breakfast

The 17th century, Grade II listed farmhouse offers two comfortable and spacious en suite rooms, each with complimentary toiletries, hospitality tray, and flat screen TV with Freeview. A delicious hot and cold breakfast of locally sourced ingredients is served each morning around the long oval table in our dining room. Continental options include organic yoghurt, fresh fruit salad, cereals, homemade preserves and local honey, while a cooked breakfast, prepared to order, offers Wiltshire-sourced chipolatas, eggs, tomatoes, mushrooms and baked beans.

Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms 2 en suite

Blue room: child sharing from £40/night, single from £80/night, double from £100/night, twin from £100/night. Green room: single from £80/night, double from £100/night, twin from £100/night Discounts are available for stays of two nights or more, excluding bank holidays and Christmas/New Year.



The Cottage @ * * * *

other National Trust and English Heritage sites. While walkers and cyclists are well placed for the Monarch's Way and a variety of local walks and cycle routes

Attached to the main farmhouse, our cosy, well-equipped self-catering cottage has been tastefully renovated whilst retaining many original features. It can comfortably sleep a family of four in one double bedroom and another with full size bunk beds. There is a fully fitted kitchen/dining room with dishwasher, microwave, cooker and fridge/freezer; a lounge with TV/DVD; and a family bathroom with shower over the bath. Rental includes a welcome pack of breakfast groceries, bedlinen and towels, heating and electricity, and use of a BBQ.

Bedrooms 2 Sleeps 4

Prices Weekly (Friday to Friday or Monday to Monday) £490-£595 Short break (Friday to Monday or Monday to Friday) £290-£340



Shepherd's Hut

Wiltshire Approved Accommodation

We offer 2 Shepherd's Huts each sleeping two in a double bed, surrounded by rolling landscape and ancient woodland. Our aim is to combine comfort and relaxation with being as eco-friendly as possible, so as well as a wood stove to keep you warm there is a camping stove to make tea/coffee, solar powered lights, a compost toilet and shower shack. Rental includes a breakfast hamper delivered to your door Bedrooms 1 Sleeps 2 Prices £100/night minimum 2-night stay. Single night stay POA

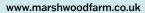


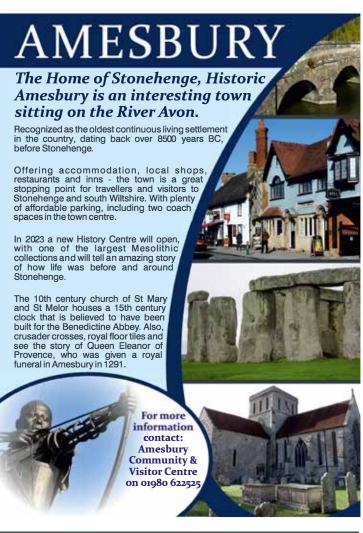
Campsite with a choice of 6 pitches (bring your own tent) or 2 Bell tents sleeping up to 4 in each, just bring your bedding and $\,$ you're ready to enjoy your stay.

3 x Bell tents £95/night up to 4 people min 2 night stay. Shepherds Hut £100/night up to 2 people including breakfast min 2 night stay. Tent pitches (1 tent/pitch) £28/night for 2 people + £5/extra person/night

Bank holidays minimum 3 night stay when booking online Catherine Lockyer T: 01722 716164 M: 07783 507112 E: catherine@marshwood-farm-camping.co.uk www.marshwood-farm-camping.co.uk

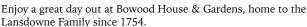
Mrs Fiona Lockver, Marshwood Farm, Dinton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 5ET T: 01722 716334 M: 07906 940894 E: marshwood1@btconnect.com











Explore Bowood House with its fascinating history, wander through the stunning gardens and grounds and experience one of the most exciting Adventure Playgrounds in the South West.

Day Tickets and Season Tickets available to purchase online.

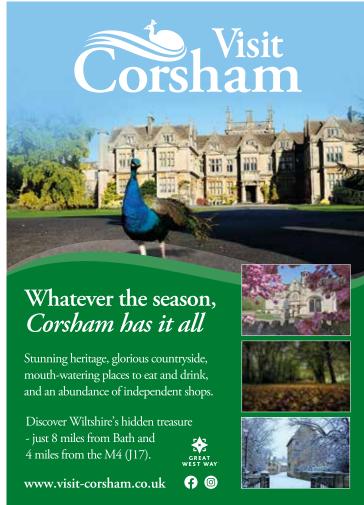
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK TICKETS, VISIT BOWOOD.ORG/HOUSE

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Discover Chippenham

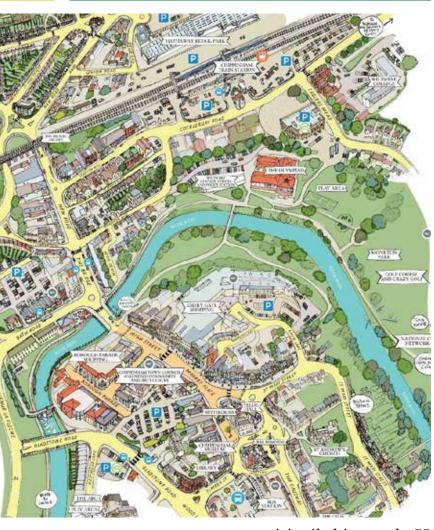
A flourishing & lively market town.

Arts, culture, heritage, events, and activities.

Purple Flag status for nightlife.

Green Flag in John Coles Park & Monkton Park.

www.chippenham.gov.uk



Crofton Beam Engines

Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW T: 01672 870300 E: crofton@katrust.org.uk

Magnificent 200-year-old working steam operated beam engines still capable of performing their original job. Amazing

industrial archaeology in an unspoiled, rural setting overlooking the Kennet & Avon Canal. Free access to grounds except when the engines are in steam and during special events. The beam engines are in steam on selected weekends from spring to early autumn.







This year the festival runs from Sunday August 20th-27th. As the oldest festival of church music within the Liturgy in the world (first festival in 1956), it features three choirs of men, women and boys drawn from the UK's best Cathedral and $\label{lem:condition} \textbf{Collegiate choirs, four services a day including Compline by candlelight, and}$ is FREE. The theme this year is 'A Crown of Prayer and Praise', based on the seven-sonnet sequence 'La Corona' by John Donne; it will include works by William Byrd, who died 400 years ago, and church music from across the centuries.

www.edingtonfestival.org

EDINGTON PRIORY CHURCH, MONASTERY ROAD, EDINGTON BA13 4QN





The Larmer Tree Gardens

Set on the border of Dorset & Wiltshire Open to visitors from April - October Sunday - Wednesdays: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Children and adults can enjoy the fairy door trail whilst spotting our resident peacocks & macaws Entrance fees apply. Picnics Welcome.

Open **Sundays only**, the Coffee Grove Café offering a selection of drinks and sweet treats.

Set in the outstanding landscape of the Cranborne Chase, these beautifully laid out gardens were created by General Pitt Rivers in 1880. Originally designed as pleasure grounds for "public enlightenment and entertainment", the Larmer Tree is an extraordinary example of Victorian extravagance. Recognised by English Heritage as a Garden of National Importance, being the first privately owned garden to be opened for public enjoyment.

Wide laurel-hedged rides radiate from the main lawn, which take you to the tranquil woodland beyond. In spring there is a wonderful display of Camellias, Rhododendrons and woodland planting. In high summer the hydrangea collection makes a striking display of colour, and towering over the ponds the exceptionally fine Eucryphias make a magnificent sight. The trees and shrubs of the garden, and its woodland, produce a rich tapestry of colour for our autumn visitors. There is also a wonderful collection of ornate buildings retained in an enchanting and tranquil atmosphere

Please check website for occasional closures and special events on throughout the season

'REPORT FOR DUTY'

Whether you're a military history buff or never heard of REME, there is something for everyone at the REME Museum





Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

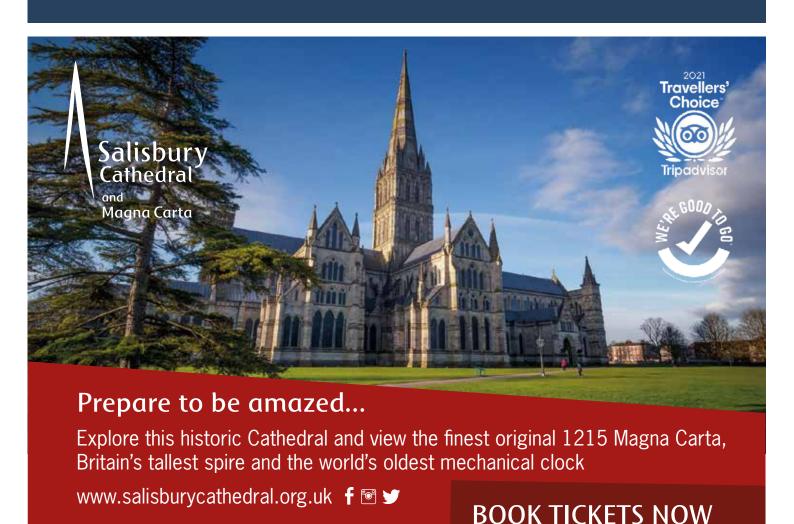




The award winning museum has 8 modern, interactive galleries. There is a free car park, crowns café for refreshments and a children's play park. Located just outside MOD Lyneham, Wiltshire Opening times: Tues-Sun 10am-4:30pm



WITH EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS WWW.REMEMUSEUM.ORG.UK | ENQUIRIES@REMEMUSEUM.ORG.UK | 01249894869



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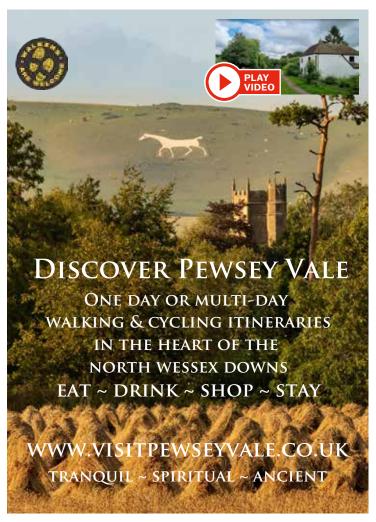
TIC at Marlborough Town Council 5 High Street, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1AA T: 01672 512487 E: enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk

Set in beautiful countryside, this handsome former staging post has evolved into a chichi town with its own thriving café culture. With a twice-weekly market, the wonderfully wide High Street is lined with characterful old buildings housing shops, pubs, restaurants and, a new boutique cinema in the parade. Don't forget to visit the side streets and many green spaces too



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Salisbury Escape Rooms

11a Fisherton Street, Salisbury SP2 7SU T: 01722 428980

E: info@salisburyescape.com

Salisbury Escape Rooms; an adventure waiting to happen. Travel to the outer reaches of the galaxy with our latest scenario Escape From Space, or test your Detective skills in Death at the Lab - created and built by real UK $\,$ Detectives. Ingenious physical and multi-media puzzles and clues that will challenge your lateral thinking skills to the limit. Excellent for families, friends, colleagues.

Please visit the website for latest updates.

www.salisburyescape.com



The Rifles Berkshire and Wiltshire Museum

The Wardrobe, 58 The Close, Salisbury, SP1 2EX

T: 01722 419419

E: museum@thewardrobe.org.uk

Three attractions in one: military museum showing the exploits of the infantry of Berkshire and Wiltshire from 1743 until today; an historic house, dating from 1254; and a beautiful garden with views of the Cathedral and across the water-meadows.

Admission: A £5 Ch £3 F £15

Garden Only: £2

Open: 11th Feb - 2nd Dec 2023

Monday - Saturday 10am-5pm (Last Admission 4.15pm)

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Gold and silver satchel mount from an Anglo-Saxon grave near Swallowcliffe,

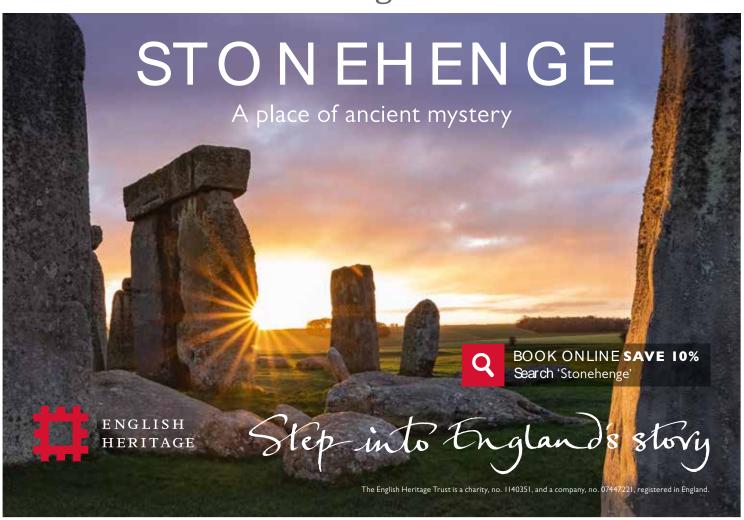






The King's House 65 The Close, Salisbury Wiltshire SP1 2EN Telephone 01722 332151

The Salisbury Museum is an independent charity 289850







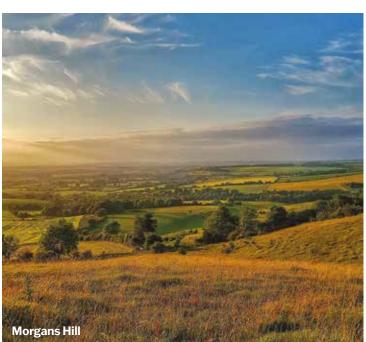


Trowbridge Museum

The Shires, Court Street, Trowbridge BA14 8AT T: 01225 751339 E: Hannah.lyddy@trowbridge.gov.uk

Trowbridge Museum tells the story of the town, its residents, as well as the impact of the woollen cloth trade and industrial revolution. Through fascinating objects, unique textile related machinery and wonderful images, learn how the town developed from medieval times as a Magna Carta Baron town, to a prominent mill town, eventually producing West of England Cloth which was sought after across the world.







A church has stood on this site for nearly eight hundred years and St Thomas's has always been the church of the City and Guilds of Salisbury.

Our recently restored 'Doom' painting above the chancel arch is the largest and most complete example still surviving in the UK, painted between 1470 and 1500.

Visitors will also enjoy the strikingly modern altar table, built by local craftsman Matthew Burt, and created as part of a larger and ongoing project to reorder, repair and restore this wonderful church.

St Thomas's is part of the Inclusive Church initiative, which means that we are committed to ensuring that all are truly welcome, whatever their story. There are services held daily (except Saturdays) - do join us if you can.

St Thomas's Church, St Thomas's Square SP1 1BA www.stthomassalisbury.co.uk



Iford Manor Gardens, Iford, Bradford on Avon BA15 2BA T: 01225 863146 E: info@ifordmanor.co.uk

Romantic, award-winning, Grade I listed gardens, as featured in "The Secret Garden" (2020). Tucked away at the bottom of a tranquil valley, steep and narrow paths twist and turn around ancient statues, columns, terraces and architecture. Steeped in history, a visit to these timeless, 2.5 acre Italianate gardens is often described as 'stepping into another world'.

Open/Admission:

Open April - September. Please visit website for information. www.ifordmanor.co.uk



Wilton Windmill (Near Marlborough)



Wilton, Near Marlborough, SN8 3SW T: 01672 870594 E: enquiry@wiltonwindmill.co.uk

Find out how a Victorian miller lived and how the windmill works. Built in 1821 and set high in the North Wessex Downs, this is the only working windmill in Wessex. Picnic area and site accessible all year round. Guided tours, refreshments and stone ground flour available during opening times. Fabulous walking and great views.

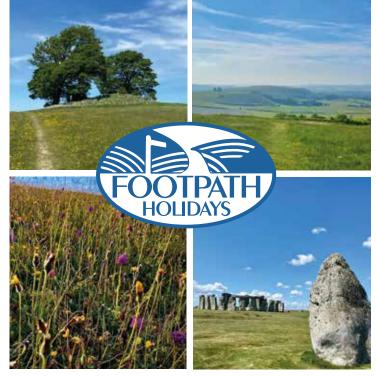
May 13 and 14: Windmill Weekend June 24: Murder Mystery evening.

Admission: A £5, Ch FREE

Open: From Easter to end Sep, Sun and Bank Hol Mon 2pm-5pm

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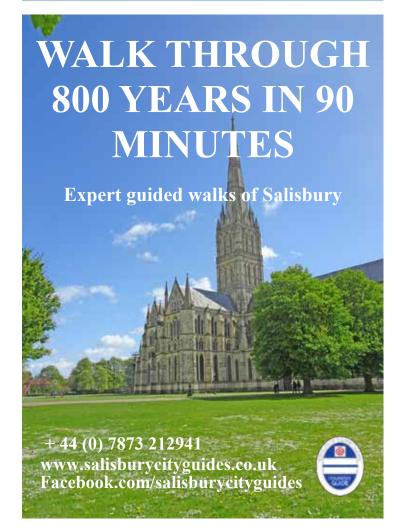
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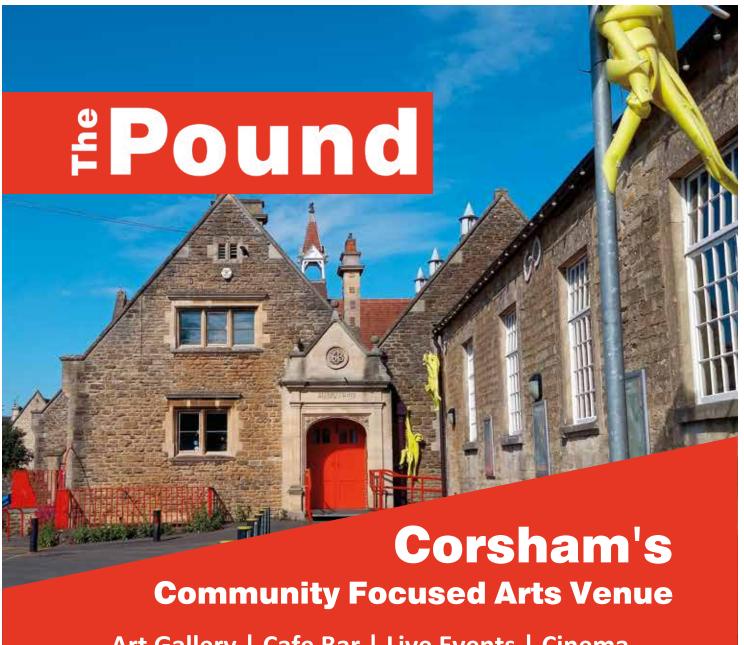
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Three days in Wiltshire

With so much to see and do ranging from gardens, museums, activities, tours we've put together some ideas for 3 days in Wiltshire.

- Trowbridge Trowbridge Museum Bradford on Avon Corsham
- Malmesbury STEAM Museum Kennet & Avon Canal
- Crofton Beam Engines Wilton Windmill The Merchant's House

DAY 1

AM: Arrive in Wiltshire's County town of **Trowbridge**, where 1000 years of the woollen cloth industry left a rich architectural legacy. **Trowbridge Museum** which has recently undergone an extensive renovation and expansion has a nationally important collection relating to West Country wool. After visiting the museum take some time to explore the beautiful park and the town taking in the delightful independent shops, well-known High Street outlets and a multitude of cafés, pubs and restaurants.

Travel on to **Bradford on Avon** for lunch, choose from riverside pubs to traditional tea rooms, and from cosy cafes to fine dining establishments. You'll find lots of lovely foodie options in both Bradford on Avon town centre and the surrounding villages.

In its textile production heyday, Bradford on Avon was home to more than 30 cloth factories. Today the impressive walls of Abbey Mill still flank the river, while former weavers' cottages cling to the hillside above.

Overnight: Bradford on Avon.

DAY 2

Next stop **Malmsbury**. Owing its former prosperity to the wool trade, honey coloured **Corsham** makes a great stopping off point on your journey to **Malmsbury**, where you can uncover the history of fine lace making at the Athelstan Museum.

Enjoy lunch in the oldest hotel in England, situated next door to **Malmesbury Abbey, The Old Bell Hotel** and enjoy delicious, fresh, local and seasonal dishes.

In the afternoon travel on to **Swindon**, step back in time at **STEAM – Museum of the Great Western Railway.**

Overnight: Swindon or Devizes areas.

DAY₃

Take to the Kennet & Avon Canal for a relaxing narrowboat trip or stroll along the towpath beside the impressive flight of locks at **Caen Hill**.

Enjoy lunch in **Devizes** or **Marlborough** area where you can find traditional lnns, cafes, coffee shops to suit your taste.

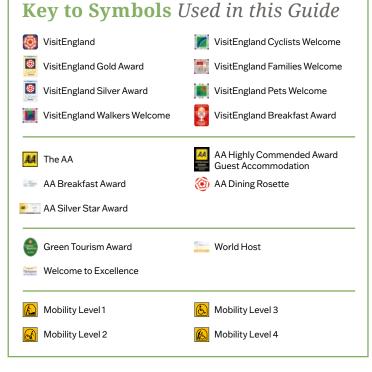
In the afternoon head to **Crofton Beam Engines** near Marlborough to discover magnificent 200-year old working steam engines. On Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays you can also visit **Wilton Windmill** nearby. Time permitting, a visit to **The Merchant's House** in Marlborough makes a fascinating addition to your itinerary.





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Key to Room Types and Abbreviations Used in this Guide

D - Double F - Family

S - Single

Su - Superior T - Twin

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Plan Your Visit to Wiltshire

Getting *Here is Easy*

Whether you are travelling by car, coach, train, air or sea, Wiltshire is easily accessible - go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/plan-your-visit for details.

Access for All - Wiltshire's countryside, towns and villages are here for all to enjoy, including disabled visitors and those with specific access needs. For detailed information on things to do, places to stay and ways to plan your visit to Wiltshire go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/ disabledaccess

Find the Perfect Place to Stay

Plenty to choose from - Wiltshire has a fantastic range and variety of accommodation, including stylish hotels, comfortable bed & breakfasts, well-equipped self-catering cottages, friendly campsites and quirky alternative accommodation such as glamping and shepherd's huts.

Special offers - Our accommodation providers pride themselves on offering excellent value for money with a range of discounts available year-round. So keep an eye on the special offers section on our website to make sure you don't miss a bargain.

Quality you can trust - All accommodation providers featured in this guide are partners of VisitWiltshire. All have been quality assessed by, or have applied for a rating from, one of the national bodies or one of their recognised agencies, or are part of one of the local schemes. For further details please visit our website: visitwiltshire.co.uk/ gradinginformation

Pricing and meal arrangements - Unless otherwise stated, hotel and guest accommodation prices are per room, per night including breakfast; self-catering prices are per week. Breakfast is not usually included at self-catering, camping or caravanning establishments. Please be aware that prices listed within this publication are the starting prices for each establishment and may vary according to the type of room, the day of the week, or the time of the year.

Meeting your requirements - Please read accommodation descriptions carefully. Remember to confirm the price, facilities and cancellation policy at the time of booking, paying special attention to any aspects that are of particular importance to you. A key to the symbols, room types and abbreviations used in this guide can be found on page 65.

How to find your accommodation - Accommodation within this guide has been grouped according to location (eg Corsham, Lacock and Villages). Standard accommodation entries are colour coded according to the type of accommodation and have a map reference which cross-refers to the map on page 67.

Accuracy - Details of businesses included in this guide are based on information supplied by them at the time of going to press. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, VisitWiltshire can accept no liability for any errors or omissions.

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Information Centres

For information before you travel, take a look at visitwiltshire.co.uk For local information, please contact one of the Information Centres listed below:

Amesbury Community & Visitor Centre

2 Flower Court, Amesbury, SP4 7JE. Tel: 01980 622525

Bradford on Avon Visitor Centre

Westbury Gardens, 50 St Margaret's Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1DE. Tel: 01225 865797 Email: tourism@bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk

Calne Visitor and Community Information Centre

Bank House, The Strand, Calne, SN11 0EN. Tel: 01249 814000. Email: calne@calne.gov.uk

Chippenham Town Council

High Street, Chippenham, SN15 3ER Tel: 01249 446699. Email: enquiries@chippenham.gov.uk

Corsham Area Information Centre

Arnold House, 31 High Street, Corsham, SN13 0EZ Tel: 01249 714660. Email: enquiries@corshamheritage.org.uk

Cricklade Visitor Information Point

Town Council Office, Ockwells, 113 High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE Tel: 01793 751394. Email: admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

Devizes Visitor information is available at a number of locations in the town, including the Kennet & Avon Canal Museum and Wiltshire Museum. Contact: Devizes Tourism Partnership c/o Wiltshire Museum, 41 Long Street, Devizes, SN10 1NS. Tel: 01380 800400 Email: tourism@devizes.org.uk

Highworth Tourist Information

Arts and Craft Centre and Museum The Old Lloyds Bank, 7 High Street, Highworth, SN6 7BE Tel: 01793 764440. Email: enquiries@visithighworth.co.uk

Malmesbury Tourist Information Centre

Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BZ Tel: 01666 822143. Email: tic@malmesbury.gov.uk

Marlborough Town Council

5 High Street, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1AA Tel: 01672 512487. Email: enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk

Salisbury Information Centre

Fish Row, Salisbury, SP1 1EJ Tel: 01722 342860. Email: info@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk

Swindon Information Centre

Central Library, Regent Circus, Swindon, SN11QG Tel: 01793 466454. Email: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk

Tisbury Information Centre

c/o Tisbury Parish Council, The Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury, SP3 6LD. Tel: 01747 260088. Email: tisburypc@gmail.com

Trowbridge Information Centre

The Civic Centre, St Stephen's Place, Trowbridge, BA14 8AH Tel: 01225 765072 (Option 3). Email: info@trowbridge.gov.uk

Vale of Pewsey

Look out for our Tourist Information Kiosks in red phone boxes across the Vale. Information is also available from our partner organisations, including Pewsey Heritage Centre, Wilton Windmill and Crofton Beam Engines, or wherever you see the blue Information sticker and on our website: www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk

Contact Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership: 07802 444022. info@visitpewseyvale.co.uk

Warminster Community Hub

Central Car Park, Off Station Road, Warminster, BA12 9BT Tel: 01985 218548. Email: enquiries@warminstercommunityhub.co.uk



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