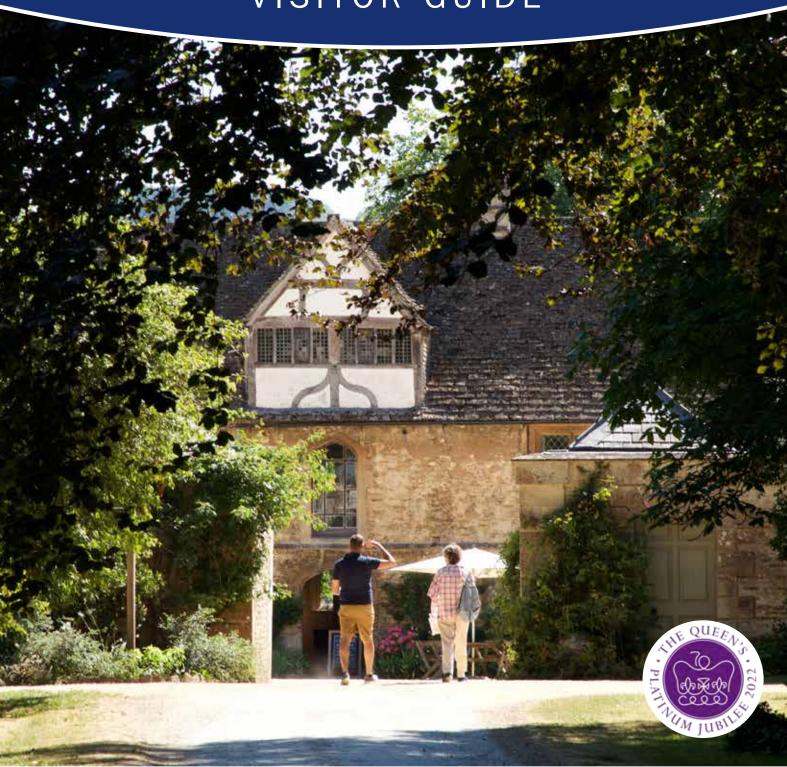
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VISITOR GUIDE



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# 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.

With the Queens Platinum Jubilee taking place in 2022, we can expect there to be some great events to celebrate across the county.

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 20-23 of this Guide or visit **GreatWestWay.co.uk** 

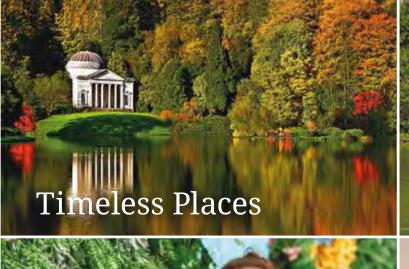
Wiltshire is timeless wonders, timeless places, timeless pleasures and timeless nature. Morning mists curling round Avebury's stone circles and shadows in the cloisters at Salisbury Cathedral. Grand historic houses nestling in 'Capability' Brown parkland and museums bursting with exhibits of national 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.

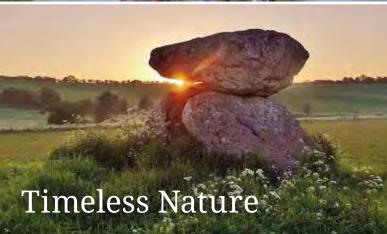












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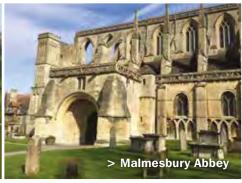


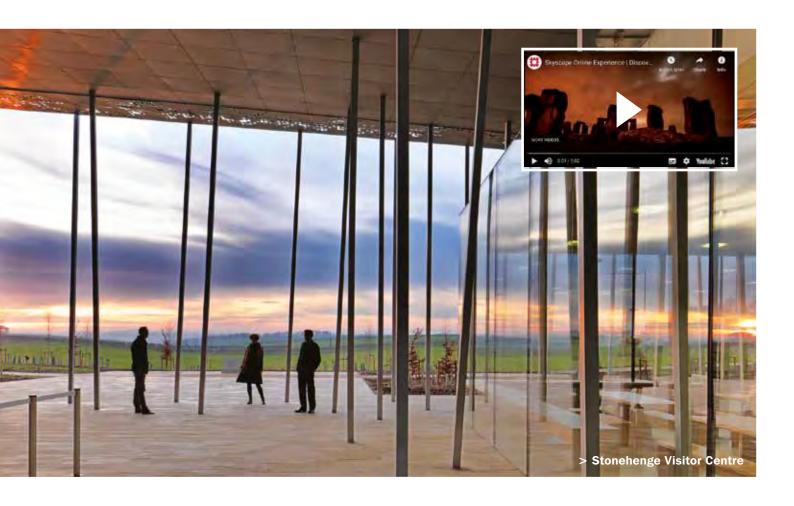


# This Way for a Journey through Time









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.

"Here you can touch & feel the past"

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

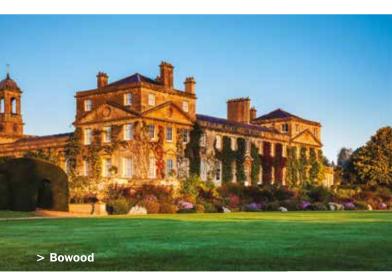
Elsewhere, the legacy of the past continues. **Ludgershall Castle** was built as a fortress in the late 11th century – once a royal hunting lodge, it is now a glorious ruin. The beautiful 12th century Abbey at **Malmesbury** contains the tomb of Athelstan, first king of all England, who made this historic 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** (currently under construction) 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 House**, at the opposite end of the county, is another Palladian jewel, renowned for its elegant state rooms, original family furnishings and Elizabethan portraits. It is surrounded by 260 acres of parkland, with a lake and 18th century walled garden.

Designers of note have also left their mark on smaller homes of the well-to-do. Thanks to the vision of General Pitt Rivers, **Larmer Tree** is an extraordinary example of Victorian extravagance, perfectly set amid the rolling downland of Cranborne Chase. **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.

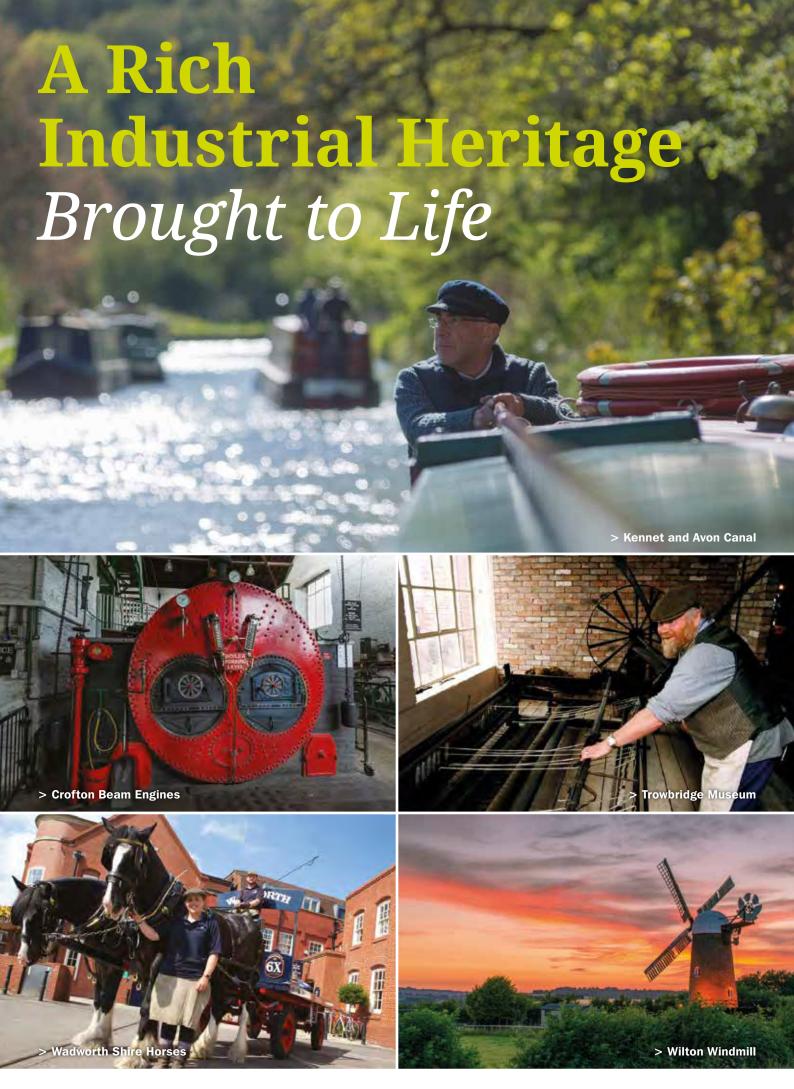
The walled gardens at three properties in Salisbury Cathedral Close provide peace and tranquillity in the midst of the city. Within this timeless setting are the National Trust's **Mompesson House**, a charming Queen Anne mansion; and a former Bishops' storehouse, known as 'The Wardrobe', which houses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

Three equally memorable properties lie just across the county border in Gloucestershire. As well as being breathtakingly beautiful, the 600 acres at **Westonbirt Arboretum** are a record-breaker, with

one of the world's finest collections of temperate trees and shrubs. **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. Although currently closed for renovation works, the Grade I listed house and enchanting riverside gardens at **Kelmscott Manor** were the Cotswold retreat of William Morris: poet, designer, craftsman, socialist and founding father of the Arts and Crafts movement.

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.

## "Find peace and tranquillity"





The source of many Wiltshire towns' modern-day prosperity lies in the production of woollen broadcloth in centuries past.

Apart from Wilton Carpets – which has been trading on the same site in the former capital of Wessex for more than 300 years – the textile industry is long gone. But outstanding examples of industrial architecture remain to provide tangible links with the past.

Back in its textile manufacturing heyday, Bradford on Avon was home to more than 30 cloth factories. Today, the towering walls of Abbey Mill still flank the river, while the cottages once inhabited by spinners and weavers can be seen clinging to the hillside above. In **Trowbridge** the history of weaving dates back over 1,000 years. The result is an important architectural legacy ranging from the late-16th to the mid-19th century. Trowbridge Museum, 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.

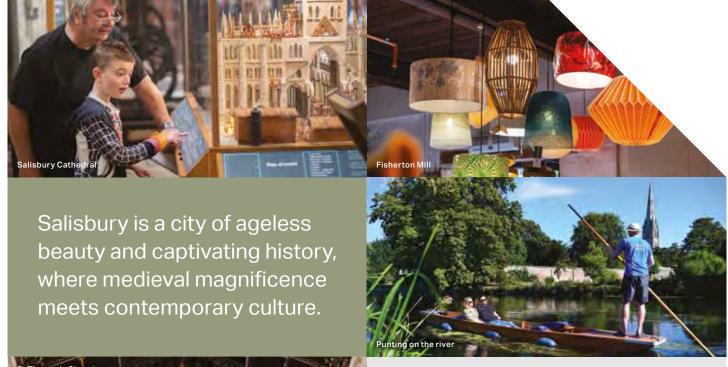
In the course of your journey along and around the canal you will come across outstanding examples of industrial archaeology. Pay a visit to **Crofton Beam Engines**, just outside Marlborough – 200 years old, yet still capable of performing their original job. Nearby **Wilton Windmill**, the only working 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. Calne Heritage Centre tells the story of the town and its surrounding area. Chippenham Museum highlights aspects of trade and industry, including a working model of a flourmill. While displays at Royal Wootton Bassett Museum depict the town's social, rural, commercial and industrial history. 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.



## 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'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.



With the Queens Platinum Jubilee happening in 2022, Salisbury will be hosting celebratory events throughout the year and across the Bank Holiday. Visit the website for more details visitsalisbury.co.uk/whats-on

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.

## **Amesbury**

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

www.amesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

## Bradford on Avon **★**

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

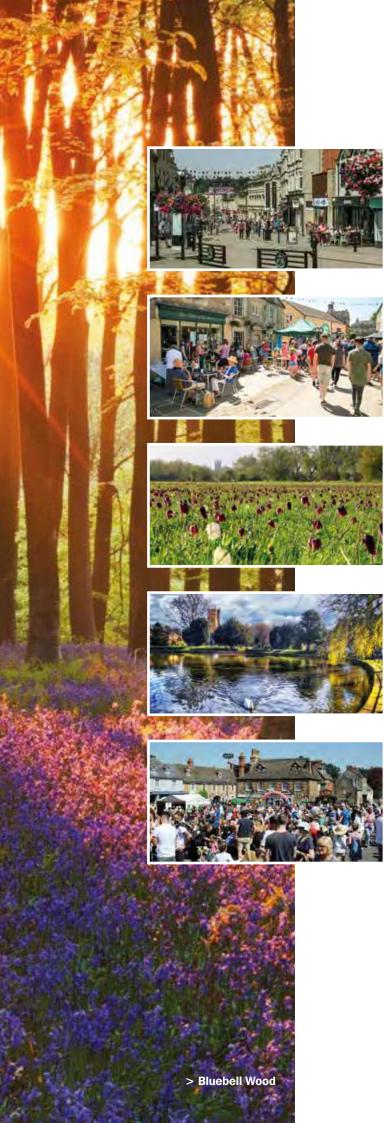
www.bradfordonavon.co.uk

## Calne

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 30 July 2022 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.

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

www.chippenham.gov.uk

## Corsham

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

www.corsham.gov.uk/visit

## Cricklade

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

www.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.

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

## Marlborough \*\*\*\*



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

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.

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

www.visitswindon.org.uk













## **Tidworth**

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

## Tisburv **→**

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

www.tisbury-wiltshire-pc.gov.uk

## Trowbridge **\***

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

www.trowbridge.gov.uk

## Vale of Pewsey **\***

White horses, ancient downland and the Kennet & Avon Canal make this a great base for walking, cycling and riding. You'll find thatched cottages, peaceful villages and places to eat, drink and shop, as well as Pewsey Heritage Centre, Crofton Beam Engines, 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.

www.warminstercommunityhub.co.uk

## Westbury **★**

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

## Wilton

Once the ancient capital of Wessex, the quintessentially English market town of Wilton nestles at the confluence of the rivers Nadder and 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 Vintage Classics bring you the ultimate driving experience! Timeless models available to hire include the Audi Ur Quattro Turbo (as featured in the BBC's Ashes to Ashes), the Jaguar MKII (of Inspector Morse fame) and many other models from Triumph and Daimler to Austen and Alfa Romeo.

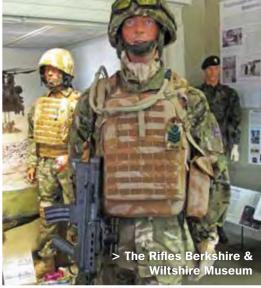
You can take a nostalgic trip down memory lane at Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum in Calne, which showcases vehicles from yesteryear. Most exhibits are cars from 1910 onwards. But you'll

also find motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles; a reconstructed 1930s-style garage complete with vehicles; a model lorry collection; and a range of interesting motoring memorabilia.

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

The Royal Signals Museum near Blandford Forum traces the history of the British Army's battlefield communications. From the











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

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

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.

"The story of military communications, from semaphore to cyber"



## Go Wild in Wiltshire

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, walk-through habitat. Check out the Jungle Cruise. Observe the pack in Wolf Wood. Hand feed sea lion and giraffe. And don't miss Longleat's astonishing range of seasonal events, including concerts, spooky Halloween fun, Festival of Lights and more.

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

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

At Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm Park the peak time pig races are a sure-fire hit. 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 watermeadow to explore and nature trails to follow.



For a taste of the tropics, visit Studley Grange Garden and Leisure Park to walk among some of the world's most beautiful butterflies as they fly freely against a backdrop of tropical plants and fish-filled ponds. Head for the zoo area to meet meerkats 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!





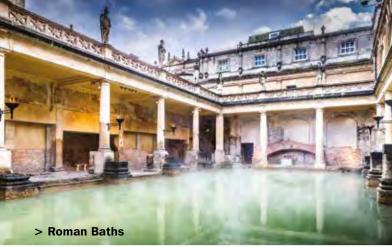




## **Great West Way®**









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. Take the direct route and the Great West Way runs for 125 miles... add in all the tempting trails and off-the-beaten-track detours and there are 500 miles or more to explore. As you follow its twists and turns, along paths taken by generations of travellers, 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**.

## "A Journey of Discovery"













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.

With it's numerous Royal connections Great West Way is the perfect trip for the Queens Platinum Jubilee year. To see what is happening along the route visit greatwestway.co.uk/see-and-do/festivalsand-events

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.

## **Great West Way** Discoverer pass

To make the most of your Great West Way adventure, choose the **Great West Way Discoverer** pass, offering unlimited offpeak train travel from London Paddington or London Waterloo to Bristol Temple Meads, via the Reading and/or Basingstoke routes, with options to branch off towards Oxford.



Plus unlimited travel on designated bus services along the route. One-day and seven-day options are available, with prices from just £24.50 per person. For further details and to book go to gwr.com or visitbritainshop.com

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# Wiltshire on the **Great West Way®**





## The Great West Way is England undiluted. England concentrated. Around a guarter 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.



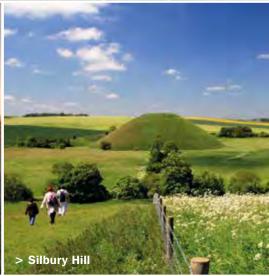
The Great West Way weaves through the timeless county of Wiltshire. The Ancient Briton, Romans, Normans and Saxons have all left their mark. Now it's time for you to follow in











# Unique and Unforgettable



Nowhere else in England has such a concentration of fascinating iconic sites as Wiltshire. For thousands of years, travellers have been seduced but 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.

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

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



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

ticket and pre-booking is strongly recommended - you can do this easily at visitwiltshire.co.uk/shop

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

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

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

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



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## May / June

#### 2 May - 8 May: Swindon Festival of Literature

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

## 10 May - 15 May: A festival of Flowers, Salisbury Cathedral

A festival of flowers celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the end of Cathedral's 800th anniversary year. Displays reflect the magnificent Gothic setting, including material from the Cathedral archive, and a replica of the Queen's coronation robe in flowers forms a centrepiece of this floral art exhibition.

#### 27 May - 19 June: Salisbury International Arts Festival

Salisbury International Arts Festival returns in 2022 with a full programme for the first time in two years. 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.

#### 28 May - 30 October: Hardy's Wessex

Largest exhibition of Thomas Hardy objects ever displayed at one time, and some that have never been seen before. Get to know Hardy, the man, amidst the landscape that inspired him. The exhibition takes place across four venues including The Salisbury Museum and Wiltshire Museum.

## 2 June - 5 June: The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Celebrate in style in 2022 as the Queen becomes the first English Monarch to reign for 70 years. In Wiltshire, there are some exciting Platinum Jubilee events planned to mark this special occasion. To find out visit https://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on/the-queensplatinum-jubilee

#### 10 June - 12 June: Cosham Walking Festival

Corsham's 8th 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.

### 11 June - 12 June: Bradford on Avon **Food and Drink Festival**

Two delicious days packed with local food and drink, family entertainment including the Food Glorious Food Tent, circus workshops, live music, a fun dog show and lots more.

There will be a fantastic selection of artisan and street food producers for visitors to sample and shop from. Plus fun Kitchen with 30 minute cooking workshops for children.

18 June - 21 June: Solsticefest 2022 A Summer Solstice Festival 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.

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



## July / August

## 10 July - 6 August: Marlborough College Summer School Marlborough College Summer School will take place 11 July to 7 August 2021 and host over 500 courses encompassing the creative arts, history, science, body and mind, life skills, sport and country pursuits.

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

## 9 September - 11 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.

26 November - 8 January: Salisbury Playhouse, Cinderella This year the pantomime magic returns at Salisbury Playhouse.

## 3 December - 2 January: Wyvern Theatre and Arts Centre. **Beauty and the Beast**

Make memories this Christmas with this fun-filled, family friendly fairy-tale which has all the ingredients for a truly memorable pantomime.

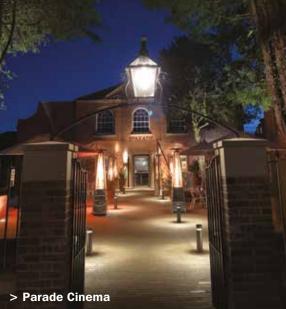
### Various dates throughout November and December:

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 Green 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









## "In Wiltshire, imagination and creativity flourish"

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.

The Parade Cinema in Marlborough, is the Towns first independent cinema for 50 years. Housed in splendid late Georgian building, the state of the art cinema has 106 seats, with a varied film programme that showcases the latest blockbusters, art-house movies and live events.

At the Victoria Art Gallery, just across the county border in Bath, you'll find a stunning permanent collection from Turner and Gainsborough to the moderns, as well as an exciting programme of temporary exhibitions. Important art collections can be seen in many of Wiltshire's stately homes too. At Corsham Court, for example, housing furniture by Chippendale, mirrors by Adams and portraits by Sir Joshua Reynolds. Or Wilton House, where the magnificent Inigo Jones 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

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



> Ticker Tape Parade at Devizes International Street Festival 2019



# **Authentic** and Entertaining

Wiltshire hosts a huge variety of events and festivals throughout the year, however in recent times this has become increasingly tricky and, in some cases, impossible. Often based on stories drawn from the history of England, these experiences offer plenty to fire the imagination.

Around the county and throughout the year, you'll find cuckoo, craft and Mop fairs. Open days, action and fun days. Pancake races and duck races. Horse races and canoe races. There are river, cycling and walking festivals. Scarecrow and sculpture festivals. History, archaeology and literature festivals. As well as steam and vintage weekends, a confetti battle and a flying monk trail.

For the Queen's platinum jubilee there are additional celebrations ranging from street parties to special events, concerts and festivals, with a four-day bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June 2022.

Swindon Spring Festival of Literature and the Arts, from 2 - 8 May, celebrates all things well thought, well written and well said, alongside dance, drama, music, film, and circus performances. They are hoping it will be live events but if that's not possible, there are alternative plans in place.

The world-renowned Salisbury International Arts Festival is set to return for 2022, with a full programme for the first time in two years. From 27 May - 19 June, the festival will feature a diverse programme of music, theatre, film, dance, spoken word, visual arts, family and free events for an extended period of 3 weeks. The programme will feature a spectacular line-up of events spanning multiple genres, including circus arts, music, comedy, dance, and a variety of free family events across May

As the UK's largest festival dedicated entirely to history, the Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival is from 20 - 26 June offers a star-studded line-up of speakers embracing all things historical in an idyllic downland setting. Trowbridge's Active Festival on Saturday 9 July offers a huge variety of activities and sports for all the family, from inflatables and face painting to food from around the world. The largest multi-generational learning experience of its kind, this year's Marlborough College Summer School runs from 10 July - 6 August, combining a mix of art, cultural and sporting courses for adults with inspirational activities for children.

**Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts** (DOCA) annual programme sees some of the best artists from a multitude of art forms coming to present outdoor arts at their most thrilling. International Street Festival 30 April - 1 May and Carnival on 9 July bring in the crowds. 3rd September's Colour Rush - 5k fun run meets Holi paint throwing combined with the ONLY Confetti Battle known to mankind, fills the market place with a riot of messy fun. Events and Workshops are free to attend. The ancient market town of Malmesbury has been home to a carnival for over 90 years - this year, Malmesbury Carnival takes place in August, WOMAD Festival 28 - 31 July and End of the Road Festival at Larmer Tree 1 - 4 September.

Focusing on creative writing across all genres and with a strong local content, Marlborough Literary Festival will be taking place from 29 September - 2 October 2022.

As usual there will be a host of events through the year in Salisbury's Market and Guildhall Squares. These include the regular Car Boot Sundays and Salisbury Street Sellers, the annual celebration for Armed Forces Day in June and of course the famous Charter Fair in October. While from late November Salisbury Christmas Fayre fills the Guildhall Square with stalls selling tasteful, high quality gifts and festive goods.

Castle Combe Circuit have a full calendar of events from Spring time onwards including races, track days and classic motoring weekends.

As the year progresses, into Autumn and Winter regular seasonal events such as Longleat's Sky Safari, Heritage Open Days and the huge rang of Christmas markets and events including Westonbirt's Enchanted Christmas, DOCA Lantern Parade in Devizes and the Longleat Festival of Light will be able to take place as usual.

For an even wider range of events around the county and throughout the year go to our dedicated events section on our visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on which will be updating with new events as they are confirmed as well as if there are any changes along the way.









## 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.



> Filming Poldark in Corsham

## 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.

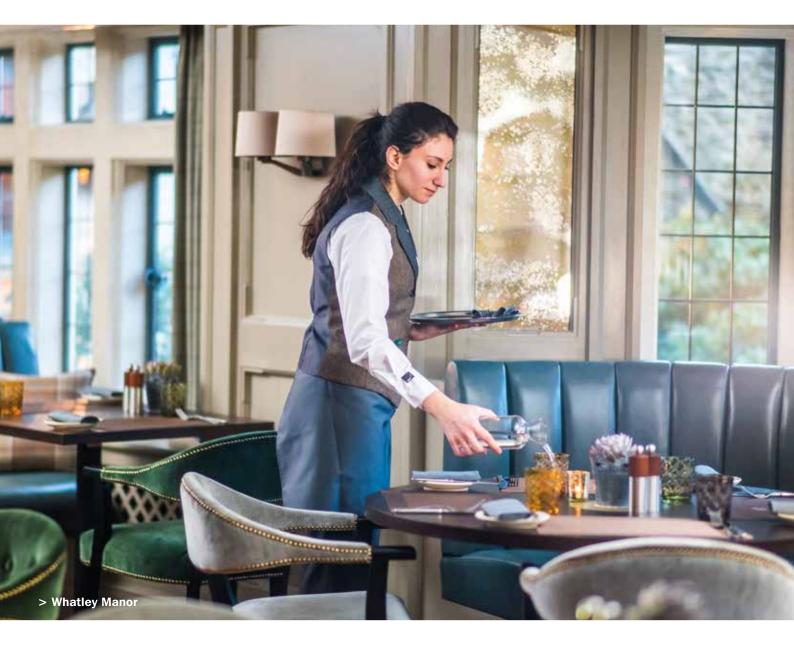
PA Oxley near Calne is a treasure trove of antique clocks and barometers. In Salisbury you'll find galleries, studios and workshops at Fisherton Mill and fine lingerie at Annie's Just Jane. Regent Tailoring for timeless design with British heritage at its core. Or Roly's Fudge Pantry for the ultimate 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. Or the The Larder at The Gourmet Goat Farmer, dedicated home to all things goat, from cheeses and milk to meat, burgers and ready meals. 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.

### "Menus change with the seasons"



When you really want to push the boat out, look no further than the Red Lion Freehouse at East Chisenbury. Or 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 and Malmesbury (April), Blunsdon (May) and Swindon (October). Or savour the food and drink festivals in Devizes (September), Corsham (June), or Calne, 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.

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. Or, if you fancy something a little different, saddle up for a two-hour hack

with Salisbury Plain Safaris and explore the vast and untamed plateau at the heart of the county.

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

There are many reasons to choose Wiltshire for your next golfing break. First-rate courses, excellent facilities, affordable green fees, flexible timings, special offers, stay-and-play packages and, of course, more fabulous vistas. The meticulous 18-hole championship course at Bowood Golf and Country Club blends

## "Wiltshire will leave you restored and rejuvenated"









perfectly with woodland and undulating countryside, looking out across rolling parkland towards the Cherhill White Horse. Cumberwell Park Golf Club, near Bradford on Avon, has a total of five 9-hole courses set within 700 acres of beautiful parkland, a delightful blend of rolling hills, lakes and streams, natural copse and woodland. If you feel in need of a little practice before you head out, Sleight Valley Golf Driving Range on the edge of Devizes provides twelve floodlit bays, plus tuition with PGA professionals. The Manor House Hotel & Golf Club has an award-winning 18-hole golf course designed by the late Peter Alliss, nestled in the Cotswold countryside, bordering the village of Castle Combe.

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,

**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 vourself to an 'Afternoon Tea and Spa Package'. Or ring the changes by combining riding and relaxation on a 'Saddle and Spa Day'.

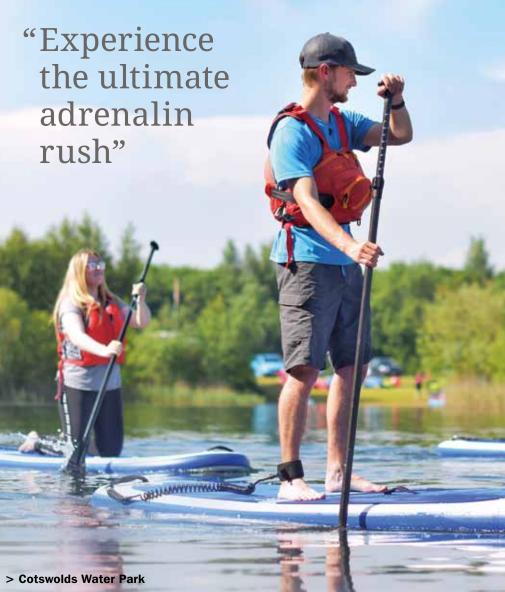


**Whatley Manor** 



> Roman Baths





## 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

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

Back on solid ground, Castle Combe Circuit has been welcoming fans of racing, car shows and events for 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, fishing, high ropes, kayaking, laser tag, mountain biking, orienteering, raft building, stand-up paddle boarding, a Tarzan tree top trail, zip wires and more!

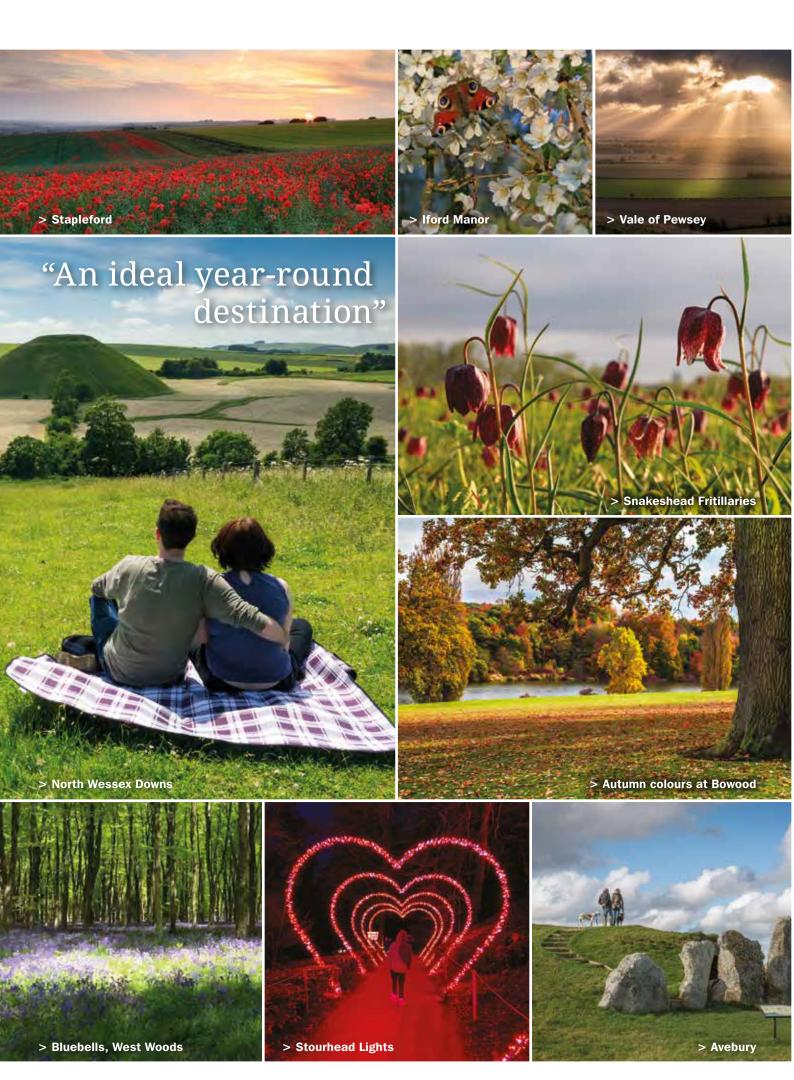
For fitness fans and lovers of the great outdoors Wiltshire offers plenty of extreme sporting events to take part in too. Half and full marathons, horse trials, cycling sportives, epic canoe races there are no limits, other than your own endurance.

For those who get a kick out of racing against the clock, real life escape games have taken the world by storm. Faced with an array of puzzles, riddles and clues, your team has to work swiftly to solve the mystery and escape from captivity. Unique, interactive challenges are offered by 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



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# A County for "A county of big skies and broad horizon

# broad horizons"



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

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

With the Queens Platinum Jubilee taking place in June, there will be plenty of festivities across the county to celebrate.

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 or horseback Safari. Go fishing. Try your hand at canoeing or paddle boarding. Whatever you choose, new stories await you around every corner.

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

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 confidencebuilding 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.

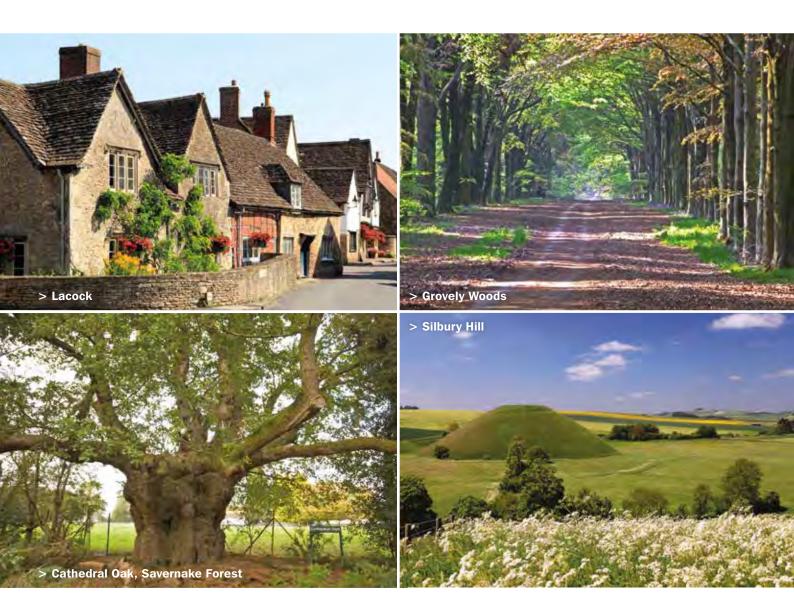
You'll find a great choice of walker- and cyclist-friendly accommodation on our website. Accommodation providers are often happy to advise on their favourite local routes, and many actively welcome outdoor enthusiasts by offering facilities such as drying rooms for wet clothing. Go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/ 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, **Footpath** Holidays, Oldbury Tours and Guided Walks in Wiltshire 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**. 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.

## "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









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 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

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









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.



> Keepers Cottage, Longleat

#### **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 an eco-friendly UK holiday destination for your next trip away? Here in Wiltshire we've got plenty of options for booking a holiday that is green, sustainable and kind to nature.

#### 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!

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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 Kennet & Avon Canal Trust look after the lovely waterways of the Kennet & Avon Canal, home to wildlife such as herons, dragonflies, water voles and kingfishers. At their headquarters in Devizes, you can take a boat trip, enjoy a cup of tea in the café or visit their museum.

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 work.

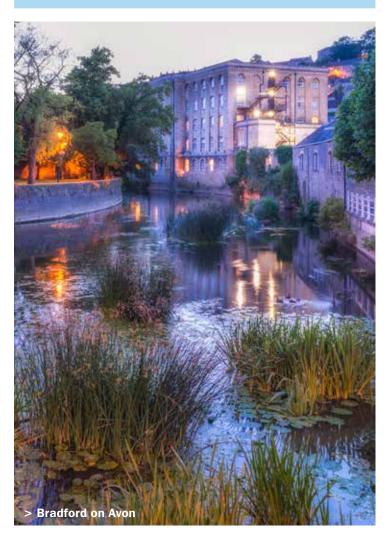
You can find out more about why Wiltshire is the perfect Eco-Friendly holiday destination on our dedicated webpage - https://www. visitwiltshire.co.uk/ ideas-and-inspiration/ holidays-and-shortbreaks/eco-friendlyholidays



### **Accommodation**



## Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge & Villages



## **Wedding Venues**

#### **Corsham Town Hall**

Corsham Town Council, Town Hall, High Street,

Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 0EZ **T: 01249 702130** 

E: mjones@corsham

In the heart of Corsham's picturesque High Street, two minutes' walk from St Bartholomew's Church, the historic Town Hall makes an excellent wedding reception venue – and a glorious backdrop for photographs. Seats 60. The hire price includes use of the kitchen (including crockery and cutlery) and tables and chairs.

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#### **Cumberwell Country Cottages**

★ ★ ★ ★ Self-Catering

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

T: 01225 869230

E: enquiries@cumberwellcountrycottages.com

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#### **Church Farm Country Cottages and The Old Granary**

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Church Farm, Winsley, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 2JH

Church Farm offers family-run cottages on a working sheep farm, with a superb indoor heated pool and games room. Well located on the edge of the village of Winsley in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Seven well-equipped, single-storey cottages including one with M2 grading. Four 4-person cottages with two bedrooms, three 2-person cottages with one bedroom. The gold award-winning twelve-person converted barn, The Old Granary, is  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile away along a country lane. Green Tourism gold award. Bath 5 miles and Longleat 12 miles. Discounted Longleat tickets if you book with us. Regular buses. Ample parking on site. Free WiFi. Excellent village pub and award-winning farm shop and newly opened barn café both under 500m. Kennet & Avon canal % mile for cycling and walking. Couples, families, friends' gatherings, business groups are all welcome. Up to 34 can be accommodated. The increasingly popular farm and woodland activities can be booked in advance. Dogs welcome (by prior arrangement). Weekend and midweek breaks, weekly and longer stays available. Welcome cream tea on arrival. Event space bookings for The Walnut Room now being taken - ideal for groups dining together or activities

7 Cottages: 2 person cottages £308.00 to £900.00 per week;

4 person cottages £450.00 to £1,350.00 per week. **Old Granary:** Sleeps up to 12. £1,095.00 to £4,350.00 per week.

### **Accommodation**

## Calne, Devizes & Villages

#### Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort

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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

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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.

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





**Guest Accommodation** 



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## Corsham, Lacock & Villages

#### The Old Post Office Cottage

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

E: pjcollier@talktalk.net

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

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Sleeps 2 Prices £400-£490

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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.

S: from £75.00 D: from £95.00 Tr: from £120.00 (3 adults)

F: from £140.00 (2 adults and 2 children under 16)

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#### Stonehenge Campsite & Glamping Pods





Berwick St James, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 4TQ
M: 07786 734732 E: stay@stonehengecampsite.co.uk Wardens: Jeff and Nikki

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## Marlborough

#### The Stables at Manor Farm

Self catering accommodation near Marlborough, Wiltshire

The Stables at Manor Farm, East Grafton Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 3DB **T: 01672 810735 M:** 07884 453300 E: pipmanorfarm@btconnect.com

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#### **Buckerfields Barn**

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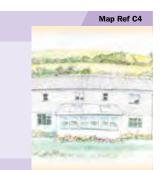
Wiltshire, SN8 1TF T: 01672 841414 M: 07976 912927

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

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**Guest Accommodation** 

## Mere, Warminster, Westbury & Villages



#### Marshwood Farm. Dinton

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 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.







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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.

Redrooms 2 Rathrooms 2 en suite \$ £65-£80 **D** £90-£100 **T** £100-£110 Discounts are available for stays of two nights or more, excluding bank holidays and Christmas/New Year.



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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

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Wiltshire Approved Accommodation

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**Prices** £100/night minimum 2-night stay. Single night stay POA



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Wiltshire Inns features two historic town centre properties that both offer character and charm alongside a warm friendly welcome.

Both hotels are ideal for business travellers, leisure travellers and families and dogs are welcome. Coach parties are also welcome with prior arrangement.



The Swan Hotel is a charming grade II listed coaching Inn located in the Wiltshire market town of Bradford on Avon on the edge of the Cotswolds and just a short drive from the City of Bath.

Known locally for its traditional pub food and selection of ales, The Swan is also home to the Thai Chilli Restaurant renowned for serving mouth-watering authentic Thai cuisine and Pub Classics 7 days a week. It is open for Breakfast from 8am and serves food all day until 9pm.

The Swan also boasts twelve stylish and well-appointed rooms making it the ideal place to stay when visiting Bath, Longleat House and Safari Park, Lacock Abbey and National Trust Village, Stonehenge, Cheddar Gorge and Wookey Hole







www.instagram.com/\_theswanhotel

www.theswanbradford.co.uk



This gorgeous 14th century coaching Inn has sixteen comfortable ensuite bedrooms, each furnished to a high standard and equipped with the little extras to make your stay a truly memorable one. Large comfortable beds, luxury towels, complimentary WiFi and a coffee/tea tray add to the attention to detail in its rooms.

There is a selection of bedrooms ranging from double rooms to superior family rooms, with each room offering outstanding comfort and its own unique style ideal for short or long stays to Warminster. With such an array of rooms, family and group accommodation can be offered with prices on request.

All of this is complemented by a pub, bar and The Thai Chilli Restaurant, where our team of Thai Chefs serve up delicious home-made authentic Thai food alongside the Pub menu.







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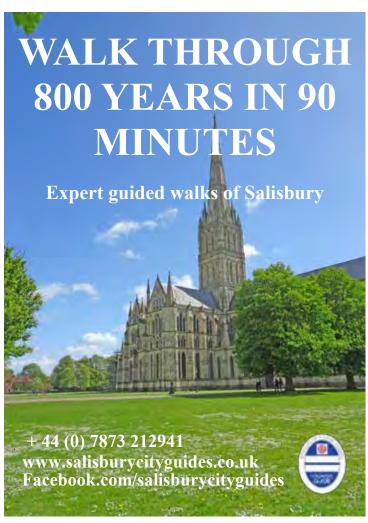


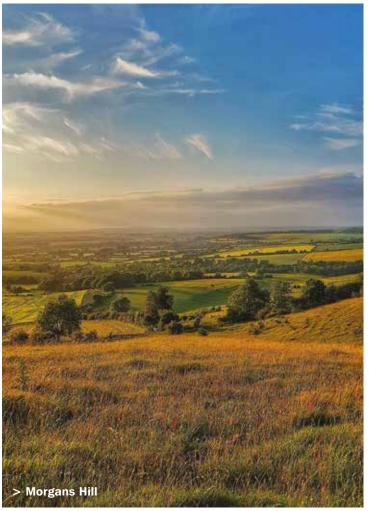






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#### Wilton Windmill (Near Marlborough)





Wilton, Near Marlborough, SN8 3SW

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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.

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ww.wiltonwindmill.co.uk

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#### **Crofton Beam Engines**

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Admission/Open: Please see website for details www.croftonbeamengines.org





#### The Bridge Tea Rooms

24a Bridge Street, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1BY T: 01225 865537

E: info@thebridgetearooms.co.uk

Afternoon tea is a fine art at The Bridge Tea Rooms. Recognised as excellent by the UK Tea Guild and twice awarded winners of 'The UK's Top Tea Place'. Friendly staff in Victorian dress serve light meals, cakes, sandwiches and a wide range of afternoon teas. All housed in a former blacksmith's cottage dating from 1502.

Open: Mon-Sun opening at 10am, last orders 4.30pm.

www.thebridgetearooms.co.uk



#### Salisbury Escape Rooms

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

E: info@salisburyescape.com

Quite probably the most fun hour you'll spend in Salisbury. Come and solve our current whodunnit escape room game "Death at the lab". Groups of up to 6 friends, family or work colleagues. A great way to socialise in a Covid-safe environment. Advisable to book in advance, but try your luck for on-the-day availability.

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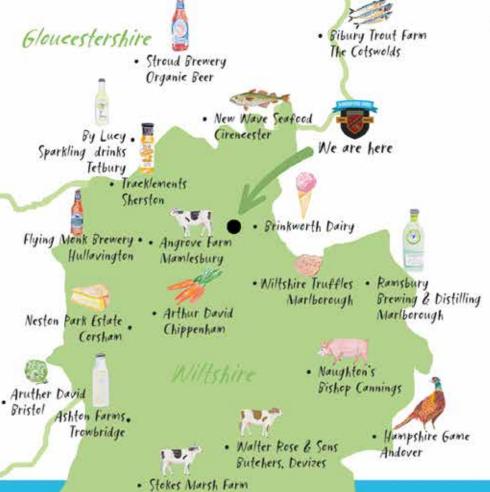
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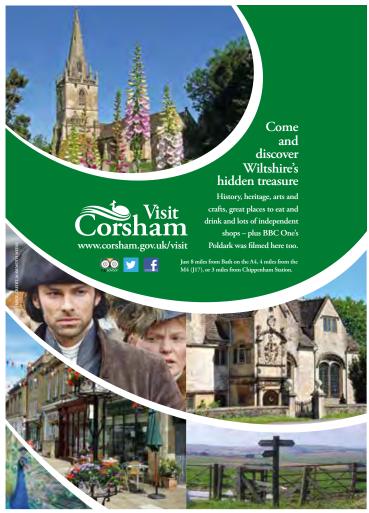
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**Open:** All year round **Hire Charges:** From £195 per day









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.

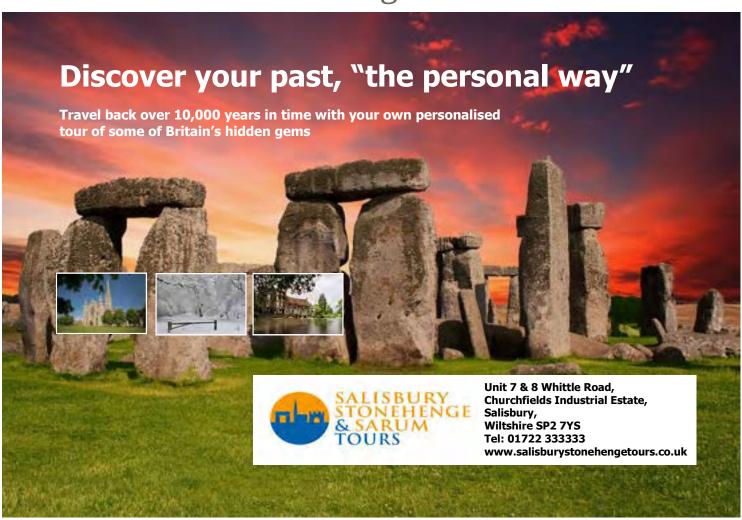
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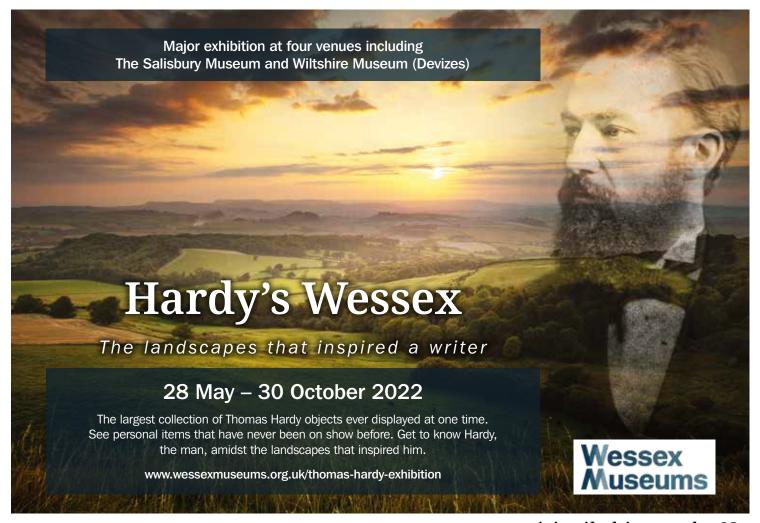


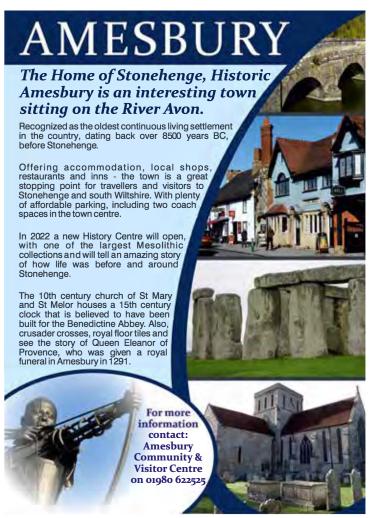


















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TIC at Marlborough Town Council, 5 High Street, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1AA T: 01672 512487 E: enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk

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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#### The Rifles Berkshire and Wiltshire Museum

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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: 19th Feb - 3th Dec 2022

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

w.thewardrobe.org.uk



**Bowood House & Gardens** 

Bowood House & Gardens, home to the Lansdowne Family since 1754.



Hill, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 OLZ T: 01249 812102 E: houseandgardens@bowood.org

Discover the rich and fascinating history of Bowood House and the Lansdowne family, all set within 100 acres of beautifully landscaped 'Capability' Brown Parkland. Surrounding the Georgian House is the Italian-inspired Terrace Garden, the award-winning Private Walled Gardens, and the herbaceous border, all radiating colour throughout the seasons.

Children will be thrilled with the adrenaline-fuelled Adventure Playground featuring a life-size pirate ship and a new attraction focused on activities for inquisitive under 4's and intrepid under 7's The Den and indoor Activity Barn.

A separate attraction on the Bowood Estate, the Woodland Gardens, only open for 6 weeks during the flowering season, with over 30 acres to explore

Open 1st April to 1st November 2022

**BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** 

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#### The Larmer Tree Gardens

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.

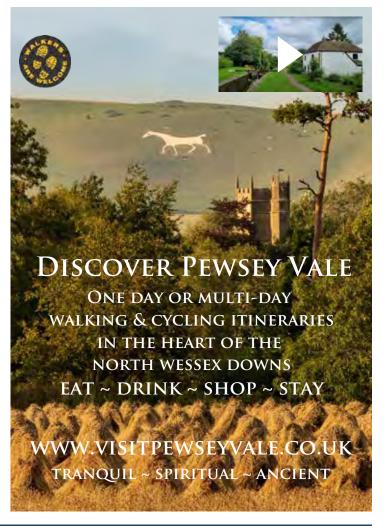
Wide laurel-hedged rides radiate from the main lawn, which take you to the tranquil woodland beyond. In spring there is a wonderful display of Camellias, Rhododendrons and woodland planting. In high summer the hydrangea collection makes a striking display of colour, and towering over the ponds the exceptionally 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.

Set on the border of Dorset & Wiltshire open to garden visitors from April – October Sunday – Wednesdays : II.OOam – 4.30pm

Visit the Coffee Grove Café offering a selection of drinks and sweet treats or bring a picnic. Children and adults can enjoy the fairy door trail whilst spotting our resident peacocks and macaws

Entrance fees apply Please check website for occasional closures





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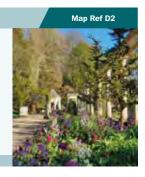


Iford Manor Gardens, Iford, Bradford on Avon BA15 2BA T: 01225 863146

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:

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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 69.

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 crossrefers to the map on page 71.

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, SN1 1QG 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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