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Glorious Gardens along the Great West Way

Take a tour of some of England's most compelling gardens, from Strawberry Hill House & Gardens and RHS Garden Wisley, to the romance of Iford Manor Gardens, stunning Stourhead and the grand landscapes of Longleat and Bowood.



Day 1. Strawberry Hill House, RHS Garden Wisley & The Savill Garden

Strawberry Hill House & Garden in Twickenham is Horace Walpole's 18th century architectural masterpiece and is internationally renowned as Britain's finest example of Georgian Gothic revival architecture. Take a wander around the charming, compact five-acre garden which has been restored to its original appearance using 18C maps and paintings. Journey onto **RHS Garden Wisley**, one of the UK's most visited and best-loved gardens spanning 240 acres. It has beautiful, curated gardens, in a range of styles pushing the boundaries of gardening, and the most incredible Instagram backdrops! Don't miss the daily talks, demonstrations and interactive sessions and the annual flower shows. Stop for lunch at the Terrace restaurant or Wisley café. Next stop is **The Savill Garden**, a 35-acre haven of gardens, woodland and seasonal displays commissioned by George V and created by Eric Savill in 1932. Visitors can connect with Royal history from the Queen Elizabeth Temperate House to The Golden Jubilee Garden.

Overnight: Pennyhill Park

Day 2. Bowood House & Gardens, Iford Manor Gardens and The Courts Gardens

Start the day with a visit to the beautiful **Bowood House and Gardens** near Calne, home to the Marquis of Lansdowne. It has one of England's most striking man-made landscapes with 100 acres of grounds beautifully devised in the 18th century by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. Stop for lunch in the Stables Restaurant or Treehouse Cafe. Head to Bradford on Avon to visit **Iford Manor Gardens**. This charming, Grade 1-listed garden was created by Edwardian architect Harold Peto in the early 20th century and, is tucked away with secretive corners and Italianate styles. **National Trust's Courts Garden** at Holt, has an intriguing cluster of 'outdoor rooms', spanning formal topiary, lily ponds, winding paths, a stone temple, and an arboretum. Enjoy an afternoon tea at the Rose Garden teashop.

Overnight: Woolley Grange Hotel

Day 3. Longleat and National Trust's Stourhead

Longleat is the historic family seat of the Marquesses of Bath, dating back to the 1580s, is now home to a drive-through safari park. Longleat has 900 acres of grounds designed by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown between 1757 and 1762. He replaced the neat and ornate planting with

a more naturalistic landscape of sweeping lawns, tree thickets and judiciously placed lakes. Longleat's formal gardens include the Secret Garden at the back of the Orangery and Love Labyrinth at the front. Journey south to the source of the River Stour at the **National Trust's Stourhead**, a handsome Palladian house within one of England's greatest landscaped gardens, the vision of owner Henry 'The Magnificent' Hoare. It's more than a garden, it's a living work of art, centered on a tranquil lake and meticulously designed to create the most magical experience for those who walk around it.

Overnight: Brooks Guesthouse Bath

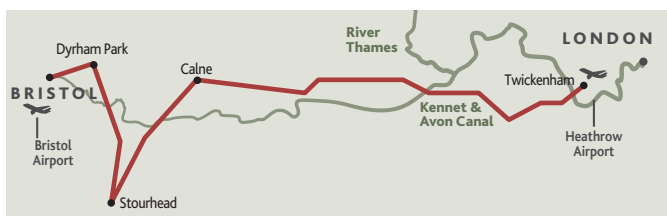
Day 4. American Museum & Gardens and National Trust's Dyrham Park

The American Museum & Gardens houses collections from the United States and recreates periods of American history. The Grade II listed gardens are on 125 acres of green, rolling topography with stunning views across the valleys. The gardens represent some of the most iconic movements in American landscape design and include the New American Garden, Mount Vernon, a replica from George Washington's famous house, a dell, an arboretum and amphitheatre. Have lunch on the terrace of the American Garden Deli with panoramic views over the Limpley Stoke Valley. **Dyrham Park**, near Bath is set in 270-acres of ancient rolling parkland and is home to a vast array of trees and has far-reaching views. The House is a fine example of baroque architecture, created by colonial administrator William Blathwayt in the late 17th century. A varied garden features formal borders, idyllic ponds, a wildflower orchard and wooded terraces.

Overnight: Brooks Guesthouse Bristol

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Places	Journey Time (Rail/Bus)
Twickenham to Bagshot	1 hr 30 mins / 40 miles
Bagshot to Bradford on Avon	2 hr 32 mins / 98 miles
Bradford on Avon to Bath	1 hr 37 mins / 47 miles
Bath to Bristol	1 hr 10 mins / 31 miles

*These are the total distances for the day.