



ENGLAND'S  
GREAT WEST WAY®

**INSPIRING ITINERARIES**  
LANDSCAPES TO LINGER IN



Marlow Weir & Lock, River Thames

Feel the ancient past reach out to you as you tread the Great West Way's glorious landscapes on this self-drive itinerary – a combination of walking exploration and guided tours.

En route to the accommodation, suggest stopping off at **Hampton Court Palace**? This 1,000-room Tudor marvel, now reigning peacefully over its sublime gardens and parkland, was the centre of royal and political intrigue for 200 years.

**Overnight:** On arrival and on Day 1, stay in either of the delightful Thames riverside towns of **Henley on Thames (Greenlands Hotel)** or **Marlow (Macdonald Compleat Angler)**.

**Day 1 & 2**

England's longest river is the guide on a walk 8.5 miles (13.7km) along the **Thames Path National Trail** between Henley and Marlow. Passing by lovely old villages, picturesque locks and weirs, historic Hambleden Mill and open meadowland, stopping at a riverside pub and finishing at Higginson Park, Marlow. The return journey via the 800 bus is 20 minutes.

Next day, visitors can sample the towns' array of independent shops. Get aboard a Thames sightseeing boat trip with **Hobbs of Henley**. Visit nearby **Stonor Park**, an 850-year-old family home in a beautiful deer park and woodland. Drive from Henley through Whitchurch on Thames to say hello to **Bozodown Alpacas**. From Pangbourne it's on to Yattendon, Berkshire.

**Overnight:** The Royal Oak, Yattendon.

**Day 3**

Book a tour and taste at **West Berkshire Brewery**, followed by wine and tasty treats at **Alder Ridge Vineyard** and **Cobbs Farm Shop & Kitchen** – which has a licensed café. In **Marlborough**, visitors can soak up the character of its old buildings including **The Merchant's House** – a 17th century silk merchant's home.

**Overnight:** Meadowbank House B&B, Liddington, Wiltshire.

**Day 4. Avebury Stone Circle and World Heritage Site and North Wessex Downs**

Let your clients journey into mystery via the **North Wessex Downs** to the World Heritage Site of Avebury. There'll find astonishing Neolithic and Bronze Age monuments in the largest stone circle in the world –and the only one encircling part of a village. Here too is **Avebury Manor and Garden**. The **Alton Barnes White Horse**, carved in 1812, commands the Vale of Pewsey from its hill. Nearby are Jacobean choir stalls and a 1700-year-old yew tree at medieval **All Saints Church**. Lunch at **Honeystreet Mill Café** by the **Kennet & Avon Canal**.

Finally, a wander through the medieval rooms and cloister court at **Lacock Abbey**, a quirky country house (and Harry Potter filming location!) on the site of a former nunnery. The museum celebrates former owner William Henry Fox Talbot for his contributions to the invention of photography.

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

**Day 5. Chippenham and Bowood House and Gardens**

Explore the market town's rich history at the **Chippenham Museum & Heritage Centre** or visitors can bag a bargain at its Friday and Saturday markets. A short drive from here is **Bowood**, a Georgian house blessed with fine Italian-inspired gardens, arboretum and lake.

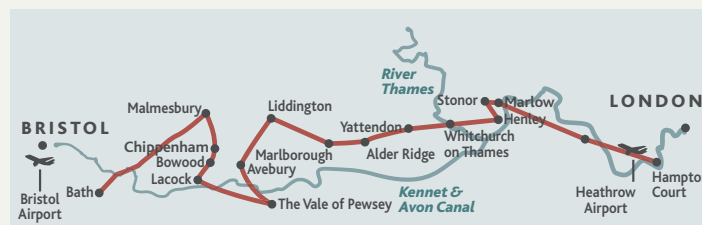
**Overnight:** Bath - Apex Hotel, or The Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa.

**Day 6 & 7. Bath and Beyond**

Let **Around & About Bath** whisk your clients off to feed their soul with gorgeous countryside, ancient churches and the forgotten story of England's birth. They can marvel at **Malmesbury**, reported to be England's oldest borough, and taste the history at the country's oldest hotel, **The Old Bell**.

Spend the final day in **Bath**, the World Heritage Site whose natural hot springs have provided relaxation and wellbeing since Roman times. For modern visitors there's great shopping and much more to do: **Dyrham Park**; **Prior Park Landscape Garden**; **The Holburne Museum** or **The Jane Austen Centre**. Finally, follow the Celts and Romans and wallow in Britain's only naturally warm, mineral-rich waters at **Thermae Bath Spa**.

Places	Miles/kms by road
Hampton Court to Marlow/Henley	25-30miles/40-48kms
Henley to Yattendon	24miles/39kms
Yattendon to Liddington	35miles/56kms
Liddington to Chippenham	42miles/68kms
Chippenham to Bath	25miles/40kms



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Lacock Abbey



Malmesbury



Alder Ridge Vineyard



West Berkshire Brewery



Avebury



Stonor Park



Bowood

### Wholesalers/DMCs

Hotels & More: [hotels-more.com](http://hotels-more.com)

Norman Allen Group Travel Ltd: [group-travel.com](http://group-travel.com)

**Local Tour Operators who can offer full tour package or individual days out from destinations for groups or individuals:**

Around & About Bath: [aroundandaboutbath.com](http://aroundandaboutbath.com)

Salisbury, Stonehenge and Sarum Tours: [salisburystonehengeandtour.com](http://salisburystonehengeandtour.com)

Savouring Bath: [savouringbath.com](http://savouringbath.com)

South West Heritage Tours: [southwestdriverguide.co.uk](http://southwestdriverguide.co.uk)

Tours2Order: [tours2order.com](http://tours2order.com)

Tour and Explore: [tourandexplore.com](http://tourandexplore.com)

Further information: [GreatWestWay.co.uk/traveltrade](http://GreatWestWay.co.uk/traveltrade)

### Contacts

Bath: [visitbath.co.uk](http://visitbath.co.uk)

Chippenham: [chippenham.gov.uk](http://chippenham.gov.uk)

Canal and River Trust: [canalrivertrust.org.uk/GreatWestWay](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/GreatWestWay)

Henley on Thames: [visit-henley.com](http://visit-henley.com)

Kennet & Avon Canal: [katrust.org.uk](http://katrust.org.uk)

Malmesbury: [discovermalmesbury.life](http://discovermalmesbury.life)

Marlow: [VisitThames.co.uk/Marlow](http://VisitThames.co.uk/Marlow)

Marlborough: [www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/visitors](http://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/visitors)

North Wessex Downs: [northwessexdowns.org.uk](http://northwessexdowns.org.uk)

River Thames: [VisitThames.co.uk](http://VisitThames.co.uk)

Thames Path National Trail: [nationaltrail.co.uk/thames-path](http://nationaltrail.co.uk/thames-path)

Thames Valley and North Hampshire: [visitsoutheastengland.com](http://visitsoutheastengland.com)

Vale of Pewsey: [visitpewseyvale.co.uk](http://visitpewseyvale.co.uk)

Wiltshire: [visitwiltshire.co.uk](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk)

Alder Ridge Vineyard: [alderridge.co.uk](http://alderridge.co.uk)

All Saints Church, Alton Priors: [visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing/all-saints-alton-priors.html](http://visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing/all-saints-alton-priors.html)

Avebury: [nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury)

Bowood House & Gardens: [bowood.org](http://bowood.org)

Bozedown Alpacas: [bozedown-alpacas.co.uk](http://bozedown-alpacas.co.uk)

Cobbs Farm Shop & Kitchen: [cobbsfarmshop.co.uk](http://cobbsfarmshop.co.uk)

Dyrham Park: [nationaltrust.org.uk/dyrham-park](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/dyrham-park)

Hampton Court Palace: [hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace](http://hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace)

Hobbs of Henley: [hobbsofhenley.com](http://hobbsofhenley.com)

Honesty Street Mill Café: [honestystreetmillcafe.co.uk](http://honestystreetmillcafe.co.uk)

Lacock Abbey and The Fox Talbot Museum: [nationaltrust.org.uk/lacock-abbey-fox-talbot-museum-and-village](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/lacock-abbey-fox-talbot-museum-and-village)

Prior Park Landscape Garden: [nationaltrust.org.uk/prior-park-landscape-garden](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/prior-park-landscape-garden)

Stonor Park: [stonor.com](http://stonor.com)

The Holburne Museum: [holburne.org](http://holburne.org)

The Jane Austen Centre: [janeausten.co.uk](http://janeausten.co.uk)

The Merchant's House: [themerchantshouse.co.uk](http://themerchantshouse.co.uk)

The Old Bell Hotel: [oldbellhotel.com](http://oldbellhotel.com)

Thermae Bath Spa: [thermaebathspa.com](http://thermaebathspa.com)

West Berkshire Brewery: [wbbrew.com](http://wbbrew.com)

### Accommodation

Apex Hotel, Bath: [apexhotels.co.uk/apex-city-of-bath-hotel](http://apexhotels.co.uk/apex-city-of-bath-hotel)

Best Western Plus Angel Hotel, Chippenham: [angel-hotel-chippenham.com/](http://angel-hotel-chippenham.com/)

Henley Greenlands Hotel, Henley on Thames: [hospitalityuor.co.uk/venues.henley-greenlands-hotel](http://hospitalityuor.co.uk/venues.henley-greenlands-hotel)

Macdonald Compleat Angler, Marlow: [macdonaldhotels.co.uk/our-hotels/south-england/marlow/macdonald-compleat-angler](http://macdonaldhotels.co.uk/our-hotels/south-england/marlow/macdonald-compleat-angler)

Meadowbank House B&B, Liddington: [Meadowbankhouse.com](http://Meadowbankhouse.com)

The Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa, Bath: [royalcrescent.co.uk](http://royalcrescent.co.uk)

The Royal Oak, Yattendon: [royaloakyattendon.co.uk](http://royaloakyattendon.co.uk)

Do you have clients that might like to explore the landscapes from the water. Add on a few days self-drive cruising or book a hotel boat. Boat hire is available on both the River Thames and Kennet & Avon Canal. And there is a choice of hotel boats on the Thames. Information on hiring a boat along England's Great West Way: [GreatWestWay.co.uk/stay/boats](http://GreatWestWay.co.uk/stay/boats)



The Royal Crescent Hotel



Meadowbank House