

Bristol & the Best of the West Country

Monday 3rd May – Friday 7th May 2027

5 Days

from*

£779 pp sharing

£874 pp sole occupancy

Half-Board



Your 5 Day Guideline Itinerary

Monday: Departing from local pick-up points we stop enroute at the National Trust's Dyrham Park property near Chippenham. Built between 1692 and 1704, Dyrham Park contains fine textiles and paintings, as well as items of Delftware, reflecting the contemporary taste for Dutch fashions. (NT members to present their cards, non-members to pay direct) We continue to the 4* Aztec Hotel & Spa on the outskirts of Bristol.

Tuesday: Our guided tour of Bristol this morning takes in sights such as the Clifton Suspension Bridge, (tour of the Suspension Bridge included) spanning the beautiful Avon Gorge, and the symbol of the city of Bristol. Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the foundation stone of this Grade I listed bridge was laid in 1831 and was not opened until 1864, five years after he died. During our tour, we also visit St Mary's Church at Redcliffe, dating back to the 12th century and described by Elizabeth I as 'the goodliest, fairest and most famous parish church in England'. This afternoon we visit Brunel's SS Great Britain at Bristol, the world's first great ocean liner and explore the beautifully recreated First-Class Dining Saloon, stateroom quarters and new Engine Room. During our visit we have time to visit Being Brunel, a newly opened attraction that contemplates the life and legacy of Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

Wednesday: Today we travel into the famous Cheddar Gorge, where limestone cliffs tower above the road and take a stop at the Cheddar Cheese shop. We continue to England's smallest city Wells. The perfectly preserved medieval centre with its magnificent cathedral, unique moated Bishop's Palace and collection of independent shops is a delight to explore. There will be free time to visit the Wednesday market and have some lunch prior to joining a Wells Cathedral Highlights Tour, with its fine medieval statuary, stained glass, chapter house and astronomical clock.

Thursday: We enjoy a guided tour of Bath with our Blue Badge guide today. During the Guided Tour, we visit the Roman Baths. Around Britain's only hot spring, the Romans built a Magnificent temple and bathing complex that still flows with natural hot water. We continue to Aerospace Bristol, which gives groups the chance to step aboard the last Concorde ever to fly and journey through more than a century of fascinating aviation history, from the earliest powered flights to the modern day.

Friday: We depart the hotel after breakfast and stop enroute at National Trust's Tyntesfield property this morning. This extraordinary Gothic revival extravaganza survives with its Original Victorian interior intact, an unrivalled collection of Victorian decorative arts, an insight into below stairs and a sumptuously decorated private chapel. It is surrounded by landscaped gardens, park, farmland and estate buildings. (please present NT cards)

Departing from: Hatfield & Welwyn Garden City
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Aztec Hotel & Spa Bristol

A smart and stylish 4-star hotel perfectly placed for exploring the south-west and close to the city of Bristol. Dine in the AA Rosette award-winning Curious Kitchen or spend time relaxing in the spa with a proper size pool, hot tub, spa treatments, sauna, and steam room plus a fully equipped gym.

- Comfortable bedrooms with power showers and air conditioning. Free Wi-Fi.
- Curious Kitchen Restaurant and bar for relaxing

What's Included:

- ✓ 4 nights accommodation with 3 course evening dinner, tea & coffee and full English breakfast
- ✓ Return coach travel
- ✓ The services of a blue badge guide on Tue, Wed & Thu
- ✓ Excursions as stated
- ✓ Porterage

*from price based on minimum group size of 30 passengers

On achievement of 35 passengers a reduction of £30 per person applies.

Maximum 15 sole occupancy rooms

Optional insurance £18 per person (including a £5 arrangement fee)

Booking conditions apply