

Bristol & the Scenic West

5 days from £899 Departing 26th April 2027

WHAT WE WILL SEE

Lacock Abbey, Fox Talbot Museum and Village

Guided tour of Bristol

Brunel's SS Great Britain

M Shed

'From Blackbeard to Banksy'

Tyntesfield

Guided tour of Wells

Wells Cathedral

Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company

Cheddar Gorge Caves

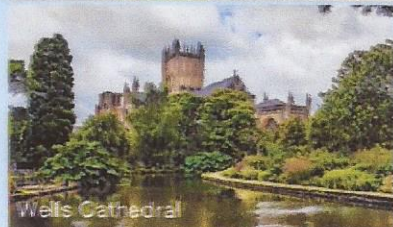
Bradford-on-Avon



SS Great Britain



Tyntesfield



Wells Cathedral



Cheddar Gorge

Day 1

We board our private executive coach at our designated pick up points. En route to our hotel we visit the National Trust's Lacock Abbey, Fox Talbot Museum and Village in Wiltshire, a country house with monastic roots and original medieval cloister. Founded in 1232 many parts of this fine abbey have survived largely intact. Explore the village, little changed in 200 years, and stroll through the woodland garden. We continue to the 3* Best Western Walton Park at Clevedon for a four night stay on a half board basis.

Day 2

Our guided tour of Bristol this morning takes in sights such as the Clifton Suspension Bridge, 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. With our Blue Badge guide 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, steerage 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. We will also visit the M Shed that tells the story of Bristol and its unique place in the world.

Day 3

We either spend some time at leisure in Bristol this morning, or you may choose to join the Blackbeard to Banksy Art guided walking tour through 1000 years of history and street art, featured by The Times Newspaper as the number 1 thing to do in Bristol. See some highlights of Bristol's street art and Banksy originals, learn about notorious pirates and see their old haunts. This afternoon we visit the National Trust's Tyntesfield property with our Blue Badge guide. 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.

Day 4

Our Blue Badge guide meets us at our hotel this morning and accompanies us throughout the day. At Wells, the smallest city in England, we visit the famous Gothic cathedral with its fine medieval statuary, stained glass, chapter house and astronomical clock, the 13th century Bishop's Palace and the Vicar's Close, a complete medieval street. On arrival in Cheddar this afternoon, we visit the Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company. Using only fresh local unpasteurised milk, the company has been producing this world famous cheese since 2003. Here we can view the working dairy and learn how the company produces the heritage cheese. Friendly staff are on hand to help guests find the perfect cheese for their palates with a selection of samples available from the tasting counter. We continue to the nearby caves at Cheddar Gorge. The Cathedral like Caves and Britain's biggest Gorge are million year old Ice Age river beds. You will have access to all the caves and attractions there.

Day 5

After checking out of our hotel and en route home we visit Bradford-on-Avon. We have free time to look around this scenic and historic town with its canal and independent shops and have time for lunch. Taking carefully selected comfort stops en route, we return back to our original pick up points.

NB: Please note we reserve the right to alter the above itinerary if required for operational reasons.