

GREAT WEST WAY 4-Day Guided Biking Tour Itinerary



Windsor, Stonehenge, Downton Abbey, Avebury, Bath



Duration 4 days / 3 nights

Start London (London Paddington)

Finish Bristol

The tour is designed with the active traveller in mind and there are biking options on each day and a variety of routes to suit all ages and fitness levels. We also welcome guests who do not want to travel in an active way.

The biking is 90% off road and will suit anybody with a reasonable level of fitness, and is best suited to hybrid bikes.

The tour is fully supported and guided or self-guided and the price is also inclusive of all accommodation on a dinner (not on self-guide option), bed and breakfast basis. Also included are all bikes and equipment and entry into all the points of interest. In fact, the only time guests need to put their hands in their pockets is for lunch, normally informal in pubs and cafes and for dinner drinks.

Accommodation



Prestige - 4* hotel



Country - 3* hotel

Itinerary

Day 1. Windsor Great Park and Windsor Castle.

We collect you at 8.30 from London at Paddington Station, platform 1, under the clock and take you by bus Windsor, which is about 1 hours' drive. We visit Windsor Great Park, the old royal hunting ground and world home of Polo, where there is a match on most Sundays we visit. We fit you with your bikes, give you a full safety briefing and head out on the traffic restricted roads within the park before all guests take a full tour of Windsor Castle and a good look around the town. Taking the bus to your hotel on the Kennet and Avon Canal means a nice, gentle start to your holiday.

OPTIONS:

 10 miles

 Flat

Day 2. Avebury + Stonehenge

After an earlier start we bike along the wonderful canal route towards the beautifully named Honeystreet, and on the quiet roads in the surrounding areas. We have coffee alongside the canal at Crofton and lunch in the cafe at Honeystreet before visiting Avebury (think Stonehenge but much bigger) before setting off by support vehicle to the World Heritage Site and monument at Stonehenge. You will have ample time to walk to and around the stones which have been an enduring mystery for millennia. We stay the night in Devizes, which gives us great access to the Kennet and Avon Canal.



OPTIONS:

 20 miles

 Gently Rolling

 35 miles

 Gently Rolling

Day 3. The Kennet + Avon Canal + Bath

We head off on the Kennet and Avon canal for a wonderful flat ride, alongside the boats, stopping at the pubs and soaking up the atmosphere past Devizes as the landscape slowly passes by. We pass over the majestic Dundas and Avoncliff aqueducts before finishing the ride for the day in Bath where the Roman Baths, the Royal Crescent and Jane Austen's house are unmissable. We stay in Bath where the city comes to life in the evenings, with great restaurants, pubs and entertainment.

OPTIONS:

 20 miles

 Flat

 35 miles

 Flat

Day 4. The Cotswolds + Prince Charles

We drive you into the Cotswolds for an atmospheric ride through stunning countryside and villages, before having lunch at Prince Charles' house and gardens at Highgrove. In the afternoon we ride into Bath, mainly downhill, via a 2000-year old Roman road and right into the heart of the city. For the walkers, we walk from Tetbury to Prince Charles' house and in the afternoon, join the Roman road into the city.

The tour ends in Bath where guests are able to stay for longer in the same or other hotels. On-going travel is easy from Bristol Airport, or Bath Railway Station with connections back to London.

OPTIONS:

 20 miles

 Gently Rolling*

 45 miles

 Gently Rolling

*With a few steep hills

The Details

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Level of Activity

This tour is rated 2/5 for difficulty meaning it's appropriate for guests going for a good ride and can handle an incline or two. The terrain we cover is varied. We'll enjoy some gently rolling hills, with wonderful downhills and a few climbs which will be a bit more demanding. Your holiday, however, will be tailored by your guide to suit your individual preferences. Rewarding views are guaranteed. Daily distances range from 10-45 miles with options for shorter or longer rides are available on all days.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 3 nights accommodation
- All breakfasts & two dinners (in the brasserie / bar)
- Entry into all iconic points of interest, Windsor Castle, Stonehenge, Roman Baths
- Transport throughout
- Professional local guide
- Bikes & equipment

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Cancellation insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Dinner drinks
- Dinner in the a-la-carte restaurants (the difference between the bar / brasserie option)
- Gratuity for your local guide

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