

Discover the stories of migration between England and the United States of America, including The Great Migration when 20,000 men, women and children crossed the Atlantic in search of new freedoms in the New World.

There's nothing like a quest to stir the soul and fire the imagination.

History is rich in tales of human courage. Never more so than the stories of the 'ordinary' individuals who risked all they knew - all they loved - in the hope of founding a new life in a distant land. Whether fleeing religious persecution, starvation or seeking employment and opportunities, their reasons are many and varied. Yet they're united across the ages, by a single thread: hope.

From the struggles of the Jamestown explorers or the plight of Cornish tin miners to the midnight tragedy of SS Titanic or the bright hopes of young GI brides in World War II, few adventures are so rich in love, loss and a legacy that connects us all.

So begins a decade of celebrating our historic connections that stem from the journeys of intrepid emigrants from England to the United States. 2019 marks the 400th anniversary of Jamestown; 2020, the 400th anniversary of Mayflower's journey from Plymouth, England; and 2030, the 400th anniversary of the mass departure from Boston, England, inspired by Rev John Cotton.

Millions of Americans can take this opportunity to explore and experience their ancestral roots. Take a trip back in time: see the same skies, breathe the same air; watch the same seas as those intrepid forebears. And, maybe connect with your own kin.

Learn about the English villages, towns and lives your ancestors left behind. Discover your own heritage. Explore the complex history of England and the myriad peoples who shaped this proud island nation, before embarking on adventures that changed our shared history forever.





HAMPSHIRE



GETTING HERE

Hampshire is approximately 70 miles southwest of London, in southern England.

From London, Winchester is 1 hour by rail or 1 hour 30 mins by road; Southampton is 1 hour 15 mins by rail or 1 hour 45 mins by road; and Portsmouth is 1 hour 30 mins by rail or 1 hour 30 mins by road.



For more destination information see: visit-hampshire.co.uk

Home to Southampton and Portsmouth docks, coastal Hampshire shares a rich seafaring history with America. In 1620, the Mayflower and Speedwell spent two weeks in Southampton, preparing for their voyage to the New World. In the 20th century, the mighty White Star Line operated three weekly services to New York from the city, including the ill-fated Titanic whose tragic end would forever connect both cities.

SEACITY MUSEUM, SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton is synonymous with cruise liners. The most famous was undoubtedly Titanic, which left Southampton for New York in 1912.

The SeaCity Museum captures the tragic story of Titanic as never before, chronicling the lives of Southampton's citizens and revealing their own fascinating connections to the doomed ship.

Visitors can gain unique insight into the voyage, rescue and aftermath via a series of multi-sensory exhibits and an intricate, interactive model of the ship.

seacitymuseum.co.uk

SOUTHAMPTON AND THE MAYFLOWER PILGRIMS

It was in Southampton that the Mayflower pilgrims, including local cooper John Alden, all joined together to embark on their journey. The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial marks their point of departure in 1620. Topped with a replica of the Mayflower, it's inscribed with plaques dedicated to pilgrim descendants and family societies, as well as one that tells the pilgrims' story.

mayflower400uk.org/visit/southampton

TUDOR HOUSE MUSEUM, SOUTHAMPTON

This attractive timber-framed, late 15th century building, is located in the heart of Southampton's old town.

Charting over 800 years of history, the museum incorporates child-friendly activities, technology and interactive exhibits. Fans of historic ships such as Titanic can also learn about Tudor House's maritime history: its proximity to the former waterfront made it the perfect home for a series of shipowners during the 16th century, as can be seen from the museum's collection of ship-themed engravings.

tudorhouseandgarden.com

PORTSMOUTH HISTORIC DOCKYARD & THE MARY ROSE

This vast dockyard connects no fewer than 12 museums, with vessels from above and below the water.

It offers the most comprehensive insight into British maritime history, including Nelson's HMS Victory, best known for her role at the Battle of Trafalgar, and Henry VIII's favourite ship the Mary Rose; this boatshaped museum is built around the remaining hull (recovered in 1982), which sank in Portsmouth bay in 1545.

historicdockyard.co.uk

FOOD & DRINK

The Grand Café, Southampton

In the Summer Dining Room, visitors can see a Scott-Moncrieff mural, on canvas, depicting the Pilgrim Fathers preparing to sail for the New World.

grand-cafe.co.uk

Dancing Man Brewery, Southampton

Independent brewhouse and restaurant in a 14th-century wool house, opposite the pier.

dancingmanbrewery.co.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

Bing Crosby (a Mayflower descendant) visited St Mary's Church in Southampton during World War II and was so taken by it that he recorded his classic version of The Bells of St Mary's, a song originally written by two men inspired by the church's "lovely peal" in 1914.

ACCOMMODATION

Room 2, Southampton

The world's first 'hometel,' with spectacular harbour views.

room2.com/southampton

Grand Harbour Hotel, Southampton

An iconic landmark on the Southampton waterfront, with 173 luxury rooms and suites, fine dining and spa experience.

grandharbourhotel.co.uk

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Southampton Tourist Guides

See Southampton

Historic tours with a twist. Of particular note is the Mayflower walk, giving visitors the chance to follow in the footsteps of the Mayflower Pilgrims

Fascinating walking tours led by

expert guides. Highlights include the

Titanic Trail and an exploration of the

southamptontouristguides.com

Ancestry & History Tours of the New Forest

See how our ancestors helped shape this unique landscape.

thenewforest.co.uk/things-to-do/ activities/guided-tours

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Portsmouth History Centre

Family, local and naval history archives.

portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/libraries/ portsmouth-history-centre-and-recordsoffice

Hampshire Record Office, Winchester

Archives, local studies and help with family history enquiries made via tours operators or individuals.

hants.gov.uk/archives.htm

Southampton Archives

Southampton's archives services hold a rich variety of material relating to the city and its people dating back to 1199.

southampton.gov.uk/arts-heritage/ southampton-archives



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PLYMOUTH



GETTING HERE

Plymouth is 230 miles southwest of London, in southwest England.

From London, Plymouth is 3 hours 15 mins by rail or 3 hours 50 mins by road. Flights from London City to Exeter Airport (47 miles from Plymouth) take 1 hour 10 mins.

For more destination information see: visitplymouth.co.uk

Britain's Ocean City has served as both the point of departure and arrival for more than a thousand years. Look over the waters of the Sound today and experience the same stirring views as all those who have sailed these waters before, from the Mayflower Pilgrims and the GIs of World War II to great ocean liners such as Olympic (sister of Titanic), Mauretania and Queen Mary (now moored in Long Beach California).

MAYFLOWER STEPS

On 16 September 1620, the Mayflower Pilgrims set sail from Plymouth to the New World.

Today, in the historic Barbican area, plaques beside the commemorative Mayflower steps remember this voyage (and others, including the pioneering ship that colonised New Zealand).

A board outside Island House remembers each name of the Mayflower passengers.

The Mayflower Museum at the visitor centre has interactive displays and exhibitions.

mayflower400uk.org



THE BOX

Opening in 2020, The Box will bring Plymouth's rich naval history and ancestral archives to life for modern audiences. It will feature seven permanent galleries and seven adaptable exhibition spaces. The galleries will offer exhibitions like '100 Journeys that Shaped the World', reinterpreting historic stories such as the Mayflower and Charles Darwin's HMS Beagle. In addition. six permanent archives will be available to visitors eager to uncover Plymouth's past through local history, books, images, films, maps and publications.

plymhearts.org/thebox

BUCKLAND ABBEY

Follow in 700 years of footsteps: from the Cistercians who built the Abbey and farmed the estate, to seafarers Grenville and Drake who changed the shape of the house and the fate of the country. The Abbey is part museum, part house, and filled with treasures such as the legendary Drake's Drum.

nationaltrust.org.uk/buckland-abbey

PLYMOUTH BOAT TRIPS

Take to the water and see Plymouth and the surrounding South West coast as the Pilgrims did. Plymouth Boat Trips set sail from the Barbican waterfront, offering one-hour trips along the city's historic river Tamar, and half-day trips to the pretty village of Calstock on the river Yealm - or across the Cornish border to Cotehele (a Tudor house run by the National Trust). Private group tours with Mayflower commentary available by request.

plymouthboattrips.co.uk

ELIZABETHAN HOUSE & GARDENS

Behind the Plymouth Barbican between the old and new city - you can experience home life through the eyes of an Elizabethan merchant. Wander landscaped gardens rich in colourful flora and neat hedges. Rest beside the central fountain and breathe in the refreshing sea air. House opening 2020 (gardens open

visitplymouth.co.uk/things-to-do/ elizabethan-gardens-p1417583

Barbican Kitchen

Fresh local foods, in the worldfamous Plymouth Gin Distillery.

barbicankitchen.com

Select South West Tours

Multi-day driving tours of South West England.

selectsouthwesttours.com

Unique Devon Tours

Tours and holidays for FITs and small groups.

uniquedevontours.com

Blue Badge Tour Guide

Jane Dymock, based in Plymouth and with Cornish roots, covers everything from Darwin and Cornish mining to the Mayflower Pilgrims.

tourscornwall.com

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Devon Family History Society

Promoting the study of genealogy and history, especially for Devon families and places.

devonfhs.org.uk

The Box, Records Office

The principal archive for the area's historical records. Opens spring 2020.

plymhearts.org/thebox

Rockfish

Fresh, sustainable fish and shellfish, in a New England-style beach shack

therockfish.co.uk

THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST ANDREW

The bells of St Andrew's Church still celebrate Sir Francis Drake's 16th-century voyage around the world. Discover the family names of Plymouth's merchants - from the time of the Mayflower - inscribed on the stone floor.

standrewschurch.org.uk

Plymouth FGi

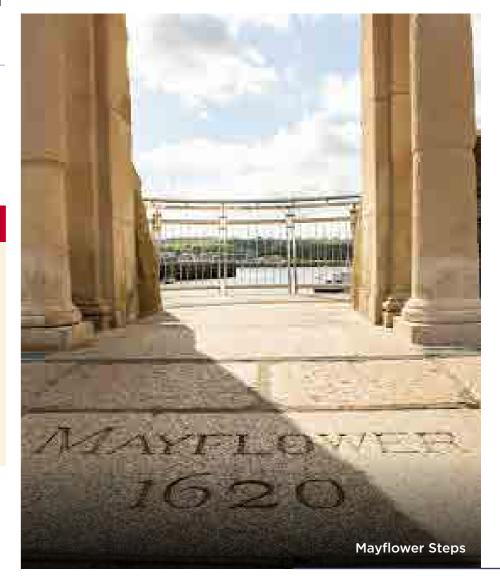
Fresh, sustainable fish and shellfish, in a New England-style beach shack setting.

therockfish.co.uk

Buckland Abbey

Self-catering accommodation is available in the grounds of Buckland Abbey. Ideal for FITs, family groups and couples who want the experience of staying in the grounds of an English estate.

nationaltrust.org.uk/buckland-abbey



GURNWA



GETTING HERE

Cornwall is approximately 230 miles southwest of London, in southwest England.

From London, Penzance is 5 hours 20 mins by rail or 4 hours 50 mins by road; Padstow is 4 hours 30 mins by road. Flights from London Gatwick to Newquay take 1 hour 10 mins.



For more destination information see: visitcornwall.com

The stunning coastal county of Cornwall is one of England's finest destinations. Popular for its breathtaking coastline and picture-perfect fishing villages and towns, much of today's landscape was shaped by its pioneering mining industry. In the 19th century many emigrants left for the mining regions of North America. Today, Cornwall's UNESCO World Heritage Site preserves this unique heritage for future generations. There are many mining sites to enjoy - you may recognise some from the blockbuster BBC TV series Poldark!

CORNISH MINING WORLD HERITAGE SITE

During the 19th and 20th centuries an estimated 250,000 people left Cornwall for America, carrying their mining expertise and the English culture with them. Ten unique locations, representing Cornish mining, make up the UK's largest UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are over 20,000 hectares to explore, including 200 iconic Cornish engine houses, and a myriad of human stories to discover.

whc.unesco.org/en/list/1215

TRENGWAINTON GARDEN

This country garden was a former residence of Cornwall's Arundell family. Now it's owned by the National Trust, who maintain the garden's significant plant collection, which was gathered by 1920s plant

nationaltrust.org.uk/trengwainton-garden



POLDARK MINE

A Cornish Mining World Heritage Site and the only tin mine to offer underground guided tours. The heart of tin mining, heavily featured in the BBC drama - Poldark.

poldarkmine.org.uk

KING EDWARD MINE

Another World Heritage Site, offering daily demonstrations of historic mining equipment that includes some of the last remaining working equipment of its kind in the

kingedwardmine.co.uk

Picturesque working fishing port where the Mayflower stopped for water supplies.

mayflower400uk.org/visit/plymouthengland/attractions/newlyn-cornwall

OOD & DRINK

JH & M Choak's Traditional Cornish Pasties, Falmouth

Watch Cornish pasties being hand made to a traditional Cornish recipe, or have a go at making your own in Charlie Choak's Pasty School.

choakspasties.co.uk

St Austell Brewery

The interactive Brewing Experience reveals the secrets behind this independent, family-run Cornish brewery's 160-year-old brewing process - samples included.

staustellbreweryvisitorcentre.co.uk

Pentillie Castle and Estate

Explore 300 years of family history, in this spectacular five-star boutique B&B in a castle beside the Tamar River.

pentillie.co.uk

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Cornwall Family History Society,

Research library and other resources, for members and the public researching Cornish family history.

cornwallfhs.com

Kresen Kernow, Redruth

A modern archive and library space bringing together the world's largest collection of manuscripts, books and documents related to Cornwall. Opening 2019.

https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/cro

Cornwall Hotel, Spa & Estate, Tregorrick

A modern spa hotel in a historic manor house, with self-catering woodland lodges, close to St Austell.

thecornwall.com

BOTALLACK & BOTALLACK MINE

The famous Crown engine houses of Botallack Mine cling dramatically to the foot of the seacliffs. It's one of Cornwall's most iconic locations - and a filming location in the BBC's Poldark.

nationaltrust.org.uk/botallack

ROYAL CORNWALL MUSEUM

A beacon for Cornish heritage and culture with collections rooted in Cornwall's mining heritage and rare books and manuscripts.

royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk

Poldark's Cornwall

Experience Poldark's Cornwall and much more with fully packaged and customisable tours of the county.

poldarktours.co.uk

Select South West Tours

Multi-day driving tours of South West England. Mayflower and family history tours available.

selectsouthwesttours.com

Unique Cornwall Tours

Tailor-made tours and holidays for FITs and small groups.

uniquecornwalltours.com





GETTING HERE

Kent is southeast of London, in southeast England.

From London, Dover is 2 hours by rail (the High Speed One train takes just 1 hour) or 1 hour 40 mins by road; Canterbury is 1 hour by rail or 1 hour 25 mins by road.

For more destination information see: visitkent.co.uk



The county of Kent boasts the iconic White Cliffs of Dover, which leave a lasting memory in the minds of those who set sail from England's south coast, and are the first sign of arrival for ships coming into England. Robert Cushman, a key puritan who came from Kent and was married in Canterbury, negotiated the financing and hiring of the Mayflower and later travelled to America on the Fortune. Adventurer Julius Brenchley, known as 'Maidstone's New World Explorer' travelled from Maidstone in Kent to explore the largely unchartered regions of the USA.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

Mother Church to the worldwide Anglican Communion, Canterbury has witnessed Christian pilgrimage and migration for over 1,400 years. Founded by St Augustine in the sixth century, the cathedral is often described as 'England in stone'. Its role as one of the most important pilgrimage centres in Europe is linked to the murder of Archbishop Thomas Becket, in 1170 - a candle marks the spot of his martyrdom. During the 13th century, Archbishop Langton played a crucial role in the negotiation of Magna Carta. The cathedral was also the destination for the pilgrims in Chaucer's medieval collection of stories, The Canterbury Tales. There's also an historic link with America's earliest pilgrims. Local man Robert Cushman (born in Rolvenden) was apprenticed in the city and married at the cathedral; a devout Puritan, he negotiated the hiring of the Mayflower before undertaking his own pilgrimage aboard the Fortune in 1621.

canterbury-cathedral.org

IGHTHAM MOTE. IVY HATCH

In 1953, American businessman Charles Henry Robinson Jr purchased this captivating medieval house, which has been home to an eclectic mix of people across the centuries, from builders to royal courtiers.

Of particular note is the memorial plaque in the Mote's crypt bearing the inscription 'A Pilgrim Returned'. Robinson's grandmother, Emily Cobb, was a descendant of those who sailed on the Mayflower.

nationaltrust.org.uk/ightham-mote

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, GRAVESEND & THE POCAHONTAS MEMORIAL

Pocahontas, wife of John Rolfe - one of the early English settlers in North America - was laid to rest in the chancel of St George's. Her statue can be seen in the churchyard and visitors can admire the beautiful memorial glass windows, a present from the Colonial Dames of Virginia.

stgeorgesgravesend.org

MAIDSTONE MUSEUM

A free museum offering exhibitions, talks, and family-friendly activities. Not to be missed is the collection donated by gentleman adventurer Julius Brenchley - 'Maidstone's New World Explorer' - who travelled from his British hometown to explore the United States in the 19th century.

museum.maidstone.gov.uk

THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER

England's most iconic natural landmark has served as a sign of welcome and fond farewell for travellers across the centuries.

nationaltrust.org.uk/the-white-cliffs-of-dover



ACCOMMODATION

Hever Castle

Stay in the castle once owned by the richest man in the United States, William Waldorf Astor. Self-catering and B&B options available.

hevercastle.co.uk/stay

Tudor Park Marriott Hotel & Country Club, Bearstead

All mod cons in immaculate grounds with a championship golf course in the middle of Kent.

marriott.com/hotels/travel/tdmgs-tudorpark-marriott-hotel-and-country-club

FOOD & DRINK

The Smoke House, Folkestone

Head to the town of Folkestone for top-notch fish and chips by the sea.

thesmokehousefolkestone.co.uk

Hush Heath Winery, Staplehurst

Explore the estate's beautiful vineyards, apple orchards, and ancient oak woodlands on a self-guided tour, and join a tutored tasting.

hushheath.com

TOURS & TOUR GUIDE

Kent Greeters

Explore Kent with a local expert on a free walking tour. Booking essential.

visitkent.co.uk/stay-and-eat/getting-here/kent-greeters

Canterbury Historic River Tours

Discover this historic city by boat.

canterburyrivertours.co.uk

South East Guides

Directory of professional Green and Blue Badge guides in Kent. southeastbestguides.org

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Kent County Council History and Archives Centre, Maidstone

Extensive collections of maps, records, stories and histories of the people of Kent.

kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/ history-and-heritage/kent-archives

Canterbury Cathedral Archives

Rich collection of manuscripts, maps, historic records and books dating from the eighth century. canterbury-cathedral.org

Medway Archives Centre, Strood

Resources for researching your family story, and the history, geography and people of Medway. cityark.medway.gov.uk



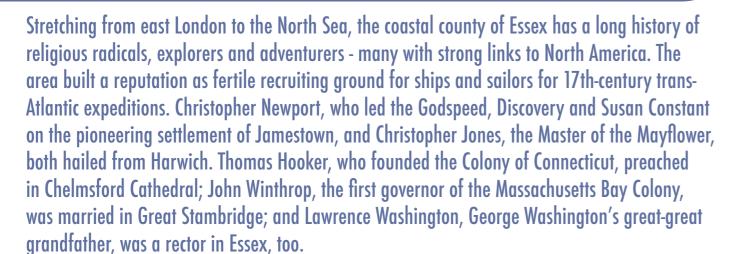
GETTING HERE

Essex is northeast of London, in southeast England.

From London, Harwich is 1 hour 20 mins by rail or 1 hour 40 mins by road; Colchester is 1 hour by rail or 1 hour 25 mins by road; and Chelmsford is 30 mins by rail or 1 hour 5 mins by road.









Follow the immersive Harwich Mayflower Trail and enter the house of Christopher Jones (the captain of the Mayflower; attraction opening end of 2019), have lunch - or spend the night - in the Alma pub, where Christopher Jones's wife lived, and see graffiti drawn in 1777 by sailors captured off a US warship, in the Guildhall. A new Mayflower exhibition includes a document referencing Christopher Martin signed by King James. Martin, the Mayflower's treasurer who died on board, lived in Billericay's ancient Chantry House, which was the meeting place for Billericay emigrants the night before the Mayflower sailed. Many of the Mayflower pilgrims are thought to have boarded at Leigh-on-Sea, a characterful old fishing village where visitors can still see the cockle boats unloading their daily catch.

visitessex.com/harwich.aspx

COLCHESTER CASTLE

Bigger than the Tower of London, Colchester Castle is England's largest surviving Norman keep. It's now an interactive museum set in Victorian gardens. The old prison cells tell a gruesome story; the enormous wooden beams surrounding the door are worn smooth by the endless rubbing of hands from prisoners dragged inside, and graffiti can be seen all over the wood and walls. The prison's most infamous jailer was Matthew Hopkins, the 'Witchfinder General' of the region in the 1640s. In 1648 the castle was held by a Royalist army and besieged by Parliamentarians; two of its commanders, Lucas and Lisle, were executed here by firing squad.

cimuseums.org.uk/visit/venues/ colchester-castle

CHURCH OF ST MARY & ALL SAINTS, GREAT STAMBRIDGE

John Winthrop, a Puritan and the first governor of Massachusetts, married in the church at Great Stambridge. A window in the church, paid for by The Winthrop Society, commemorates him.

winthropsociety.com

DEDHAM VILLAGE

Set beside the River Stour, the quintessentially English village of Dedham proved fertile recruiting ground for the American colonies. A dozen descendants of Henry Sherman emigrated to New England from 1633 to 1640; their family tree includes a co-founder of Rhode Island, a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, a Vice-President and many more US luminaries. Visitors can often tour Sherman's house on Heritage Open Days. Art lovers might recognise the area from artist John Constable's famous

visitcolchester.com/explore/surroundingareas/constable-country.aspx

heritageopendays.org.uk

Lifehouse Spa & Hotel, Thorpe-le-

Contemporary hotel and spa near the sea, with 89 bedrooms in English Heritage-listed Thorpe Hall Gardens.

lifehouse.co.uk

Among the 102 passengers who boarded the Mayflower in 1620 were Christopher Martin and family. Martin, the ship's governor and a signatory to the Mayflower Compact, served as church warden at St Mary Magdalene Church. Billerica Massachusetts, established in 1655, is now twinned with Billericay.

greatburstead-church.co.uk



The Pier, Harwich

Luxury boutique English seaside hotel, bar and restaurant.

milsomhotels.com/the-pier

Maison Talbooth, Dedham

Relaxing luxury country house with outdoor pool and views across Dedham Vale.

milsomhotels.com/maison-talbooth

Dedham Boathouse

Enjoy the English countryside just like the locals; hire a rowing boat, eat an ice cream or order something from the a la carte menu.

dedhamboathouse.com

Henry Adams, great-grandfather to John Adams (one of the Founding Fathers), emigrated from Braintree to America in 1632 aboard The Lyon. John Adams and his son John Quincy Adams became the second and sixth US presidents respectively. A replica of The Lyon ship can be seen at Braintree Museum.

visitessex.com/braintree.aspx

The Harwich Society

An organisation that preserves the town's rich heritage, and runs fascinating free guided tours.

harwich-society.co.uk

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Essex Records Office, Chelmsford

Tracing English ancestors can begin at home, through Essex Records Office's remote search option for US residents.

essexrecordoffice.co.uk

The Alma Inn, Harwich

Traditional English pub serving local food with a healthy helping of history; Christopher Jones's wife used to live here. Rooms available.

almaharwich.co.uk



DID YOU KNOW?

During the 1600s, Archbishop Laud was so unpopular that thousands of people from Essex migrated to America. Today, the place names of old Essex - Chelmsford, Colchester, **Epping** - are found throughout New England.





INCOLNSHIRE



GETTING HERE

Lincolnshire is approximately 120 miles north of London, in the East Midlands. From London, Lincoln is 2 hours by rail or 2 hours 50 mins by road For more destination information see: visitlincolnshire.com and visitlincoln.com



Lincolnshire, on the east coast of England, is home to the 'original' Boston. It was here at St Botolph's Church that Rev John Cotton inspired the mass migration of 1630s. Boston and nearby Gainsborough also played a key part in the early story of the Mayflower Pilgrims. Prior to the Mayflower voyage, John Smith, from Willoughby Lincolnshire, sailed to Jamestown where he met his future wife Pocahontas.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

This impressive Gothic cathedral has 140 stained-glass windows, including a section dedicated to Lincolnshire explorers, not least John Smith. Born in Lincolnshire, Smith was a soldier and early leader of the Jamestown colony. Smith was supposedly saved from execution by the Native Americans by a young Pocahontas. The library contains many books from the period, including Blaeu's Atlas of 1647, which includes a picture of Smith with Native American Chief Powhatan.

lincolncathedral.com

GAINSBOROUGH OLD HALL

One of the finest preserved timber buildings in England, this 15thcentury manor house has impressive 17th-century wall paintings. It was here that renegade preacher John Smyth would assemble his congregation and influence the Separatist movement.

gainsborougholdhall.com

John Smith's baptism happened here in Willoughby.

explorelincolnshire.co.uk/willoughby/ abbeys-churches-and-priories/sthelenas-church-35797.html

LINCOLN CASTLE

This turreted fortress was built over 900 years ago, by William the

A highlight of any visit is the stately vault containing an original 1215 copy of Magna Carta (alongside a widescreen cinema telling its story). A foundation stone of ancient civil liberty and justice, this document influenced several amendments to the US Constitution - and was itself stored in Fort Knox during World War II.

lincolncastle.com

Find out about Immingham's Mayflower connections - many of the pilgrims came from this corner of England - and visit the memorial in Pilgrim Park that honours the moment the pilgrims first left England in 1609; it is carved from Massachusetts granite.

imminghammuseum.org mayflower400uk.org/visit/immingham

Birthplace of preacher Anne Hutchinson. alford.info

BOSTON GUILDHALL

Now a museum with exhibits stretching back to the Middle Ages, the Boston Guildhall was where the Mayflower Pilgrims were held after their first attempt to flee to Holland. Stand in the very courtroom in which they were tried, then squeeze into the cramped cells as the door swings shut behind you.

bostonguildhall.co.uk

ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH (BOSTON STUMP)

Known as 'the 'Boston Stump' after its 272 foot tower, the church is more than 700 years old. Puritan John Cotton served as minister here, between 1612 to 1633, before sailing to Massachusetts. He was followed by 200-300 members of Boston's community, including a lord mayor, lawyer and schoolmaster. The Cotton Chapel was restored and renamed in 1857 using funds from the USA.

parish-of-boston.org.uk



White Hart Hotel, Lincoln

Exceptionally stylish hotel at the heart of historic Lincoln.

whitehart-lincoln.co.uk

DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel, Lincoln

Waterfront hotel, modern, stylish; suitable for groups and FITs.

doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united kingdom/doubletree-by-hilton-hotellincoln-HUYLNDI/index.html





OOD & DRINK

Brown's Pie Shop

Gourmet pies served in atmospheric cellars on Lincoln's beautiful, cobbled Steep Hill.

brownspieshop.co.uk

The Jews House

Fine dining in one of Lincoln's oldest buildings, dating back to around

Langton's Café at Lincoln Castle

Food and drink on the ground floor of Lincoln's former Georgian prison, overlooking the castle's grounds.

lincolncastle.com/content/cafe

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

International Bomber Command Centre Digital Archive

Free-to-use digital archive of documents and oral histories from across the world, covering aviation and military heritage.

internationalbcc.co.uk

Lincolnshire Family History Society

Online resources and research centre with stewards.

lincolnshirefhs.org.uk

jewshouserestaurant.co.uk



TOURS & TOUR GUIDES

Pilgrims & Prophets

Specialist and customised guided tours with Christian Heritage experts across Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk

Blue & Green Badge Tourist Guides

Blue and Green Badge walking and on-coach tours of Lincoln and Lincolnshire. Booking essential.

lincolnguidedtours.co.uk

Hidden Lincoln

Customised walking tours of historic Lincoln with local specialists.

hiddenlincoln.com

CAMBRIDGE



GETTING HERE

Cambridge is 60 miles north of London, in the East of England. From London, Cambridge is 50 mins by rail or 1 hour 30 mins by road.

For more destination information see: visitcambridge.org



Cambridge is one of England's best loved historic cities. Home of the world-famous University, the city has many connections to the US, its citizens and institutions. Global icons and religious scholars have lived and studied here, including Erasmus, Bucer and Sir Walter Mildmay, the Puritan founder of Emmanuel College, which itself has a surprising link to Harvard University.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Established in 1584 to educate protestant preachers, Emmanuel College Cambridge has many renowned alumni, but perhaps its most famous graduate is John Harvard, clergyman and co-founder of Harvard University.

Astonishingly, 30 of the Mayflower's 102 passengers were educated here, including Puritan minister Thomas Sheppard, one of the best known preachers of the 17th century; he helped establish Cambridge, Massachusetts.

emma.cam.ac.uk

PETERHOUSE

Founded in 1284, Cambridge University's oldest college also happens to have been the college of William Brewster, one of the Pilgrims on the Mayflower. Brewster first acquired his separatist ideas at Peterhouse. The college is open to small groups most afternoons (excluding the exam period of mid April to end of June).

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Cambridge Family History Society
Charity supporting family historians.
cfhs.org.uk

The Churchill Archives Centre

Access to millions of historic documents from the 20th century, in Churchill College.

Emmanuel College

chu.cam.ac.uk/archives

pet.cam.ac.uk

FOOD & DRINK

Parker's Tavern

Located in the University Arms hotel, Parker's Tavern has been serving Cambridge visitors since 1834.

parkerstavern.com

Midsummer House

Two Michelin stars decorate the fine food served in this stylish restaurant on Midsummer Common.

midsummerhouse.co.uk

Trinity Restaurant

Elegant restaurant in the heart of historic Cambridge.

trinitycambridge.co.uk

ACCOMMODATION

University Arms

The newly refurbished University Arms hotel has elegant art deco rooms and stunning city views from its city centre location.

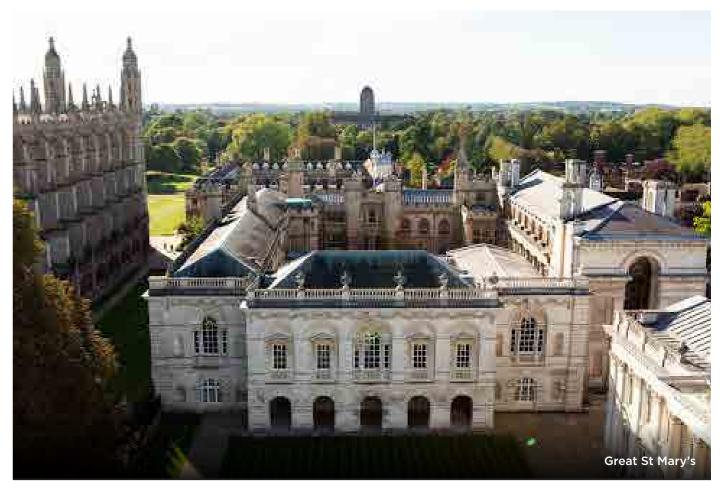
universityarms.com

The Varsity Hotel & Spa

Rooftop terrace and bar, spa and dining options in a convenient city-centre location close to colleges,

thevarsityhotel.co.uk





LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH

Little St Mary's is a pretty church on a side street by Peterhouse. Just inside the door is a monument to the Reverend Godfrey Washington - the great-uncle of first US president George - who preached and was buried here. Atop the monument is the Washington family coat of arms, which features an eagle as well as stars and stripes - later to be incorporated into the design of the US flag.

lsm.org.uk

OURS & TOUR GUIDES

Official Tours of Cambridge

Take a walking tour of the city with an official Cambridge Blue Badge guide. Enjoy exclusive access to the awe-inspiring chapel and grounds of King's College with the two-hour King's College & The Backs Tour. Gain a glimpse of student life with the 90-minute Highlights tour, featuring Pembroke College. All tours include the stories of famous Cambridge students such as Sir Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin and Stephen Hawking.

visitcambridge.org/official-tours

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MORCESTERSHIRE



GETTING HERE

Worcestershire is approximately 130 miles northwest of London, in the West Midlands.

From London, Worcester is 2 hours 20 mins by rail or 2 hours 20 mins by road; Droitwich Spa is 2 hours 20 mins by rail or 2 hours 10 mins by road.



For more destination information see: visitworcestershire.org

Home of the Battle of Worcester, the first and final battle in the English Civil War (1642-51), Worcestershire sparked the curiosity of Thomas Jefferson who visited Fort Royal Hill to see the site where English democracy was born. Following the Battle of Worcester, 272 Scottish Royalist soldiers were exiled to the Massachusetts Bay Colony; thousands of their descendants now live in the United States. Nearby Droitwich Spa is the birthplace of Mayflower Pilgrim Edward Winslow, who three times became governor of Plymouth Mass.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

A place of worship for 14 centuries, Worcester Cathedral offers sweeping views over the city and is the final resting place of St Wulfstan, King John and Prince Arthur. Composer Sir Edward Elgar conducted his works here; Mayflower Pilgrim Edward Wilmslow attended the King's School; and Scottish troops (who fought for King Charles I) were imprisoned here after the final battle in the English Civil War, before being deported to America.

worcestercathedral.co.uk

THE COMMANDERY & FORT ROYAL HILL

Housed in an historic building, this Worcester museum is dedicated to the English Civil War. In 1651, it formed King Charles I's headquarters for his troops gathered to fight the decisive Battle of Worcester. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson chose to visit the city and battlefield in 1786, and were inspired to learn how they shaped England's politics, and the concepts of liberty and democracy. Just two years later, they would use this experience to help draft the US Constitution.

museumsworcestershire.org.uk thebattleofworcestersociety.org.uk



Tasting England

Food tours and traditional English cooking classes.

tastingengland.co.uk



Discover History

Costumed and themed guided tours. Ideal for educational and group

discover-history.co.uk

Worcester Walks

Guided walking tours of the city

worcesterwalks.co.uk

Bank House Hotel Spa & Golf Club, Bransford

An oasis of relaxation and indulgence, beside the rolling Malvern hills.

bankhouseworcester.com

Diglis House Hotel, Worcester

Super location in Worcester city centre, beside the River Severn. FITs and small groups.

diglishousehotel.co.uk

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

The Hive, Worcester

This modern five-storey venue combines public and university libraries, and the Worcester Archive and Archaeological Service. Explore your ancestry through church, council, hospital and private family records - some dating to the 12th century. Staff will guide you through the extensive resources, narrow your search across print, microfilm and Internet, or conduct research on your behalf.

thehiveworcester.org



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



GETTING HERE

Nottinghamshire is approximately 120 miles north of London, in the East Midlands.

From London, Nottingham is 1 hour 40 mins by rail or 2 hours 20 mins by road; Newark is 1 hour 15 mins by rail or 2 hours 30 mins by road.



For more destination information see: visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk

As well as giving us legendary outlaw Robin Hood, rebellious spirits, a rich history and sporting glory, Nottinghamshire was also home to many of the Puritans who sailed on the Mayflower. The county was central to the movement that triggered the Great Migration period, carrying thousands from England to the distant shores of America.

PILGRIM ROOTS

Nottinghamshire has strong links to the Mayflower pilgrims. In the 16th century, pastor Richard Clyfton preached Separatist services at All Saints Church in Babworth; his congregation included Mayflower passengers William Bradford and William Brewster. In nearby Scrooby you'll find the wooden pews where Brewster and his family once worshiped. Follow the selfguided Mayflower Trail through these peaceful villages and uncover the many historic sites associated with the principal figures from the Mayflower Pilgrim's story.

visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk/ideas-andinspiration/mayflower-pilgrims/themayflower-trail

DID YOU **KNOW?**

Mayflower Pilgrims Williams Brewster, Bradford and Butten all came from this area.

NOTTINGHAM CASTLE

Built on top of and into the Castle Rock, Nottingham's ancient castle dominates the city skyline. Reopening in summer 2020 following a £29.4m transformation into a worldclass heritage attraction, the castle's galleries will cover the bloody rebellions of Nottingham's citizens during the Civil War, the city's creative heritage and the legend of Robin Hood. Costumed guides will lead visitors deep into the caves beneath the castle.

nottinghamcastle.org.uk

NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE. **NEWARK**

The centre, in a gleaming contemporary building, tells the stories of the English Civil War and the Wars of the Three Kingdoms in compelling and often interactive detail. Visitors gain the realisation that these conflicts were a hotbed of ideas that shaped the world we live in. The very ideas that were fought over were those that ended up playing a huge part in the creation of an American ideology and its understanding of what it means to be free.

nationalcivilwarcentre.com



Ye Olde Bell Hotel & Spa, Retford

Characterful hotel in the heart of North Nottinghamshire, ideally situated for groups and FITs visiting the Pilgrim region.

yeoldebell-hotel.co.uk

Lace Market Hotel, Nottingham

City-centre boutique hotel with 42 bedrooms.

lacemarkethotel.co.uk

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Nottinghamshire Family History Society

The Society offers membership for those who are eager to access experts who offer guidance on locating their family history and archived information.

nottsfhs.org

Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem, Nottingham

Built into the rock that Nottingham Castle stands on, England's oldest inn has been serving succour since 1189. Nowadays it has craft beer and hearty meals.

greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/ nottinghamshire/ye-olde-trip-to-jerusalem

The School of Artisan Food, Welbeck

Based in the heart of Sherwood Forest, the school is housed in the former fire stables, which date back to 1870, and offers tailored artisan courses from foraging to baking.

schoolofartisanfood.org

Torworth Grange

This popular cafe, restaurant and farm shop is in a beautiful setting next to lakes between Scrooby and Retford.

torworthgrange.co.uk

Pilgrims & Prophets

Specialist and customised guided tours with Christian heritage experts across Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk

Mayflower Maid

Take a costume-guided tour of the Pilgrim villages and churches with historian Sue Allan.

mavflowermaid.com

Brackenbury's Britain

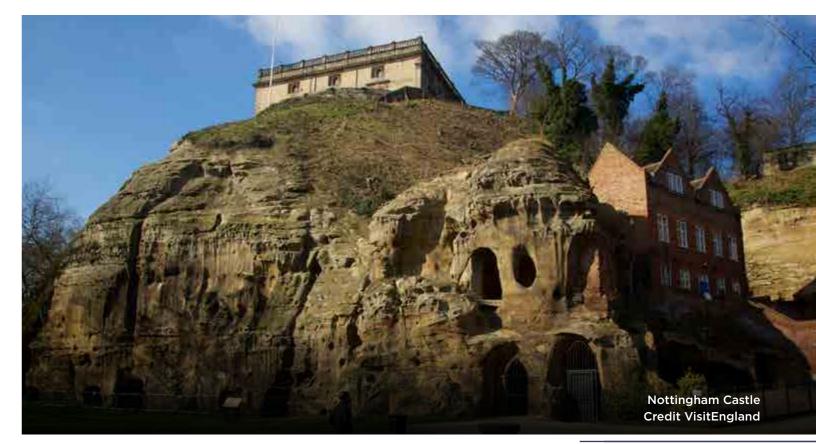
Cultural and countryside customised walking tours for FITs and groups.

brackenburysbritain.co.uk

Ezekial Bone

Scheduled and bespoke characterled themed tours of Nottingham, from Robin Hood to the city's lacemaking heritage.

ezekialbone.com





GETTING HERE

Bristol is 120 miles west of London, in southwest England. From London, Bristol is 1 hour 40 mins by rail or 2 hours by road.

For more destination information see: visitbristol.co.uk



The vibrant port city of Bristol is awash with stories of American migration. Over 500 years ago, John Cabot boarded the Matthew bound for Newfoundland; 21st-century visitors can take a tour in a modern replica. In 1619, Berkeley Company ship the Margaret left for the shores of America, landing at Jamestown and triggering the first Thanksgiving. These tales and more await you in Bristol.

THE MATTHEW

The Matthew is a modern reconstruction of the ship that carried John Cabot and his crew across the ocean to Newfoundland in 1497. Climb aboard for free and learn the secrets of Cabot's epic voyage. Scheduled and charter tours are available.

matthew.co.uk

CABOT TOWER

The original tower built to commemorate John Cabot's discovery of North America (a second exists in St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador), this impressive structure offers breathtaking panoramic views of Bristol and its harbour.

bristol.gov.uk/museums-parks-sportsculture/brandon-hill

LORD MAYOR'S CHAPEL, COLLEGE GREEN

This unique chapel is the only remaining building from the 13th-century hospital of Saint Mark. It's also home to a special coat of arms: those of Richard Amerike, sponsor of John Cabot's voyage to North America.

lordmayorschapel.org

BRUNEL'S SS GREAT BRITAIN

Take a thrilling trip into the 19th century with the magnificently restored SS Great Britain, which currently resides within Bristol Harbour.

The masterpiece of famous British engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, this extraordinary ship was the first iron steamer in the world. Climb aboard and experience a true taste of Victorian life: see how passengers in steerage would have slept; how those in first class would have dined; and, if you're feeling brave, climb the rigging. Ahoy!

ssgreatbritain.org

ST MARY REDCLIFFE

The American Chapel in this beautiful parish church is the final resting place of Sir William Penn, father of Pennsylvania's founder. Also here is the whale bone brought back to Bristol by John Cabot, a model of The Matthew, a stained-glass window commemorating Cabot's journey, and a bronze monument to the daughter of Richard Ameryck - whom (legend has it) inspired Cabot to name the new land across the Atlantic.

stmaryredcliffe.co.uk/index.html

BERKELEY CASTLE

Built in the 11th century, this stunning red-stone castle has been home to the aristocratic Berkeley family for nearly 900 years. Berkeley Castle has a captivating history, which visitors are encouraged to experience through a complimentary guided tour. The Berkeley family has always had strong ties with the US: in fact, the first ever Thanksgiving was held in Virginia in 1619 to give thanks for the safe arrival of the Margaret – the Berkeley Company ship. Tours of the castle with Charles Berkeley can be pre-booked.

berkeley-castle.com



ACCOMMODATION

Thornbury Castle

Sleep like a king. Once owned by Henry VIII, this magnificent Tudor castle is now a luxury hotel.

thornburycastle.co.uk

Doubletree by Hilton Bristol

There are three DoubleTree hotels in and around Bristol including one in the city centre.

doubletree3.hilton.com/Hotel/Bristol

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Bristol Archives

Archives of the city of Bristol, surrounding areas, as well as the British Empire & Commonwealth Collection.

bristolmuseums.org.uk/bristol-archives

Brunel Institute at Brunel's SS Great Britain

Access objects and expert help from one of the world's finest maritime collections.

ssgreatbritain.org/brunel-institute



St Mary Redcliffe

FOOD & DRINK

Cargo

Independent food outlets and retailers trading from converted shipping containers.

wappingwharf.co.uk/cargo

No.1 Harbourside

Bar/restaurant serving locally sourced food, with an emphasis on sustainability.

no1harbourside.co.uk

Cream Tea Cruise

Maritime heritage-themed boat tours through the Floating Harbour and River Avon, with a fresh cream tea.

bristolpacket.co.uk

TOURS & TOUR GUIDES

Treasure Island Trail

Costumed and themed guided tours. Ideal for educational and group experiences.

longjohnsilvertrust.co.uk

Clifton Suspension Bridge Tours

One of the world's great bridges spanning the picturesque Avon Gorge, known as Brunel's 'first love'.

cliftonbridge.org.uk

Blackbeard to Banksy

This walking tour covers 1,000 years of Bristol's history, from pirate haunts to street art.

blackbeard2banksy.com

*GLOUCESTER



GETTING HERE

Gloucester is 100 miles west of London, in southwest England. From London, Gloucester is 1 hours 55 mins by rail or 2 hours 20 mins by road.

For more destination information see: thecityofgloucester.co.uk



Few counties enjoy such a wealth of connections with New England and modern day United States as the one surrounding the historic inland port city of Gloucester. More than 9.5 million US citizens trace their roots to Gloucestershire. Famous natives include Button Gwinnett, whose signature appears on the US Declaration of Independence, Methodist leader Rev George Whitefield, and John Stanford Smith, who composed the music now used for The Star-Spangled Banner. Gloucester, Massachusetts was named in recognition of the English city's famously defiant nature.

CHURCH OF ST MARY DE CRYPT

Rev George Whitefield was baptised and preached in this medieval church, and he was educated in the adjoining Old Crypt School; you can still see the pulpit he used, and the well-preserved Tudor schoolroom. In 1740, he travelled to North America, where his revivals came to be known as the Great Awakening. Probably the most famous religious figure of the 18th century, newspapers called him the 'marvel of the age'. Whitefield commanded thousands of people across two continents with the power of his oratory - an ability he first practiced right here. Button Gwinnet was also schooled at St Mary de Crypt.

discoverdecrypt.org.uk

HIGHGROVE ROYAL GARDENS

The private gardens of their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall are opened to tours by the public on selected dates. Expert guides will show you around the grounds where Prince Harry spent much of his childhood. Advance booking is essential.

highgrovegardens.com

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

One of the most beautiful buildings in England, Gloucester Cathedral has been an important centre of Christian worship since 678-9 AD. It has witnessed some of the most important events in British history, from the commissioning of the Domesday Book to the coronation of Henry III. Near Edward II's tomb, look for the British and American flags: a plague here memorialises local man John Stafford Smith (1750-1836), who was born just behind the cathedral and baptised in it. He wrote The Anacreontic Song, which was adopted as the tune of The Star-Spangled Banner. Button Gwinnett, a British-born American patriot who became the second person to sign the United States Declaration of Independence and was also, briefly, the provisional president of Georgia before dying in the Revolutionary War, was a chorister here, too.

gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Gloucester Cathedral

DID YOU KNOW?

Gwinnett's autograph is highly prized by collectors keen to own all 56 names on the US Declaration of Independence. Gwinnett died during the war and only 51 examples of his signature are known are known to exist, of which 10 are in private hands.

ACCOMMODATION

Hatton Court Hotel

Independent boutique hotel bordering the Cotswold Way, 4 miles from Gloucester.

hatton-court.co.uk

Hatherley Manor Hotel & Spa

Four-star hotel in a 17th-century manor house with a long history, just outside Gloucester.

hatherleymanor.com

TOURS & TOUR GUIDES

Civic Trust Guided Tours

Specialist walking tours of Gloucester with expert guides. Prebooking required.

gloucestercivictrust.org

Cotswold Connections

Personalised tours of the Cotswolds' villages and gardens.

cotswold-connections.co.uk

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Hidden Heritage

Gloucestershire's genealogy service (based at Gloucestershire Archives) is run by Liz Jack, a direct descendent of Button Gwinnett.

hidden-heritage.co.uk

Gloucestershire Archives

Provides various records for researching family history, in addition to a guide covering records for the Royal Navy and Royal Air

gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives

BEATRIX POTTER MUSEUI

The House of the Tailor of Gloucester is a museum and gift shop dedicated to children's author Beatrix Potter. It's in the very house that Potter chose to set her story of The Tailor of Gloucester in.

tailor-of-gloucester.org.uk

GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE STEAM RAILWAY

Steam and heritage diesel trains puff through the glorious Cotswolds countryside on a 28-mile round trip. There are memorabilia displays and cafes at the characterful stations along the way. Driver experiences available.

gwsr.com

OOD & DRINK

Queen's Head, Longford

Fine food in an atmospheric bar and restaurant near Hatherley Manor.

queensheadlongford.co.uk

The Fountain Inn

Historic, traditional English pub in the heart of the city centre.

thefountaininngloucester.com

Greek On The Docks

Exceptional Greek cuisine and relaxing dockside atmosphere.

Cloister Gardens, Gloucester Cathedral

greekonthedocks.co.uk



TRAVEL INFORMATION

Getting here and getting around.

The product in this document can be built as a touring itinerary, or it can be used as modular content and incorporated into existing England tours.

Many of the destinations and things to do can be accessed in a day from London but we recommend you linger for longer in these regions outside of London and uncover the real England.

By Air

England is well connected to the US, with frequent daily flights from 35 US airports. Key gateways include London Heathrow, London Gatwick and Manchester.

Regional gateways provide easy access to some of the destinations outside of London, and many provide connecting routes to the US.

By Rail

Travelling by rail is a scenic and relaxing way to enjoy England. Most main cities and towns have well serviced railway stations and all will connect to London. For some of the more rural destinations, a taxi or a driver guide would be necessary for FITs. Train travel tends to be cheaper when booked in advance.

The BritRail pass provides ultimate flexibility and value for money for traveling in Britain. The passes must be purchased before visitors leave the US.

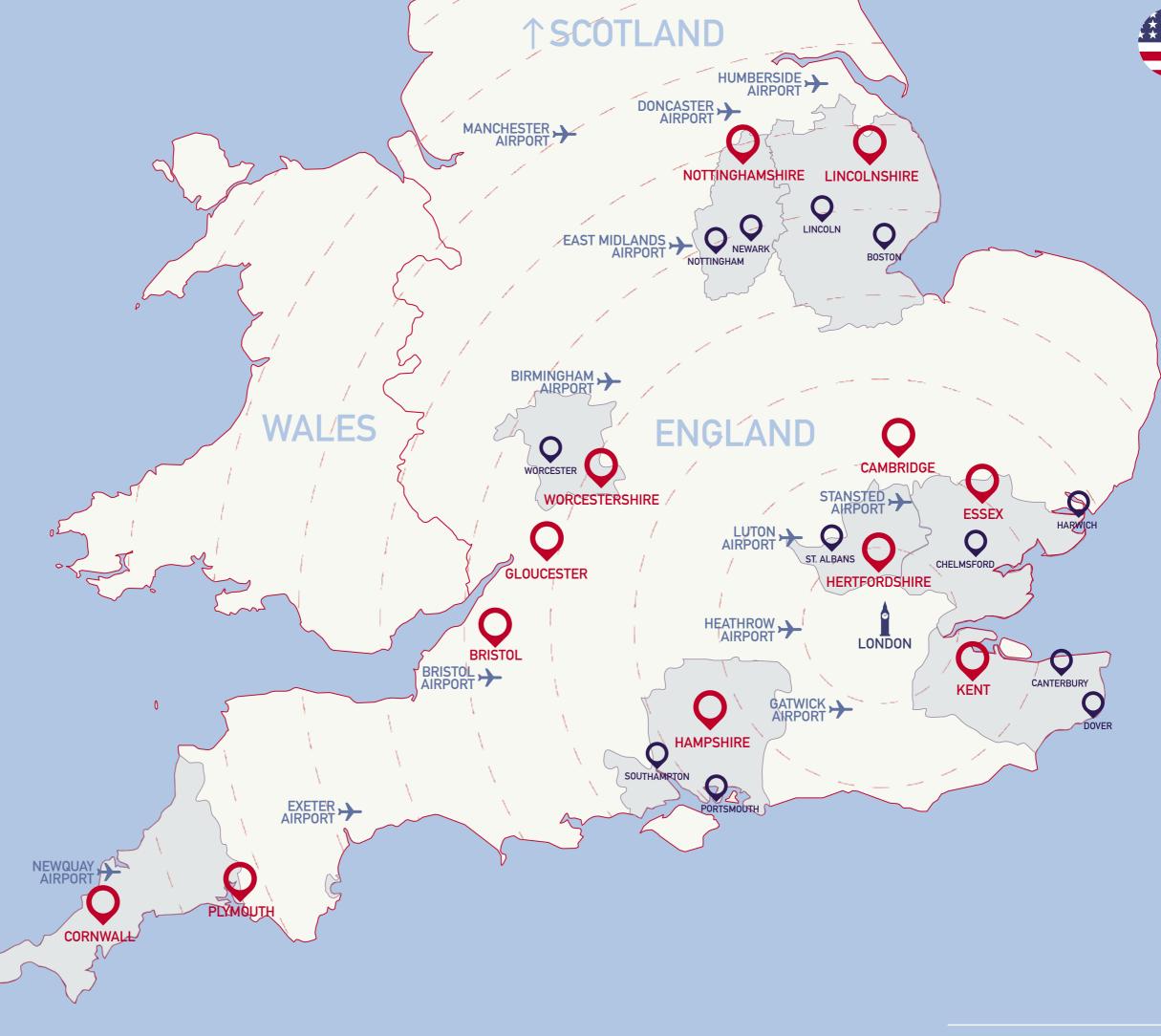
britrail.com

Great Western Railway operate the train network from London across the South West of England and Wales and the overnight sleeper service between London and Penzance. For routes and ticket information and sales:

gwr.com

By Car

For self-drive visitors, cars in England are right-hand drive and cars drive on the left-hand side of the road. Hire cars tend to be manual (stick shift) so be sure to request an automatic on booking.







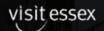












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