

US CONNECTIONS TRADE DIRECTORY

This comprehensive directory of regional English product will aid and inform the planning of new tours for US clients. Showcasing the cultural and historical connections between our two nations, US Connections brings together places to visit, tour guides and special experiences - making it easy for you to mix and match products and places to create fully customised tours.

NEW THEMED ITINERARY AND TOURING IDEAS FOR US CLIENTS

PRODUCT AND SUPPLIER LISTINGS WITH CONTACTS

CONTRACTABLE EXPERIENCES AND TOURS

HIGHLIGHTING 13 ENGLISH REGIONAL DESTINATIONS

F.I.T. AND GROUP PRODUCT

UNITED ALLIES

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

INTRODUCTION TO THE TRADE DIRECTORY

Top Tips

- Contact suppliers listed in this guide directly to contract with them.
- The destination organisation in each area is on hand to provide you with free advice, support and local expertise.
- US Connections has trade partners who can provide ground handling services for you if required.

Useful Resources

US Connections themed itineraries and travel trade guides

- United Allies
- Old Stories of the New World
- The Origins of Faith
- Ancestral Tours

To support your own marketing of the US Connections themes, a free online image and film gallery is available for you to use:

[englandimages.isebox.net/
itineraries/itineraries-trade-
directory-films](http://englandimages.isebox.net/itineraries/itineraries-trade-directory-films)

This supplier directory has been produced for tour operators, DMCs and travel trade to use when developing new tours of England. The featured suppliers, content and destinations all have historical and cultural connections to the United States.

From pioneering transatlantic journeys to the efforts of the 450,000 US servicemen who supported the Allied forces during World War II, the ongoing movement of people between our shores has helped forge a special relationship over centuries of connections.

With 59 million Americans claiming English ancestry, the US Connections themed content is sure to appeal to those with English roots.

England is already crammed with world-class heritage and attractions, ancient buildings and beautiful countryside but it takes on a deeper level of meaning when there's a more personal connection to explore, too.

US Connections brings to life that special relationship through contractable visitor experiences, expert tourist guides and specialist ancestral services, ensuring a memorable visit to England.

US Connections showcases modular content that you can use in your own tours. This directory includes content that can be built into fully themed tours - perfect for special interest groups. Or you can 'pick and mix' from the modular content here to add to and enhance your existing England itineraries.

US Connections does not own, price or sell any of the product listed.



King's College Chapel, Cambridge



Canterbury Historic River Tours

US CONNECT TOUR THEMES

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UNITED ALLIES

The United Allies theme showcases the stories, people and places in England that were pivotal to the United Kingdom's and the United State's special relationship during World War II. The 75th anniversary of Operation Overlord and the D-Day invasion is a chance to commemorate the groundbreaking efforts made by the Allies, in the same airfields, operational headquarters, beaches, ports and pubs used by hundreds of thousands of US servicemen as they helped launch the largest naval, air and land operation the world has ever seen.

3

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

Discover the stories of the people who migrated between England and the United States of America in search of new beginnings. The attractions and experiences highlighted in the migration theme are linked to some of the most historic journeys ever undertaken, including the Mayflower's voyage of 1620 and the earlier explorers who landed in Jamestown, the migration of Cornish tin miners and the ill-fated tragedy of the Titanic. The itinerary also looks ahead to the 2030 anniversary of the migration from Boston, England to the US, inspired by Rev John Cotton.

Building on the personal connections are countless tales and histories that everyone can relate to. Like millions of travellers and migrants, England's stories have travelled easily across the Atlantic and US visitors will find that many places are already familiar. The mines featured in Poldark still line Cornwall's rugged coast, the streets walked by Jane Austen still thrive in Winchester, where you can visit the author's grave, and there are countless stately homes with royal connections spanning the centuries from Elizabeth I to Prince Charles.

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THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

The faith and religion theme highlights many of the most influential places, faces and stories connected to the shared histories and faith that bind us across continents and generations. Explore the path taken by the Mayflower Pilgrims before they set sail. Learn more about the Wesleys and the roots of Methodism. Visit Canterbury and the home of the Anglican Faith. Have a truly memorable moment listening to an organ recital of the Star-spangled Banner in Gloucester Cathedral, home to John Stafford Smith, the tune's composer.

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ANCESTRAL TOURISM

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 and watch the same seas as those intrepid forebears. The services, people and places included in the ancestry theme help US visitors connect with their own kin, whether they want to trace ancestors to the Mayflower's last ports of call, the airfields used by USAAF pilots during World War II, or the open-air venues used by Methodism's earliest preachers, who inspired mass migration to America.

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DESTINATIONS

WORCESTERSHIRE

Mayflower Pilgrim Edward Winslow hails from this undulating West Midlands county with a heritage of independence and religious influence. Hundreds of exiles made new lives for themselves in the New World after the English Civil War here, and a key Worcestershire battlefield played an intriguing role in shaping the US constitution.

GLOUCESTER

An inland port in the rolling Cotswold hills of southwest England, the cathedral city of Gloucester has links to The Star-Spangled Banner, Methodism, the Sunday School movement and millions of US citizens.

BRISTOL

Known as 'The Cradle of Methodism', the vibrant city of Bristol, on the River Avon in southwest England, is awash with stories that connect it to the United States, from Thanksgiving to its role as the US Army's HQ in Britain during World War II.

PLYMOUTH

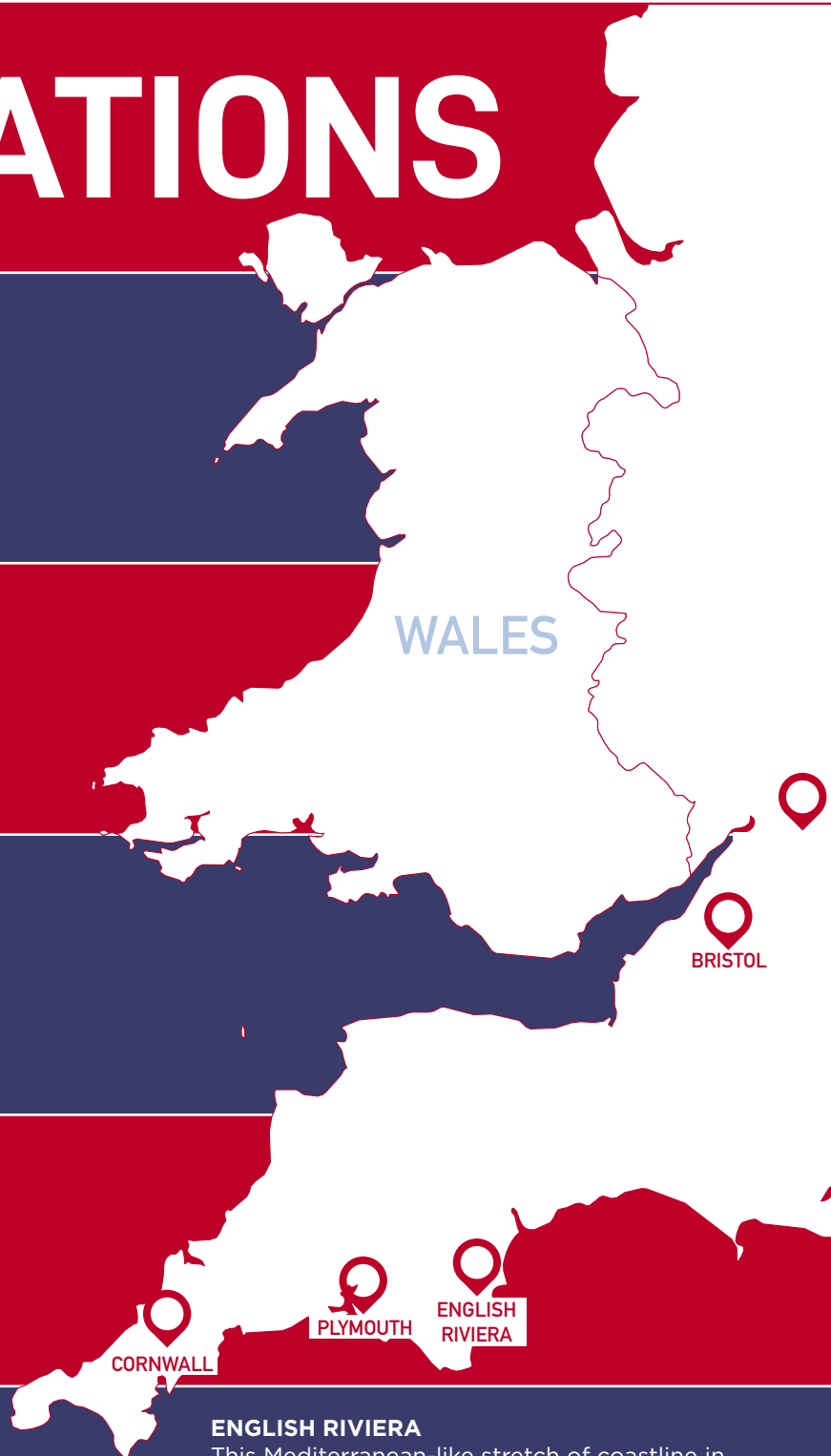
On England's south coast, Britain's Ocean City is steeped in seafaring history. Mayflower pilgrims, World War II GIs and those who journeyed aboard the great ocean liners have sailed through the Sound, Plymouth's beautiful natural harbour, as they departed for or arrived from the New World.

CORNWALL

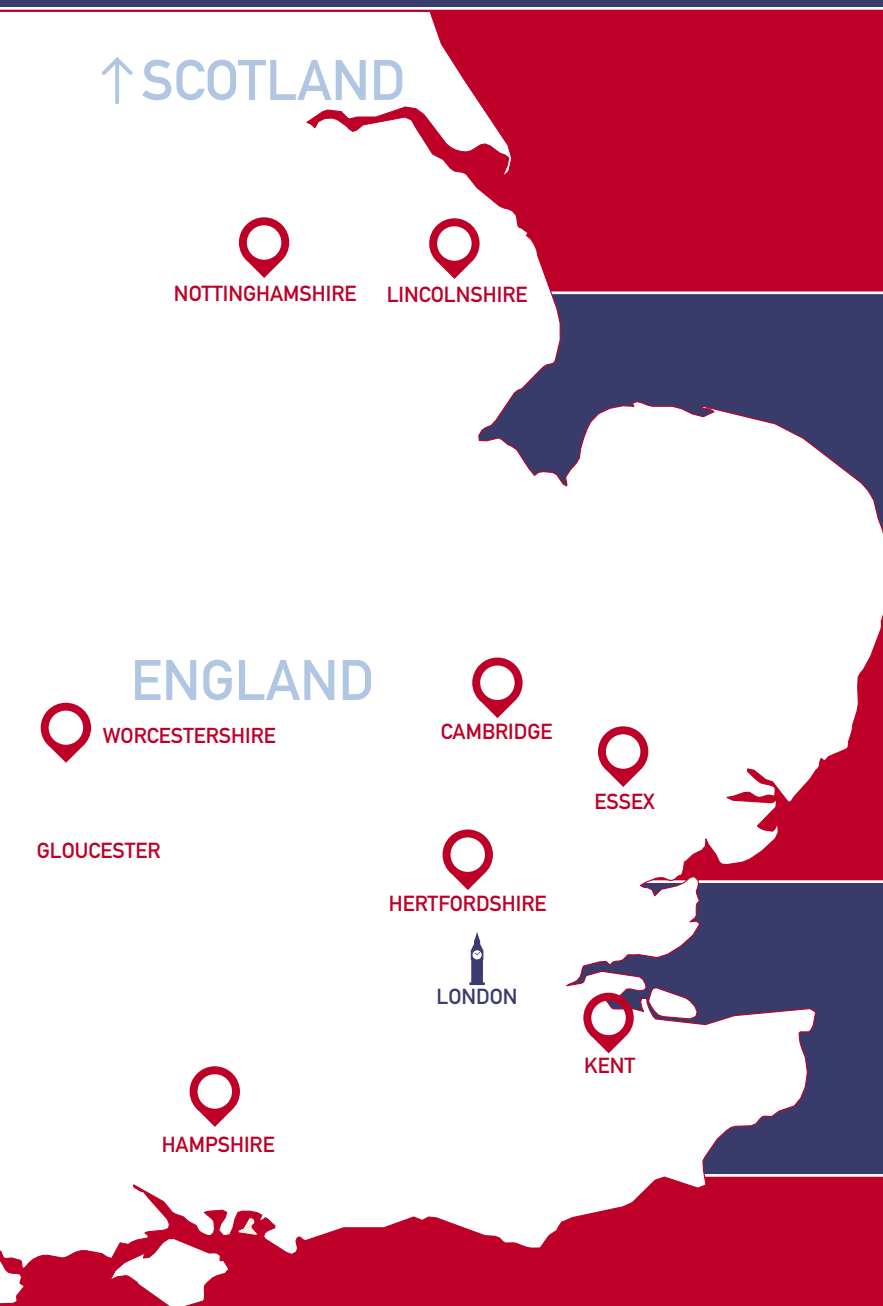
Surrounded on three sides by breathtaking Atlantic coastline, wild and rugged Cornwall is dotted with historic tin mines and fortifications ancient and new. Many Cornish mining families migrated to the US in the 19th century.

ENGLISH RIVIERA

This Mediterranean-like stretch of coastline in southwest England is blessed with palm trees, pretty villages, seaside towns, fishing ports - it is England's Seafood Coast, after all - and soaring cliffs that drop down into beautiful coves.



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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

As well as legendary outlaw Robin Hood, Nottinghamshire's legacy rings with rebels, heroes and leaders, many with strong links to the US. Gaze into the canopy of Sherwood Forest and explore the historic caves beneath the dynamic city of Nottingham as the stories of Mayflower pilgrims, religious pioneers and World War II pilots reveal themselves.

LINCOLNSHIRE

Gothic Lincoln Cathedral towers above low-lying Lincolnshire, in eastern England. Its ancient spire, which was used as a beacon by pilots on return flights home during World War II, would still be recognisable to the Mayflower pilgrims and early US settlers who departed the county centuries ago.

CAMBRIDGE

The iconic university city of Cambridge, near the low-lying fenlands of eastern England, has spawned religious leaders, a surprising link to Harvard University, and a moving legacy from the thousands of US airmen stationed here during World War II.

ESSEX

This coastal county on London's northeastern edge has much in common with North America. It was a fertile recruiting ground for 17th-century transatlantic expeditions, including the Mayflower and perilous journeys to Jamestown, and many more Essex locals left during the Great Migration.

HERTFORDSHIRE

Close to northwest London yet rural in appearance, Hertfordshire's sweeping valleys and forested hills retain the bucolic charm that encouraged some of London's wealthiest to build stately homes here in centuries past. The county played a vital role in World War II, and was the site of the first English Christian martyrdom.

KENT

Edged by London and the iconic White Cliffs of Dover in southeast England, beautiful Kent is rich in military and religious heritage. Known as the Garden of England, the county's rolling countryside, varied coastline and historic settlements have witnessed more than their fair share of remarkable tales over the centuries.

HAMPSHIRE

On the south coast of England, the county of Hampshire is a tranquil blend of countryside and coastline. Over the centuries, countless migrants have set sail from its historic ports, followed by thousands of US servicemen on D-Day during World War II.

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BRISTOL

FOR MORE DESTINATION INFORMATION, EXPERT LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, TRAVEL INFORMATION, SUPPORT WITH DEVELOPING ITINERARIES, ACCESS TO IMAGES AND MUCH MORE, CONTACT THE BRISTOL EXPERTS AT: [VISITBRISTOL.CO.UK](https://www.visitbristol.co.uk)



Known as 'The Cradle of Methodism', the vibrant city of Bristol, on the River Avon in southwest England, is awash with stories that connect it to the United States, from Thanksgiving to its role as the US Army's HQ in Britain during World War II. Its historic harbour was the departure point of John Cabot's 15th-century voyage on the Matthew.

Berkeley Castle

The following highlights are visitor attractions and things to do that are available as bookable products for FITs and (usually) groups in Bristol. Full details and contact information for each business can be found in the Bristol directory.

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Bristol's historic ties with the US reached a peak during World War II when the city was the site of the US Army's British HQ. In fact, rubble from Bristol's bombed buildings even forms part of NYC...

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

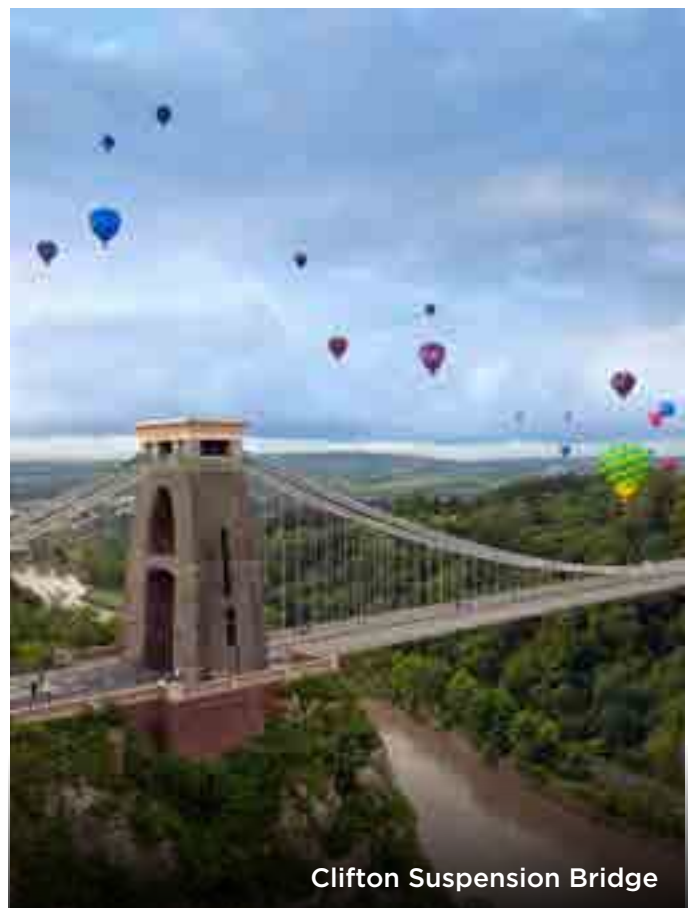
When the Margaret left Bristol for the shores of America, landing at Jamestown and triggering the first Thanksgiving, she helped established a route that thousands of migrants would follow over the coming centuries.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Bristol and faith are deeply intertwined. Charles Wesley lived here, John Wesley gave his first open-air sermon here, and visitors can still stand in the pulpit of the world's first Methodist chapel here.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

From the Matthew to the Margaret to US supply ships and servicemen during World War II, there are endless ancestral stories linking the United States with Bristol, plus deep spiritual roots to explore.



Clifton Suspension Bridge

BRISTOL

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

These are the must-see United Allies-themed attractions in Bristol.

Aerospace Bristol

Aerospace Bristol explores the pivotal role that Bristol has played in the story of flight. Guided group tours available; large groups can even dine under the last Concorde to ever take flight.

aerospacebristol.org

M-Shed Museum

From ancient city to a centre of contemporary innovation, M-Shed tells the story of Bristol in fascinating detail. Groups of 10+ should be pre-booked.

bristolmuseums.org.uk/m-shed



Aerospace Museum

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

These are the must-see faith and religion-themed attractions in Bristol.

The New Room

The world's oldest Methodist chapel is a charming, simple building that remains much as it was when Methodist founders John and Charles Wesley were here. Guided tours for groups of 10+ available.

newroombristol.org.uk

St Mary Redcliffe Church

The American Chapel in this beautiful church is the final resting place of the father of Pennsylvania's founder. It's also home to a stained-glass window commemorating the Matthew's journey. Groups welcome; guided tours available.

stmaryredcliffe.co.uk

Bristol Cathedral

The unique architecture of the eastern end of Bristol's beautiful and ancient cathedral helps positions it as one of the world's finest 'hall churches'. Groups welcome; guided tours available.

bristol-cathedral.co.uk

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

These are the must-see migration-themed attractions in Bristol.

Brunel's SS Great Britain

Take a thrilling trip into the 19th century onboard the magnificently restored SS Great Britain, the world's first iron steamer. Guided tours available; groups welcome; FITs can book online.

ssgreatbritain.org

The Matthew

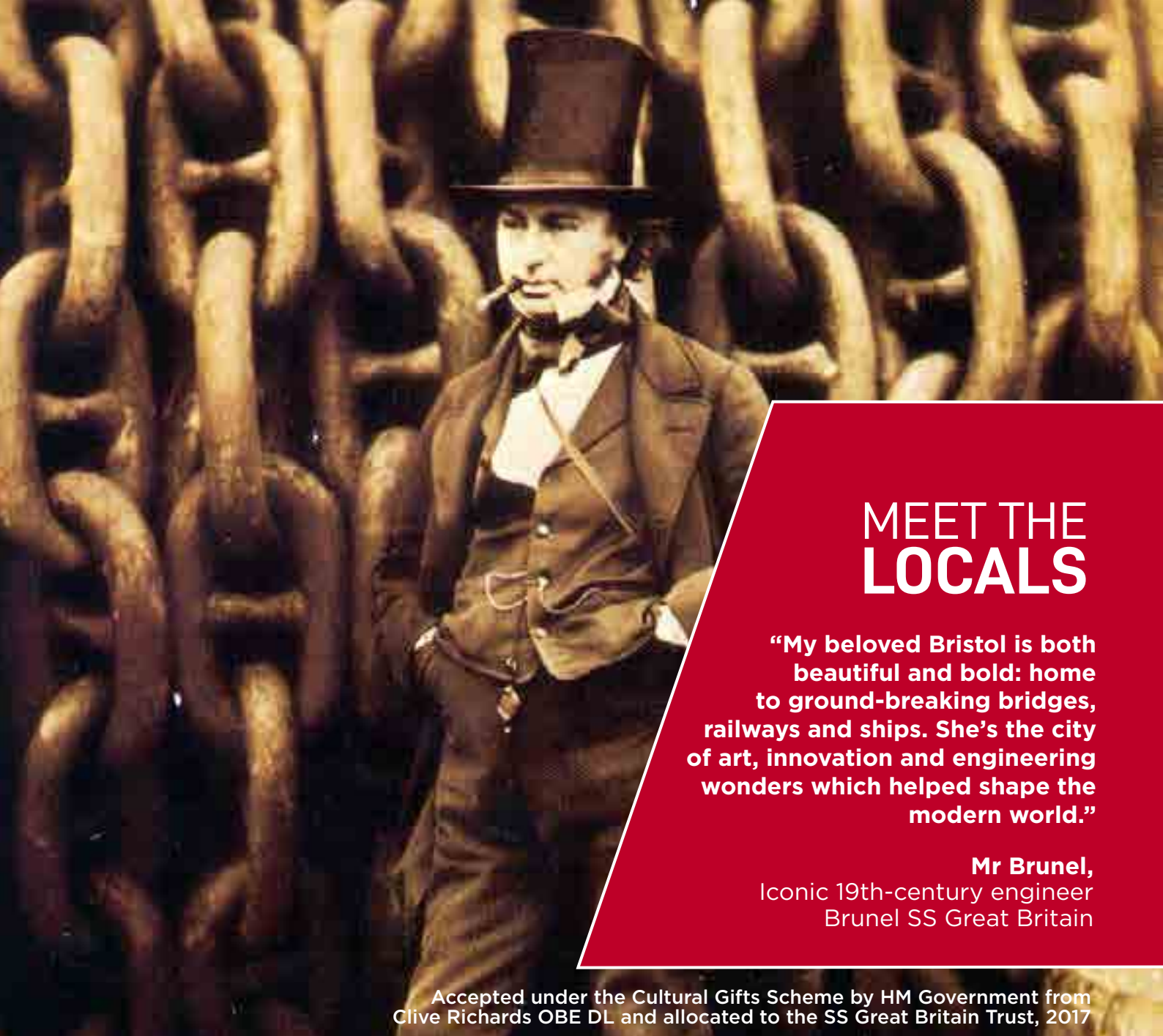
It's free to climb aboard this modern reconstruction of the ship that carried John Cabot and his crew across the ocean to Newfoundland in 1497. Scheduled and charter tours are available.

matthew.co.uk

Berkeley Castle

Tours of this 11th-century castle can be combined with Spetchley Park Gardens or Bristol Cathedral. Group guided tours available; private tours with Charles Berkeley (heir to the castle) available on application. Subject to availability.

berkeley-castle.com



MEET THE LOCALS

“My beloved Bristol is both beautiful and bold: home to ground-breaking bridges, railways and ships. She’s the city of art, innovation and engineering wonders which helped shape the modern world.”

Mr Brunel,
Iconic 19th-century engineer
Brunel SS Great Britain

Accepted under the Cultural Gifts Scheme by HM Government from Clive Richards OBE DL and allocated to the SS Great Britain Trust, 2017

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

These are the key ancestral services in Bristol.

Bristol Archives

Archives of the city of Bristol, surrounding areas, as well as the British Empire and Commonwealth Collection. Free to enter for FITs. Pre-booked group visits, tours, workshops and talks are available.

bristolmuseums.org.uk/bristol-archives

Wesley Heritage Tours

Take an immersive tour of the New Room and John Wesley’s Chapel.

newroombristol.org.uk

Brunel Institute at Brunel’s SS Great Britain

Anyone can access objects and specialist help from one of the world’s finest maritime collections, which includes books and periodicals, logs and personal diaries of crew members and passengers.

ssgreatbritain.org/brunel-institute

South West Guild Blue Badge Guides

Whatever your needs from guided walking tours, coach tours and guided visits to museums or historic houses, to more in-depth help with tour planning, there’s a Bristol-based Blue Badge Guide to help.

southwestguildoftouristguides.com/bristol



BRISTOL: TRADE DIRECTORY

These directory listings for Bristol highlight bookable product in the region, relevant to the US Connections themes and showcase things to do of interest for visitors. Information is correct at time of going to print. Please check before you travel.

Attractions

Business	Open All Year	Trade Rates	Free Entry	Online Booking	Coach Access	Cafe	Guided Tours	Miles from Bristol Temple Meads Station	
American Museum and Gardens americanmuseum.org		•			•	•	•	20	
Aerospace Bristol aerospacebristol.org	•	•		•	•	•	•	2	
Berkeley Castle berkeley-castle.com	•	•		•	•	•	•	20	
Bristol Cathedral bristol-cathedral.co.uk	•		•		•	•	•	1	
Bristol Hippodrome atgtickets.com/venues/bristol-hippodrome				•	•	•	•	1	
Bristol Museum & Art Gallery bristolmuseums.org.uk	•		•		•	•	•	1.3	
Brunel's SS Great Britain ssgreatbritain.org	•	•		•	•	•	•	1.5	
Cabot Tower bristol.gov.uk	•		•					1.5	
Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust cliftonbridge.org.uk	•	•			•	•	•	2.5	
Hanham Mount methodistheritage.org.uk/hanhammount.htm	•		•		•			4	
Lord Mayor's Chapel on College Green lordmayorschapel.org	•		•					1	
M Shed bristolmuseums.org.uk/m-shed	•		•			•		1	
St Mary Redcliffe Church stmaryredcliffe.co.uk	•		•			•	•	0.5	
The Matthew of Bristol matthew.co.uk/whats-on		•	•	•	•	•	•	1	
The New Room, John Wesley's Chapel newroombristol.org.uk	•					•	•	1	
University of Bristol Botanic Garden bristol.ac.uk/botanic-garden	•		•		•	•	•	3	



Description	Contact (+44)
This is the only museum of decorative and American folk art outside the United States.	(0) 1225 820866 reception@americanmuseum.org
Aerospace Bristol explores the pivotal - and remarkable - role that Bristol has played in the story of flight.	(0) 1179 315315 adam.jones@aerospacebristol.org
Built in the 11th century, this stunning red-stone castle has been home to the aristocratic Berkeley family for nearly 900 years.	(0) 1453 810303 jackie.pennington@berkeley-castle.com
The unique architecture of the eastern end of Bristol's beautiful and ancient cathedral helps position it as one of the world's finest 'hall churches'. Groups welcome.	(0) 117 926 4879 sarah.morris@bristol-cathedral.co.uk
Bristol's West End theatre - offers group organisers an efficient, flexible and friendly service to ensure you get the most out of this wonderful venue.	(0) 333 009 5385
Bristol Museum & Art Gallery tells the story of our world, from the beginning of time to the present day.	(0) 117 922 3571 museumbookings@bristol.gov.uk
Take a thrilling trip into the 19th century with the magnificently restored SS Great Britain, which currently resides within Bristol Harbour. The original tower built to commemorate John Cabot's discovery of North America.	(0) 117 926 0680 ext 315 bryonyj@ssgreatbritain.org
One of the world's great bridges spanning the picturesque Avon Gorge, known as Brunel's 'first love'.	(0) 117 974 4664 getinvolved@cliftonbridge.org.uk
This landscaped site commemorates the persecution of the Baptist community in the 1600s and marks the spot where Methodist leader George Whitefield began his openair preaching in the 1730s.	(0) 117 967 2634 john.goddard@southglos.gov.uk
This unique chapel is the only remaining building from the 13th-century Hospital of Saint Mark.	lordmayorschapel@bristol.gov.uk
From ancient city to a centre of contemporary innovation, M Shed tells the story of Bristol in fascinating detail.	(0) 117 922 3571 museumbookings@bristol.gov.uk
Nestled within the beautiful gothic church of St Mary Redcliffe, the American Chapel is the final resting place of Sir William Penn, father to Pennsylvania's founder. The Matthew is a modern reconstruction of the ship that carried John Cabot and his crew across the ocean to Newfoundland in 1497.	(0) 117 231 0073 peter.rignall@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk (0) 117 927 6868 info@matthew.co.uk
The world's oldest Methodist chapel is a simple building, standing quietly on Bristol's busiest shopping street not far from Charles Wesley's old house.	(0) 117 926 4740 director@newroombristol.org.uk
Stunning horticulture and history unite at the University of Bristol Botanic Garden.	(0) 117 428 2041 botanic-gardens@bristol.ac.uk



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Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact
Bristol Harbour Hotel harbourhotels.co.uk	4	42	(0) 117 203 4445
Brooks Guesthouse brooksguesthousebristol.com	4	27	(0) 117 930 0066 info@brooksguesthousebristol.com
Clevedon Hall clevedonhall.co.uk	5	25	(0) 1275 795 895 john.mccarthy@clevedonhall.co.uk
De Vere Tortworth Court devere.co.uk	4	201	(0) 1454 263000 robin.craigne@devere.com
Doubletree by Hilton Bristol City Centre doubletree3.hilton.com	4	206	(0) 117 9260041 brsrw-salesadm@hilton.com
Hotel du Vin Bristol City Centre hotelduvin.com/locations/bristol-city-centre	4	40	(0) 121 456 8610
Novotel Bristol Centre accorhotels.com	4	131	(0) 117 976 9988
The Avon Gorge Hotel by Hotel du Vin hotelduvin.com/locations/bristol-avon-gorge	3	78	(0) 117 403 0210
The Bristol doylecollection.com	4	187	(0) 117 923 0333 bristol@doylecollection.com

Tours & Tour Guides	Contact
Bailey Balloons baileyballoons.co.uk	(0) 1275 375300 info@baileyballoons.co.uk
Blackbeard to Banksy the Ultimate Bristol walking tour blackbeard2banksy.com	(0) 7909 221684 duncan@duncanmckellar.com
Bristol Balloons bristolballoons.co.uk	(0) 117 947 1030
Bristol Hoppers Beer Tour bristolhoppers.co.uk	bristolhoppers@outlook.com
Bristol Insight Tours bristolinsight.co.uk	(0) 7422 963454
Bristol Packet Boat Trips bristolpacket.co.uk	(0) 117 926 8157
Cycle the City cyclethecity.org	(0) 7873 387167 info@cyclethecity.org
Eat Walk Talk Bristol eatwalktalkbristol.com	(0) 7860 770436 brian@eatwalktalkbristol.com
Ghost Tours Haunted Hidden Bristol hauntedandhiddenbristol.co.uk	(0) 7766 258407 fabulous208@hotmail.com
Number Seven Boat Trips numbersevenboattrips.com	(0) 117 929 3659 enquiries@numbersevenboattrips.com
Pirate Walks piratewalks.co.uk	(0) 7950 566483



Description
Offering the ultimate urban escape, Bristol Harbour Hotel & Spa fuses two iconic former bank properties to offer contemporary luxurious accommodation with impeccable design and a spectacular events space – right in the heart of the city.
Award winning boutique B&B with rooftop trailer park hosting three airstream caravans, overlooking Bristol.
A charming Victorian mansion in its own grounds exquisitely refurbished with 25 luxury bedrooms and a stunning Orangery extension. Michelin star-trained Head Chef. Part of the mansion was used by the US Army during World War II.
Situated just north of Bristol and easily accessible from the motorway, De Vere Tortworth Court is a historic hotel in stunning surroundings – a place where a centuries-old story meets an exceptionally modern experience.
Located close to Bristol Temple Meads railway station, this hotel features modern rooms overlooking the city.
Hotel du Vin Bristol City Centre is housed in the former Sugar Factory, making it one of Bristol's most special places to stay. The collection of grade II-listed warehouse buildings that date back to the 1700s has been transformed to create a hotel full of character with no two rooms being the same.
The Novotel Bristol Centre hotel is ideally located for those travelling for business or pleasure.
Boasting fantastic panoramic views of the Clifton Suspension Bridge and the Avon Gorge.
A slice of boutique city style, with a waterfront location.

Description
Your magical Bristol hot air balloon ride experience with Bailey Balloons could begin at the historic Ashton Court Estate, located just outside central Bristol offering breath-taking views of the city even before your feet have left the ground.
This walking tour covers 1,000 years of Bristol's history, from pirate haunts to street art.
You're unlikely to get a better perspective of Brunel's Clifton Suspension Bridge than when taking off from neighbouring Ashton Court Mansion and floating gently away to reveal a panoramic view of the 702ft-long bridge, standing 245ft above the high water mark and spanning the Avon Gorge.
Walking tours combining Bristol's heritage and culture with at least seven local beers.
Hop on the bright red bus to sample the best that Bristol has to offer on this fully guided tour.
Maritime heritage-themed boat tours through the Floating Harbour and River Avon, with a fresh cream tea.
This sightseeing tour takes you off the beaten track and up close to the best of Bristol's landmarks, street art and must-see scenery.
A walking food tour of Bristol's best restaurants, producers and markets.
Bristol's Haunted and Hidden tour reveals the darker side to Bristol's history and is an entertaining and informative way to spend an evening.
Number Seven Boat Trips operate a fleet of four boats, offering passenger capacities of 50, 36 and 28.
A pleasant walk around the quays, discovering Bristol's turbulent history, at the harbourside haunts of the pirates and swashbucklers of the 17th and 18th centuries.



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Tours & Tour Guides	Contact
Treasure Island Bristol longjohnsilvertrust.co.uk	
Where the Wall Bristol Street Art Experiences wherethewall.com	(0) 7748 632663 bookings@wherethewall.com

Ancestral Services	Contact
Bristol Archives bristolmuseums.org.uk/bristol-archives	(0) 117 922 3571 museumbookings@bristol.gov.uk
Brunel Institute at Brunel's SS Great Britain ssgreatbritain.org/brunel-institute/visit	(0) 117 926 0680 admin@ssgreatbritain.org

Trade Directory Key

Open all year – available throughout the year with limited closures

Trade rates – reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

Free entry – applies to entry however tours and exhibitions may be subject to additional fees

Miles from nearest train station – distance by car from main access point

New Bookable Product

Explore Bristol's prominent US Connections and in particular those associated with Faith & Religion.

- Visit the world's oldest Methodist chapel, John Wesley Chapel: The New Room, for a curator talk and tour of the museum
- Examine the unique architecture at Bristol Cathedral, one of the world's finest 'hall churches', with a customised guided tour
- Explore the American chapel and commemorative stained glass window at St Mary Redcliffe Church and hear the stories relating to Sir William Penn, the father of William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania

A full day tour will include a local Blue Badge Guide to navigate around and give context relating to the connections. In addition, lunch/afternoon tea are available on request. These packages are available exclusively to groups and must be pre-booked.

For more information and bookings:
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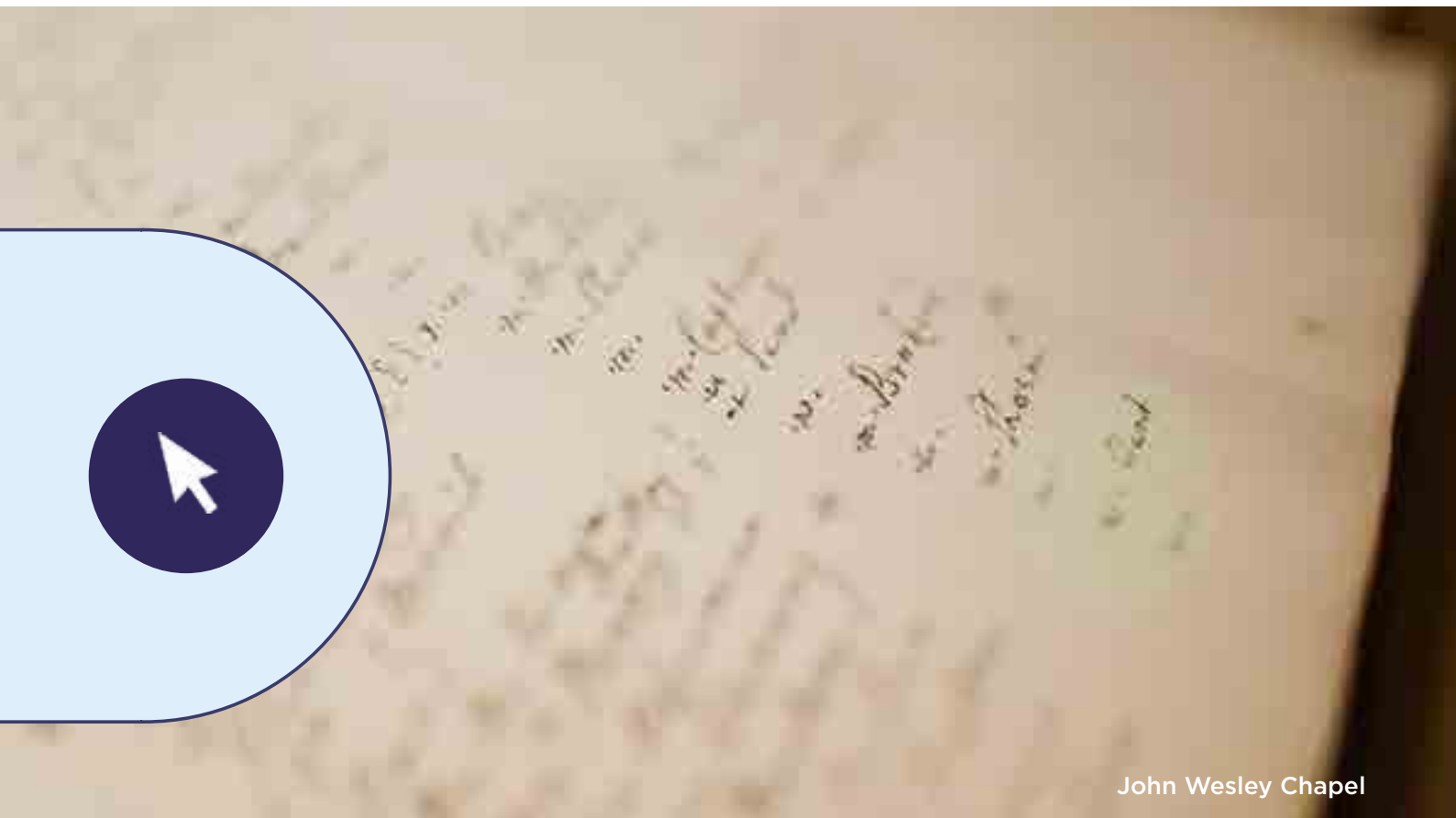
Description
Celebrating Bristol's connections to Treasure Island.
Bristol Street Art Tour – discovering the street art home of Banksy.

Description
Archives of the city of Bristol, surrounding areas, as well as the British Empire & Commonwealth Collection.
Access objects and expert help from one of the world's finest maritime collections.

Online booking – available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites

Coach access – allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details

Accessibility – for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements



John Wesley Chapel



BRISTOL: TRADE DIRECTORY

BRISTOL'S KEY EVENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

Cary Comes Home

This biennial city centre festival brings together Cary Grant ancestors and fans to celebrate his life in Bristol, the city where he grew up. The next event, in 2020, marks 100 years since Grant emigrated to NYC.

carycomeshome.co.uk

Bristol Harbour Festival

Every July, Bristol's historic floating harbour takes pride of place during the Harbour Festival that showcases the city's incredible maritime heritage. Events on and off the water including music, food markets and more.

bristolharbourfestival.co.uk

Upfest

Europe's largest street art festival returns to Bristol in July 2020. Expect music, family workshops and vibrant street art.

upfest.co.uk

Bristol International Balloon Fiesta

For four days every August, hundreds of balloons take to the skies above Bristol. Free entertainment, fairground rides and food and trade stalls fill the grounds below.

bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

World-famous street artist Banksy is from Bristol. A Bristol Street Art Tour gives a fresh perspective on the city's vibrant street art scene and tells the stories of the artists.

wherethewall.com

Travel Information



Bristol is approximately 120 miles west of London, in southwest England. Travelling by rail from London, most trains to Bristol depart from London Paddington. Flights via Dublin to Bristol Airport depart from several US airports.

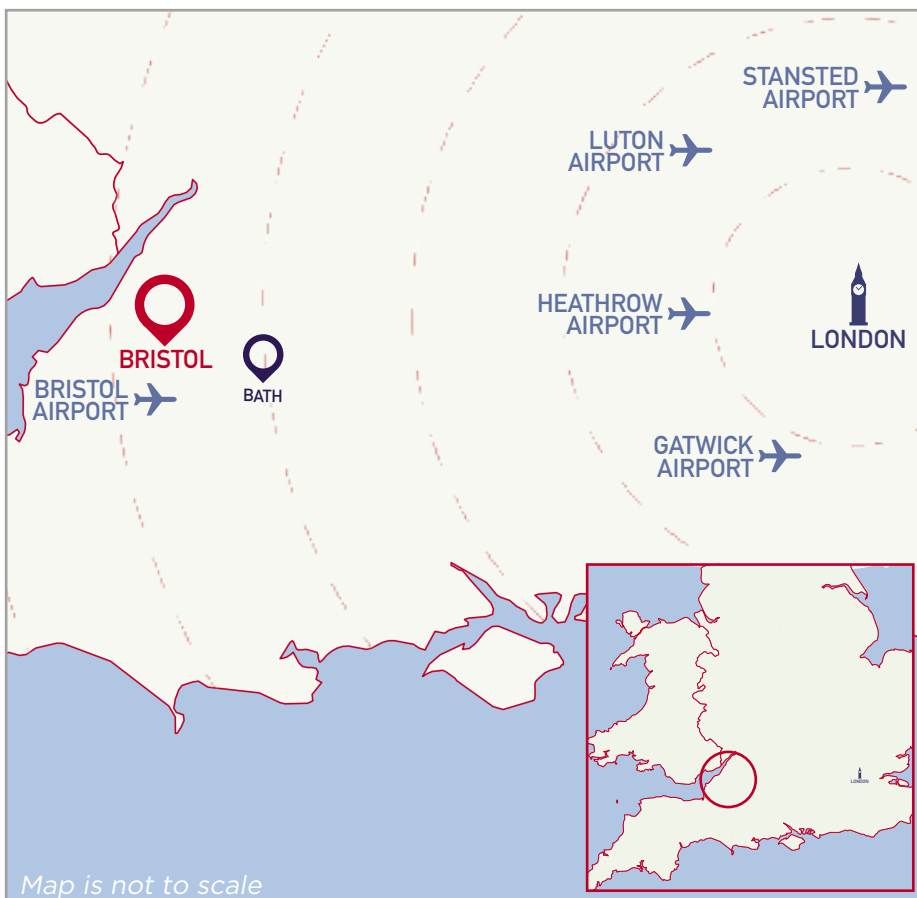
Approximate travel times from London:

Bristol - 1 hour 35 mins by rail
2 hours 40 mins by road

For more detailed itinerary suggestions for Bristol see:

- United Allies
- Origins of Faith
- Old Stories of the New World
- Ancestral Tours

Download the
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More destination info at: VISITBRISTOL.CO.UK

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CAMBRIDGE

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The iconic university city of Cambridge, near the low-lying fenlands of eastern England, has spawned religious leaders, a surprising link to Harvard University, and a moving legacy from the thousands of US airmen stationed here during World War II. It's also internationally known for its stunning architecture, and punting on the River Cam.

Punting on the River Cam

The following highlights are visitor attractions and things to do that are available as bookable products for FITs and (usually) groups in Cambridge. Full details and contact information for each business can be found in the Cambridge directory.

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Memories of World War II and the people who served in it permeate Cambridge and Cambridgeshire, from the US personnel at rest in the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial to the restored aircraft flown by The Mighty Eighth displayed at IWM Duxford.

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

There are many stories between this Cambridge and Cambridge, Massachusetts, including that of Puritan minister Thomas Sheppard; a Cambridge graduate and one of the 17th-century's best-known preachers.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Cambridge's awe-inspiring religious history includes the gospels brought to England by St Augustine, and many places that would have been familiar to several of the Mayflower Pilgrims who were educated here, in the cradle of the Reformation.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Timeless Cambridge offers countless opportunities to follow in the footsteps of ancestors, from poignant memorials to World War II US servicemen to walking tours of colleges that have educated numerous noteworthy migrants.



King's College Chapel

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

These are the must-see United Allies-themed attractions in Cambridge.

IWM Duxford

As well as telling the moving stories of those who served at RAF Duxford, the museum is the permanent home of the American Air Museum. Groups welcome, guided tours, bookable online.

iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford

Cambridge American Cemetery & Memorial

Thousands of US personnel lie at rest in this peaceful cemetery, and many more are commemorated. Online bookable and pre-bookable guided group tours available, including personalised tours with expert historians.

abmc.gov/cemeteries-memorials/europe/cambridge-american-cemetery

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

These are the must-see faith and religion-themed attractions in Cambridge.

King's College Chapel

A masterpiece of medieval craftsmanship, King's College Chapel was founded by Henry VI. Groups should be accompanied by an official Cambridge Blue Badge Guide; choral services may be attended free of charge.

kings.cam.ac.uk

Emmanuel College

Established in 1584, Emmanuel College Cambridge has many renowned alumni, including John Harvard, co-founder of Harvard University, and Puritan minister Thomas Sheppard, one of the 17th century's best-known preachers. Groups welcome.

emma.cam.ac.uk

Great St Mary's

A climb up the tower of the University Church - which played a leading part in the Reformation - is rewarded with stirring views across Cambridge. Groups welcome; guided tours available.

gsm.cam.ac.uk

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Known as the Round Church, The Church of The Holy Sepulchre is one of only four round churches in England; it's also Cambridge's second oldest building and a great place to start when exploring the city. Groups welcome; guided tours available.

roundchurchcambridge.org

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

Peterhouse

Cambridge University's oldest college was the college of William Brewster, one of the Pilgrims on the Mayflower. Open to small groups most afternoons, excluding the exam period (mid-April to end-June).

pet.cam.ac.uk



Emmanuel College



Cambridge American Cemetery & Memorial

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

These are the key ancestral services in Cambridge.

Official Tours of Cambridge

A walking tour with an official Cambridge Blue Badge guide can offer exclusive access to the awe-inspiring chapel and grounds of King's College, a glimpse of student life, and tales of famous Cambridge students.

visitcambridge.org/official-tours

Cambridge American Cemetery & Memorial

The visitor centre incorporates personal stories, photographs, films and interactive displays including Americans in Great Britain. Group tours are free; book in advance.

abmc.gov/cemeteries-memorials/europe/cambridge-american-cemetery

The Churchill Archives Centre

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

chu.cam.ac.uk/archives

Cambridge Family History Society

The Society holds unique historic records and other resources relating to Cambridgeshire, the former counties of Huntingdonshire and the Isle of Ely and their communities.

cfhs.org.uk



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Attractions

Business	Open All Year	Trade Rates	Free Entry	Online Booking	Coach Access	Cafe	Guided Tours	Miles from Nearest Train Station	
Anglesey Abbey nationaltrust.org.uk	•				•	•	•	6.5 Cambridge North	
Bottisham Airfield Museum bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk			•		•		•	6.8 Cambridge North	
Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial abmc.gov	•		•	•	•		•	5 Cambridge	
Churchill College chu.cam.ac.uk	•		•					2.5 Cambridge	
Ely Cathedral elycathedral.org	•		•		•	•	•	1 Ely	
Emmanuel College emma.cam.ac.uk	•		•					1 Cambridge	
Fitzwilliam Museum fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk	•		•			•	•	1 Cambridge	
IWM Duxford iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford	•	•		•	•	•	•	1.8 Whittlesford Parkway	
King's College, Cambridge kings.cam.ac.uk	•		•	•			•	1.8 Cambridge	
Little St Mary's ism.org.uk	•		•					1.2 Cambridge	
Parker Library corpus.cam.ac.uk			•				•	1.5 Cambridge	
Peterhouse pet.cam.ac.uk	•		•					1.1 Cambridge	
St Edward King and Martyr stedwardscambridge.co.uk	•		•					1.5 Cambridge	
The Church of the Holy Sepulchre roundchurchcambridge.org	•						•	2.2 Cambridge	
The RAF Bar at The Eagle greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/cambridgeshire/eagle	•			•		•		1.4 Cambridge	
Tower of Great St Mary's gsm.cam.ac.uk/church/climb-the-tower	•						•	1.8 Cambridge	
Wimpole Hall nationaltrust.org.uk	•				•	•	•	5 Shepreth	

Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact	
Bedford Lodge Hotel & Spa bedfordlodgehotel.co.uk	4	77	(0) 1638 663175	
Doubletree by Hilton Cambridge City Centre doubletree3.hilton.com	4	138	(0) 1223 259950 hannah-ruth.garrett@hilton.com	



Description	Contact (+44)
Jacobean-style house with gardens and a working watermill.	(0) 1223 810080 angleseyabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk
A museum to commemorate the sometimes forgotten role of the airfield at Bottisham in World War II, the only UK museum dedicated to the Royal Air Force, United States 8th Army Air Force, and Belgian Air Forces.	(0) 7791 971799 info@bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk
3,812 US personnel lie at rest in the peaceful grounds of the Cambridge American Cemetery. The visitor centre incorporates personal stories, photographs, films and interactive displays including Americans in Great Britain.	(0) 1954 210350 harrisons@abmc.gov
Part of Cambridge University, Churchill College was founded in 1960 in honour of Winston Churchill.	(0) 1223 336000
It's only a short trip from Cambridge to Ely, a city whose ancient cathedral is famed for its stunning Norman architecture, stained-glass windows and idyllic grounds.	(0) 1353 667735
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.	(0) 1223 334200 enquiries@emma.cam.ac.uk
The Fitzwilliam Museum is the lead partner of the spectacular collections of the University of Cambridge Museums (UCM) and Botanic Garden.	(0) 1223 332904 education@fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk
Uncover the moving stories of those who served at RAF Duxford and meet the most celebrated of British planes from World War II, including the Spitfire and Avro Lancaster.	ssharp@iwm.org.uk
World famous and a masterpiece of medieval craftsmanship, the chapel of King's College was founded by Henry VI.	(0) 1223 331780 sarah.friswell@kings.cam.ac.uk
Little St Mary's is a pretty church on a side street by Peterhouse.	(0) 1223 366202 office@lsm.org.uk
The historic library of Corpus Christi College houses some of the rarest and oldest books in England.	(0) 1223 338000
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.	(0) 1223 338200
This church held a unique role in the English Reformation as a meeting place for a group of influential evangelicals. It was here that Robert Barnes preached the first openly evangelical sermon.	mws31@cam.ac.uk
Known as the Round Church, The Church of The Holy Sepulchre is one of only four round churches in England; it's also Cambridge's second oldest building and a great place to start when exploring the city.	
The ceiling of the RAF Bar is covered in the graffiti of British and American World War II pilots who inscribed their names and squadron numbers there using cigarette lighters, candles and lipstick.	(0) 1223 505020
The University Church, Great St Mary's was the first home of the University from 1209. It played a leading part in the Reformation, with Erasmus, Bucer and others preaching here.	(0) 1223 747273 office@gsm.cam.ac.uk
A working estate still guided by the seasons, with an impressive mansion, parkland, gardens and Home Farm.	(0) 1223 206000 wimpolehall@nationaltrust.org.uk

Description
The only 4 Red Star hotel in Newmarket, Suffolk, Bedford Lodge Hotel & Spa retains the charm and character of a country house yet offers the very best in modern comfort and luxury.
Uniquely located on the River Cam, surrounded by colleges, the hotel is the perfect base to experience the city of Cambridge. Live like a local and try punting, hire a bike or just relax in the gardens.



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Hilton Cambridge City Centre hilton.com	4	201	(0) 1223 259950 hannah-ruth.garrett@hilton.com
Hotel du Vin hotelduvin.com/locations/cambridge	4	40	(0) 1223 227330 himalee.barber@hotelduvin.com
Poets House (in Ely) poetshouse.uk.com	4	21	(0) 1353 887777 reception@poetshouse.uk.com
Royal Cambridge Hotel harbourhotels.co.uk	4	42	(0) 1223 351631 reservations.cambridge@sjhotels.co.uk
The Swan at Lavenham Hotel & Spa theswanatlavenham.co.uk	4	45	(0) 1787 247477
The Varsity thevarsityhotel.co.uk	4	44	(0) 1223 306030 info@thevarsityhotel.co.uk
University Arms Hotel universityarms.com	3	192	(0) 1223 606578 enquiries@universityarms.com
Quy Mill Hotel & Spa cambridgequymill.co.uk	3	51	(0) 1223 293383
The Tamburlaine thetamburlaine.co.uk	4	155	(0) 1223 792888 jeremy.hopkins@thetamburlaine.co.uk

Tours & Tour Guides	Contact
Official Tours of Cambridge visitcambridge.org/official-tours	(0) 1954 210350 tours@visitcambridge.org
Scudamore's Punting Tours scudamores.com	(0) 1223 359750 enquiries@scudamores.com

Ancestral Services	Contact
Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial abmc.gov	+33 (0) 1 40 75 27 00
Robert Parker myfamilygenealogy.co.uk	(0) 7803 129207 rparker@myfamilygenealogy.co.uk
Commonwealth War Graves Commission cwgc.org	(0) 1628 634221 enquiries@cwgc.org
The Churchill Archives Centre chu.cam.ac.uk/archives	(0) 1223 336000 naomi.morris@chu.cam.ac.uk
Cambridge Family History Society cfhs.org.uk	(0) 1223 853273 secretary@cfhs.org.uk

Trade Directory Key

Open all year - available throughout the year with limited closures

Trade rates - reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

Free entry - applies to entry however tours and exhibitions may be subject to additional fees

Miles from nearest train station - distance by car from main access point



Description
One of the largest hotels in the city centre, this Hilton is well located for colleges, museums and shopping.
A former University building with luxury rooms in a beautiful and cultural location.
Charming hotel with 21 suites set across three historic buildings from the early 1900s.
Located on the edge of the city centre and with an on-site car park, The Royal Cambridge Hotel is your perfect base for exploring the beauty of historic Cambridge.
Set in the heart of the beautiful Suffolk medieval village of Lavenham, the stunning 15th-century Swan Hotel and Spa is steeped in centuries of history.
Rooftop terrace and bar, spa and dining options in a convenient city centre location close to colleges.
University Arms Cambridge, re-created in 2018 by architect John Simpson and interior designer Martin Brudnizki, offers 192 rooms and suites across four floors, with views over Parker's Piece, historic Regent Street, and the hotel's inner courtyard.
Once an historic watermill, the hotel is secluded in a rural village outside Cambridge, offering English charm with four poster beds and luxury whirlpool spa baths.
Stylish and spacious rooms and a modern bar and restaurant serving a luxurious afternoon tea, only a short stroll from the city centre in a vibrant neighbourhood near the Botanic Gardens.

Description
Walking tours of the city with official Cambridge Blue Badge Guides, including access to King's College. Religious heritage tours of Cambridge are also available.
See the true beauty of Cambridge from the river on a traditional punt tour. Chauffeured tours offer a unique way to see the city.

Description
A tribute to the 3,812 US personnel who rest here, with a further 5,127 names on the Wall of the Missing. Those wishing to find out more about their ancestors or pay their respects are warmly welcomed.
Genealogist Robert Parker has a wealth of experience and knowledge built through practical family history research. This is underpinned with professional genealogy and training qualifications.
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is an intergovernmental organisation of six independent member states whose principal function is to mark, record and maintain the graves and places of commemoration of Commonwealth of Nations military service members who died in the two World Wars.
Access to millions of historic documents from the 20th century, in Churchill College.
Charity supporting family historians.

Online booking – available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites

Coach access – allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details

Accessibility – for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements



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CAMBRIDGE KEY EVENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

Cambridge Jazz Festival

For 14 days every November, Cambridge venues fill with more than 400 local and headline acts from every jazz genre. There are workshops, talk, films and family-friendly events too.

cambridgejazzfestival.info

Cambridge Folk Festival

Come August, folk artists from across the globe convene in the grounds of Cherry Hinton Hall for this eclectic annual event that's one of the longest-running folk festivals in the world.

cambridgelivetrust.co.uk/folk-festival

DID YOU KNOW?

The best way to explore Cambridge is with an official tour guide. The highly trained local expert Blue Badge and Green Badge tour guides are permitted to deliver tours inside the University of Cambridge colleges.

visitcambridge.org/officialtours

Travel Information



Cambridge is approximately 60 miles north of London, in the East of England. Travelling by rail from London, most trains to Cambridge depart from London Kings Cross or Liverpool Street.

Approximate travel times from London:

Cambridge - 50 mins by rail
1 hour 30 mins by road

For more detailed itinerary suggestions for Cambridge see:

- United Allies
- Origins of Faith
- Old Stories of the New World
- Ancestral Tours

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Surrounded on three sides by breathtaking Atlantic coastline, wild and rugged Cornwall is dotted with historic tin mines and fortifications ancient and new. Many Cornish mining families migrated to the US in the 19th century. England's southernmost county is also known for Cornish pasties, top-notch seafood, gardens and the Eden Project, picturesque fishing villages and Poldark.

The Cornish Coastline

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UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Thousands of US troops embarked for the D-Day landings from Mount Edgcumbe, close to the city of Plymouth on Cornwall's south coast, and many thousands of US aircrews were based in Cornwall; some were trained at St Merryn Naval Air Station on the north coast.

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

Descendants of emigrants who left Cornwall in the 19th century will discover shingle villages, stunning coastline and historic mines that would still be recognisable to their ancestors.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

John Wesley visited Cornwall more than 30 times; the rural and mining communities welcomed his teachings. The breathtaking landscape that so suited the Methodist leader's outdoor preaching is just as appealing to visitors today.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

US visitors can explore the heritage mines and fishing villages that their ancestors would have worked and lived in. Kresen Kernow is a new archive facility. Specialist ancestral tour guides provide customised tours.



Poldark Mine, Trenear

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UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

These are the must-see United Allies-themed attractions in Cornwall.

Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park

Groups can tour Mount Edgcumbe, which commemorates the many US troops stationed here during World War II, including the 29th Infantry Division, who gave their lives during the battle for Omaha Beach on D-Day. Groups must pre-book. Close to Plymouth city centre.

mountedgcumbe.gov.uk

The Lost Gardens of Heligan

When Heligan's gardeners left to join the Great War, their world was lost beneath tangles of weeds. The gardens were only rediscovered in 1990. Visitors can take guided group tours of the restored lawns, rhododendrons, jungle plants and ancient woodland.

heligan.com

Pendennis Castle

Guided tours of Pendennis Castle's Tudor keep and Elizabethan-era tunnels reveal the role it played in both World Wars. The Battery Observation point, added during World War II, retains its wartime appearance. A US-made howitzer gun rings out at midday throughout summer.

english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/pendennis-castle

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

These are the must-see faith and religion-themed attractions in Cornwall.

Truro Cathedral

The cathedral - one of only three cathedrals in the country with three spires - is a triumph of Gothic Revival Architecture. Groups welcome; guided tours available.

trurocathedral.org.uk

Gwennap Pit

John Wesley preached on 18 occasions from Gwennap Pit, an impressive open-air amphitheatre caused by mining subsidence that's still used as a place of worship.

visitcornwall.com/places/redruth

Wesley Cottage

Wesley House, in a village on wild Bodmin Moor, is where John Wesley rested and preached from on his numerous visits to Cornwall. Groups and FITs can tour the restored rooms, said to be the smallest Methodist preaching place in the world.

wesleycottage.org.uk

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

These are the must-see migration-themed attractions in Cornwall.

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. The area now forms the UK's largest UNESCO World Heritage Site.

whc.unesco.org/en/list/1215



Newlyn



MEET THE LOCALS

“It’s my greatest pleasure to welcome guests from the US, igniting in them the passion I share for the dramatic coastline of Cornwall in all its tempestuous beauty.

Join us as we showcase this stunning county through our Poldark Tours, D-Day, Great Gardens of Cornwall, “Delicious”, “Doc Martin” and Mayflower itineraries. It’s the little things that makes this county truly special in every way.”

Karen Colam

Owner of americalovescornwall.com
and poldarkscornwall.com

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

These are the key ancestral services in Cornwall.

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.

cornwall.gov.uk/cro

America Loves Cornwall

Customised and World War II specialist tours.

americalovescornwall.com

Unique Cornwall Tours

Tailor-made tours and holidays for FITs and small groups, specialising in highly personalised genealogy tours designed to add colour to visitors’ family history, from seeing ancestors’ homes to visiting the same pubs and churches they would have frequented.

uniquecornwalltours.com

Cornwall Family History Society, Truro

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

cornwallfhs.com

The Newlyn Archive

Collection of of material about Newlyn, Lamorna and West Cornwall Art, including a section dedicated to family documents and photographs, organised by surname.

newlynarchive.org.uk

Select South West Tours

Bespoke family history and genealogy tours that delve into the ancestry of visitors with family connections to southwest England. Luxurious themed multi-day driving tours also available for private groups, including Mayflower 400 tours.

selectsouthwesttours.com



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Attractions

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Antony Woodland Gardens & Woodland Walks antonywoodlandgarden.com	•	•			•	•	•	5 Plymouth	
Botallack & Botallack Mine nationaltrust.org.uk	•	•			•	•		9 Penzance	
Cornwall Regimental Museum cornwalls-regimentalmuseum.org	•				•		•	At Bodmin	
Gwennap Pit visitredruth.co.uk/Gwen_nap_Pit_3187.aspx	•		•			•		1 Redruth	
King Edward Mine kingedwardmine.co.uk					•	•	•	4 Redruth	
Llanhydrock nationaltrust.org.uk	•	•				•	•	2 Bodmin	
Lost Gardens of Heligan heligan.com	•	•			•	•	•	2.3 Bojea	
Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park mountedgcumbe.gov.uk	•	•	•			•	•	2.5 Plymouth	
Pendennis Castle english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/pendennis-castle	•	•			•	•		0.5 Falmouth Docks	
Poldark Mine poldarkmine.org.uk					•	•	•	8 Redruth	
Prideaux Place prideauxplace.co.uk					•	•	•	16 Bodmin	
Royal Cornwall Museum royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk	•					•	•	0.5 Truro	
The Eden Project edenproject.com	•	•		•	•	•	•	2.2 Luxulyan	
Trengwainton Garden nationaltrust.org.uk		•			•	•	•	2 Penzance	
Truro Cathedral trurocathedral.org.uk	•		•			•	•	0.6 Truro	
Wesley Cottage wesleycottage.org.uk							•	11 Bodmin	

Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact	
Boskerris Hotel boskerrishotel.co.uk	3	15	(0) 1736 795295 reservations@boskerrishotel.co.uk	
Budock Vean Hotel & Golf Club budockvean.co.uk	4	54	(0) 1326 250288 relax@budockvean.co.uk	



	Description	Contact (+44)
	Camellia Gardens of Excellence nationally and with stunning magnolias, rhododendrons, wildflowers and sculptures. US Troops were stationed here during WWII and carried out training for the D-Day landings in the estuary.	(O) 1752 815303 woodlandgardens@antonyestate.com
	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.	(O) 1736 786934 botallack@nationaltrust.org.uk
	300 years of military life are explored in the Bodmin Keep, which was once home to the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry regiment.	(O) 1208 72810 info@cornwalls-regimentalmuseum.org
	John Wesley preached on 18 occasions from Gwennap Pit, an impressive open-air amphitheatre caused by mining subsidence.	(O) 1209 822770
	A World Heritage Site, offering daily demonstrations of historic mining equipment that includes some of the last remaining working equipment of its kind in the world.	(O) 1209 614681 info@kingedwardmine.co.uk
	The elegant rooms and staff quarters of this magnificent late-Victorian country house and gardens are open to view, and the family's varied roles in World War I are well documented.	(O) 1208 265950 lanhydrock@nationaltrust.org.uk
	Visitors can explore acres of restored lawns, rhododendrons, jungle plants, wildlife, ancient woodland, kitchen gardens and farmland.	(O) 1726 845100 info@heligan.com
	Mount Edgcumbe commemorates the many US troops stationed here during World War II. Accessible via boat from Plymouth.	(O) 1725 822236 mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk
	Ordered by King Henry VIII to guard the Falmouth estuary, Pendennis Castle has a Tudor keep and Elizabethan-era tunnels to explore, and it played a role in both World Wars.	(O) 1326 316594
	A Cornish Mining World Heritage Site and the only tin mine to offer underground guided tours.	(O) 1326 573173 info@poldarkmine.org.uk
	The 121st Engineer Combat Battalion of the US Army marched from here to take its place for the D-Day Landings.	(O) 1841 532411 office@prideauxplace.co.uk
	A beacon for Cornish heritage and culture with collections rooted in Cornwall's mining heritage and rare books and manuscripts.	(O) 1872 272205 enquiries@royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk
	The Eden Project, an educational charity, connects us with each other and the living world, exploring how we can work towards a better future.	(O) 1726 811911
	This country garden was a former residence of Cornwall's Arundell family.	(O) 1736 363148 trengwainton@nationaltrust.org.uk
	The three spires of Truro Cathedral (one of only three cathedrals in the country with three spires) soar above Truro.	(O) 1872 276782 info@trurocathedral.org.uk
	In a village on wild Bodmin Moor, Wesley House is where John Wesley rested and preached from on his numerous visits to Cornwall.	(O) 1566 880265 wesleycottage@live.co.uk
	Description	
	<p>This bolt hole is nestled in the Cornish coastline, on the edge of St Ives. Discreetly set in one and a half acres in a unique position, with the decked terrace being the perfect vantage point to admire the views across St Ives Bay from Godrevy Lighthouse to St Ives harbour.</p> <p>Set in 65 acres of glorious gardens, woodlands and its own golf course – The Budock Veian is a sanctuary for rest and relaxation.</p>	



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Butterwell Farm butterwellfarm.com		9	(0) 1208 831515 info@butterwellfarm.com
Cornwall Hotel and Spa thecornwall.com	4	64	(0) 1726 874050 enquiries@thecornwall.com
Falmouth Hotel falmouthhotel.co.uk	3	71	(0) 800 005 2244 reservations@richardsonhotels.co.uk
Nare Hotel narehotel.co.uk	4	37	(0) 1872 501111 stay@narehotel.co.uk
Penmere Manor Hotel penmeremanorhotel.co.uk	3	36	(0) 1326 211411 reservations@penmere.co.uk
Pentille Castle & Estate pentillie.co.uk	5	9	(0) 1579 350044 contact@pentillie.co.uk
Penventon Hotel penventon.co.uk	4	64	(0) 1209 203000 enquiries@penventon.com
Sands Resort Spa and Hotel sandsresort.co.uk	4	70	(0) 1637 872864 reception@sandsresort.co.uk
The Avalon theavalonhotel.co.uk	5	7	(0) 1840 770116 reception@theavalonhotel.co.uk
The Alverton Hotel thealverton.co.uk	4	51	(0) 1872 276633 stay@thealverton.co.uk
Mannings Hotel manningshotels.co.uk	3	34	(0) 1872 270345 reception@manningshotels.co.uk
Jamaica Inn, Bodmin Moor jamaicainn.co.uk			(0) 1566 86250
Tours & Tour Guides			Contact
America Loves Cornwall americalovescornwall.com			(0) 1872 309869 info@americalovescornwall.com
Finesse Chauffeurs finessechauffeurs.co.uk			(0) 1726 810804
Poldarks Cornwall poldarktours.co.uk			(0) 7731 799815 poldarktourequiries@gmail.com
Select South West Tours selectsouthwesttours.com			(0) 1752 290341
Ancestral Services			Contact
Cornwall Family History Society, Truro cornwallfhs.com			secretary@cornwallfhs.com
Kresen Kernow cornwall.gov.uk			(0) 1872 323127 kresenkernow@cornwall.gov.uk

Trade Directory Key

Open all year – available throughout the year with limited closures

Trade rates – reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

Free entry – applies to entry however tours and exhibitions may be subject to additional fees

Miles from nearest train station – distance by car from main access point



Description
Butterwell Farm in the Camel Valley is a unique and special location, which has been enjoyed across the generations for over 30 years. Self-catering and bed and breakfast
The Cornwall Hotel, Spa and Estate is the perfect base to unwind, rejuvenate, enjoy time with family and explore Cornwall.
A striking, Victorian chateau-style hotel set in 5 acres of landscaped gardens, with a prime seafront location, overlooking Falmouth Bay and Castle Beach.
The Nare offers the comfort and elegance of a quintessential English country house, in a secluded tranquil setting by the sea.
Penmere Manor Hotel sits on four acres of woodland approximately one mile from the historic port of Falmouth.
Though not a hotel, Pentillie Castle offers boutique B&B 'hotel quality' accommodation in 9 individually styled bedrooms, perfect if you're looking for castles in Cornwall to stay in.
Independently owned Penventon Park is one of the finest destination hotels in Cornwall.
Coastal Hotel in Newquay, just 10 minutes from Newquay airport. Spa and pool on site. Standard rooms and suites.
An enchanting guest house in the village of Tintagel, perched overlooking the North Cornwall coast with uninterrupted views of the cliff-tops and beyond.
This beautifully unique, Grade II listed hotel has stood on its hillside setting since 1830 within the Cornish capital city of Truro. The Alverton features 51 characterful bedrooms including nine suites, a restaurant and bar, conference and events rooms, an al fresco terrace and charming private gardens.
Each one of the rooms and apartments in this Grade II listed building and award winning converted stable block is utterly unique.
A coaching Inn, Jamaica Inn has a fascinating history with stories of smugglers and travellers over 300 years. Hotel, restaurant and Smugglers Tales museum.

Description
Experience the best places to visit in Cornwall with tour guide Karen Colam - specialising in group and F.I.T. tours for US visitors.
A chauffeur company based in the south west of England, offering a flexible, friendly and professional travel service.
Specialist Poldark themed tours for group and F.I.Ts.
Guided by expert tour guide, James, fully personalised, bespoke tours offer you the perfect way to explore this incredible region.

Description
Research library and other resources, for members and the public researching Cornish family history.
Kresen Kernow will be an exemplary modern archive and library space, bringing together the world's largest collection of manuscripts, books and documents related to Cornwall, as well as Cornwall Record Office, the Cornish Studies Library and the Cornwall and Scilly Historic Environment Record, for the first time.

Online booking - available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites

Coach access - allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details

Accessibility - for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements



CORNWALL: TRADE DIRECTORY

CORNWALL'S KEY EVENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

JH & M Choak's Traditional Cornish Pasties, Falmouth

Watch Cornwall's iconic pasties being hand made to a traditional Cornish recipe, or have a go at making your own in Charlie Choak's Pasty School. They were originally made for miners to have for lunch down the tin mines, with the thick crust doubling as a disposable handle for dusty hands.

choakspasties.co.uk

St Piran's Day

The patron saint of Cornwall is celebrated across Cornwall on 5 March with parades, live music and street markets. Piran is also the patron saint of tin miners.

visitcornwall.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Enormous biomes containing the world's largest rainforest in captivity fill a giant crater that was once a clay mine at the Eden Project.

edenproject.com

Travel Information



Cornwall is approximately 230 miles southwest of London, in southwest England. Travelling by rail from London, most trains to Cornwall depart from London Paddington or Waterloo. Most flights to Newquay depart from London Heathrow.

Approximate travel times from London:

Penzance - 5 hours 20 mins by rail
4 hours 50 mins by road

Padstow - 4 hours 30 mins by road

Newquay - 1 hour 10 mins by air

For more detailed itinerary suggestions for Cornwall see:

- United Allies
- Origins of Faith
- Old Stories of the New World
- Ancestral Tours

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ENGLISH RIVIERA

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This Mediterranean-like stretch of coastline in southwest England is blessed with palm trees, pretty villages, seaside towns, fishing ports - this is England's Seafood Coast, after all - and soaring cliffs that drop down into beautiful coves. No wonder Agatha Christie had her summertime retreat here. The area, now a UNESCO Global Geopark, was also a base for American troops in the build-up to the D-Day landings.

Torquay Harbour

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UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

The English Riviera played a critical role in the D-Day landings. The harbours at Torquay and Brixham were used for embarkation and Agatha Christie's house Greenway was even requisitioned by the US Coast Guard.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

The English Riviera is loved for its charming scenery and sweeping coastline. It's also great for visitors seeking a classic English seaside experience, with a side of religious heritage.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

With links to US troops during World War II, Agatha Christie and 19th-century holidaymakers, the beautiful English Riviera is rightly popular with ancestral tourists.



Greenway House

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UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

These are the must-see United Allies-themed attractions in the English Riviera.

Greenway House

Agatha Christie's former summer house was home to the US Coastguard prior to the D-Day landings. US visitors on a group or guided tour should ask about the 13 murals by Lt Marshall Lee, depicting the journey from the USA to the River Dart.

nationaltrust.org.uk/greenway

Torquay Harbour

On the eve of D-Day, June 6th 1944, 23,000 members of the US 4th Infantry Division embarked from Torquay Harbour. The event is commemorated by plaques in the harbour of this traditional, thriving seaside town.

tor-bay-harbour.co.uk

Brixham Harbour

The Brixham slipway and embarkation yard was built in 1943 as part of Operation Overlord and, despite some alteration and modification over the years, represents the best-preserved example of a historic World War II resource of national significance. It's also home to a thriving fish market and one of Britain's largest fishing fleets.

tor-bay-harbour.co.uk

Dartmouth Steam Railway

One of the best ways to enjoy the English Riviera's superb coast and country views is from a restored carriage on the Dartmouth Steam Railway. Visitors will see colourful beach huts, cross Brunel's towering Hookhills Viaduct, and hop off to explore Greenway, Agatha Christie's secluded summer home.

dartmouthrailriver.co.uk

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Torre Abbey Museum

Group visits and guided tours of this medieval monastery founded by Premonstratensian monks can be booked online. Visit the museum to understand the brutal history behind the dissolution of England's monasteries or join the head gardener as he reveals the killing power of Agatha Christie's potent plants.

torre-abbey.org.uk

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

These are the key ancestral services in the English Riviera.

Brixham Heritage Museum

The museum's Family History Centre offers expert help researching family trees in the area.

brixhammuseum.uk

Devon Family History Society

Local and specialist knowledge of Devon genealogy and history.

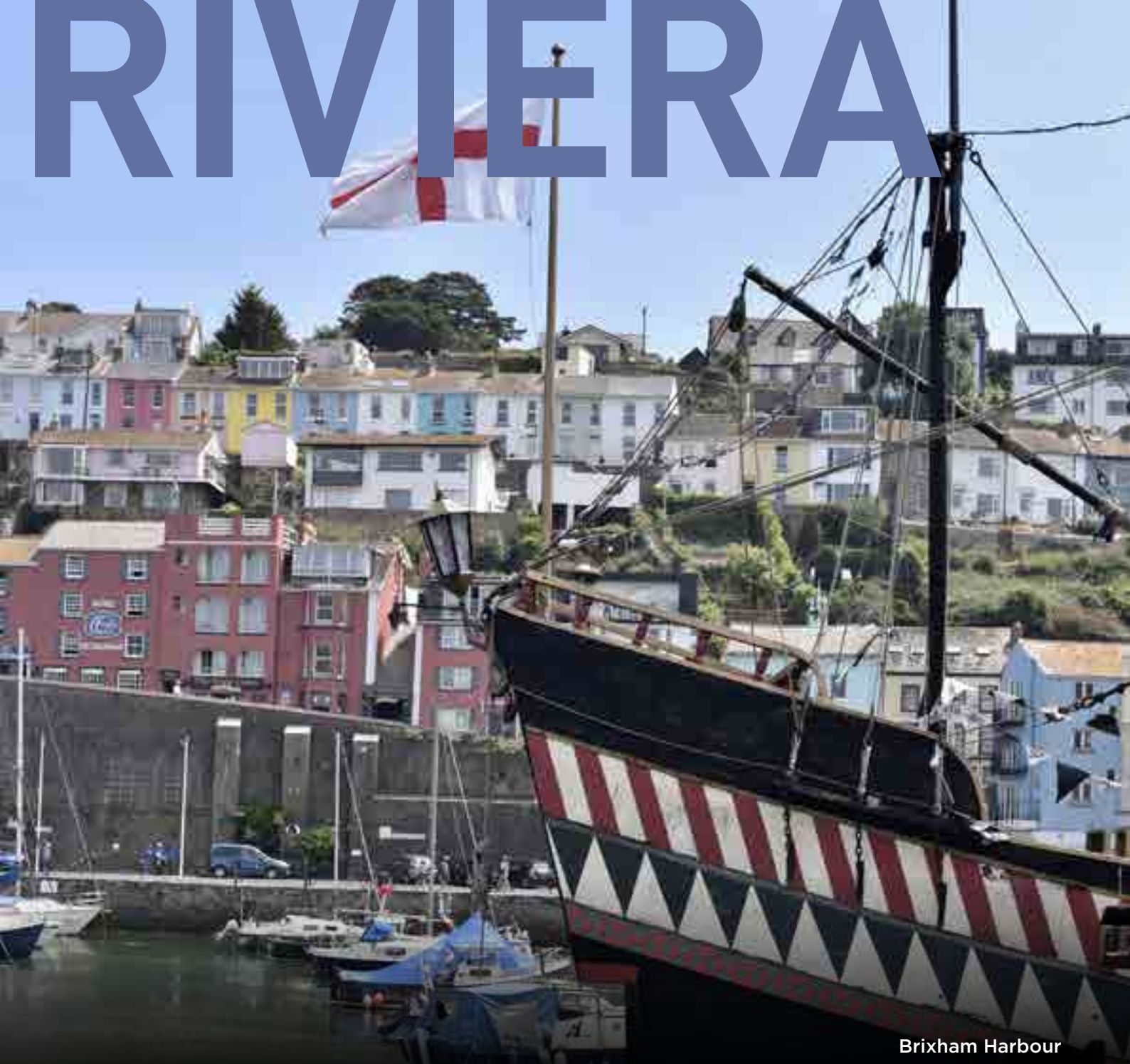
devonfhs.org.uk

John Risdon - Tour Guide

Born-and-bred Devonian specialising in history, Agatha Christie and Devon history tours.

englishriviera.co.uk/information/product-catch-all/john-risdon-tour-guide-p1496153

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Brixham Harbour

Brixham Heritage Tours

Downloadable app, online and in print project capturing and sharing Brixham's heritage.

brixhamheritagetrail.com

English Riviera Tour Guides

Local expert guides for groups and FIT.

englishriviera.co.uk

Unique Devon Tours

Highly personalised genealogy tours designed to add colour to visitors' family history, from seeing ancestors' homes to visiting the same pubs and churches they would have frequented. Tailor-made tours and holidays for FITs and small groups also available, including driver guide service offering D-Day- and World War II-themed tours.

uniquedevontours.com



ENGLISH RIVIERA: TRADE DIRECTORY

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Attractions

Business	Open All Year	Trade Rates	Free Entry	Online Booking	Coach Access	Cafe	Guided Tours	Miles from Nearest Station	
Brixham Battery Heritage Centre brixhambattery.net			•		•		•	3 Churston	
Brixham Harbour visitbrixham.com	•		•		•			3.2 Churston	
Brixham Heritage Museum brixhamheritage.org.uk			•		•		•	2 Churston	
Cockington Court / Country Park cockingtoncourt.org	•	•	•			•	•	1.3 Torquay	
Coleton Fishacre nationaltrust.org.uk	•	•			•	•	•	3.2 Kingswear	
Dartmouth Steam Railway dartmouthrailriver.co.uk	•			•	•	•	•		
Golden Hind Museum Ship goldenhind.co.uk				•	•		•	3 Churston	
Greenway House nationaltrust.org.uk		•				•	•	0.8 Greenway Halt	
Kents Cavern Prehistoric Caves kents-cavern.co.uk	•	•		•	•	•	•	2.2 Torquay	
Torquay Harbour & Marina tor-bay-harbour.co.uk	•		•			•		1.2 Torquay	
Torquay Museum torquaymuseum.org	•				•	•	•	1.3 Torquay	
Torre Abbey Museum torre-abbey.org.uk	•			•	•	•	•	0.3 Torquay	
Western Lady Ferry westernladyferry.com	•	•			•			0.9 Torquay	

Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact	
Cary Arms caryarms.co.uk	5	8	(0) 1803 327110 dany@caryarms.co.uk	
Cary Court carycourthotel.co.uk	4	5	(0) 1803 209205 stay@carycourthotel.co.uk	
Osborne Hotel osborne-torquay.co.uk	4	32	(0) 1803 213311 enq@osborne-torquay.co.uk	
The Grand grandtorquay.co.uk	4	132	(0) 1803 296677 groups.grand@richardsonhotels.co.uk	



Description	Contact (+44)
Brixham Battery is one of only seven remaining original 116 Emergency Batteries built in 1940.	(0) 1803 852449 enquiries@brixhambattery.net
The Brixham slipway and embarkation yard was built in 1943 as part of Operation Overlord and, despite some alteration and modification over the years, represents the best preserved example of a historic World War II resource of national significance.	(0) 1803 851854 brixham.harbour@torbay.gov.uk
The museum's Family History Centre offers expert help researching family trees in the area. The museum has a number of exhibitions including the town's involvement in D-Day Operation Overlord during World War II and the build of the Mayflower2 Replica.	(0) 1803 856267 mail@brixhamheritage.org.uk
Set in an award-winning country park a mile away from the seafront, Cockington Court is an historic manor house with over twenty craft studios, tea rooms, walled art garden, tudor rose garden, contemporary art gallery and a popular children's play area.	(0) 1803 607230 marissa.wakefield@tda.uk.net
The country home built for the D'Oyly Carte family, the impresarios of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas.	(0) 1803 842382 lauren.hutchinson@nationaltrust.org.uk
One of the best ways to enjoy the English Riviera's superb coast and country views is from a restored carriage on the Dartmouth Steam Railway.	(0) 1803 555872 johnjones@dsrrb.co.uk
A full sized replica of Sir Francis Drake's iconic ship, from the age of exploration.	(0) 1803 856223 crew@goldenhind.co.uk
Agatha Christie's former summer house was home to the US Coastguard prior to the D-Day landings.	(0) 1803 842382 lauren.hutchinson@nationaltrust.org.uk
A Gateway site to the English Riviera designated UNESCO Global Geopark.	(0) 1803 215136 nickpowe@kents-cavern.co.uk
On the eve of D-Day, June 6th 1944, 23,000 members of the US 4th Infantry Division embarked from Torquay Harbour. The event is commemorated by plaques in the harbour of this traditional, thriving seaside town.	(0) 1803 292429 adam.parnell@torbay.gov.uk
Hosting the country's only dedicated Agatha Christie gallery.	(0) 1803 293975 carl.smith@torquaymuseum.org
Visit the museum to understand the brutal history behind the dissolution of England's monasteries or join the head gardener as he reveals the killing power of Agatha Christie's potent plants.	(0) 1803 293593 torre.abbey@torbay.gov.uk
"Western Lady" have been operating a fine ferry service between Brixham & Torquay for over 70 years.	(0) 1803 555872 johnjones@dsrrb.co.uk

Description
Brimming with coastal charm, Cary Arms and Spa on the Beach combine all the values of a classic English Inn with the style and comfort of the best luxury hotels in Devon.
Renowned for its quiet location in Torquay in elegant surroundings, verandah, swimming pool and sub-tropical garden.
Idyllically situated in beautiful South Devon, the Osborne Hotel is one of the most luxurious hotels in Torquay.
The Grand Hotel & Spa accompanied by the AA rosette-rated Restaurant 1881 and Sea View Brasserie is complemented by 22 miles of spectacular Devon coastline.



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Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact
The Imperial theimperialtorquay.co.uk	4	152	(0) 1803 294301 salesmanager@imperialtorquay.co.uk
The Somerville somervilletorquay.co.uk	5	8	(0) 1803 294755 info@somervilletorquay.co.uk
Tours & Tour Guides			Contact
Brixham Heritage Trail (Self Guided) brixhamheritagetrail.com			
English Riviera Tour Guides englishriviera.co.uk			holiday@englishriviera.co.uk
John Ridson englishriviera.co.uk/information/product-catch-all/john-risdon-tour-guide-p1496153			(0) 1803 844102
Unique Devon Tours uniquedevontours.com			info@uniquedevontours.co.uk
Ancestral Services			Contact
Brixham Heritage Museum - Family History Centre brixhammuseum.uk			mail@brixhamheritage.org.uk
Devon Family History Society devonfhs.org.uk			secretary@devonfhs.org.uk



Cary Arms and Spa

DID YOU KNOW?

Follow Queen Victoria to the Cary Arms Hotel, a heritage hotel on a hidden bay. Groups of six can book the Captain's Table and dine on a private elevated platform overlooking the sea.

caryarms.co.uk

Trade Directory Key

Open all year – available throughout the year with limited closures

Trade rates – reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

Free entry – applies to entry however tours and exhibitions may be subject to additional fees

Miles from nearest train station – distance by car from main access point



Description
The magnificent 19th Century Victorian four-star hotel commands a cliff top position, overlooking Torbay and the beautiful Devon coast.
Ideally situated for exploring the local and the wider area, the hotel is just 400 metres from Torquay's inner harbour and the Torquay Marina.
Description
Downloadable app and online and in print project capturing and sharing Brixham's heritage.
Local expert guides for groups and FIT.
Born-and-bred Devonian specialising in history, Agatha Christie and Devon history tours.
Highly personalised genealogy tours designed to add colour to visitors' family history, from seeing ancestors' homes to visiting the same pubs and churches they would have frequented.
Description
The museum has extensive records covering the local area and all of England and Wales and can undertake research to trace personal family trees.
Providing local and specialist knowledge and information about the lives and times of Devon families.

DELICIOUS DEVON

You'll sample plenty of local delicacies during your visit to Devon. The divine Devon Cream tea is a must; a scone with cream (first) and then jam (fruit jelly) on top is how they do it in Devon. Visit Cornwall however and you'll have jam first with cream on top! Why not try it both ways and see which you prefer?

For traditional afternoon tea in the English Riviera, visit Cockington where you'll be spoilt for choice for tea rooms or try the Guardhouse Cafe in Brixham.

englishriviera.co.uk



A Devon Cream Tea

- Online booking** – available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites
- Coach access** – allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details
- Accessibility** – for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements



ENGLISH RIVIERA: TRADE DIRECTORY

ENGLISH RIVIERA'S KEY EVENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

Torbay Airshow

The skies above Torbay's beautiful natural oceanic amphitheatre fill with displays by the RAF's top teams for one weekend every June. It's their first display of the summer.

torbayairshow.com

England's Seafood FEAST

In September/October, England's Seafood Coast highlights its remarkable produce with special menus, fish market auction tours, coastal foraging experiences and more.

englishriviera.co.uk/whats-on/englands-seafood-feast

International Agatha Christie Festival

Fans of the Queen of Crime descend on Torbay for five days of performances, talks, films, outdoor fun and special events as part of this biennial event. The next festival takes place in 2019.

iacf-uk.org

Devon Day

4 June celebrates everything that is so great about the county of Devon! Enjoy a cream tea (jam on top of cream!), some delicious fresh seafood and explore the county on foot, by steam train or on water.

[#DevonDay](https://twitter.com/DevonDay)

Travel Information



The English Riviera is approximately 200 miles southwest of London, in southwest England. Travelling by rail from London, most trains to the English Riviera depart from London Paddington or Waterloo.

Approximate travel times from London:

Torquay - 3 hours by rail
3 hours 30 mins by road

Dartmouth - 4 hours by road

For more detailed itinerary suggestions for English Riviera see:

- United Allies
- Origins of Faith
- Old Stories of the New World
- Ancestral Tours

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ESSEX

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This coastal county on London's northeastern edge has much in common with North America. It was a fertile recruiting ground for 17th-century transatlantic expeditions, including the Mayflower and perilous journeys to Jamestown, and many more Essex locals left during the Great Migration. During World War II it became home to thousands of US servicemen; a 'friendly invasion' that gave locals their first taste of peanut butter and chewing gum.

Dedham

The following highlights are visitor attractions and things to do that are available as bookable products for FITs and (usually) groups in Essex. Full details and contact information for each business can be found in the Essex directory.

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

More than 43,000 US servicemen called Essex home during World War II, and strong bonds were forged as locals welcomed the American visitors - and their exciting new foods such as Coca Cola - into their lives.

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

With an already long history of religious radicals, explorers and adventurers, Essex established a reputation as an excellent source of ships and sailors for 17th-century expeditions to the New World.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Throughout the 17th century, thousands of migrants fled religious persecution amid Essex's wealth of stately homes and pretty villages to seek refuge in America, including the founders of the Connecticut and Massachusetts Bay Colonies.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Thanks to centuries filled with journeys between Essex and the US, the county has myriad of ancestral links to explore, as well as stately homes, picturesque villages and a vast coastline.



US Memorial Marks Hall Arboretum
Credit Fionn Davenport

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

These are the must-see United Allies-themed attractions in Essex.

The Forgotten Gardens of Easton Lodge

The site of a World War II airfield, these fully restored elegant Edwardian gardens include a tree-lined memorial walk with various species commemorating the nations that flew from here.

eastonlodge.co.uk

Marks Hall Gardens and Arboretum

In 1944, Marks Hall served as the 'Wing HQ' for over 750 American bombers. Today visitors can tour the geographically themed gardens; there is a memorial to the fallen of Operation Varsity in the North American section.

markshall.org.uk

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Chelmsford Cathedral

Chelmsford may be one of England's youngest cathedrals, but its links with North America date back to 1626 when the future founder of the State of Connecticut became a preacher in what was then St Mary's Parish Church. The Washington family coat of arms features in the stained-glass windows.

chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk



OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

These are the must-see migration-themed attractions in Essex.

Mayflower Connections

Follow the immersive Harwich Mayflower Trail to the house of the captain of the Mayflower and the pub where his wife lived. Also see graffiti drawn in 1777 by sailors captured off a US warship, in the Guildhall - and many other places with links to the Mayflower.

historicharwich.co.uk

Dedham village

Set beside the River Stour, the quintessentially English village of Dedham proved fertile recruiting ground for the American colonies. Visitors can often tour Henry Sherman's house on Heritage Open Days; his descendants include a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, and many more US luminaries.

visitcolchester.com/explore/surrounding-areas/constable-country.aspx

heritageopendays.org.uk

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, and graffiti can be seen all over the wood and walls.

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



MEET THE LOCALS

“When you walk the narrow streets of Historic Harwich you are at the very heart of the Mayflower story. The centuries-old pubs and buildings witnessed it all and remain to tell the tale.”

James Cole
Harwich Town Crier

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

These are the key ancestral services in Essex.

Essex Record Office, Chelmsford

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

essexrecordoffice.co.uk

The Harwich Society

The Society preserves the town's rich heritage, and runs fascinating free guided tours.

harwich-society.co.uk

Essex Society for Family History

Research centre in Chelmsford, plus an online genealogy database for members. Expert help for family history research offered through pre-bookable one-to-one sessions.

esfh.org.uk

Colchester Tour Guides

Uncover Colchester's fascinating - and long - history on a guided, themed walking tour of the ancient town. Private and group tours available.

visitcolchester.com/things-to-do/tours-sightseeing.aspx

Willingale Archive Project

The Archive Project is a collection of historical items that help tell the story of Willingale Village over the last 150 years, including its time as one of 15 airfields in Essex allocated to the USAAF during World War II.

willingalevillage.uk/archive-project

Guide East

Coach, walking and costumed themed tours, based in Colchester.

guideeast.co.uk



ESSEX: TRADE DIRECTORY

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Attractions

Business	Open All Year	Trade Rates	Free Entry	Online Booking	Coach Access	Cafe	Guided Tours	Miles from Nearest Train Station
All Saints Church - Maldon allsaintsmaldon.com	•		•					6 Hatfield Peverel
Braintree District Museum braintreemuseum.co.uk	•				•		•	0.3 Braintree
Chelmsford Cathedral chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk	•		•					0.2 Chelmsford
Chelmsford City Racecourse chelmsfordcityracecourse.com	•			•	•	•	•	4 Braintree
Christopher Jones House harwich-society.co.uk/christopher-jones-house							•	0.3 Harwich Town
Church of St Marys and All Saints, Stambridge winthropsociety.com	•		•		•			1.7 Rochford
Colchester Castle colchester.cirmuseums.org	•						•	2 Colchester
Cressing Temple visitparks.co.uk	•		•		•	•		1.2 White Notley
Epping Ongar Railway eorailway.co.uk	•	•		•	•	•	•	7.5 Epping
Guildhall Harwich harwichtowncouncil.co.uk			•				•	0.2 Harwich
Harwich Welcome Centre historicharwich.co.uk								0.4 Harwich Town
Ha' Penny Pier Visitor Centre harwich-society.co.uk	•		•			•	•	0.2 Harwich
Hedingham Castle hedinghamcastle.co.uk	•			•	•	•	•	8 Braintree
Layer Marney Tower layermarneytower.co.uk		•		•	•	•	•	6.2 Kelvedon
Mark's Hall Gardens and Arboretum markshall.org.uk	•				•	•	•	8 Braintree
Museum of Power museumofpower.org.uk	•				•	•	•	4 Hatfield Peverel
RHS Hyde Hall rhs.org.uk/gardens/hyde-hall	•			•	•	•	•	8 Chelmsford
Royal Gunpowder Mills, Waltham Abbey royalgunpowdermills.com	•			•	•	•	•	1.5 Waltham Cross
St Andrews Church - Greensted greenstedchurch.org.uk	•		•		•		•	7 Brentwood



Description	Contact (+44)
Lawrence Washington, great-great- grandfather of the first president of the United States - George Washington - and a minister in Essex during the 1660s, is buried here.	vicar@allsaintsmaldon.com
John Bridges, a Braintree resident, founded the school that developed into Harvard University. John Adams, whose ancestors sailed with The Lyon, and his son John Quincy Adams both became US presidents. A replica of The Lyon ship can be seen at Braintree Museum.	(0) 1376 328868 museum.info@bdmt.org.uk
Chelmsford may be one of England's youngest cathedrals, but its links with North America date back to 1626.	(0) 1245 294492
Britain's newest racing venue offers thrilling all-weather racing under the mesmerising light of its champagne fluted floodlights and the venue also highlights its versatility with a huge range of non-raceday events.	(0) 1245 360300 info@chelmsfordcityracecourse.com
Christopher Jones house in historic Harwich will be open to the public for the first time. Tours available.	(0) 1255 502872 info@harwich-society.co.uk
John Winthrop, a Puritan and the first governor of Massachusetts, married in the church at Great Stambridge.	secretary@winthropsociety.com
Bigger than the Tower of London, Colchester Castle is England's largest surviving Norman keep.	(0) 1206 282939
The beautifully unique buildings and gardens that encompass Cressing Temple Barns attract interest from across the country and were once home to the Knights Templar.	cressingtemplebarns@essex.gov.uk
Experience the romance of travel in bygone times as you pass through picturesque English countryside, beautiful forest and historic towns.	(0) 1277 365200 groupbookings@eorailway.co.uk
A unique feature of the Guildhall is the Carvings Room, once used to hold prisoners waiting to be tried or sentenced in addition to copies of the Royal Charter 1604 hang in the Council Chamber and The Harwich Society conduct tours.	(0) 1255 507211 info@harwichtowncouncil.co.uk
Opens October 2019, to tie in with the Mayflower 400 commemorations. Learn of the towns rich maritime history.	(0) 1255 686633 clactonic@tendringdc.gov.uk
Free small temporary exhibition on Christopher Newport and Christopher Jones & Mayflower.	(0) 1255 502872 info@harwich-society.co.uk
The 900 year old Norman keep of Hedingham Castle stands in 160 acres of spectacularly beautiful landscaped gardens and woodland.	(0) 1787 460261 alistair@hedinghamcastle.co.uk
Layer Marney Tower is a grand Tudor house of Italian design.	(0) 1206 330784 info@layermarneytower.co.uk
In 1944, Marks Hall served as the 'Wing HQ' for over 750 American bombers. Today visitors can tour the geographically themed gardens; there is a memorial to the fallen of Operation Varsity in the North American section.'	(0) 1376 563796
Housed in a former Water Pumping Station, the Museum contains a fascinating collection which ranges from a working overhead machine shop to a petrol powered iron.	(0) 1621 843183
RHS Garden Hyde Hall is a public display garden run by the Royal Horticultural Society in the English countryside, visit the gardens , reading room and cafes on site.	(0) 207 8213170 hydehallgroups@rhs.org.uk
The Royal Gunpowder Mills is designated a Scheduled Monument, the highest protection that can be given to a historic site.	(0) 1992 707375 luke.dunne@royalgunpowdermills.com
St Andrew's represents around 1,300 years of Christian worship. The oldest grave belongs to a 12th-century Crusader. Suitable for FITs.	(0) 1277 363268



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Attractions

Business	Open All Year	Trade Rates	Free Entry	Online Booking	Coach Access	Cafe	Guided Tours	Miles from Nearest Train Station
St Mary Magdelene Church greatburstead-church.co.uk	•		•		•			2.5 Billericay
Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome stowmaries.org.uk	•				•	•	•	2.8 South Woodham Ferrers
The Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall, Bradwell-on-Sea bradwellchapel.org	•		•		•			12.5 Burnham-on-Crouch
The Forgotten Gardens of Easton Lodge eastonlodge.co.uk					•	•	•	5 Stansted Airport
Tilbury Fort english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/tilbury-fort	•	•			•	•		1.5 Tilbury Town
Tiptree Jam Tiptree.com	•		•		•	•	•	13 Colchester
West Street Vineyard weststreetvineyard.co.uk					•	•	•	2.8 Kelvedon
Willingale Airfield and Archive Project willingalevillage.uk								8 Chelmsford

Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact
County Hotel Chelmsford countyhotelchelmsford.co.uk	4	50	(0) 1245 455700 reservations@countryhotelgroup.co.uk
Down Hall downhall.co.uk	4	97	(0) 1279 731441
Greenwoods Hotel greenwoodshotel.com	4	39	(0) 1277 829990
Greyfriars Hotel greyfriarscolchester.co.uk	4	26	(0) 1206 575913 reservations@greyfriarscolchester.co.uk
Lifhouse Spa and Hotel lifhouse.co.uk	4	89	(0) 1255 860050
Maison Talbooth, Dedham milsomhotels.com	3	12	(0) 1206 323150 talbooth@milsomhotels.com
Marriott Hotel Waltham Abbey marriott.com	4	182	(0) 1992 717170
Marygreen Manor, Brentwood marygreenmanor.co.uk	4	44	(0) 1277 225252 info@marygreenmanor.co.uk
Milsom Hotel, Dedham milsomhotels.com	3	15	(0) 1206 322795 milsoms@milsomhotels.com
Prested Hall, Feering nr Colchester prested.co.uk	3	16	(0) 1376 573300 info@prested.com
Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Colchester stokebynayland.com	4	80	(0) 1206 262836 sales@stokebynayland.com
The Pier Hotel, Harwich milsomhotels.com/the-pier	4	14	(0) 1255 241212 stephenr@milsomhotels.com



	Description	Contact (+44)
	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.	(0) 1277 632060 revd.michael@btinternet.com
	Europe's largest surviving WWI aerodrome. Museum, hangars showing replica WWI aircraft. Regular events including talks. Groups welcome.	(0) 1245 429134 info@stowmaries.org.uk
	Among England's oldest intact Christian churches and the 19th-oldest building in the country, St Peter's is still in use today.	(0) 1621 776846
	The site of a World War II airfield, these fully restored elegant Edwardian gardens include a tree-lined memorial walk with various species commemorating the nations that flew from here.	(0) 1371 876979 enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk
	Henry VIII built the first fort here, and Queen Elizabeth I famously rallied her army nearby.	(0) 1375 858489
	Wilkin & Sons and Tiptree preserves are enjoyed the world over. Visit the farm where these jams are made. Museum, coffee shop, farm tours and shop all on site. Groups welcome.	(0) 1621 814524 tiptree@trooms.com
	Family run boutique micro vineyard with an automated tasting wall, restaurant and event facilities in the beautiful village of Coggeshall.	(0) 1376 563303
	The Archive Project is a collection of historical items that help tell the story of Willingale Village over the last 150 years, including its time during World War II.	willingalevillage.uk/about

	Description
	Hotel with modern facilities in the city centre with easy road and rail access to London. Ideal for groups.
	Relax the body, soothe the soul and lift the spirit during your stay at Down Hall in the new, luxury Eden Spa.
	Set in beautiful English countryside, the hotel is a Grade II Listed 17th Century manor house which has been lovingly restored and developed.
	GreyFriars is an exquisite, Michelin recommended, luxury hotel with superb restaurant and lounge bars, opened in 2015.
	Contemporary hotel and spa near the sea, with 89 bedrooms in English Heritage-listed Thorpe Hall Gardens.
	Relaxing luxury country house with outdoor pool and views across Dedham Vale.
	Elegant accommodation, helpful amenities and stylish venue spaces.
	Marygreen Manor is a fine example of early sixteenth century architecture and was initially the home of Henry Roper, gentleman servant to Catherine of Aragon.
	The 15 bedrooms are quiet and relaxed with super comfy beds and lovely design features.
	A beautiful 15th century part moated manor house combining modern comfort, quality and elegant period features. Spa, health club and restaurant.
	Spa, self-catering lodges, 80 hotel rooms and two championship golf courses in the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
	Luxury boutique English seaside hotel, bar and restaurant with a 'Mayflower suite'.



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Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact
University of Essex Campus Services Ltd (Event Essex) eventessex.co.uk		72	(0) 1206 874869 mark.smith@essex.ac.uk
Wivenhoe House Hotel wivenhoehouse.co.uk	4	40	(0) 1206 878580

Tours & Tour Guides	Contact
Colchester Tour Guides visitcolchester.com/things-to-do/tours-sightseeing.aspx	(0) 1206 282920 vic@colchester.gov.uk
Guide East guideeast.co.uk	(0) 1206 364542 (0) 1206 243463
Harwich Society harwich-society.co.uk	(0) 1255 502872 info@harwich-society.co.uk

Ancestral Services	Contact
Essex Record Office, Chelmsford essexrecordoffice.co.uk	(0) 3330 132500 ero.enquiry@essex.gov.uk
Essex Society for Family History esfh.org.uk	willingalevillage.uk/about
Willingale Village Archive willingalevillage.uk/archive-project/willingale-airfield-2	willingalevillage.uk/about

Trade Directory Key

Open all year – available throughout the year with limited closures

Trade rates – reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

Free entry – applies to entry however tours and exhibitions may be subject to additional fees

Miles from nearest train station – distance by car from main access point

New Bookable Product

The Essex Record Office (ERO) is the storehouse of Essex history, caring for nearly 1,000 years' worth of the county's history.

The ERO is based in Chelmsford, which is approximately halfway between London and Harwich. Collections include parish registers of baptisms, marriages, and burials, in some cases dating back to 1538, and thousands of wills, dating from the 1400s-1858. If you have Essex ancestors, there's a good chance you will find traces of them and the places they lived in these unique collections.

New services available on request include:

- Hire a dedicated researcher to delve into your personal connections
- Search room tour highlighting the remarkable number of records, including the largest map and the oldest documents in the collections
- Specialist talks and workshops tailored to the needs of your group

For more information and bookings:

ero.enquiry@essex.gov.uk | essexrecordoffice.co.uk | +44 (0) 33301 32122



Description
The University of Essex hires out venues and accommodation at both its Colchester and Southend Campuses, providing a unique and affordable experience to visitors.
Eighteenth-century country house hotel in parkland, requisitioned by the War Department during both World Wars.

Description
Uncover Colchester's fascinating - and long - history on a guided, themed walking tour of the ancient town.
Coach, walking and constumed themed tours, based in Colchester.
The Society preserves the town's rich heritage, and runs fascinating free guided tours including Mayflower themed tours, exploring the home town of Master Christopher Jones.

Description
Tracing English ancestors can begin at home, through Essex Record Office's remote search option for US residents. Visit the Record Office to explore a wealth of documents including the largest known map.
Research centre in Chelmsford, plus an online genealogy database for members.
The Archive Project is a collection of historical items that help tell the story of Willingale Village over the last 150 years, including its time as one of 15 airfields in Essex allocated to the USAAF during World War II.

Online booking - available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites

Coach access - allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details

Accessibility - for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements





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New Bookable Product

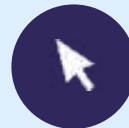
Hedingham Castle is a 900 year old Norman Keep in 160 acres of spectacularly beautiful landscaped gardens and woodland. The Lindsey family, descendants of original owners - the De Veres still live in the castle.

Visitors can now enjoy a new half day guided tour of the castle, house and grounds with refreshments. Optional luxury travel from local train stations can be provided.

For more information and bookings:

alistair@hedinghamcastle.co.uk | hedinghamcastle.co.uk

+44 (0) 1787 460261



Hedingham Castle

Travel Information



Central Essex is approximately 40 miles northeast of London, in the East of England. Travelling by rail from London, most trains to Essex depart from London Liverpool Street.

Approximate travel times from London:

Harwich - 1 hour 20 mins by rail
1 hour 40 mins by road

Colchester - 1 hour by rail
1 hour 25 mins by road

Chelmsford - 30 mins by rail
1 hour 5 mins by road

For more detailed itinerary suggestions for Essex see:

- United Allies
- Origins of Faith
- Old Stories of the New World
- Ancestral Tours

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An inland port in the rolling Cotswold hills of southwest England, the cathedral city of Gloucester has links to The Star-Spangled Banner, Methodism, the Sunday School movement and millions of US citizens. The surrounding county of Gloucestershire also played a key role in World War II airborne operations.

Gloucester Cathedral

The following highlights are visitor attractions and things to do that are available as bookable products for FITs and (usually) groups in Gloucester. Full details and contact information for each business can be found in the Gloucester directory.

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

World War II airborne operations are deeply connected to this gentle county with a grand cathedral at its heart, from the RAF airfields that advanced invasion gliders to the launch of a revolutionary jet.

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

Gloucestershire has a wealth of connections with the United States, from the composer of the music to The Star-Spangled Banner to a signatory of the US Declaration of Independence to Gloucester, Massachusetts itself.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Magnificent Gloucester Cathedral is linked to John Stafford Smith, composer of the music of The Star-Spangled Banner, and the city also nurtured leaders in the Methodist and Sunday School movements.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

More than 9.5 million US citizens trace their roots to Gloucester, its historic locals and the peaceful spa towns, magnificent stately homes and lush Cotswold countryside that surround it.



Gloucester Docks

GLOUCESTER

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Gloucester Cathedral

A guide can point out the plaque that memorialises local man John Stafford Smith, who was born near and baptised in Gloucester Cathedral, one of the most beautiful buildings in England. Smith wrote The Anacreontic Song, which was adopted as the tune of The Star-Spangled Banner.

gloucestercathedral.org.uk

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Llanthony Secunda Priory

Founded in 1136 as a retreat for the monks of the first Llanthony Priory who were fleeing attack from the local Welsh population, Llanthony Secunda Priory was England's largest Augustinian property by the 16th century. Visitors can step inside the newly restored medieval buildings on open days, or take a guided tour.

llanthysecunda.org

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

Church of St Mary de Crypt

This medieval church and adjoining Tudor schoolroom has links to two of the greatest Christian leaders of their generation: Evangelist (and lifelong friend of Benjamin Franklin) George Whitefield and Robert Raikes, one of the founders of the 1780s Sunday School movement. See the pulpit where Whitefield preached, and climb the bell tower on a special tour.

discoverdecrypt.org.uk

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Gloucestershire Archives

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

gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives

New Bookable Product

Whitefield's Gloucester and the Star-Spangled Banner

Experience the magnificent Cathedral and link to Francis Scott Key's famous poem, Defence of Fort McHenry, set during the War of 1812. Explore the city that nurtured leaders in the Methodist and Sunday School movements.

- Enjoy an organ recital of The Star-Spangled Banner at Gloucester Cathedral, a truly profound experience followed by a tour of one of Europe's most impressive medieval buildings.
- Explore over 2,000 years of the city's history and learn more about Charles Dickens, Beatrix Potter and Robert Raikes, a pioneer in the Sunday School movement.
- Visit and experience an impressive 15th-century chapel, from where one of the founders of Methodism and the Evangelical movement, George Whitefield was educated; and the pulpit where he preached his first sermon.

A half day tour will include a local Civic Trust Guide to navigate around and give context relating to the connections. In addition lunch/afternoon tea are available on request. The experience is available in the morning and afternoon from Tuesday to Saturday, for most of the year except for major religious holidays when services may take place. These packages are available exclusively to groups and must be pre-booked.

For more information and bookings:

+44 (0) 1452 207020 | ben@marketinggloucester.co.uk

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MEET THE LOCALS

“Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! My lords, ladies and gentlemen. I look forward to welcoming you to the ancient and noble cathedral city and port of Gloucester. A bastion of history, hospitality and entertainment nestled in the vale of the royal and rustic county of Gloucestershire!”

Alan Myatt
Gloucester Town Crier

Credit Fionn Davenport



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Attractions

Business	Open All Year	Trade Rates	Free Entry	Online Booking	Coach Access	Cafe	Guided Tours	Miles from Nearest Station	
Beatrix Potter Museum tailor-of-gloucester.org.uk	•		•					1 Gloucester	
Blackfriars Priory gloucesterblackfriars.co.uk	•					•	•	1.3 Gloucester	
Discover DeCrypt discoverdecrypt.org.uk	•	•	•	•		•	•	0.6 Gloucester	
Gloucester Brewery gloucesterbrewery.co.uk	•						•	1.5 Gloucester	
Gloucester Cathedral gloucestercathedral.org.uk	•	•	•	•		•	•	0.5 Gloucester	
Gloucester Warwickshire Steam Railway gwsr.com				•	•	•	•	At Toddington Station	
Highgrove Royal Gardens highgrovegardens.com	•	•		•	•	•	•	9.7 Kemble	
Hillside Brewery hillsidebrewery.com	•			•	•	•	•	9.3 Gloucester	
Jet Age Museum jetagemuseum.org/themuseum.aspx			•	•	•	•	•	4 Gloucester	
Llanthony Secunda Priory llanthysecunda.org	•		•				•	1.4 Gloucester	
National Waterways Museum Gloucester canalrivertrust.org.uk/gloucester	•					•	•	1 Gloucester	
Soldiers of Gloucester Museum soldiersofglos.com	•		•					1.2 Gloucester	
St Johns Church gloucestershiremethodist.org.uk	•			•			•	0.5 Gloucester	
Three Choirs Vineyard three-choirs-vineyards.co.uk	•				•	•	•	11.7 Gloucester	



Description	Contact (+44)
The House of the Tailor of Gloucester is a museum and gift shop dedicated to children's author Beatrix Potter.	(0) 1452 422856 info@tailor-of-gloucester.org.uk
Blackfriars founded in 1239 is a stunning example of a 13th century medieval Priory and a fascinating site for visitors to see.	(0) 1452 396384 blackfriars@gloucester.gov.uk
This medieval church and adjoining Tudor schoolroom has links to two of the greatest Christian leaders of their generation: Evangelist (and lifelong friend of Benjamin Franklin) George Whitefield and Robert Raikes, one of the founders of the 1780s Sunday School movement.	(0) 1452 385070 jessicagordon@discoverdecrypt.org.uk
Established in 2011 this local brewery offers monthly guided tours and local events to showcase the variety of beers on offer.	(0) 1452 668043 enquiries@gloucesterbrewery.co.uk
A guide can point out the plaque that memorialises local man John Stafford Smith, who was born near and baptised in Gloucester Cathedral, one of the most beautiful buildings in England.	(0) 1452 528095 visits@gloucestercathedral.org.uk
Steam and heritage diesel trains puff through the glorious Cotswolds countryside on a 28-mile round trip.	(0) 1242 621405 info@gwsr.com
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.	(0) 333 222 4555 customerservices@highgroveshop.com
A craft brewery offering brewery tours and a day in the countryside.	(0) 1452 830222 info@hillsidebrewery.com
Jet Age offers a unique experience of the history of an aviation company and area that spanned the First and Second World Wars into the very genesis of jet powered flight.	cbandmcampbell@aol.com
Founded in 1136 as a retreat for the monks of the first Llanthony Priory who were fleeing attack from the local Welsh population, Llanthony Secunda Priory was England's largest Augustinian property by the 16th century.	(0) 1452 563499 info@llanthonysecunda.org
Gloucester Docks, the most inland port in the country is home to old dock buildings, making it a great place for a family day out.	(0) 79178 99222 michelle.kozomara@canalrivertrust.org.uk
The history of the Gloucestershire Regiment, the 'Glorious Glosters', is told through exhibits, uniforms and weaponry in this museum located in the historic Gloucester Docks.	(0) 1452 522682 enquiries@sogm.co.uk
St John's Northgate Methodist Church has the distinction of being the oldest continually used site for worship in Methodism in the world. John Wesley and George Whitfield preached from the pulpit in the church.	(0) 1452 415769 office@glosccircuit.co.uk
The first planting took place in 1973, and is now one of the largest at 75 acres and oldest vineyards in England. It offers tours and tastings, accommodation plus a brasserie.	(0) 1531 890223 info@threechoirs.com



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Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact
Cheltenham Chase Hotel qhotels.co.uk	4	122	(0) 1452 519988 thecheltenhamchase.co.uk/contact-us
Hallmark Gloucester hallmarkhotels.co.uk	4	95	hallmarkhotels.co.uk/contact
Hatherley Manor hatherleymanor.com	4	56	(0) 1452 730217 reservations@hatherleymanor.com
Hatton Court Hotel hatton-court.co.uk	4	45	(0) 7469 851563 steve.collins@hatton-hotels.co.uk
Mercure Bowden Hall mercuregloucester.co.uk	4	72	(0) 7825 215708 rachel.wood@jupiterhotels.co.uk
The Edward edwardhotel-gloucester.co.uk	2	25	(0) 1452 525865 edwardhotel-gloucester.co.uk/contact-us
Spalite Hotel spalitehotel.co.uk/home/4536727724	3	9	(0) 1452 380828
Thornbury Castle thornburycastle.co.uk	3	27	(0) 1454 281182 reception@thornburycastle.co.uk

Tours & Tour Guides	Contact
Canal River Boat Trust canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-to-visit/gloucester-docks/boat-trips	(0) 1452 318200 gwm@canalrivertrust.org.uk
Cotswold Connections cotswold-connections.co.uk	(0) 7813 133847 paul.cctravel@hotmail.co.uk
Gloucester Cathedral Tours gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/tours	(0) 1452 528095 reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk
Gloucester Civic Trust Guided Tours gloucestercivictrust.org.uk/discover-gloucester	(0) 1452 526955

Ancestral Services	Contact
Gloucestershire Archives gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives	(0) 1452 425295 archives@gloucestershire.gov.uk
Gloucester Cathedral Archives devonfhs.org.uk	(0) 1452 229818 archivist@gloucestercathedral.org.uk
Hidden Heritage hidden-heritage.co.uk/services	(0) 1452 540700 info@hidden-heritage.co.uk
Soldiers of Gloucestershire soldiers.soldiersofglos.com	(0) 1452 522682 enquiries@sogm.co.uk

Trade Directory Key

Open all year – available throughout the year with limited closures

Trade rates – reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

Free entry – applies to entry however tours and exhibitions may be subject to additional fees

Miles from nearest train station – distance by car from main access point



Description
Near key transport links including the M5 but surrounded by parkland with spectacular views across the Cotswolds, this modern hotel has a luxurious spa as well as a lively restaurant and large outdoor garden terrace.
On the fringes of historic Gloucester, there are miles and miles of cycling routes and beautiful walks in the nearby Cotswolds and Forest of Dean.
A 17th century manor house with a long history set in the rolling Gloucestershire countryside.
Hatton Court is a 4 star Country House Hotel – a historical property that is unique and delivers an independent English hotel experience.
Set in 12 acres of land, on the edge of the Cotswolds, the hotel is just 3 miles from Gloucester City Centre.
The Edward Hotel sits in a Victorian, townhouse terrace and faces London Road, once the final part of the Roman Ermin St.
A traditional family run Bed and Breakfast located in Gloucester City Centre.
Built in the 1500s, Thornbury Castle has housed kings, queens and dukes over the centuries.

Description
See historic Gloucester Docks (a filming location for Alice Through the Looking Glass) from Queen Boadicea II, one of the 'Little Ships' of Dunkirk.
Personalised tours of the Cotswolds' villages and gardens.
Guided tours offer insight into connections with John Stafford Smith, Edward II and Harry Potter.
From cathedral to dockyard and the streets in between, a 90-minute stroll with an expert guide is a great way to discover the rich layers of history that have shaped Gloucester for over 2,000 years.

Description
Provides various records for researching family history, in addition to a guide covering records for the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.
These comprise a small amount of material from the medieval Abbey of St Peter, and the later administrative records of the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester.
Liz has been undertaking genealogical research for over twenty years, and is one of the foremost experts in Gloucestershire and surrounding areas.
Try on Army uniforms, look into a First World War trench, learn about medals and how soldiers won them through history with the interactive displays.

Online booking – available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites

Coach access – allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details

Accessibility – for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements



GLOUCESTER: TRADE DIRECTORY

GLOUCESTER'S KEY EVENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

Gloucester History Festival

Every September, this two week-long festival celebrates local and international history through talk, workshops and behind-the-scenes access to historic buildings that are usually closed to the public.

gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk

Tall Ships Festival 2019, Gloucester

Historic tall ships sail into historic Gloucester docks on the spring bank holiday. Pirates, shanties and food stalls add to the festival feel.

gloucestertallships.co.uk

The Three Choirs Festival

The cathedral cities of Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester take turns to host the annual Three Choirs - the world's oldest non-competitive classic music festival. Expect a world-class array of choral and orchestral concerts, chamber and solo music recitals, talks, masterclasses and walks every July/August; 2019 is Gloucester's turn.

3choirs.org

DID YOU KNOW?

Every spring bank holiday, in a tradition that dates back centuries, hundreds of spectators line Cooper's Hill to watch fearless competitors hurl themselves down a steep slope in pursuit of a large Double Gloucester cheese!

Travel Information



Gloucester is approximately 100 miles west of London, in southwest England. Travelling by rail from London, most trains to Gloucester depart from London Paddington.

Approximate travel times from London:

Gloucester - 1 hour 55 mins by rail
2 hour 20 mins by road

For more detailed itinerary suggestions for Gloucester see:

- United Allies
- Origins of Faith
- Old Stories of the New World
- Ancestral Tours

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On the south coast of England, the county of Hampshire is a tranquil blend of countryside and coastline. Over the centuries, countless migrants have set sail from its historic ports, followed by thousands of US servicemen on D-Day during World War II. Inland, many pilgrimages point to the ancient cathedral in the city of Winchester.

Winchester Cathedral

The following highlights are visitor attractions and things to do that are available as bookable products for FITs and (usually) groups in Hampshire. Full details and contact information for each business can be found in the Hampshire directory.

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Hampshire played a key role in World War II, with many American units calling the county their home-from-home prior to D-Day; General Eisenhower even gave the go-ahead for Operation Overlord here.

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

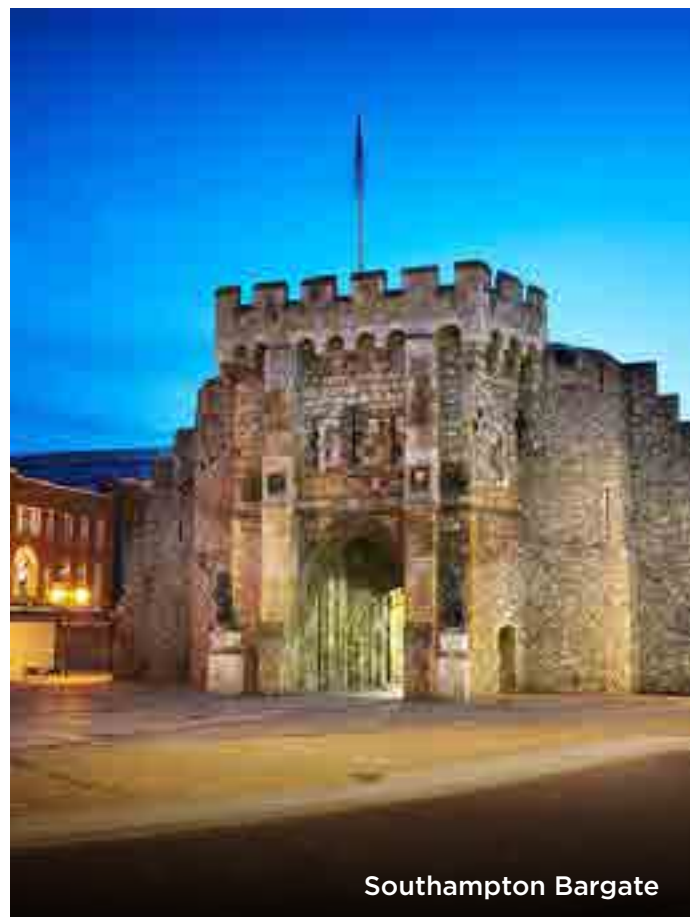
Coastal Hampshire and the cities of Portsmouth and Southampton (the cruise capital of Europe) share a rich seafaring history with America; the Mayflower, Speedwell and Titanic all set sail from here.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Hampshire offers a chance to worship in the same church as the Mayflower Pilgrims and to walk in the footsteps of King Arthur, saints, Jane Austen and relatives of George Washington in Winchester, the ancient capital of England.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Descendants of the Mayflower Pilgrims, the American GIs stationed in Hampshire and the thousands of migrants who set sail from here in between will be keen to find out more about their ancestors' lives in the county.



Southampton Bargate



HAMPSHIRE

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

These are the must-see United Allies-themed attractions in Hampshire.

The D-Day Story, Portsmouth

This compelling blend of storytelling, personal accounts and visual imagery brings D-Day and the story of Operation Overlord to life, including first-hand testimony from Eisenhower's personal aide. Specialist talks, guided tours and VIP experiences available.

thedaystory.com

D-Day Wall Map, Royal Military Police Museum

This Georgian house was the nerve centre for Operation Overlord. It was here that Eisenhower issued the famous order, "OK, let's go", launching the single biggest operation in military history. Guided tours available.

rhqrmpp.org/rmp_museum.html

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard & The Mary Rose

This vast dockyard with 12 museums and vessels from above and below the water is a comprehensive overview of English maritime history. Private guided tours of Nelson's HMS Victory, HMS Warrior and HMS Alliance are available. Exclusive behind-the-scenes and out-of-hours tours can be arranged.

historicdockyard.co.uk

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

These are the must-see faith and religion-themed attractions in Hampshire.

Winchester Cathedral

One of the most treasured buildings in southern England. Visitors can experience a tower and roof tour, through the interior gallery over the cathedral ceiling, into the largest bell ringing chamber in the UK and up the tower for far-reaching views.

winchester-cathedral.org.uk

Parish of St Michael the Angel

The Norman tower of St Michael's Church is the oldest building in Southampton, dating to 1070. 2020 represents the 950th anniversary of the church's founding.

southamptonchurches.com

Mayflower Pilgrims, Southampton

The Speedwell from Leiden and the Mayflower from London met in August 1620 in Southampton to prepare for their voyage to the New World. Take a tour of the Pilgrim sites including the Pilgrim Fathers Memorial.

mayflower400uk.org/visit/southampton

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

These are the must-see migration-themed attractions in Hampshire.

SS Shieldhall, Southampton

Guests on a cruise on SS Shieldhall, the largest working steamship in Britain, have access to all areas, from engine room to the captain and crew. Combined walking and boat tours available including themed Titanic, Mayflower and World War II tours.

ss-shieldhall.co.uk

Tudor House Museum, Southampton

The museum, in a timber-framed, late-15th-century building, charts more than 800 years of history. Its proximity to the former waterfront made it the perfect home for a series of shipowners during the 16th century.

tudorhouseandgarden.com

SeaCity Museum, Southampton

Southampton is synonymous with cruise liners. The most famous was undoubtedly Titanic, the story of which is captured here as never before. SeaCity chronicles the lives of Southampton's citizens, revealing their fascinating connections to the doomed ship.

seacitymuseum.co.uk



Tudor House Museum

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

These are the key ancestral services, tours and tour guides in Hampshire.

Hampshire Record Office, Winchester

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

hants.gov.uk/archives.htm

See Southampton

Fascinating walking tours led by expert guides. Highlights include the Titanic Trail and an exploration of the Mayflower voyage.

seesouthampton.co.uk

Portsmouth History Centre, Portsmouth Central Library

Family, local & naval history archives.

portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/libraries/portsmouth-history-centre-and-records-office

Winchester Tourist Guides

Scheduled, themed or group tours, covering subjects such as St Swithun's Day and Medieval Jewish Winchester.

winchestertouristguides.com

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

Southampton Tourist Guides

Themed guided walking tours of Southampton.

southamptontouristguides.com



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Attractions

Business	Open All Year	Trade Rates	Free Entry	Online Booking	Coach Access	Cafe	Guided Tours	Miles from Nearest Train Station	
Steamship Shieldhall ss-shieldhall.co.uk		•		•	•	•	•	1.6 Southampton Central	
Beaulieu beaulieu.co.uk	•	•		•	•	•	•	7 Brockenhurst	
Bombay Sapphire Distillery distillery.bombaysapphire.com	•	•		•	•	•	•	4 Overton	
Bucklers Hard bucklershard.co.uk	•	•		•	•	•	•	8 Brockenhurst	
Chawton House chawtonhouse.org		•			•	•	•	3 Alton	
Exbury Gardens & Steam Railway exbury.co.uk		•		•	•	•	•	7.3 Beaulieu Road	
Gilbert White & The Oates Collections gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk	•	•			•	•	•	6 Alton	
Hattingley Valley Wines hattingleyvalley.co.uk	•	•		•	•	•	•	10 Basingstoke	
Jane Austen's House Museum jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk		•						2.5 Alton	
Pilgrims Fathers Memorial, Southampton	•		•					1.5 Southampton Central	
Portsmouth Historic Dockyard historicdockyard.co.uk	•	•		•	•	•	•	2 Portsmouth	
Royal Military Police Museum rhqrmpp.org/rmp_museum.html	•		•		•		•	3 Portchester	
Royal Victoria Country Park victoria-house-hamble.co.uk	•		•		•	•	•	1.5 Netley	
SeaCity Museum seacitymuseum.co.uk	•	•		•	•	•	•	0.3 Southampton Central	
The D-Day Story thedaystory.com	•	•		•	•	•	•	2 Portsmouth	
The Mary Rose maryrose.org	•	•		•	•	•	•	1 Portsmouth Harbour	
Tudor House Museum tudorhouseandgarden.com	•	•		•		•	•	1 Southampton Central	
Winchester Cathedral winchester-cathedral.org.uk	•	•	•		•	•	•	1 Winchester	



Description	Contact (+44)
As part of a Shieldhall cruise, guests can see the impressive engine room with its original steam engines at work and the bridge. The largest working steamship in Britain. Group themed tours available.	(0) 2380 843310 directortickets@ss-shieldhall.co.uk
Palace House was once the Great Gatehouse of Beaulieu Abbey and contains the resident Montagu family treasures, portraits, photographs and memorabilia. The National Motor Museum is also on site.	(0) 1590 614645 groups@beaulieu.co.uk
See old mill buildings transformed into a modern distillery, and take a masterclass to shake up your gin-based cocktail-making skills.	(0) 1256 890093 amy@bombaysapphire.com
Bucker's Hard, an 18th-century shipbuilding village, was used to build motor torpedo boats and the river was used as a base for landing aircraft during Operation Overlord.	(0) 1590 614645 groups@bucklershard.co.uk
An Elizabethan manor house that once belonged to Jane Austen's brother, Edward. The library, house and gardens provide a fascinating insight into the Regency period.	(0) 1420 595914 corrine.saint@chawtonhouse.org
Offering woodland walks, world famous displays of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias, art and sculpture exhibitions and a miniature steam railway.	(0) 2380 891203
Gilbert White & The Oates Collections tells the story of three very British explorers of the Natural world.	(0) 1420 511275 marketing@gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk
Visit this eco-friendly winery to learn about the production of traditional method sparkling wine and taste their multi-award winning collection.	(0) 1256 389188 rebecca.fisher@hatingleyvalley.co.uk
Jane Austen's House Museum in Chawton, Hampshire, is the house where Jane Austen lived and wrote for the last eight years of her life (1809-1817).	(0) 142 083262 susan.gilmour@jahmusm.org.uk
Erected 1913 to the design of R M Lucas. It commemorates the sailing of the "Mayflower" and "Speedwell" from Southampton Quay in 1620.	N/A: Memorial site with open access
Get the most comprehensive view of English maritime history at this vast dockyard, with 12 museums and vessels from above and below the water.	(0) 2392 839766 emma.abrook@nmrn.org.uk
Southwick House was the nerve centre for Operation Overlord - the single biggest operation in military history.	(0) 2392 284 372 pa@rhqrmponmicrosoft.com
This former site of the Royal Victoria Hospital was used in 1944 by US Forces prior to D-Day and still hosts the original hospital chapel within its grounds.	(0) 2380 479644 rvcp.enquiries@hants.gov.uk
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.	(0) 238 0915851 steve.newell@southampton.gov.uk
This compelling blend of storytelling, personal accounts and visual imagery brings D-Day and the story of Operation Overlord to life.	(0) 2392 834636 jane.singh@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
The Mary Rose is the only 16th century warship on display anywhere in the world and was King Henry VIII's beloved flagship.	(0) 2392 812931 k.deak@maryrose.org
This attractive timber-framed, late 15th century building, is located in the heart of Southampton's old town.	(0) 2380 915851 steve.newell@southampton.gov.uk
One of the most treasured buildings in all southern England, Winchester Cathedral was begun in 1070 and is one of the largest cathedrals in Europe.	(0) 1962 857227 catherine.hodgson@winchester-cathedral.org.uk



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Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact
Ageas Bowl, Southampton ageasbowl.com/hotel	3	171	(0) 2382 020900
Doubletree by Hilton, Southampton doubletree3.hilton.com	3	135	(0) 2380 702700
Highfield Park highfieldpark.com	3	58	(0) 1189 326369 reception.team@highfieldpark.com
Holiday Inn Winchester hiwinchester.co.uk	4	131	(0) 1962 670700 info@hiwinchester.co.uk
Lainston House exclusive.co.uk/lainston-house			(0) 1962 776088
Leonardo Royal Hotel Southampton Grand Harbour leonardohotels.co.uk	4	173	(0) 2380 633033 southamptongrandharbour@leonardohotels.co.uk
Mercure Winchester accorhotels.com	4	94	(0) 1962 312800
Portsmouth Marriott Hotel marriott.co.uk	4	174	(0) 2392 383151
Room2 Southampton room2.com	71	4	(0) 2380 572222 live@room2.com
Warbrook House warbrookhouse.com	5	71	(0) 118 973 2174
Winchester Hotel and Spa thewinchesterhotel.co.uk	4	96	(0) 1962 709988 yourhost@t-wh.co.uk
Winchester Royal Hotel winchesterroyalhotel.com	4	81	(0) 3301 027242 reservations@winchesterroyalhotel.com
Wykeham Arms Winchester wykehamarmswinchester.co.uk	4	14	(0) 1962 853834 wykehamarms@fullers.co.uk

Tours & Tour Guides	Contact
Portsmouth Guided Walks & Tours visitportsmouth.co.uk/things-to-do/guided-walks-and-talks	(0) 2392 826722 vis@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
See Southampton seesouthampton.co.uk	(0) 7770 842728 info@seesouthampton.co.uk
Southampton Tourist Guides southamptontouristguides.com	southamptontouristguides76@gmail.com
The Gosport D-Day Trail discovergosport.co.uk	Website Contact Form
Winchester Tourist Guides winchestertouristguides.com	tourism@winchester.gov.uk

New Bookable Product - A Taste of England Tours

Founding Connections – Windsor, Salisbury and Southampton

Trace the story of the key royal, constitutional and founding links between the USA and England with a qualified Blue Badge Guide. Visit the place Magna Carta was sealed in 1215, follow in the footsteps of the Mayflower Pilgrims and visit Windsor Castle. Option to visit nearby Winchester.

Full day (9 hours) | Private transport included | Start within 90 mins drive of Windsor | Suitable for groups (20-45) & F.I.T. (2-6)

Julia Morris | atasteofenglandtours.com
+44 (0) 7817 364981 | julia@atasteofenglandtours.com



Description
The property boasts the luxury eforea spa, the first BEEFY'S by Sir Ian Botham which is a British bar and restaurant, and the Ageas Bowl's 18-hole golf course, Boundary Lakes.
Located just outside Southampton city centre, minutes from the M3 and M27 motorways, this hotel offers easy access to plenty of activities.
This elegant house, in the style of Queen Anne is set in 35 acres of beautiful parkland on the Hampshire/Berkshire border
Situated on the edge of the South Downs National Park, this hotel offers 131 luxury and contemporary bedrooms and a range of amenities.
Lainston House is a 17th Century luxury hotel with beautiful grounds and a resident falconer.
An iconic landmark on the Southampton waterfront, with 173 luxury rooms and suites, fine dining and spa experience.
With Winchester Cathedral and many independent shops and eateries just a short stroll away, this hotel is perfect for city sightseeing and exploring.
Edging the shores of England's spectacular South Coast, Portsmouth Marriott Hotel is a 4-star haven near the city's best attractions.
The world's first 'hometel,' with spectacular harbour views.
A Grade I listed Mansion House, nestled in 121 acres of private estate.
A stylish 4* hotel in the heart of the City of Winchester featuring luxury Spa, Health Club, a wide range of dining options.
Dating back to the 16th century, this city centre located 81 bedroom hotel is ideally located for the city centre's key attractions.
A characterful 18th-century inn between Winchester college and the cathedral.

Description
Walking and on-coach guided tours of historic Portsmouth including a D-Day walking tour.
Innovative and active guides committed to showing you the best of Southampton. Themed walks include the Titanic Trail, The Story of the Mayflower, Hidden History and the Story of the Spitfire.
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.
Pick up a leaflet and follow this selfguided trail around Gosport's D-Day places of interest, including the Canadian Memorial.
Scheduled, themed or group tours, covering subjects such as St Swithun's Day and Medieval Jewish Winchester.

D-Day Portsmouth - Preparation and launch

Full day tour led by local Blue Badge Guide with private transport. Visit the D-Day story museum, Portsmouth; Southwick House and the D-Day sites of the New Forest.

Options to include Broadlands, Southampton and Solent Air Museum.

Full day (7 hours) | Private transport included (SUV) | Start Portsmouth (or within 90 mins drive) | Suitable for groups (20-30) & F.I.T. (2-6)



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Ancestral Services	Contact
Hampshire Geological Society hgs-familyhistory.com	(0) 2392 387000 hgs-familyhistory.com
Hampshire Record Office, Winchester hants.gov.uk/archives	(0) 1962 846154
Portsmouth History Centre portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/libraries/portsmouth-history-centre-and-records-office	(0) 2392 688046 portsmouthhistorycentre@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
Southampton Archives southampton.gov.uk/arts-heritage/southampton-archives	(0) 2380 833000

Trade Directory Key

Open all year – available throughout the year with limited closures

Trade rates – reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

Free entry – applies to entry however tours and exhibitions may be subject to additional fees

Miles from nearest train station – distance by car from main access point

New Bookable Product

SS SHIELDHALL

'In the Footsteps of The Spitfire'

Spend a day in Southampton - on land and sea - exploring the maritime city's connections with the iconic Spitfire.

- Visit Solent Sky Museum and hear about the Spitfire's designer and the history of the world's greatest fighting aircraft
- Take a guided walk with a Southampton Guide through Woolston on the opposite bank of the River Itchen, once home to the Supermarine Spitfire Factory
- Board the SS Shieldhall for a cruise along Southampton Water

The Shieldhall is the country's oldest passenger-cargo steamship. These packages are available exclusively to groups and must be pre-booked.

For more information and bookings:

tickets@ss-shieldhall.co.uk | ss-shieldhall.co.uk | +44 (0) 23 8084 3310





Description
Registered charity run entirely by volunteers.
Archives, local studies and help with family history enquiries made via tours operators or individuals.
Family, local and naval history archives.
Southampton's archives services hold a rich variety of material relating to the city and its people dating back to 1199.

Online booking – available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites

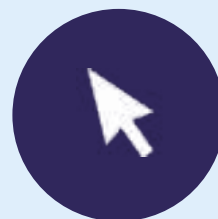
Coach access – allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details

Accessibility – for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements

'In the Footsteps of the Mayflower'

Exploring the maritime city's connections with the Mayflower.

- Visit SeaCity Museum and learn about the famous ships that have sailed out of Southampton, including the Mayflower, the Titanic and the Queen Mary
- Take a guided walk with a Southampton Guide through the city's Old Town, visiting Vaults and Towers and hearing about the city's connections with Mayflower Pilgrims
- Board the SS Shieldhall for a cruise along Southampton Water retracing the initial route of the Mayflower and the Speedwell some 400 years ago



For more information and bookings:

tickets@ss-shieldhall.co.uk | ss-shieldhall.co.uk | +44 (0) 23 8084 3310



The SS Shieldhall



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HAMPSHIRE'S KEY EVENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

Mayflower 400, Southampton

A diverse, year-long programme of commemorative events to mark the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's historic voyage to the United States of America kicks off in November 2019.

mayflower400uk.org/visit/southampton

Jane Austen Regency Week, Chawton and Alton

Every June, this quiet corner of Hampshire fills with hundreds of people dressed in period costume to enjoy talks, music, walks, tours, Alton Regency Day and the Alton Regency Ball.

janeaustenregencyweek.co.uk

HAMPSHIRE HIGHLIGHT

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

The country house that was once Jane Austen's home is now a museum dedicated to the writer's life and works. Exclusive use can be arranged, so guests can linger over Austen's writing table.

jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk

Travel Information



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

Travelling by rail from London, most trains to Hampshire depart from London Paddington, Waterloo or Victoria.

Approximate travel times from London:

Winchester: 1 hour by rail
1 hour 30 mins by road

Southampton: 1 hour 15 mins by rail
1 hour 45 minutes by road

Portsmouth: 1 hour 30 mins by rail
1 hour 30 mins by road

For more detailed itinerary suggestions for Hampshire see:

- United Allies
- Origins of Faith
- Old Stories of the New World
- Ancestral Tours

Download the
US Connections Itineraries



More destination info at: VISIT-HAMPSHIRE.CO.UK

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HERTFORDSHIRE

FOR MORE DESTINATION INFORMATION, EXPERT LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, TRAVEL INFORMATION, SUPPORT WITH DEVELOPING ITINERARIES, ACCESS TO IMAGES AND MUCH MORE, CONTACT THE HERTFORDSHIRE EXPERTS AT: [VISITHERTS.CO.UK](https://www.visitherts.co.uk)



Close to northwest London yet rural in appearance, Hertfordshire's sweeping valleys and forested hills retain the bucolic charm that encouraged some of London's wealthiest to build stately homes here in centuries past. The county played a vital role in World War II, and was the site of the first English Christian martyrdom.

St Albans Cathedral

The following highlights are visitor attractions and things to do that are available as bookable products for FITs and (usually) groups in Hertfordshire. Full details and contact information for each business can be found in the Hertfordshire directory.

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Hertfordshire's aircraft innovators and busy airfields helped to liberate the skies of Europe during World War II. Bovingdon Airfield, where most US bomber crews in Britain were trained for combat, is now a filming location.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Once the third-biggest city in Roman Britain, St Albans is now a charming market town. It's dominated by its enormous cathedral, which marks the place where St Alban became the first English Christian martyr.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Home to royal heroes, rebels, religious uprisings and US aircrew during World War II, Hertfordshire has much for US visitors to explore, from magnificent stately homes and charming Tudor buildings to its significant cathedral.



de Havilland Museum
Credit Fionn Davenport

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Ashridge Estate, Ringshall

Now run by the National Trust, this working estate was a base to train and billet troops during both World Wars and a convalescent home in World War II; it's easy to imagine recovering soldiers walking these same trails.

nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge-estate

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

These are the must-see faith and religion-themed attractions in Hertfordshire.

Hatfield House

Take a guided tour of this magnificent stately home, which has been the seat of the powerful earls and marquesses of Salisbury for the last 400 years. It was here that the young princess Elizabeth first heard the news that she had become queen, in 1558.

hatfield-house.co.uk

St Albans Cathedral

The cathedral, marking the place where St Alban (England's first Christian martyr) gave his life, was founded as a Benedictine monastery by King Offa of Mercia in 793 AD. It's a place of pilgrimage for Christians the world over.

stalbanscathedral.org

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies

For an intimate look at this region's unique history, and help tracing your family tree, visit the local archives.

archives.hertfordshire.gov.uk

HERTFORDSHIRE HIGHLIGHT

Knebworth House and Gardens

Dating back to the Tudor times, Knebworth today presents a stunning stately home, gardens and an events programme - an extraordinary walk through 500 years of British history.

knebworthhouse.com



St Albans Cathedral

Seven Martyrs Statues

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MEET THE LOCALS

“From Dickens to Dickinson, come visit the Gothic Stately Knebworth House and Park - walk in the Victorian footsteps of Charles Dickens who visited and performed in Knebworth House, as well as those of Bruce Dickinson of Iron Maiden who performed (and flew a WWI fighter plane) in the grounds. We have hundreds of years of British history, decades of iconic live music, and an American chatelaine who insists on homemade cakes in the tea room and displays of fresh garden flowers.”

Martha Lytton Cobbold
Knebworth House and Gardens



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Attractions

Business	Open All Year	Trade Rates	Free Entry	Online Booking	Coach Access	Cafe	Guided Tours	Miles from Nearest Train Station
Ashridge Estate nationaltrust.org.uk	•				•	•		1.7 Tring
Bovingdon Airfield bovingdonairfield.co.uk			•		•			3.8 Hemel Hempstead
De Havilland Museum & Aircraft Base, London Colney dehavillandmuseum.co.uk	•				•	•	•	5.4 Welham Green
Frogmore Paper Mill thepapertrail.org.uk	•	•			•	•	•	0.7 Apsley Station
Hatfield House hatfield-house.co.uk	•			•	•	•	•	0.7 Hatfield
Knebworth House, Park & Gardens knebworthhouse.com		•		•	•	•	•	2 Stevenage
Natural History Museum, Tring nhm.ac.uk	•		•		•	•	•	2 Tring
Royston & District Museum and Art Gallery roystonmuseum.org.uk	•		•				•	0.4 Royston
St Albans Cathedral stalbanscathedral.org	•		•			•	•	0.9 St Albans City
Warner Bros. Studio Tour, The Making of Harry Potter wbstudiotour.co.uk	•	•		•	•	•	•	2.8 Watford Junction

Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact
Aubrey Park Hotel aubreypark.co.uk	4	137	(0) 1582 792105 reception@aubreypark.co.uk
De Vere Theobolds Hotel theobaldsestate.com	4	140	(0) 1992 633375
Down Hall Hotel & Spa downhall.co.uk	5	98	(0) 1279 731441
Hotel Cromwell cromwellstevenage.co.uk	4	77	(0) 1438 779954 nikki@cromwellstevenage.co.uk
Hunton Park Hotel huntonparkhotel.co.uk	5	61	(0) 1923 277700
Melbourne Lodge at Brocket Hall brocket-hall.co.uk	5	16	(0) 1707 368700 reservations@brocket-hall.co.uk
Pendley Manor pendley-manor.co.uk	4	57	(0) 1442 820036 reservations@pendley-manor.co.uk



Description		Contact (+44)
Now run by the National Trust, this working estate was a base to train and billet troops during both World Wars and a convalescent home in World War II; it's easy to imagine recovering soldiers walking these same trails.		(0) 1442 851227 ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk
Bovingdon Airfield was constructed and in 1942, RAF Bomber Command took up residence at Bovingdon.		
A small and charming aviation museum - the oldest in Britain - dedicated to the aeronautical innovations of the de Havilland company.		(0) 1727 826400 curator@dehavillandmuseum.co.uk
Frogmore is the world's oldest mechanised paper mill, the birthplace of paper's industrial revolution.		(0) 1442 234600 peterburford@frogmorepapermill.org.uk
Take a guided tour of this magnificent stately home, which has been the seat of the powerful earls and marquesses of Salisbury for the last 400 years.		(0) 1707 287010 visitors@hatfield-house.co.uk
Set in 250-acres of rolling Hertfordshire countryside, Knebworth House is one of England's most colourful stately homes.		(0) 1438 810931 groupbookings@knebworthhouse.com
Built in 1889 to house the incredible collections of Walter Rothschild, today much of the interior retains its Victorian charm. Discover Animal specimens from around the world with the museum running a full programme of inspiring exhibitions and events.		(0) 2079 426171
During World War II, this unique space housed the American Airforce 91st Bombardment Group's social club and is now a free community museum.		(0) 1763 242587
The cathedral, marking the place where St Alban (England's first Christian martyr) gave his life, was founded as a Benedictine monastery by King Offa of Mercia in 793 AD.		(0) 1727 890210 mail@stalbanscathedral.org
Warner Bros. Studio Tour – The Making of Harry Potter is a unique attraction offering visitors the ultimate opportunity to journey behind the scenes of Harry Potter and experience the magic that has gone into creating the most successful film series of all time.		(0) 3450 840900
Description		
Through Hertfordshire's winding country lanes, Aubrey Park sits peacefully between the historic city of St Albans and the old town of Hemel Hempstead.		
Dating back to the 15th-century, the Theobalds Estate in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire has had several former lives: the favourite country seat of King James I, a Georgian family home, a temporary retreat for Christopher Wren's Temple Bar archway and a WWII military riding school and most recently one of Hertfordshire's most luxurious and sought after hotels.		
Down Hall Hotel is one of England's most established country house hotels.		
Characterful hotel with history in the old town centre, a short train ride from London.		
Set back in 22 acres of idyllic Hertfordshire countryside, the recent refurbishment has seamlessly incorporated contemporary style and creativity into the accommodation and venue design, retaining the charm of the manor and Capability Brown gardens.		
This quintessentially English country house is now a peaceful hotel complete with fine dining, two championship golf courses and a stunning 18th century, Grade I listed Georgian coach house conversion.		
This grade II listed Hertfordshire hotel is set in 35 acres of beautifully landscaped and wooded parkland close to the picturesque Hertfordshire town of Tring.		



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Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact
Sopwell House sopwellhouse.co.uk	4	128	(0) 1727 864477 enquiries@sopwellhouse.co.uk
Clarions St Albans Hotel stalbanshotel.co.uk	4	60	(0) 1727 848849 info@clarioncollectionhotelstalbens.co.uk
The Grove thegrove.co.uk	5	215	(0) 1923 807807 info@thegrove.co.uk
The Manor Elstree lauraashleyhotels.com	4	49	(0) 2083 274700

Tours & Tour Guides	Contact
Blue Badge (Elizabeth Eastwood) britainsbestguides.org/guides/elizabeth-eastwood	Online form
St Albans Tour Guides stalbanstourguides.co.uk	Online form

Ancestral Services	Contact
Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies (HAL) hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives	(0) 300 123 4049 hals.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk
Herts Memories (online only) hertsmemories.org.uk	(0) 300 123 4049 hertsdirect@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Trade Directory Key

Open all year – available throughout the year with limited closures

Trade rates – reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

Free entry – applies to entry however tours and exhibitions may be subject to additional fees

Miles from nearest train station – distance by car from main access point



Description
Once the former Georgian country residence of Lord Mountbatten, today Sopwell House is a four star country house hotel offering 128 bedrooms and suites, a dedicated conference space, a country club and spa and two restaurants.
Former headquarters of Samuel Ryder's seed company, in an unbeatable location next to the cathedral.
Set in 300 acres of stunning Hertfordshire countryside, The Grove is the ultimate five-star retreat. Lovingly restored, the former home of the Earls of Clarendon is situated just 18 miles from London, and is home to an award-winning spa, championship golf course and mouth-watering restaurants.
The Manor (formerly known as the Edgwarebury Hotel) was founded on rich heritage and traditional values of quality and originality, and it stands on the site of an old Tudor house, which dates back to 1540.

Description
Expert guide-led tours covering everything from St Albans' Roman heritage to its close ties to the Ryder Cup. Private groups catered for too.
We offer a wide variety of walks, some giving a general overview of our historic city while others are themed on specific aspects such as Crime and Punishment or the Tudor period.

Description
For an intimate look at this region's unique history, and help tracing your family tree, visit the local archives.
Welcome to Herts Memories, where you can share and enjoy photos, memories and historical research on Hertfordshire.

Online booking - available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites

Coach access - allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details

Accessibility - for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements



HERTFORDSHIRE: TRADE DIRECTORY

DID YOU KNOW?

Potterheads can't miss Warner Bros. Studio Tour - The Making of Harry Potter, a treasure trove of props, costumes and sets from the Harry Potter films now on display next to the very studios where the films were made. Step onto Platform 9 ¾, enter Gringotts Wizarding Bank, walk through the Great Hall and Diagon Alley.

wbstudiotour.co.uk

Travel Information



Hertfordshire is approximately 30 miles northwest of London; it is one of the Home Counties. Travelling by rail from London, most trains to Hertfordshire depart from London Bridge, Blackfriars, Moorgate or Liverpool Street.

Approximate travel times from London:

St Albans - 30 mins by rail
50 mins by road

Hertford - 50 mins by rail
55 mins by road

For more detailed itinerary suggestions for Hertfordshire see:

- United Allies
- Origins of Faith
- Old Stories of the New World
- Ancestral Tours

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More destination info at: VISITHERTS.CO.UK

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Edged by London and the iconic White Cliffs of Dover in southeast England, beautiful Kent is rich in military and religious heritage. Known as the Garden of England, the county's rolling countryside, varied coastline and historic settlements have witnessed more than their fair share of remarkable tales over the centuries.

The White Cliffs of Dover

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UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

No other English county has witnessed such conflict and diplomacy. Home to mighty ports and warships, Kent was also the backdrop to the Battle of Britain in World War II.

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

Kent's iconic White Cliffs of Dover have borne witness to millions of migrants who have departed and arrived at these shores, and they continue to stir the emotions of those who do so today.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

All Kentish pilgrimages lead to Canterbury Cathedral, the seat of the symbolic leader of the worldwide Anglican Communion, where visitors can stand in the very spot that Saint Thomas Becket was murdered.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Ancestral tourists can follow the footsteps of forebears along pilgrims' pathways through Kent's undulating countryside, heritage towns, sweeping beaches and historic ports, all beneath the skies in which the Battle of Britain was fought.



Canterbury
Credit: Visit Kent

KENT

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

These are the must-see United Allies-themed attractions in Kent.

Dover Castle and Secret Wartime Tunnels

Built in the 12th century by Henry II, Dover Castle is now an exquisite medieval royal palace and gateway into the inner workings of World War II, when it served as a command post and military hospital. Explore an amazing series of secret wartime tunnels, guided by vivid recreations and video projections.

english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/dover-castle

Battle of Britain Memorial, Capel-le-Ferne

This memorial honours members of the Royal Air Force who fought the crucial Battle of Britain against the might of the Luftwaffe. Located at Capel-le-Ferne (a site that was tactically important in both World Wars), the memorial encompasses an emotive monument dedicated to 'the few' and an interactive centre exploring the key moments of this dramatic and decisive battle.

battleofbritainmemorial.org



Secret Wartime Tunnels

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Canterbury Cathedral and Canterbury World Heritage Site

Guided tours of Canterbury Cathedral pack in over 1,400 years of stories, including the argument between Thomas Becket and King Henry II that is said to have resulted in the then Archbishop's murder. The ruined abbey that marks the re-birth of Christianity in the south of England and England's oldest parish church in continuous use are also part of the World Heritage Site.

canterbury.co.uk/info/3/things_to_do/36/world_heritage_site

canterbury-cathedral.org

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

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



The White Cliffs of Dover



Canterbury Cathedral

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 8th-century.

canterbury-cathedral.org

Kent Family History Society

The largest family history society in Kent, with over 2,000 members worldwide. Established in 1974, we have a proud history of helping and supporting our members in their family history research.

kfhs.org.uk



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Attractions

Business	Open All Year	Trade Rates	Free Entry	Online Booking	Coach Access	Cafe	Guided Tours	Miles from Nearest Train Station
Battle of Britain Memorial, Capel-Le-Ferne battleofbritainmemorial.org	•				•	•	•	5 Dover Priory
Belmont House & Garden belmont-house.org	•				•	•	•	4.6 Faversham
Canterbury Cathedral canterbury-cathedral.org	•	•				•	•	0.9 Canterbury West
Canterbury Tales canterburytales.org.uk	•	•		•			•	0.5 Canterbury East
Chartwell, Westerham nationaltrust.org.uk	•	•			•	•	•	4 Edenbridge
Dover Castle and Secret Wartime Tunnels english-heritage.org.uk	•	•				•	•	1 Dover Priory
Groombridge Place & Gardens groombridgeplace.com				•		•	•	4 Tunbridge Wells
Gusbourne gusbourne.com	•			•	•	•	•	3 Appledore
Hever Castle hevercastle.co.uk	•	•		•	•	•	•	1 Hever
Hush Heath Estate hushheath.com	•			•	•	•	•	2.5 Marden
Ightham Mote nationaltrust.org.uk	•				•	•	•	4 Hildenborough
Kent & East Sussex Railway kesr.org.uk	•			•	•	•	•	9.1 Headcorn
Kent Battle of Britain Museum, Folkestone kbobm.org					•	•		3.4 Folkestone Central
Leeds Castle leeds-castle.com	•	•		•	•	•	•	3 Bearsted
Maidstone Museum museum.maidstone.gov.uk	•		•			•	•	0.2 Maidstone East
Penshurst Place penshurstplace.com		•			•	•	•	2 Penshurst
RAF Manston Spitfire & Hurricane Memorial Museum spitfiremuseum.org.uk			•	•	•	•	•	4 Ramsgate



Description	Contact (+44)
This memorial honours members of the Royal Air Force who fought the crucial Battle of Britain against the might of the Luftwaffe.	(0) 1303 249292 enquiries@battleofbritainmemorial.org
The focus of Belmont is the elegant 18th century house (designed by Samuel Wyatt) commanding stunning views over the surrounding Estate and the rolling Kentish North Downs.	(0) 1795 890202 administrator@belmont-house.org
Guided tours of Canterbury Cathedral pack in over 1,400 years of stories, including the argument between Thomas Becket and King Henry II that is said to have resulted in the then Archbishop's murder.	(0) 1227 762862 visits@canterbury-cathedral.org
Meet costumed guides, walk with Chaucer's Pilgrims and experience this re-creation of medieval England.	(0) 1227 696002 info@canterburytales.org.uk
Chartwell was the family home of Winston Churchill. Filled with treasures from every aspect of Churchill's life, the house here at Chartwell provides an opportunity to explore the home of one of Britain's greatest leaders.	(0) 1732 868381 chartwell@nationaltrust.org.uk
Built in the 12th century by Henry II, Dover Castle is now an exquisite medieval royal palace and gateway into the inner workings of World War II, when it served as a command post and military hospital.	(0) 1304 211067
Groombridge Place is a beautiful country estate resting on the border between East Sussex and Kent, on the edge of the historic village of Groombridge.	(0) 1892 861444 office@groombridgeplace.com
Come visit us to explore the vineyards, meet the people behind Gusbourne and enjoy some of the award-winning English Sparkling Wines. The tasting room, The Nest, is open to visitors all year; feel free to drop by to taste the wines, which are available to purchase by the glass, bottle or case.	(0) 1233 758666 info@gusbourne.com
Experience 700 years of history at the romantic double-moated 13th century castle once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, second wife of Henry VIII and Mother of Elizabeth I.	(0) 1732 865224 info@hevercastle.co.uk
The Estate comprises 400 acres of perfectly manicured vineyards, apple orchards and ancient oak woodlands rich with wildlife, flora and fauna all of which add to the beauty and provenance of what we produce.	(0) 1622 832794 info@hushheath.com
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.	(0) 1732 810378 ighthammote@nationaltrust.org.uk
Steam through beautiful countryside on the Kent and East Sussex Railway, recognised as both the country's finest and first example of a rural light railway. The main station is in the charming town of Tenterden where you can buy your tickets and learn about the history of the railway before stepping aboard a preserved steam or diesel train to travel a route that's been used for more than a century.	(0) 1580 765155 enquiries@kesr.org.uk
Located on the former site of RAF Hawkinge, the closest RAF station to enemy-occupied France in World War II, this museum is home to the world's largest collection of Battle of Britain memorabilia.	(0) 1303 893 140
Add to the end of existing sentence - Rising majestically from the still waters of its moat, surrounded by 500 acres of parkland and gardens, Leeds Castle is known as "The Loveliest Castle in the World".	(0) 1622 767865 stefharlow@leeds-castle.co.uk
Maidstone Museum was established in 1858 and now houses over 660,000 artefacts and specimens. It is housed in a charming Elizabethan Manor House, in the centre of Maidstone, with a modern extension that opened in 2012.	(0) 1622 602838 museuminfo@maidstone.gov.uk
This 14th Century Manor House, once the property of King Henry VIII, was left to his son King Edward VI and granted to Sir William Sidney in 1552. The Sidney family have been in continuous occupation for more than 460 years since.	(0) 1892 870307 wendyw@penshurstplace.com
The Museum is located at the historic RAF airfield at Manston in Kent (now known as Kent International Airport). The building contains two halls housing the Spitfire MK XVI (LF) and Hurricane IIC, complemented by a vast array of other artefacts.	(0) 1843 821 940 manager@spitfiremuseum.org.uk



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Rochester Cathedral rochestercathedral.org	•		•	•	•	•	•	0.8 Rochester
Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway rhdr.org.uk				•	•	•	•	13.9 Folkestone Central
Shepherd Neame Brewery shepherdneame.co.uk	•			•	•	•	•	0.4 Faversham
Simpson's Wine Estate simpsonswine.com	•			•	•	•	•	3 Aylesham
Sissinghurst Castle Garden nationaltrust.org.uk	•	•			•	•	•	5 Staplehurst
St Augustine's Abbey	•	•					•	0.7 Canterbury East
St. Georges Church, Gravesend & The Pocahontas Memorial stgeorgesgravesend.org	•		•				•	0.5 Gravesend
St Martin's Church martinpaul.org/stmartins.htm	•		•		•			1 Canterbury East
The Historic Dockyard Chatham thedockyard.co.uk		•		•	•	•	•	1 Chatham
USN P22 Gunboat, Sandwich p22.org.uk			•			•	•	0.5 Sandwich
White Cliffs of Dover nationaltrust.org.uk	•		•		•	•		2 Dover Priory



Description	Contact (+44)
Explore England's second oldest cathedral, founded in 604 AD, with one of the finest Romanesque facades in Christendom.	(0) 1634 843366 info@rochestercathedral.org
Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway runs for 13 ½ miles from the picturesque Cinque Port town of Hythe, through the family-friendly seaside village to Dymchurch, towards the railways headquarters at New Romney and finally reaching the National Nature Reserve of Dungeness.	(0) 1797 362353 info@rhdr.org.uk
Britain's oldest brewery is home to the nostalgically named beers like 'Spitfire' and 'Bishop's Finger'. Guided tours are available at the Faversham Brewery site.	(0) 1795 542016 Online form
The Simpsons vineyards occupy glorious positions on the sunny, sheltered slopes of the North Downs of Kent, protected from the whimsy of the English climate by ancient woodland and anchored in the iconic chalky soils so highly revered in the world of both still and sparkling wine.	(0) 1227 832200 info@simpsonswine.com
Historic, poetic, iconic; a refuge dedicated to beauty. Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson fell in love with Sissinghurst Castle and created a world renowned garden.	(0) 1580 710700 sissinghurst@nationaltrust.org.uk
This great abbey, marking the rebirth of Christianity in southern England, was founded shortly after AD 597 by St Augustine. Originally created as a burial place for the Anglo-Saxon kings of Kent, it is part of the Canterbury World Heritage Site, along with the cathedral and St Martin's Church.	(0) 1227 767345
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.	info@stgeorgesgravesend.org
St. Martin's Church is the oldest Church in in the English speaking world still used for worship. It was here that St. Augustine set up his mission when he arrived from Rome in 597 AD to convert the English. For this reason it is sometimes called the first church of the Anglican Communion, and forms part of the Canterbury World Heritage Site.	(0) 1227 768072 office@martinpaul.org
One of Britain's leading maritime heritage destinations and the world's most complete dockyard from the "age of sail". 205 ships were manned by Chatham Division men during WWI and saw action across the world. Step aboard a WWII destroyer, explore a Cold War submarine and walk the footsteps of the people that made them.	(0) 1634 823815 ohorner@chdt.org.uk
Today, visitors can step aboard for a first-hand experience and even take a trip across the bay.	(0) 1304 614813
The most famous cliffs in Europe, the White Cliffs of Dover are arguably the UK's most iconic natural feature.	(0) 1304 202756 whitecliffs@nationaltrust.org.uk



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Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact	
Abode Canterbury abodecanterbury.co.uk	4	72	(0) 1227 766266 info@abodecanterbury.co.uk	
Best Western Clifton Hotel thecliftonhotel.com	3	80	(0) 1303 851231 reservations@thecliftonhotel.com	
Best Western Plus Dover Marina dovermarinahotel.co.uk	4	85	(0) 1304 203633 reservations@dovermarinahotel.co.uk	
Brandshatch Place Hotel & Spa handpickedhotels.co.uk/brandshatchplace	4	38	(0) 1474 875000 brandshatchplace@handpicked.co.uk	
Bridgewood Manor bridgewoodmanorhotel.com	4	100	(0) 1634 201333 reception@bridgewoodmanorhotel.com	
Bromley Court Hotel bromleycourthotel.co.uk	3	117	(0) 2084 618600	
Canterbury Cathedral Lodge canterburycathedrallodge.org	4	35	(0) 1227 865350 stay@canterburycathedrallodge.org	
Eastwell Manor eastwellmanor.co.uk	4	74	(0) 8435 612040 reservations@eastwellmanor.co.uk	
Hever Castle hevercastle.co.uk/stay	5	32	(0) 1732 865224 info@hevercastle.co.uk	
Hilton Maidstone hilton.com	4	146	(0) 1622 734322	
Hythe Imperial Hotel hytheimperial.co.uk	4	92	(0) 1303 267441 reception@hytheimperialhotel.com	
Leeds Castle leeds-castle.com/accommodation	4-5		(0) 1622 767823 accommodation@leeds-castle.co.uk	
Port Lympne Tiger Lodge aspinallfoundation.org/tigerlodge	4	8	(0) 1303 264647	
Spa Hotel Tunbridge Wells spahotel.co.uk	4	70	(0) 1892 520331 reservations@spahotel.co.uk	
Tudor Park Marriott Hotel & Country Club marriott.com	4	120	(0) 1622 734334	

Tours & Tour Guides	Contact	
Canterbury Historic River Tours canterburyrivertours.co.uk	(0) 7790 534744 enquiries@canterburyrivertours.co.uk	
Kent Greeters visitkent.co.uk/stay-and-eat/getting-here/kent-greeters	info@kentgreeters.co.uk	
Pilgrim Trail - St Swithun's Way & St Augustines Way augustinecamino.co.uk	admin@augustinecamino.co.uk	
South East England Tourist Guides southeastenglandtouristguides.org	Online only	



Description
Abode Canterbury is situated in the heart of Canterbury, in the pedestrianized High Street, just a short stroll from the beautiful Canterbury Cathedral, in a stunning 12th century building.
Discover the luxury of being at one of the most premium hotels in Folkestone this season.
Whether you spend a long weekend or a short break here in Dover, you will have everything you need, from good food to great facilities.
Brandshatch Place Hotel & Spa is a sophisticated Georgian mansion, built in 1806, is the perfect venue for weddings as well as meetings, events and private dining.
A charming four-star hotel in Kent, Bridgewood Manor is the perfect destination for visitors who wish to explore scenic Kent. Designed around a wonderful inner courtyard, the attentive service goes hand in hand with the superb setting.
Ideally located, with a bird's eye view of London and the Kent countryside, The Bromley Court is proud of their rich 200 year history and years of experience offering comfortable surroundings, superb food and personal service. A warm welcome awaits in elegant surroundings, including two acres of beautifully landscaped gardens.
A unique, contemporary hotel in the grounds of Canterbury Cathedral.
Eastwell Manor, Champneys Hotel & Spa, is situated within beautiful landscaped gardens in Kent, located 5 miles from Ashford International station. Set within secluded and beautifully manicured grounds, with far-reaching views of the rural North Downs, the oak-panelled reception rooms and stunning walled gardens are a fairy tale setting for the perfect English country estate.
Stay in the castle once owned by the richest man in the United States, William Waldorf Astor. A luxury collection of 28 stunning 'five star' bedrooms located in an Edwardian Wing attached to the castle, along with a luxurious four bedroom 'five star gold' rated property.
A fantastic base for visiting Kent's attractions, Hilton Maidstone is minutes from the town center and offers easy access to the M20 motorway.
The Hythe Imperial has stood at the heart of the beautiful seaside town for hundreds of years. Replete with Victorian splendour, it offers guests the chance to bask in the coastal air and panoramic sea views while enjoying friendly and attentive service from an enthusiastic team.
Leeds Castle accommodation offers comfort and luxury. The estate boasts a selection of family-friendly historic cottages, bed and breakfast rooms and eight seasonal Medieval Glamping tents. Staying at Leeds Castle entitles you to entry in the castle, grounds and restaurant during the day.
Set within 15 acres of landscaped gardens, the historic Port Lympne Hotel offers incredible views from every bedroom.
Set in 14 acres of picturesque grounds close to the centre of Royal Tunbridge Wells, the spa town from which its name is derived, our hotel first opened its doors to guests in 1880 and has since built a reputation for style, sophistication, relaxation and fine dining.
As one of Kent's premier golfing venue, Tudor Park offers a unique experience with 120 luxurious bedrooms and an 18 hole championship golf course. Tudor Park also boasts excellent leisure facilities; an indoor swimming pool, spa, two on-site gyms, tennis courts and Beauty Salon for indulgent beauty treatments and massages.

Description
Discover this historic city by boat.
Explore Kent with a local expert on a free walking tour. Booking essential.
Spend a week walking the Augustine Camino pilgrim trail, from Rochester Cathedral to the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate.
Directory of professional Green and Blue Badge Guides in Kent.



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Canterbury Cathedral Archives canterbury-cathedral.org/heritage/archives-library/visits	(0) 1227 865330 archives@canterbury-cathedral.org
Kent County Council Kent History and Archives Center, as part of the National Archives kent.gov.uk	(0) 3000 413131 libraries@kent.gov.uk
Medway Archives Centre medway.gov.uk	(0) 1634 332714 malsc@medway.gov.uk
Sandwich Guildhall Museum & Archive sandwichguildhallmuseum.co.uk	(0) 1304 617197
Society of Genealogists sog.org.uk/search-records	(0) 2077 025488 genealogy@sog.org.uk

Trade Directory Key

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Trade rates – reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

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Miles from nearest train station – distance by car from main access point





Description
Rich collection of manuscripts, maps, historic records and books dating from the 8th century.
Extensive collections of maps, records, stories and histories of the people of Kent.
Resources for researching your family story, and the history, geography and people of Medway.
Sandwich Guildhall Museum, situated in the heart of the town, tells the rich and varied story of Sandwich through the ages, from its early beginnings to the present day.
Founded in 1911 the Society of Genealogists (SoG) is Britain's premier family history society. The Society maintains a splendid genealogical library and education centre in Clerkenwell in London.

Online booking – available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites

Coach access – allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details

Accessibility – for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements

DID YOU KNOW?

You can stay longer and experience some of England's finest food and glorious gardens in Kent on a Gourmet Garden Trail. Combine afternoon tea, brewery tours or vineyard tours with visits to the stunning English gardens of Kent.

gourmetgardentrails.com



Leeds Castle



KENT: TRADE DIRECTORY

KENT'S KEY EVENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

850th anniversary of the murder of Thomas Becket

2020 marks 850 years since the then Archbishop of Canterbury was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral and 800 years since the creation of his shrine. The cathedral hopes to display his bloodstained tunic, on loan from the Vatican, as part of a UK-wide series of commemorative events.

becket2020.com

149th Open Championship

In July 2020, the Open Championship returns to the sand dunes of Royal St George's on Kent's beautiful coastline for the first time since 2011.

golfkent.co.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

The intricately carved 19th-century St Augustine's Cross marks the spot, in Thanet, said to be where St Augustine first landed on English shores in AD 597.

english-heritage.org.uk

Travel Information



Central Kent is approximately 40 miles southeast of London, in southeast England. Travelling by rail from London, most trains to Kent depart from London Charing Cross, Cannon Street, London Bridge, St Pancras or Victoria.

Approximate travel times from London:

Dover - 2 hours by rail (1 hour on the High Speed One train)
1 hour 40 mins by road

Canterbury - 1 hour by rail
1 hour 25 mins by road

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Gothic Lincoln Cathedral towers above low-lying Lincolnshire, in eastern England. Its ancient spire, which was used as a beacon by pilots on return flights home during World War II, would still be recognisable to the Mayflower Pilgrims and early US settlers who departed the county centuries ago.

Lincoln Cathedral

The following highlights are visitor attractions and things to do that are available as bookable products for FITs and (usually) groups in Lincolnshire. Full details and contact information for each business can be found in the Lincolnshire directory.

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Its nickname, Bomber County, does more than hint at Lincolnshire's rich aviation heritage. Today, many important heritage sites pay tribute to the thousands of USAAF and RAF crews who lived here during World War II.

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

Threads between the New World and Lincolnshire are plentiful. It's home to the 'original' Boston, and has links to Pocahontas, the mass migration of the 1630s, as well as the Mayflower and Jamestown.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

With Lincoln Cathedral at its heart, it's no wonder that Lincolnshire's religious heritage is so strong. The county was the childhood home of Methodist leaders John and Charles Wesley; the founder of the Congregationalist tradition preached here too.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Lincolnshire's excellent tours and ancestral services provide imaginative ways to explore the county's deep ancestral links with the New World, from stained-glass windows dedicated to local explorers in Lincoln Cathedral to an aviation heritage trail.



St Botolph's Church (Boston Stump)



LINCOLNSHIRE

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

These are the must-see United Allies-themed attractions in Lincolnshire.

International Bomber Command Centre

The world's most complete resource on the role of Bomber Command in World War II has interactive displays and first-hand accounts, a library, temporary exhibitions and the UK's tallest war memorial.

internationalbcc.co.uk

Battle of Britain Memorial Flight

Guided tours at RAF Coningsby include aircraft from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. These World War II machines, once the sharp point of Britain's air combat technology, can still be seen taking to the skies on ceremonial occasions.

lincolnshire.gov.uk/history-and-heritage/battle-of-britain-memorial-flight

The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre

A family-run museum dedicated to Bomber Command, based on an original airfield, complete with hangar and control tower. Visitors can taxi ride in a restored Lancaster Bomber (advance booking essential). Suitable for groups.

lincsaviation.co.uk

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

These are the must-see faith and religion-themed attractions in Lincolnshire.

Lincoln Cathedral

One of the finest Gothic cathedrals in Europe, Lincoln's towers dominate the surrounding county. Explore Lincoln's highly decorated chapels and take a floor, roof or tower tour.

lincolncathedral.com

Gainsborough Old Hall

This 15th-century manor house is one of England's finest timber-framed buildings. The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, preached here, as did John Smyth, whose Separatist gatherings inspired thousands to seek a new life in America.

gainsborougholdhall.com

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

These are the must-see migration-themed attractions in Lincolnshire.

Lincoln Castle

A highlight of any visit to this ancient turreted fortress 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

Boston Guildhall and Boston Stump

The Mayflower Pilgrims were held at the Guildhall 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. A five-minute walk away is St Botolph's Church, known as the 'Boston Stump', where Puritan John Cotton served as minister before sailing to Boston, Massachusetts to settle with hundreds of other members of Boston's community. Boston, Massachusetts celebrates its 400th anniversary in 2030.

bostonguildhall.co.uk

parish-of-boston.org.uk

HIRE



Lincoln Cathedral (from Lincoln Castle)

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 Archives

Family history search resources, including original documents of national importance plus everything from census records and banns books to workhouse records; advance booking available.

lincolnshire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/lincolnshire-archives



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Attractions

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Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Centre, Conningsby lincolnshire.gov.uk	•				•	•	•	13.2 Boston
Boston Guildhall bostonguildhall.co.uk	•		•				•	0.6 Boston
Burghley House, Stamford burghley.co.uk	•	•		•	•	•	•	1 Stamford
Cranwell Aviation Heritage Museum, Sleaford community.lincolnshire.gov.uk	•				•			2.6 Rauceby
Doddington Hall & Gardens doddingtonhall.com				•	•	•	•	7 Lincoln
Epworth epwortholdrectory.org.uk					•		•	6 Crowle
Gainsborough Old Hall gainsborougholdhall.com	•				•	•	•	0.6 Gainsborough
Hemswell Antique Centres hemswell-antiques.com	•		•		•	•		9 Gainsborough
Immingham Museum imminghammuseum.org	•		•					2.7 Harbrough
International Bomber Command Centre, Lincoln internationalbcc.co.uk	•	•		•	•	•	•	1 Lincoln
Lincoln Castle lincolncastle.com	•			•		•	•	1.3 Lincoln
Lincoln Cathedral lincolncathedral.com	•		•		•	•	•	0.5 Lincoln
RAF Digby visitlincoln.com	•		•		•		•	4 Metherringham
Scopwick Cemetry visitlincoln.com	•		•		•			2.6 Metherringham
St Botolph's Church (Boston Stump) parish-of-boston.org.uk	•					•		0.5 Boston
The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, East Kirkby lincsaviation.co.uk	•			•	•	•		13 Boston
Woolsthorpe Manor nationaltrust.org.uk					•	•	•	8 Grantham



Description	Contact (+44)
Guided tours at RAF Coningsby include aircraft from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.	(0) 1522 514755 info@internationalbcc.co.uk
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.	(0) 1205 365954 info@boston.gov.uk
Burghley, one of the largest and grandest houses of the first Elizabethan Age.	(0) 1780 752451 burghley@burghley.co.uk
Royal Air Force College Cranwell was the world's first military air academy (HRH Prince Charles and HRH Prince William both attended).	(0) 1529 488490 nwellaviation@n-kesteven.gov.uk
Discover 400 years of Doddington Hall & Estate unbroken family history by visiting this stately home and gardens. Includes Farm Shop, cafés, restaurant and shops.	(0) 1522 694308 info@doddingtonhall.com
Founders of the Methodist movement, John and Charles Wesley, grew up in this North Lincolnshire village. Visit their childhood home, an impressive rectory dating from 1709, and learn about the influences on their early life.	Online Form
This 15th-century manor house is one of England's finest timber-framed buildings.	(0) 1522 782040 gainsboroughholdhall@lincolnshire.gov.uk
Europe's largest antiques centre is based in an old RAF base a few miles outside Lincoln; RAF Hemswell was the home of the Lancaster bomber during World War II.	(0) 1427 857252 Online Form
Established in 1970 the main theme in the museum is the story of the building of Immingham Dock and the involvement of the Great Central Railway plus Immingham's Mayflower connections.	(0) 1469 727272 admin@imminghammuseum.org
Opened in 2018, the centre is the world's most complete resource on the role of Bomber Command in World War II.	(0) 1522 514755 info@internationalbcc.co.uk
Houses 1215 Magna Carta and 1217 Charter of the Forest in state of the art visitor centre.	(0) 1522 554559 lincoln_castle@lincolnshire.gov.uk
One of the finest Gothic cathedrals in Europe, Lincoln's towers dominate the surrounding county. Explore Lincoln's highly decorated chapels and take a floor, roof or tower tour.	(0) 1522 561600 visitors@lincolncathedral.com
The faithfully restored Operations Room at RAF Digby has the plotting table, operations clock and status boards set up as they were on 21 October 1939.	(0) 1526 327293
Scopwick Cemetery is the final resting place of RCAF pilot John Gillespie Magee, better known as The Pilot Poet who wrote High Flight.	(0) 1522 545458 visitorinformation@lincolnbig.co.uk
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.	(0) 1205 310929 admin@parishofboston.co.uk
A Bomber Command museum on a WWII Bomber Command Airfield. Home to an operational Lancaster Bomber which performs taxi runs and rides during the summer months and also home to Europe's only running Mosquito.	(0) 1790 763207 enquiries@lincsaviation.co.uk
Woolsthorpe Manor tells the story of Newton's time at Woolsthorpe, from his birth and childhood to the discoveries of his Year of Wonders.	(0) 1476 860338 woolsthorpemanor@nationaltrust.org.uk



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Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact
Ashbourne Hotel, Immingham oakridgehotels.co.uk	3	36	(0) 1469 541010 reception@ashbournehotel.co.uk
Belton Woods, Grantham qhotels.co.uk	4	136	(0) 1476 593200
Brackenborough Hall Hotel oakridgehotels.co.uk	3	24	(0) 1507 609169 reception@brackenborough.co.uk
Charlotte House Hotel charlottehouselincoln.com	4	14	(0) 1522 541000 info@charlottehouselincoln.com
Double Tree by Hilton, Lincoln doubletree3.hilton.com	4	160	(0) 1522 565180
Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa petwood.co.uk	3	53	(0) 1526 352411 reception@petwood.co.uk
Stubton Hall stubtonhall.co.uk	4	25	(0) 1636 626187 info@stubtonhall.co.uk
The Lincoln Hotel thelincolnhotel.com	3	71	(0) 1522 520348
Washingborough Hall Hotel washingboroughhall.com	3	20	(0) 1522 790340 enquiries@washingboroughhall.com
White Hart Hotel, Lincoln whitehart-lincoln.co.uk	3	50	(0) 1522 563293 reservations@whitehart-lincoln.co.uk
Tours & Tour Guides			Contact
Aviation Heritage Trail visitlincoln.com/aviation			(0) 1522 545458 visitorinformation@lincolnbig.co.uk
Hidden Lincoln walking tours hiddenlincoln.com			Online Form
Lincoln Guided Tours lincolnguidedtours.co.uk			(0) 1522 521256 brian@lincolnguidedtours.co.uk
Pilgrims and Prophets Christian Heritage Tours pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk			(0) 7470 366689 mail@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk
Tour Lincoln - open top city sightseeing bus visitlincoln.com			(0) 1522 545458 visitorinformation@lincolnbig.co.uk

New Bookable Product - Cultural Heritage

Robin Hood, Sherwood Forest and Magna Carta

Hear about the legend of Robin Hood from award winning guide Ezekial Bone; explore Sherwood Forest and the site of King John's Palace and then visit the historic city of Lincoln with expert historians and local guides.

Three day tour | Customisable | Suitable for groups

Discover Lincoln - Historical Group Tours

Expert historians and archaeologists will guide you through the beautiful timber-framed buildings and cobbled streets of Historic Lincoln. Visit hidden Roman ruins, explore one of Europe's finest medieval Gothic cathedrals, wander around the walls of one of England's finest castles, and see for yourself 1215 King John's Magna Carta.

Full day tour | Suitable for groups

Andy Gaunt | +44 (0)7817 364981 | info@culturalheritageuk.com



Description
The hotel is situated in the heart of the village, opposite the village green, and just a stone's throw from the beautiful St Deny's Church and a 16th century manor house.
Set in 475 acres of gorgeous Lincolnshire countryside, the ideal place to play golf on one of their two PGA championship courses, tennis or even croquet.
An independent boutique Hotel tucked away by the Georgian market town of Louth, offers a haven of tranquility coupled with contemporary surroundings and facilities.
Charlotte House is located within the historic heart of Roman Lincoln, adjacent to the West Gate of the Castle and close to the Cathedral, away from the hustle and bustle of the city.
Waterfront hotel, modern, stylish and in the centre of Lincoln, suitable for groups and FITs.
With its Dambusters bar, where the famous 617 Squadron met, this hotel is at the heart of Lincolnshire's aviation heritage; the gardens are stunning too.
Privately owned stately home, open for exclusive use by groups.
The Lincoln Hotel is a restored 1960's hotel that offers guests comfortable rooms, delicious food and incredible views.
A luxury family run country house hotel close to Lincoln city centre, and ideal for the International Bomber Command Centre.
Exceptionally stylish hotel at the heart of historic Lincoln with the best view of the Cathedral and set in the cobbled Cathedral quarter the hotel boasts the Tank Room, where the concept for the first tank was created.

Description
Self-guided tour of Lincolnshire's aviation heritage.
Customised walking tours of historic Lincoln with local specialists.
Blue and Green badge guides providing walking tours of the city and tours of the county of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.
Specialist and customised guided tours with Christian Heritage experts across Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.
Open-top sightseeing bus tour of Lincoln, with live commentary.

DID YOU KNOW?

Set just outside Stamford, itself dubbed England's finest stone town, Burghley House is one of the country's greatest Tudor houses. It contains a remarkable fine art collection and surrounded by gardens and parkland designed by 'Capability' Brown.

burghley.co.uk



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Ancestral Services	Contact
International Bomber Command memorial – digitised records internationalbcc.co.uk	(0) 1522 514755 info@internationalbcc.co.uk
Lincolnshire Archives lincolnshire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/lincolnshire-archives	(0) 1552 782010 lincolnshire.archives@lincolnshire.gov.uk
Lincolnshire Family History Society lincolnshirefhs.org.uk	researchcentre@lincolnshirefhs.org.uk

Trade Directory Key

Open all year – available throughout the year with limited closures

Trade rates – reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

Free entry – applies to entry however tours and exhibitions may be subject to additional fees

Miles from nearest train station – distance by car from main access point

DID YOU KNOW?

King John's 1215 Magna Carta and 1217 Charter of the Forest can be seen side by side in the vault at Lincoln Castle. Owned by the cathedral, the documents were rehoused in 2015 in a state-of-the-art visitor centre.

visitlincoln.com



Description	
	Free-to-use digital archive of documents and oral histories from across the world, covering aviation and military heritage.
	Family history search resources, including original documents of national importance plus everything from census records and banns books to workhouse records; advance booking available.
	Online resources and research centre with stewards.

Online booking – available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites

Coach access – allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details

Accessibility – for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements



Lincoln Cathedral



LINCOLNSHIRE: TRADE DIRECTORY

LINCOLNSHIRE'S KEY EVENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

Woodhall Spa 1940s Weekend

Various 1940s, Home Front-themed events take place across the village of Woodhall Spa at this annual weekend-long festival in July. Expect military displays, vintage vehicles and lots of vintage dress.

woodhall-spa-40s-festival.com

Lincoln Christmas Market

Lincoln's Cathedral Quarter fills with twinkling fairy lights, gift stalls, festive performances and the drifting aroma of mulled wine for one weekend in December.

visitlincoln.com/whats-on/lincoln-christmas-market-2019

Lincolnshire Day

The Lincolnshire Rising, a revolt by Catholics against Henry VIII's establishment of the Church of England, is marked with Lincolnshire Day. Held every 1 October, it's a celebration of all things Lincolnshire, from sausages and great local produce to windmills, heritage, coast and countryside.

visitlincolnshire.com

Mayflower 400 - Pilgrim Roots

The county of Lincolnshire has many connections to the journey of the Mayflower Pilgrims.

Visit Gainsborough, Immingham and Boston and explore the places where Brewster, Bradford and others worshipped and lived prior to moving to Leiden in Holland. This group of Separatists eventually sailed from Plymouth in England to the new world in 1620.

mayflower400uk.org

Travel Information



Lincolnshire is approximately 120 miles north of London, in the East of England. Travelling by rail from London, most trains to Lincolnshire depart from London Kings Cross or St Pancras.

Approximate travel times from London:

Lincoln - 2 hours by rail
2 hours 50 mins by road

For more detailed itinerary suggestions for Lincolnshire see:

- United Allies
- Origins of Faith
- Old Stories of the New World
- Ancestral Tours

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More destination info at: VISITLINCOLNSHIRE.COM and VISITLINCOLN.COM

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As well as legendary outlaw Robin Hood, Nottinghamshire's legacy rings with rebels, heroes and leaders, many with strong links to the US. Gaze into the canopy of Sherwood Forest and explore the historic caves beneath the dynamic city of Nottingham as the stories of Mayflower Pilgrims, religious pioneers and World War II pilots reveal themselves in this green East Midlands county.

Newstead Abbey

The following highlights are visitor attractions and things to do that are available as bookable products for FITs and (usually) groups in Nottinghamshire. Full details and contact information for each business can be found in the Nottinghamshire directory.

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

During World War II, tens of thousands of US aircrew completed their training in Nottinghamshire before joining the fight during Operation Market Garden, the Ardennes Campaign and on D-Day.

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

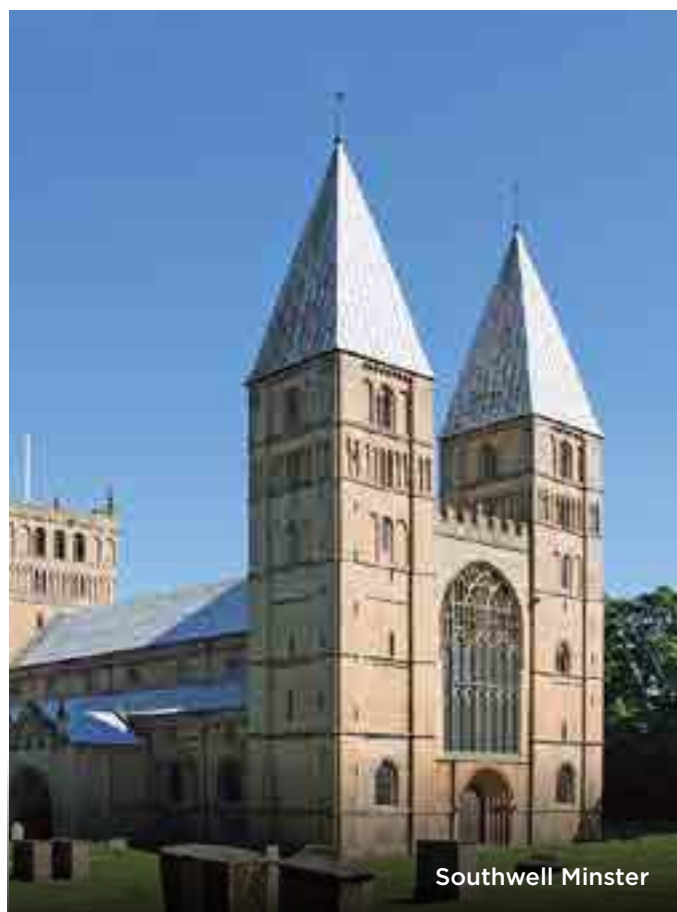
Nottinghamshire was central to the movement that triggered the Great Migration, and home to many of the Puritans who sailed to the New World on the Mayflower.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Nottinghamshire's ancient churches and villages were vital in helping shape the Separatist beliefs of Mayflower Pilgrims Brewster and Bradford. The Salvation Army also has its roots here.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Across the centuries, thousands and thousands of people have left Nottinghamshire to travel to the distant shores of the US. During World War II, US aircrew made the county their temporary home.



Southwell Minster

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UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

These are the must-see United Allies-themed attractions in Nottinghamshire.

Newark Air Museum

Explore a varied array of military aircraft at this former World War II training base. Take a guided tour or book Howard Heeley for a talk on USAAF activity in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire.

newarkairmuseum.org

National Holocaust Centre and Museum

This well-equipped centre is the only one of its kind in the UK. Pictures, reconstructed rooms, objects and first-hand accounts bring the story of the Jewish struggle and the horrors that followed to life.

holocaust.org.uk

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

These are the must-see faith and religion-themed attractions in Nottinghamshire.

Pilgrim Roots

Follow the self-guided Mayflower Trail and see where Mayflower passengers William Bradford and William Brewster worshipped at All Saints Church in Babworth. In nearby Scrooby you'll find the wooden pews where Brewster and his family sat.

visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk/ideas-and-inspiration/mayflower-pilgrims/the-mayflower-trail

Southwell Minster

Nottinghamshire's cathedral has 1,000 years of history and is known for its intricate medieval stone leaf carvings. King Charles I was held captive before his death in the ruined palace next door.

southwellminster.org

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

These are the must-see migration-themed attractions in Nottinghamshire.

National Civil War Centre

The stories of the English Civil War and the Wars of the Three Kingdoms are told here in compelling and often interactive detail. The museum shows how these conflicts were a hotbed of ideas that played a huge part in the creation of an American ideology.

nationalcivilwarcentre.com

Nottingham Castle

Re-opening in summer 2020 following a £29.4m transformation into a world-class heritage attraction, the castle's galleries 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

AMSHIRE

A man with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark tunic and a brown leather bag, is aiming a longbow. He is standing in a forest with green and yellow leaves. The background is slightly blurred.

MEET THE LOCALS

“Join me, Official Outlaw of Nottingham, on my Robin Hood Town Tour. On the streets, in caves and in ancient pubs, with words and wit, we’ll adventure through the past, explore the present and inspire a better world for all! Rise up, people!”

Ade Andrews

Robin Hood @EzekialBone

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

The Archives

Inspire: Culture, Learning and Libraries’ Archives contain 4 million documents, many of which are searchable online. A professional research service is available for a fee.

inspireculture.org.uk/heritage/archives

Newark Air Museum Archives

This former WWII training abase has an extensive archive of aviation artefacts including books, uniforms and photographs.

newarkairmuseum.org/museum-archive



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Clumber Park and the Major Oak nationaltrust.org.uk	•					•		7.9 Retford
Creswell Crags Museum and Prehistoric Gorge creswell-crags.org.uk	•		•			•	•	5 Worksop
D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum lleisure.co.uk/d-h-lawrence-birthplace-museum	•						•	1.5 Langley Mill
Haddon Hall, Bakewell haddonhall.co.uk				•	•	•	•	6.6 Matlock
National Civil War Museum, Newark nationalcivilwarcentre.com	•				•	•		0.5 Newark Northgate
National Justice Museum nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk	•		•			•	•	0.8 Nottingham
Newark Air Museum newarkairmuseum.org	•	•			•	•	•	1.7 Newark Northgate
Newark Castle newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/newarkcastle	•						•	0.2 Newark Castle
Newark Cemetery newark.gov.uk	•		•		•		•	1.5 Newark Northgate
Nottingham Castle nottinghamcastle.org.uk	•					•	•	1.7 Nottingham
Nottingham City Council Newstead Abbey newsteadabbey.org.uk	•	•			•	•	•	1 Newstead
Nottingham City Council Wollaton Hall wollatonhall.org.uk	•		•	•	•	•	•	6 Nottingham
Sherwood Forest & Visitor Centre visitsherwood.co.uk	•				•	•	•	6.4 Mansfield Woodhouse
Southwell Minster and The Archbishop's Palace southwellminster.org	•	•	•				•	10 Newark Northgate
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Hucknall hucknallparishchurch.org.uk	•		•			•	•	0.7 Hucknall



Description	Contact (+44)
Clumber Park is a beautiful expanse of parkland, heath and woods covering more than 3,800 acres.	(0) 1909 544917 clumberpark@nationaltrust.org.uk
Walk in the footsteps of the Ice Age hunter and enter a world of fire and flint. Discover a legacy etched in stone with cave art 10,000 years older than the pyramids. Explore life on the edge of the Ice Age world.	(0) 1909 720378 extension 2029 kat.middleton@creswell-crags.org.uk
This is the Birthplace of D.H. Lawrence; The author of Lady Chatterley's Lover, Sons & Lovers, The Rainbow – All of which have been dramatized – Of interest to literary enthusiasts.	(0) 115 9173745 alex.khan@lleisure.co.uk
Set in the heart of the beautiful Peak District National Park, parts of the house date from the 12th Century, sitting like a jewel in its Elizabethan terraced gardens, and overlooking the River Wye.	(0) 1629 812855 admin@haddonhall.co.uk
The stories of the English Civil War and the Wars of the Three Kingdoms are told here in compelling and often interactive detail.	(0) 1636 655765 museums@nsdc.info
Based in Nottingham's historic Lace Market, the National Justice Museum is housed in Nottinghamshire's Grade II* listed old Shire Hall and County Gaol.	(0) 115 9520555 info@nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk
Explore a varied array of military aircraft at this former World War II training base.	(0) 1636 707170 enquire@newarkairmuseum.org
Newark Castle has weathered many historic storms. It stands now, partially destroyed, as a reminder of Newark's turbulent history.	(0) 1636 655765 customerservices@nsdc.info
Newark Cemetery contains the graves of hundreds of Canadian, Polish and British airmen. Guided tours available.	(0) 1636 680333 friendsofnewarkcemetery@yahoo.co.uk
Re-opening in summer 2020 following a £29.4m transformation into a world-class heritage attraction, the castle's galleries cover the bloody rebellions of Nottingham's citizens during the Civil War, the city's creative heritage and the legend of Robin Hood.	(0) 115 9520555 nottinghamcastleproject@nottinghamcity.gov.uk
This 12th-century priory was disbanded by Henry VIII and turned into a private country home.	(0) 115 8763100 newstead.abbey@nottinghamcity.gov.uk
Within the grounds of this 16th-century stately home stands a memorial to the men of the US 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division.	(0) 115 8763100 wollaton.hall@nottinghamcity.gov.uk
Sherwood is part of the National Nature Reserve, a unique place to visit, boasting hundreds of ancient oaks thriving here for more than 500 years, including the legendary Major Oak, estimated to be around 1,000 years old and of course Robin Hood.	(0) 1623 677321 sherwoodforest@rspb.org.uk
Nottinghamshire's cathedral has 1,000 years of history and is known for its intricate medieval stone leaf carvings.	(0) 1636 817284 marketing@southwellminster.org.uk
St. Mary Magdalene Church is set in a peaceful churchyard overlooking the market place in the centre of the town. The building itself is of great architectural interest and is built on the site of an old saxon church. The church tower which stands high above Hucknall town was constructed in stages between the 12th and 14th century whilst the porch was built in 1320.	(0) 7538 735103



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The National Holocaust Centre and Museum holocaust.org.uk	•				•	•		13 Newark Northgate
William Booth Birthplace Museum salvationarmy.org.uk			•					1.6 Nottingham

Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact
Crowne Plaza, Nottingham ihg.com	4	210	(0) 871 9429161 cpnottingham@valoreurope.com
Harts Hotel, Nottingham hartsnottingham.co.uk	4	32	(0) 115 9881900 reception@hartshotel.co.uk
Lace Market Hotel, Nottingham lacemarkethotel.co.uk	4	42	(0) 1159 484414 rsvns@lacemarkethotel.co.uk
St James Hotel, Nottingham stjames-hotel.com	3	86	(0) 115 9411114 info@stjames-hotel.com
Thorseby Hall Hotel warnerleisurehotels.co.uk	4	221	(0) 1623 821000 thorsebyhall.reception@bourne-leisure.co.uk
Ye Olde Bell Hotel & Spa yeoldebell-hotel.co.uk	4	62	(0) 1777 705121 enquiries@yeoldebell-hotel.co.uk

Tours & Tour Guides	Contact
Brackenbury's Britain brackenburysbritain.co.uk	(0) 330 6600389 richard@brackenburysbritain.co.uk
Ezekial Bone Nottingham Tours ezekialbone.com	(0) 7941 210986 contact@ezekialbone.com
Howard Heeley	howardheeley.dtep@ntlworld.com
Pilgrim Roots trail including Scrooby & Babworth mayflower400uk.org/visit/scrooby-babworth	info@pilgrimroots.org
Pilgrims and Prophets Christian Heritage Tours pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk	(0) 7470 366689 mail@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk
Sue Allen - Mayflower Maid mayflowermaid.com	(0) 1673 878398 admin@mayflowermaid.com

Trade Directory Key

Open all year – available throughout the year with limited closures

Trade rates – reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

Free entry – applies to entry however tours and exhibitions may be subject to additional fees

Miles from nearest train station – distance by car from main access point



Description	Contact (+44)
This well-equipped centre on the edge of Robin Hood's Sherwood Forest, is the only one of its kind in the UK. Pictures, reconstructed rooms, objects and first-hand accounts bring the story of the Jewish struggle to life.	(0) 1623 836627 office@holocaustcentre.net
William Booth was an English Methodist preacher who founded the Salvation Army. The museum tells the story of his life. Open by appointment.	(0) 115 9793464 wbbm@salvationarmy.org.uk

Description
Comfortable Nottingham city centre hotel with complimentary Wi-Fi, spa and pool.
Independent boutique Hotel with stunning views over Nottinghamshire on the old ramparts of Nottingham Castle.
Boutique hotel with period features in the historic Lace Market area of Nottingham City Centre.
Stylish, city centre boutique hotel.
A grand stately home on the edge of Sherwood Forest in North Nottinghamshire.
Characterful hotel in the heart of North Nottinghamshire, ideally situated for groups and FITs visiting the Pilgrim region.

Description
Cultural and countryside customised walking tours for FITs and groups.
Scheduled and bespoke characterled themed tours of Nottingham, from Robin Hood to the city's lacemaking heritage.
Aviation historian and writer offering a range of custom talks on regional aviation heritage, including the USAAF.
General history and Christian and America heritage tours.
Specialist and customised guided tours with Christian heritage experts across Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.
Take a costume-guided tour of the Pilgrim villages and churches with historian Sue Allan.

Online booking – available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites

Coach access – allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details

Accessibility – for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements



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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S KEY EVENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

Newark Air Museum 1940s Weekend

Don period costume for the 2019 1940s weekend in October 2019. It will commemorate World War II, with period military and civilian vehicles, model displays of contemporary aircraft, ships and vehicles and Home Front re-enactments.

newarkairmuseum.org

Nottingham Robin Hood Beer & Cider Festival

More than 1,000 real ales and 250 ciders and perries are up for sampling at Nottingham's celebration of brewing.

beerfestival.nottinghamcamra.org

DID YOU KNOW?

Nottinghamshire's Sherwood Forest was Robin Hood's old stomping ground. Unpick the stories behind the Forest's most famous resident at the new Visitor Centre, or pick up a trail guide and explore the forest.

visitsherwood.co.uk

Travel Information



Nottinghamshire is approximately 120 miles north of London, in the East Midlands. Travelling by rail from London, most trains to Nottinghamshire depart from London St Pancras or Kings Cross.

Approximate travel times from London:

Nottingham - 1 hour 40 mins by rail
2 hours 20 mins by road

Newark - 1 hour 15 mins by rail
2 hours 30 mins by road

For more detailed itinerary suggestions for Nottinghamshire see:

- United Allies
- Origins of Faith
- Old Stories of the New World
- Ancestral Tours

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More destination info at: VISIT-NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.CO.UK

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PLYMOUTH

FOR MORE DESTINATION INFORMATION, EXPERT LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, TRAVEL INFORMATION, SUPPORT WITH DEVELOPING ITINERARIES, ACCESS TO IMAGES AND MUCH MORE, CONTACT THE PLYMOUTH EXPERTS AT: [VISITPLYMOUTH.CO.UK](https://www.visitplymouth.co.uk)



On England's south coast, Britain's Ocean City is steeped in seafaring history. Mayflower Pilgrims, World War II GIs and those who journeyed aboard the great ocean liners have sailed through the Sound, Plymouth's beautiful natural harbour. The city is the gateway to Devon and Cornwall.

Plymouth Hoe

The following highlights are visitor attractions and things to do that are available as bookable products for FITs and (usually) groups in Plymouth. Full details and contact information for each business can be found in the Plymouth directory.

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

The bravery of the thousands of US troops who rested and redeployed and embarked for D-Day from Plymouth is honoured at Normandy Hill, St Budeaux and Saltash Passage.

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

As Britain's Ocean City, Plymouth has marked millions of comings and goings, and the views across the Sound seen by emigrants and immigrants centuries ago are just as evocative today.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

Hand in hand with Plymouth's seafaring history is its spiritual heritage. As well as being a departure point for the Mayflower Pilgrims, the city witnessed England's first Brethren assembly.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Stand on the Hoe or take a boat trip and look across the waters of the Sound today to experience the same stirring panorama as all those who have sailed these waters before.



The Mayflower Steps

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UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

These are the must-see United Allies-themed attractions in Plymouth.

Plymouth Hoe & the Sound

The Hoe, a public space at the heart of Plymouth, has breathtaking views across the Sound (an almost perfect natural harbour) and a series of moving memorials, including the Naval War Memorial. Visitors can also climb the iconic Smeaton's Tower, a historic lighthouse.

visitplymouth.co.uk/explore/areas-to-visit/the-hoe

Royal William Yard

Once the major victualling depot for the Royal Navy, Royal William Yard is now one of England's most magnificent industrial monuments, and a beautiful leisure area with marina, boat trips, shops, restaurants, accommodation and stunning ocean views.

royalwilliamyard.com

Royal Citadel

A dramatic 17th-century fortress built to defend the coastline from the Dutch, the Royal Citadel is still in military use. The Citadel is open to guided tours. Pre-booking required.

english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/royal-citadel-plymouth

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

These are the must-see faith and religion-themed attractions in Plymouth.

Minster Church of St Andrew

St Andrew's has seen centuries of change, from its Saxon origins to the religious disputes of the Civil War. Next door, a 15th-century former church houses a memorial to a pair of American sailors killed in the War of 1812.

standrewschurch.org.uk

Buckland Abbey

Take a guided tour of this vast estate that was founded by Cistercians, later becoming the home of New World explorers Sir Richard Grenville and Sir Francis Drake. Step inside a giant medieval barn, and pass between a Tudor chamber, Georgian dining room and the Great Hall.

nationaltrust.org.uk/buckland-abbey

Plymouth Synagogue

Built in 1762, Plymouth's Ashkenazi synagogue is the oldest active Ashkenazi synagogue in the English speaking world. Hundreds of families passed through the Plymouth Synagogue on their way to a new life in America. Tours available by prior arrangement.

plymouthsynagogue.com

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

These are the must-see migration-themed attractions in Plymouth.

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. The house will re-open in 2020; the landscaped gardens are open now.

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

Mayflower Steps

Plaques beside the commemorative Mayflower Steps remember the moment the Mayflower Pilgrims set sail from Plymouth to the New World, as well as other pioneering voyages. The steps are currently being renovated, and will re-open in 2020.

mayflower400uk.org

Plymouth Boat Trips

Take to the water and see Plymouth and the surrounding South West coast as the Pilgrims did. Private group tours with Mayflower commentary available by request.

plymouthboattrips.co.uk



MEET THE LOCALS

“Plymouth is a vibrant city, situated alongside one of the greatest natural harbours in the world.

Our new Mayflower Heritage and Plymouth Harbour cruise departs from the place where the Pilgrims set sail for America in 1620.

We then continue along the River Tamar, passing famous landmarks and telling stories of Plymouth’s rich history - from pirates and smuggling tales, Sir Francis Drake and the Spanish Armada to today and the Royal Naval Dockyard where mighty warships and submarines await.”

Ben Squire
Owner, Plymouth Boat Trips

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

The Box

As well as housing exhibitions, events and performances, Plymouth’s flagship building for the Mayflower 400 commemorations will also be the principal archive for the area’s historical records. Guided tours will be available when it opens in 2020.

plymhearts.org/thebox

Many tourist guides specialise in customised ancestral tours of Plymouth, Devon, Cornwall and the South West region. See following page for more information and contact details.



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Attractions

Business	Open All Year	Trade Rates	Free Entry	Online Booking	Coach Access	Cafe	Guided Tours	Miles from Plymouth Train Station
Buckland Abbey – National Trust nationaltrust.org.uk	•		•		•	•	•	11
Devonport Naval Heritage Centre devonportnhc.wordpress.com					•	•	•	2.2
Elizabethan House & Gardens (Re-opening 2020) plymhearts.org/elizabethan-house	•		•					1.5
Le Vignoble levignoble.co.uk	•	•			•	•	•	2
Mayflower Steps mayflowersteps.co.uk	•		•		•			1.3
Minister Church of St Andrew standrewschurch.org.uk	•		•				•	1
Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park mountedgcumbe.gov.uk	•	•	•		•	•	•	25
Nancy Astors House, 3 Elliot Terrace plymouth.gov.uk	•						•	1.4
National Marine Aquarium national-aquarium.co.uk	•	•			•	•	•	1.4
Plymouth Boat Trips plymouthboattrips.co.uk	•	•			•	•	•	1
Plymouth Gin Distillery plymouthgin.com	•	•				•	•	1.4
Plymouth Synagogue visitplymouthsynagogue.co.uk	•	•	•	•			•	1.5
Royal Citadel english-heritage.org.uk	•	•		•	•		•	1.5
Royal William Yard royalwilliamyard.com	•		•		•	•		2
Saltram House nationaltrust.org.uk	•				•	•	•	3.5
Smeatons Tower on the Hoe plymhearts.org/smeatons-tower	•				•			1.8
The Box (opening 2020) plymhearts.org/thebox	•	•				•	•	1
The Garden House thegardenhouse.org.uk		•			•	•	•	11



Description	Contact (+44)
Take a guided tour of this vast estate that was founded by Cistercians, later becoming the home of New World explorers Sir Richard Grenville and Sir Francis Drake.	(0) 1822 853607 victoria.hill@nationaltrust.org.uk
Track Plymouth's naval heritage since 1300, including both World Wars, which records the close and dramatic relationship of the Royal Navy, the people of Plymouth, the Dockyard and Devonport Naval Base (the largest naval base in Western Europe). Tour HMS Courageous.	(0) 1752 552326 navynbcd-book1@mod.gov.uk
Behind the Plymouth Barbican - between the old and new city - you can experience home life through the eyes of an Elizabethan merchant.	(0) 1752 304774 museum@plymouth.gov.uk
Offering a selection of wines from the depths of Cornwall UK, to the high altitude vineyards of Mendoza Argentina.	ele@levignoble.co.uk
Plaques beside the commemorative Mayflower Steps remember the moment the Mayflower Pilgrims set sail from Plymouth to the New World, as well as other pioneering voyages.	
St Andrew's has seen centuries of change, from its Saxon origins to the religious disputes of the Civil War. Next door, a 15th-century former church houses a memorial to a pair of American sailors killed in the War of 1812.	(0) 1752 661414
Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park is the largest Country Park in England.	(0) 1725 822236 mt.edgcumbe@plymouth.gov.uk
Nancy Astor made history in 1919 as the first woman MP to sit in the Commons and herself and her husband played a major role in Plymouth's rebuilding after the war.	Online Form
The National Marine Aquarium is a conservation charity with a mission of 'connecting us with our Oceans'.	(0) 844 893 7938 enquiries@national-aquarium.co.uk
Take to the water and see Plymouth and the surrounding South West coast as the Pilgrims did. Themed tours and 'catch and cook' experiences available.	(0) 1752 253153 annie@plymouthboattrips.co.uk
The oldest gin distillery in the UK is also believed to be the place where the Mayflower Pilgrims spent their last night. Distillery tours available.	(0) 1752 665292 info@plymouthdistillery.com
Built in 1762, Plymouth's Ashkenazi synagogue is the oldest active such synagogue in the English-speaking world. Tours available by prior arrangement.	(0) 7753 267616 tours@visitplymouthsynagogue.co.uk
A dramatic 17th-century fortress built to defend the coastline from the Dutch, the Royal Citadel is still in military use. The Citadel is open to guided tours. Pre-booking required.	(0) 370 333 1181
Once the major victualling depot for the Royal Navy, Royal William Yard is now one of England's most magnificent industrial monuments, and a beautiful leisure area with marina, boat trips, shops, restaurants, accommodation and stunning ocean views.	(0) 1752 600533 haileycattle@urbansplash.co.uk
The Georgian mansion of Saltram House, owned by the National Trust, is full of treasures, stories and intrigue. During World War II, Saltram House hosted the US 29th Infantry Division who landed at Omaha beach in Normandy.	(0) 1752 333500 saltram@nationaltrust.org.uk
The Hoe, a public space at the heart of Plymouth, has breathtaking views across the Sound (an almost perfect natural harbour) and a series of moving memorials, including the Naval War Memorial.	(0) 1752 304774 museum@plymouth.gov.uk
As well as housing exhibitions, events and performances, Plymouth's flagship building for the Mayflower 400 commemorations will also be the principal archive for the area's historical records. Guided tours will be available when it opens in 2020.	(0) 1752 304774 theboxplymouth@plymouth.gov.uk
The garden covers ten acres, it varies in planting styles and seasonal interest. Every day it changes and it is every bit the quintessential 'English country garden'.	(0) 1822 854769 office@thegardenhouse.org.uk



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Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact
Bedford Hotel bedford-hotel.co.uk	3	32	(0) 1822 613221 reception@bedford-hotel.co.uk
Boringdon Hall Hotel & Spa boringdonhall.co.uk	5	41	(0) 1752 344455 bor.marketing@boringdonhall.co.uk
Burgh Island burghisland.com	5	25	(0) 1548 810514 reception@burghisland.com
Copthorne Hotel Plymouth millenniumhotels.com	4	135	(0) 1752 224161 sales.plymouth@millenniumhotels.com
Crowne Plaza, Plymouth ihg.com/crowneplaza	4	211	(0) 1752 639988 lauren.rogers@cpplymouth.valoreurope.com
Duke of Cornwall, Plymouth thedukeofcornwall.co.uk	3	72	(0) 1752 275862 m.williams@thedukeofcornwall.co.uk
Glazebrook House Hotel glazebrookhouse.com	4	9	(0) 1364 73322 enquiries@glazebrookhouse.com
Langdon Court Hotel langdoncourt.com	4	19	(0) 1752 862358 emma.frkovic@carlaurenifestyleresorts.com
Moorland Garden Hotel moorlandgardenhotel.co.uk	4	44	(0) 1822 852245 stay@moorlandgardenhotel.co.uk
New Continental Hotel, Plymouth newcontinental.co.uk	3	99	(0) 1752 276790 elinor.eaton@newcontinental.co.uk
Pentillie Garden & Estate pentillie.co.uk	5	9	(0) 1579 350044 contact@pentillie.co.uk
Rooms by Bistrot Pierre bistrotpierre.co.uk/rooms/plymouth		14	(0) 1752 262318 lbrammer@pierre94.co.uk
Tours & Tour Guides			Contact
America Loves Cornwall americalovescornwall.com			(0) 1872 309869 info@americalovescornwall.com
Jane Dymock britainsbestguides.org/guides/jane-dymock			(0) 7876 402728
Plymouth Boat Trips plymouthboattrips.co.uk			(0) 1752 253153 annie@plymouthboattrips.co.uk
Select South West Tours selectsouthwesttours.com			(0) 1752 290341 james@selectsouthwesttours.com
South West Guild Blue Badge Guides southwestguildoftouristguides.com			Online Form
Unique Devon Tours uniquedevontours.com			(0) 1803 812556 info@uniquedevontours.co.uk
Travel England Tours travelenglandtours.com			(0) 208 434 3549 admin@travelenglandtours.com



	Description
	<p>In the heart of the award-winning Devon market town of Tavistock, gateway to Dartmoor National Park this historic gem with contemporary facilities including four poster beds, spa baths, Devon cream teas and a local charm.</p> <p>This luxury and historic English Country house Hotel is over 400 years old, nestled on the edge of Dartmoor. With it's award winning Gaia Spa and 3AA Rosette dining Boringdon offers a 5* stay close to the heart of Plymouth.</p>
	<p>Burgh Island Hotel is an iconic Devon landmark on its own tidal island, surrounded by golden beaches and silver seas.</p> <p>Situated in the heart of the city the hotel offers modern rooms and areas with relaxed dining in its popular restaurant, best known for its Chef's modern take on the local cuisine.</p>
	<p>The hotel offers modern rooms with great facilities including Penthouse dining alongside breathtaking views over the Hoe and the iconic Smeatons Tower.</p> <p>A Victorian landmark hotel built in 1863 offers over 150 years of history from its Grade II listed sweeping staircase to the newly refurbished rooms with views over the city of Plymouth.</p>
	<p>A luxury and quintessentially British old manor house, refurbished and decorated with artistic modern twists and offering locally sourced meals and an extensive cocktail list while set in 4 acres of secluded grounds.</p> <p>A stunning 16th Century Manor House nestled in one of the most beautiful locations, brimming with extraordinary nautical, military, royal and regal history this countryside retreat will immerse you into local life to become part of the legacy.</p>
	<p>Nestling in nine acres of picturesque, tranquil and lovingly-tended moorland gardens, the hotel offers a variety of classically decorated rooms and suites, an AA Rosette Wildflower restaurant and the opportunity of cream teas on the terrace.</p> <p>An independent family owned hotel offering refurbished spacious modern rooms, leisure complex and in house dining with views over Plymouth.</p>
	<p>A family-run castle, wedding venue and 5 star B&B in Cornwall in a 2,000 acre private estate set on the bank of the River Tamar, this boutique B&B 'hotel quality' accommodation offers 9 individually styled bedrooms.</p> <p>A lovingly restored stunning Grade II* listed building in the historic Royal William Yard, offers a gentle and modern charm set in its Georgian surroundings.</p>
	Description
	<p>Customisable day and touring packages, including D-Day commemoration tours and holidays, for small groups visiting Plymouth and Cornwall.</p> <p>Blue Badge guide based in Plymouth. Hosts scheduled walks around the Hoe, Royal Citadel amongst other key sights. Specialised wonder tours include Mayflower Pilgrims, Poldark & Conrish Mining Heritage.</p>
	<p>Take to the water and see Plymouth and the surrounding South West coast, with live commentary. Or take the chance to catch a fish and cook it while back on shore and enjoy relaxing at the marina.</p> <p>Personalised walking and driving tours including speclist D-Day, World War II themes in addition to shore excursions.</p>
	<p>The professional association for Blue Badge Guides working in Somerset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Cornwall, Devon and Dorset.</p> <p>Specialist driver guided tours with passionate local experts tailored to your requirements.</p>
	<p>Private chauffeur luxury travel offering themed historical tours, special days out, personal driver and a driver guide.</p>



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Ancestral Services	Contact
Devon Family History Society devonfhs.org.uk	enquiries@devonfhs.org.uk
Select South West Tours selectsouthwesttours.com	(0) 1752 290341 james@selectsouthwesttours.com
The Box, Record Office (open 2020) plymhearts.org/thebox	(0) 1752 304774 theboxplymouth@plymouth.gov.uk
Unique Devon Tours uniquedevontours.co.uk	(0) 1803 812556 info@uniquedevontours.co.uk

Trade Directory Key

Open all year – available throughout the year with limited closures

Trade rates – reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

Free entry – applies to entry however tours and exhibitions may be subject to additional fees

Miles from nearest train station – distance by car from main access point





Description
Promoting the study of genealogy and history, especially for Devon families and places.
Multi-day driving tours of South West England.
The principal archive for the area's historical records. Opens spring 2020.
Tours and holidays for FITs and small groups, specialising in ancestral tours throughout Devon and Cornwall.

Online booking – available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites

Coach access – allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details

Accessibility – for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements



New Street



PLYMOUTH: TRADE DIRECTORY

These new guided tours, experiences and bookable products are available for tour operators to contract and include within your own tours and itineraries.

They are operated and delivered by local tour guides and businesses and can be booked directly. Most can be customisable to the needs of your clients and adapted for F.I.T. and groups. Please mention **US Connections** when booking.

A TASTE OF ENGLAND TOURS

Themed guided walking and driving tours with local Blue Badge guides.

Dartmouth – Mayflower Pilgrims Haven

Full day tour of the beautiful town of Dartmouth where the Mayflower and Speedwell stopped to make repairs. The tour includes a river trip, Dartmouth Castle and walking tour of the town.

Other ‘A Taste of England Tours’ tours available include:

Dartmouth - Pilgrim Fathers’ Haven; D-Day Dorset; Dorset Faith and Enterprise in the New World; D-Day Portsmouth; D-Day Devon - Operation Tiger. See website for full information.

Julia Morris | atasteofenglandtours.com
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ABSOLUTOURS

Themed guided walking and driving tours with local Blue Badge guide.

D-Day Devon - ‘Operation Tiger’

A panoramic tour of Plymouth and journey to Dartmouth with a visit to Slapton Sands.

Half day tour (4 hours) | Private transport included (suv) | Start Dartmouth | Suitable for groups (max 25) & F.I.T. (Min 2)

Plymouth Panoramic And Mount Edgcumbe Country Estate

Enjoy the sites of Plymouths historic Barbican on a panoramic tour of the picturesque waterfront. Cross the River Tamar to Mount Edgcumbe where your Blue Badge guide will bring alive the stories of this historic house and gardens.

Half day tour (5 hours) | Blue Badge guide | Private transport included (suv) | Suitable for F.I.T. (2-6) Groups (20-45) | Cruise excursion only

Plymouth – The Mayflower City

A half day tour of the sites of Plymouth relating to the Mayflower voyage, including the Barbican and Hoe, the Mayflower Steps and the new exhibition at ‘The Box’. The tour can be extended to full day to include a visit to Buckland Abbey, the Drake family home.

Half day tour (5 hours) | Blue Badge Guide | Suitable for 2 – 15 pax | Option to extend to full day (8 hours)

Cornish Ancestry Tour

Starting from Plymouth, take a driver guided tour into Cornwall to bring your family history story to life. Visit the UNESCO Cornish Mining World Heritage Sites, the Tin Coast and the beautiful coastline. Some 6 million people worldwide can claim Cornish ancestry. Unique tours can be designed following individuals ancestral connections.

Full day tour (8 hours) | Cornish Blue Badge guide | Private transport included (suv) | Start Plymouth (or within 2 hour drive of Penzance) | Miner’s lunch – Cornish pasty & a pint | Cruise excursion only

Viv Robinson | absolutours.co.uk
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NEW TOURS AND EXPERIENCES



SELECT SOUTH WEST TOURS

Thematic tours guided by a knowledgeable local, showing the best of the region guide James calls home.

Historic Plymouth Walking Tour

Walk in the footprints of the Pilgrims and other great adventurers and hear the history of perhaps the world's greatest seafaring city.

90 minute walking tour | Start Plymouth

Mayflower Pilgrims Devon Discovery Tour

Explore Dartmouth Mayflower connections with a guided tour from the Town Crier, and see Plymouth the final departure point including a visit to Plymouth Gin distillery.

Full day (8 hours) | Private transport included | Start Plymouth or Dartmouth | Suitable for F.I.T. Max 7

Mayflower Discovery – 5 Day Guided Tour

Five-day England adventure tracing the journey of the Mayflower Pilgrims. Tour covers Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, London, Dartmouth and Plymouth. Meet local guides and visit historic attractions.

Five day tour | Private transport and driver guide included | Flexible start point | Schedule can be customised

Select South West Tours also offer a Dartmoor National Park experience, city of Plymouth in the Blitz and World War II walking tour and many tours of Cornwall. See website for more details.

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PLYMOUTH BOAT TRIPS

Explore Britain's Ocean city and the Devon and Cornish coast from the water, with Plymouth Boat Trips.

Sailing Into the US History Books at Mount Edgcumbe

Learn more about the American servicemen who left an indelible mark on the landscape of Plymouth and South East Cornwall when they were stationed in the area before embarking at Mount Edgcumbe Park and sailing out through Plymouth Sound on their way to Omaha Beach during the D-Day Landings.

Plymouth Boat Trips will take you to explore the Naval History of Plymouth before landing at Mount Edgcumbe Country Park. And visit 16th Century Mount Edgcumbe House.

World famous Cornish Cream Tea included | Start Plymouth | Groups 15 – 50 pax | Half – full day (4-6 hours) | Available as cruise excursion

Other tours also available include 'Sailing through history at Mount Edgcumbe'. Plymouth Boat Trips offer a 'Catch and Cook' experience and regular scheduled tours.

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UNIQUE DEVON TOURS

Award winning local tour guide, with local knowledge and ancestral tour expertise.

Mayflower Tour of Devon

Devon, the final departure point for those courageous Pilgrims nearly 400 years ago. This tour follows the path of the Mayflower Pilgrims in Plymouth and Dartmouth as they prepared to set sail on their historic voyage to America in 1620.

Full day tour (8.5 Hours) | Private transport and driver guide included | Flexible start point – Dartmouth/ Devon / Plymouth | Suitable for F.I.T. (4-6)

Other tours available with Alex and Unique Devon Tours include Cruise Excursions: Historic Houses and Gardens of Devon, Sharpham Vineyard Experience, Ultimate Dartmoor Sheepdog Experience. Alex also specialises in personal ancestry tours.

**Alex Graeme | uniquedevontours.com
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Devon's American Connections

This special and unique one day tour will give you a fantastic insight into the unexpectedly strong links that North America has with the county of Devon. The tour provides a very rich and varied day, visiting Dartmoor National Park, the South Devon coast, and one of the towns from where the Pilgrims sailed in 1620, on board the Mayflower.

Full day tour (8.5 Hours) | Private transport and driver guide included | Flexible start point – Dartmouth / Devon / Plymouth | Suitable for F.I.T. (4-6).

AMERICA LOVES CORNWALL

Local specialist tour guide for Cornwall, with unrivalled Poldark knowledge.

Plymouth and Cornwall

Mayflower 400 tour of Plymouth and the cities Poldark connections, then sail on a historic tall ship featured in the POLDARK series, to Charlestown in Cornwall before embarking on a weeks Poldark tour of Cornwall.

10-14 day tour | Chauffered collections available | Group size 12 | F.I.Ts and larger groups can be accommodated

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REAL IDEAS ORGANISATION

Historic Royal William Yard

Explore The Royal William Yard on foot - a masterpiece of Architectural design for the Royal Navy considered to be one of the most important groups of historic Military buildings in Britain and the largest collection of Grade I listed military buildings in Europe.

Expert historical tour guide | Traditional afternoon tea from artisan bakery | Half day tour (3.5 Hours) | Cruise excursions only | Group size 10 – 30 | Start point Plymouth

In the Footsteps of GI's – American Forces in Plymouth

Led by an expert historical guide this walking tour will give you a glimpse of life as it was for a GI in Plymouth as they prepared for the critical D-Day landings.

Devonshire cream tea | Free time for shopping at artists studios | Half day tour (3.5 Hours) | Groups (10 – 30 pax)

NEW TOURS AND EXPERIENCES



TRAVEL ENGLAND TOURS LTD

Chauffer driven tours and walking tours, specialising in military history.

Pilgrims Mayflower Tour of Plymouth

Explore the cobbled streets of Plymouth's Barbican, visit the Mayflower museum and enjoy a tour and gin tasting at Plymouth Gin.

Suitable for F.I.T (4 pax) | Start point Plymouth | Private transport and driver guide included | Half day tour | Cruise excursion

American Military Trilogy

Immerse yourself in the military history of this part of Devon; including Plymouth; Dartmoor Prison; Slapton Sands and experience a unique flag raising ceremony for your group.

Transport included | Full day tour | Lunch and refreshments included | Suitable for F.I.T. (4-6)

America's Airborne D-Day

Explore Plymouth, Upottery (of Band of Brothers fame), D-Day invasion back story and see original footage of 101st Airborne taking off for D-day.

Transport included | Half day (4 hours) | Suitable for F.I.T. (4 Pax)

America's D-Day Tour

Your expert guides will detail the stories of 101st Airborne at Upottery Airfield, Dunkerswell Aerodrome (the only surviving US Navy land base in WWII in Europe), Slapton Sands and Plymouth.

Transport included | Full day tour (8 hours) | Lunch and refreshments included | Suitable for F.I.T. (4 pax)

Exercise Tiger D-Day Tragedy

Hear of this unbelievably tragic story, starting in Plymouth where the first part of the American Amphibious Landing Convoy - T4 left Plymouth harbour. Drive through the idyllic Devon countryside to Brixham Harbour and take a short ferry ride across River Dart to Dartmouth and discover the tragic events that our American Allies suffered whilst on Exercise/ Operation Tiger. Visit the American War memorial, Blackpool Sands and the local English villages and farmsteads that housed 15,000 American military personnel. Visit Slapton Sands before returning to Plymouth.

Transport included | Fish & chip lunch and cream tea included | Full day tour (8 hours) | Suitable for F.I.T. (2-4) | 5+ Pax on request.

HMS Courageous

Visit Devonport Naval Heritage site (history dating back to 1300) and tour inside HMS Courageous (a decommissioned nuclear submarine). See its working periscope in action. Photo opportunity also provided at the Mayflower Steps on the Barbican, Plymouth.

Transport included | Half day tour (4 Hours) | Suitable for F.I.T. (4 Pax)

NB: Security clearance required with minimum 14 days notice for non-UK nationals. Not suitable for people with fears of confined spaces.

Other tours available with Alex and Unique Devon Tours include Cruise Excursions: Historic Houses and Gardens of Devon, Sharpham Vineyard Experience, Ultimate Dartmoor Sheepdog Experience. Alex also specialises in personal ancestry tours.

**Ian Rutherford, Sarah Rutherford | travelenglandtours.com
+44 208 434 3549, +44 7966 054684 | sarah@travelenglandtours.com**

THE BOX

Group tours available of Plymouth's new multi-million pound heritage centre include:

Behind the Box; Archive Tours; Mayflower Experience tours and a Highlights tour.

**Charlotte Pascoe | theboxplymouth.com
+44 (0) 1752 304774 | venuehire@plymouth.gov.uk**



PLYMOUTH: TRADE DIRECTORY

PLYMOUTH'S KEY EVENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

British Firework Championships

This annual firework championships sets Plymouth's waterfront alight each August, as six firework companies battle it out over two nights to be crowned the best! Expect spectacular, awe-inspiring displays.

britishfireworks.co.uk

Mayflower 400

As the departure point for the Mayflower, Plymouth is central to commemorations marking the pioneering voyage's 400th anniversary. A world-class culture and heritage programme kicks off in November 2019, followed by a programme of more than 400 'moments' throughout 2020.

mayflower400uk.org/visit/plymouth-england

DID YOU KNOW?

A new VIP 1620 guided tour of Mount Edgumbe, which was built in 1547, will include the original objects, paintings, furniture, tapestries and architecture that existed in and around the House when the Mayflower sailed past.

mountedgcumbe.gov.uk

Travel Information



Plymouth is approximately 220 miles southwest of London, in southwest England. Travelling by rail from London, most trains to Plymouth depart from London Paddington.

Approximate travel times from London:

Plymouth - 3 hours 15 mins by rail
3 hours 50 mins by road

For more detailed itinerary suggestions for Plymouth see:

- United Allies
- Origins of Faith
- Old Stories of the New World
- Ancestral Tours

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More destination info at: VISITPLYMOUTH.CO.UK

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WORCESTERSHIRE

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Mayflower Pilgrim Edward Winslow hails from this hilly West Midlands county with a heritage of independence and religious influence. Hundreds of exiles made new lives for themselves in the New World after the English Civil War here, and a key Worcestershire battlefield played an intriguing role in shaping the US constitution. The county also offered protection to the British royal family during World War II.

Worcester Cathedral

The following highlights are visitor attractions and things to do that are available as bookable products for FITs and (usually) groups in Worcestershire. Full details and contact information for each business can be found in the Worcestershire directory.

UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

During World War II, Worcestershire was set up to protect the British royal family. The armour-plated railway carriage where General Eisenhower and Winston Churchill revealed their D-Day plans to the King is stationed here.

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

Countless noteworthy migrants have made the journey from Worcestershire to the US, including Mayflower Pilgrim Edward Winslow, and 272 Scottish Royalist soldiers who were exiled to the Massachusetts Bay Colony after the English Civil War.

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

The birthplace of Mayflower Pilgrim Edward Winslow is also home to the oldest Mormon church in the world and Worcester Cathedral, the final resting place of King John, Prince Arthur and St Wulfstan.

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

Thousands of US citizens are descended from the 272 Scottish Royalist soldiers exiled to the New World after the Battle of Worcester in 1651. Many others are descendants of Worcestershire native and Mayflower Pilgrim Edward Winslow.



Broadway Tower

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UNITED ALLIES & THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

These are the must-see United Allies-themed attractions in Worcestershire.

Severn Valley Railway

Built in 1862, this wonderfully nostalgic railway delivers breathtaking scenery as it follows the beautiful River Severn into Shropshire. Visitors to Highley station can enter King George VI's armour-plated carriage, where General Eisenhower and Winston Churchill briefed the King on Operation Overlord.

svr.co.uk

The Commandery & Fort Royal Hill

Now a museum dedicated to the English Civil War, in 1651 this historic building was King Charles I's headquarters for the decisive Battle of Worcester. In 1786, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson visited and were inspired to learn how the city and battlefield helped shape 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.

museums Worcestershire.org.uk

thebattleofworcestersociety.org.uk

THE ORIGINS OF FAITH

These are the must-see faith and religion-themed attractions in Worcestershire.

Worcester Cathedral

A place of worship and pilgrimage for 14 centuries, Worcester Cathedral is the final resting place of King John, Prince Arthur and St Wulfstan. Having weathered the religious upheavals of the Reformation and Civil War, it was also where Mayflower colonist Edward Winslow attended school.

worcestercathedral.co.uk

Gadfield Elm

It was here, in the oldest chapel in the world of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, that Mormon missionary Wilford Woodruff baptised hundreds of followers before they sold the building and fulfilled their dream of setting up a new life in the United States.

gadfieldelm.org

Harvington Hall

Surrounded by a medieval moat, this Elizabethan manor house hides England's largest number of 'priest holes'. These ingenious spaces saved catholic families and priests from religious persecution. Many were designed by Saint Nicholas Owen.

harvingtonhall.com

OLD STORIES OF THE NEW WORLD

Droitwich Spa

Pilgrim Edward Winslow was born in Droitwich Spa and baptised in St Peter's Church in 1595. The vestry is dedicated to Winslow, who went on to serve as three times Governor of the Plymouth, Mass. colony. Nearby, Droitwich Spa Heritage Centre has a local history exhibition including a copy of the Winslow portrait and the history of the local salt mining industry of the town – Winslow's father owned a salt pit. (Winslow's baptism record can be seen at The Hive in Worcester.)

mayflower400uk.org/visit/worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE



MEET THE LOCALS

“Historic Worcestershire is the home of award-winning education company, Discover History.

We are proud of our connections with the USA, and spend time highlighting this fact. We treat the Atlantic Ocean as a glue that joins Great Britain to the USA. Edward Winslow crossed the sea to join our two countries in 1620; the future presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson toured the battlefield at Worcester in 1786; and the county embraced the brave GIs who would go on to join other Allied forces to be victorious in World War II.

Our two countries are bonded together with great friendship.”

Paul and Helen
Discover History

ANCESTRAL SERVICES

The Hive

Explore your ancestry through church, council, hospital and private family records (some dating to the 12th century) in this modern five-storey venue. Staff will guide you through the extensive resources, narrow your search across print, microfilm and Internet, or conduct research on your behalf. Take a behind-the-scenes tour to see Royal Seals including several from the 13th and 14th century. You will also see on display the Marriage Bond for William Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway, which is a UNESCO Memory of the World item.

thehiveworcester.org



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These directory listings for Worcestershire highlight bookable product in the region, relevant to the US Connections themes and showcase things to do of interest for visitors. Information is correct at time of going to print. Please check before you travel.

Attractions

Business	Open All Year	Trade Rates	Free Entry	Online Booking	Coach Access	Cafe	Guided Tours	Miles from Nearest Train Station
Astley Vineyard astleyvineyard.co.uk	•			•			•	10 Worcester
Broadway Tower broadwaytower.co.uk	•			•	•	•	•	8.4 Evesham
Cotswold Lavender cotswoldlavender.co.uk					•	•		6 Moreton in Marsh
Croome nationaltrust.org.uk	•				•	•	•	8.8 Worcester
Droitwich Spa Heritage Centre visitdroitwichspa.com	•		•					6.5 Worcester
Eastnor Castle eastnorcastle.com				•	•	•	•	2.4 Ledbury
Great Witley Parish Church greatwitleychurch.org.uk	•		•			•	•	9.3 Kidderminster
Harvington Hall harvingtonhall.com		•			•	•	•	4 Kidderminster
Little Malvern Priory littlemalvernpriory.co.uk	•		•					5 Malvern
Morgan Motors morgan-motor.co.uk		•			•	•	•	0.8 Malvern
RAF Deford Museum at Croome nationaltrust.org.uk	•		•		•	•	•	9.5 Worcester
Museum of Royal Worcester museumofroyalworchester.org	•	•			•	•	•	0.6 Worcester
Sacred Heart Church, Droitwich sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk	•		•		•	•	•	5.7 Worcester
Severn Valley Railway svr.co.uk	•	•		•	•	•	•	0.1 Kidderminster
Spetchley Park Gardens spetchleygardens.co.uk		•			•	•	•	3.4 Worcester
St. Peters Church, Droitwich Spa droitwichparish.org.uk	•		•					7 Worcester



Description	Contact (+44)
One of the UKs oldest vineyards producing a range of award winning wines. Small and family run, in the beautiful Severn Valley just 10 miles from the cathedral city of Worcester, Astley Vineyard runs tours and wine tastings throughout the summer.	(0) 1299 822907 office@astleyvineyard.co.uk
The brainchild of Capability Brown, The Royal Observer Corps used the unique vantage point to track enemy planes over England during the world wars of the 20th Century and later constructed a nuclear bunker to report nuclear attacks during the "Cold War".	(0) 1386 852390 info@broadwaytower.co.uk
Enjoy a tour of the 70 acre Lavender fields in the heart of the Cotswolds, overlooking Broadway and the Vale of Evesham. Visit the stone barn to sample lavender cake and browse the unique collection of lavender gifts.	(0) 1386 854821 info@cotswoldlavender.co.uk
Croome is Capability Brown's first directly commissioned work, he re-designed the entire landscape as well as the house, viewpoints and eye catchers across the estate, a first for him. Croome was home to the Earl of Coventry, the 1st Earl secured the release of Edward Winslow from prison for performing marriage ceremonies without being ordained. Edwards Grandfather's estate bordered the much larger Croome Estate.	(0) 1905 371006 croome@nationaltrust.org.uk
Droitwich Spa Heritage Centre has a local history exhibition including a copy of the Winslow portrait and the history of the local salt mining industry of the town - Winslow's father owned a salt pit.	(0) 1905 774312 heritage@droitwichspa.gov.uk
Eastnor Castle is a magnificent Georgian Castle dramatically situated in the foothills of the Malverns, near Ledbury, Herefordshire and is surrounded by a beautiful deer park, lake and arboretum.	(0) 1531 633160 enquiries@eastnorcastle.com
A spectacular baroque historic building which hosts regular Anglican services as well as concerts and other events, visit the Crypt from March - October.	(0) 1886 888379 info@greatwitleychurch.org.uk
Harvington Hall, originally built in the 1300s is a beautiful moated manor house with the largest surviving series of priest hides in the country and a rare collection of original Elizabethan wall paintings.	(0) 1562 777846 harvingtonhall@btconnect.com
Enjoy an opportunity to walk around the extensive and beautiful gardens of the Court or to relax in pleasant surrounds with tea and cake.	(0) 1684 563750 (0) 1684 578755
Visitors can hire a Morgan for the day or the weekend and explore the English Countryside. The English Oak press that is used to make the iconic Morgan rear wheel arch is the same oak press that has been used for 82 years. Factory tours.	(0) 1684 573104 contact@morgan-motor.co.uk
RAF Defford built in the grounds of Croome park, was one of the most secret places in the country during the Second World War, for it was here that Airborne Radar was tested, developed and proven. Airborne Radar provided a decisive factor in Victory for the Allies.	(0) 1905 371006 croome@nationaltrust.org.uk
The origins of the Royal Worcester Porcelain Company can be traced back to the formation of the Worcester Tonquin Manufacture, a precursor company formed in 1751.	(0) 1905 21247 info@museumofroyalworchester.org
The Church of the Sacred Heart and Saint Catherine of Alexandria in Droitwich Spa, is a fine Grade II listed building containing stunning mosaics and sculpture but it is essentially a quiet place for prayerful worship.	(0) 1905 773258 secretary@sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk
Built in 1862, this wonderfully nostalgic 16-mile long railway delivers breathtaking scenery as it follows the beautiful River Severn into Shropshire. The armour-plated railway carriage where General Eisenhower and Winston Churchill revealed their D-Day plans to the King is stationed here.	(0) 1562 757900 enquiries@svrlive.com
Home of the Berkeley family for over 400 years, the property welcomed pilots from the USAAF 9th Air Force recovering from action in the Battle of Britain.	(0) 1905 345106 enquiries@spetchleygardens.co.uk
Pilgrim Edward Winslow was born in Droitwich Spa and baptised in St Peter's Church in 1595.	(0) 1905 794952 saltwayteam@outlook.com



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The Commandery museums Worcestershire.org.uk	•	•			•	•	•	0.6 Worcester
The Firs - Edward Elgars Birthplace nationaltrust.org.uk	•				•	•	•	3.6 Worcester
Tudor House Museum tudorhouse.org.uk			•			•	•	0.4 Worcester
Westons Cider Mill westons-cider.co.uk	•			•	•	•	•	6 Ledbury
Worcester Cathedral worcestercathedral.co.uk	•	•	•		•	•	•	0.6 Worcester
St James's Church, Shipton wenlockchurches.co.uk/shipton	•		•					11 Bridgenorth

Accommodation	Star rating	No of rooms	Contact
Bank House Hotel Spa & Golf Club bankhouseworcester.com	4	66	(0) 7741 660018 reservations@bankhouseworcester.com
Brockencote Hall Hotel brockencotehall.com	4	21	(0) 1562 777876 info@brockencotehall.com
Cardinals Hat the-cardinals-hat.co.uk		6	(0) 1905 820364 info@the-cardinals-hat.co.uk
Crown & Sandys thecrownandsandys.co.uk		6	(0) 1905 620252 info@thecrownandsandys.co.uk
Diglis House Hotel diglishousehotel.co.uk		33	(0) 1905 353518 info@diglishousehotel.co.uk
Eastnor Castle eastnorcastle.com		12+	(0) 1531 633160 enquiries@eastnorcastle.com
Hogarths Stone Manor Hotel hogarths.co.uk	4	56	(0) 1562 777555 reception@stonemanorhotel.co.uk
Malvern Bank Hotel & Spa themalvernspa.com	4	33	(0) 1684 879128 enquiries@themalvernspa.com
Stanbrook Abbey handpickedhotels.co.uk/stanbrookabbey	4	55	(0) 1905 832940 stanbrookabbey@handpicked.co.uk
The Cottage in the Wood Hotel cottageinthewood.co.uk	4	30	(0) 1684 588860 reception@cottageinthewood.co.uk
The Elms Hotel theelmshotel.co.uk	4	23	(0) 1299 896666 info@theelmshotel.co.uk
The Wood Norton thewoodnorton.com	4	50	(0) 1386 765611 info@thewoodnorton.com



Description		Contact (+44)
Now a museum dedicated to the English Civil War, in 1651 this historic building was King Charles I's headquarters for the decisive Battle of Worcester.		(0) 1905 361821 commandery@worcestershires.gov.uk
The birthplace of the composer Edward Elgar, set in the Malvern Hills this small family home and gardens offers exhibitions and walking trails to enjoy the perfect countryside.		(0) 1905 333330 the.firs@nationaltrust.org.uk
Set in a fine example of a close-studded timber framed building with the only remaining original embossed ceiling in Worcester the building became Tudor House Museum in 2004 when the Worcester Heritage and Amenity Trust's small band of volunteers took on the heroic task of running it themselves.		(0) 1905 426402 manager@tudorhouse.org.uk
Discover English cider making secrets, tour the mill, shop and garden. Team room and restaurant on site.		(0) 1531 660233 enquiries@westons-cider.co.uk
A place of worship and pilgrimage for 14 centuries, Worcester Cathedral is the final resting place of King John, Prince Arthur and St Wulfstan. Having weathered the religious upheavals of the Reformation and Civil War, it was also where Mayflower colonist Edward Winslow attended school.		(0) 1905 732900 visits@worcestercathedral.org.uk
This medieval church was rebuilt in 1589, the four More children were baptised here with a plaque in church to commemorate it and their voyage on the Mayflower. The shocking story is one that should be investigated further, four children removed from their mother by their legal father when the youngest was just 6 months old and four years later 'disposed of' into the guardianship of Pilgrim Passengers.		(0) 1584 841649 (0) 1746 785225
Description		
An oasis of relaxation and indulgence, beside the rolling Malvern hills.		
Peaceful, luxury retreat in 70 acres of parkland.		
Spacious rooms above a pub in Worcester city centre.		
Pub with rooms in a beautiful village setting.		
Super location in Worcester city centre, beside the River Severn. Ideal for FITs and small groups.		
Exclusive use of a castle with 12 bedrooms, suitable for small groups with dining options available.		
Country hotel set in picturesque gardens.		
The Malvern Spa Hotel originated as a spa town with therapeutic qualities attributed to its springs. Built in 2008, the hotel offers an extensive Spa and wellness centre and unique indoor-outdoor hydrotherapy pool filled with Malvern spring water.		
Originally built for Benedictine monks, this dramatic former monastery is now a stunning hotel.		
Boutique family run hotel with stunning view of the Malvern Hills.		
A country house retreat and spa hotel in the Worcestershire countryside.		
Country house hotel with royal connections that served as a BBC monitoring base during World War II.		



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Tours & Tour Guides		Contact
Evesham Vale Tour Guides eveshamvaletourguides.co.uk/coach-tours		(0) 1386 765972
Discover History discover-history.co.uk		(0) 7949 222137 discoverhistory@aol.com
Worcester Walks worcesterwalks.co.uk		(0) 7890 222117
Ancestral Services		Contact
The Hive, Worcester thehiveworcester.org		(0) 1905 822866 hiveadminteam@worcestershires.gov.uk
Explore the Past explorethepast.co.uk		(0) 1905 766352 phudson2@worcestershires.gov.uk
Malvern (Worcestershire) Family History Society mfhs.org.uk		Online Form
Vanessa Morgan, Geanealogist oldtowns.co.uk/genealogist/Vanessa_Morgan.htm		(0) 7746 800484 vanessa62472@hotmail.co.uk
Worcestershire Roots britishroots.plus.com/worcestershire.htm		Online Form

Trade Directory Key

Open all year – available throughout the year with limited closures

Trade rates – reduced rates available, please check individual T&Cs

Free entry – applies to entry however tours and exhibitions may be subject to additional fees

Miles from nearest train station – distance by car from main access point

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The Morgan Motor Company's iconic cars have been produced in the Morgan factory in the spa town of Malvern for 110 years. In fact, the quintessentially British brand celebrates its 110th anniversary in 2019. Take a tour of the factory, visit the on-site museum or, for a deeply English experience, hire a Morgan car and spend a weekend touring the chocolate box villages of the Cotswolds.

morgan-motor.co.uk





Description
What better way to learn about an area than to have a trained tour guide (who is also a local resident) show you all the highlights and tell you a little of the history.
Historical themed walking tours, customised and scheduled - with some departing 6pm daily from Worcester Guildhall.
Amazing tales of kings and vikings, and triumphs and tragedies on easy circular walks around historic Worcester.

Description
Explore your ancestry through church, council, hospital and private family records (some dating to the 12th century) in this modern five-storey venue. Staff will guide you through the extensive resources, narrow your search across print, microfilm and Internet, or conduct research on your behalf.
Those visiting Worcestershire are welcome to visit and undertake their own research. We also run tours, talks and workshops, all designed to share stories from the past and help you to discover the history and archaeology of Worcestershire.
A group of about 200 enthusiasts interested in our family history as well as that of Worcestershire.
Specialising in the Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Birmingham areas but have access to many other records around England and Wales.
UK Family History, Genealogy and Local History Research Information available.

Online booking - available for FITs, please check group booking pricing and details on websites

Coach access - allows drop off/coach parking at attraction, check websites for more details

Accessibility - for clients with access needs, please contact each venue with specific requirements



The Morgan Motor Company



WORCESTERSHIRE: TRADE DIRECTORY

WORCESTERSHIRE KEY EVENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

The Three Choirs Festival

The cathedral cities of Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester take turns to host the annual Three Choirs - the world's oldest non-competitive classic music festival. Expect a world-class array of choral and orchestral concerts, chamber and solo music recitals, talks, masterclasses and walks every July/August; 2020 is Worcester's turn.

3choirs.org

Mayflower 400 Pilgrim Conference

This two-day conference at Worcester Cathedral in April 2020 explores life and religion in the early 17th century, on both sides of the Atlantic. There's a focus on the life of Pilgrim Father Edward Winslow, who was born in Droitwich Spa and educated at the King's School at Worcester Cathedral before he sailed to the new world on the Mayflower.

mayflower400uk.org/events/2020/april-2020/mayflower-400-pilgrim-conference

Severn Valley Railway 1940s weekends

Severn Valley Railway stations and trains puff back in time to wartime Britain for two weekends (usually June/July), with costumed re-enactors, big band entertainment, vintage vehicle displays, period costume and evacuation trains.

svr.co.uk

Travel Information



Worcestershire is approximately 130 miles northwest of London, in the West Midlands. Travelling by rail from London, most trains to Worcestershire depart from London Paddington or Euston.

Approximate travel times from London:

Worcester - 2 hours 20 mins by rail
2 hours 20 mins by road

Droitwich Spa - 2 hours 20 mins by rail
2 hours 10 mins by road

For more detailed itinerary suggestions for Plymouth see:

- United Allies
- Origins of Faith
- Old Stories of the New World
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Map is not to scale

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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 travelling 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. Check the website for routes and ticket information and sales.

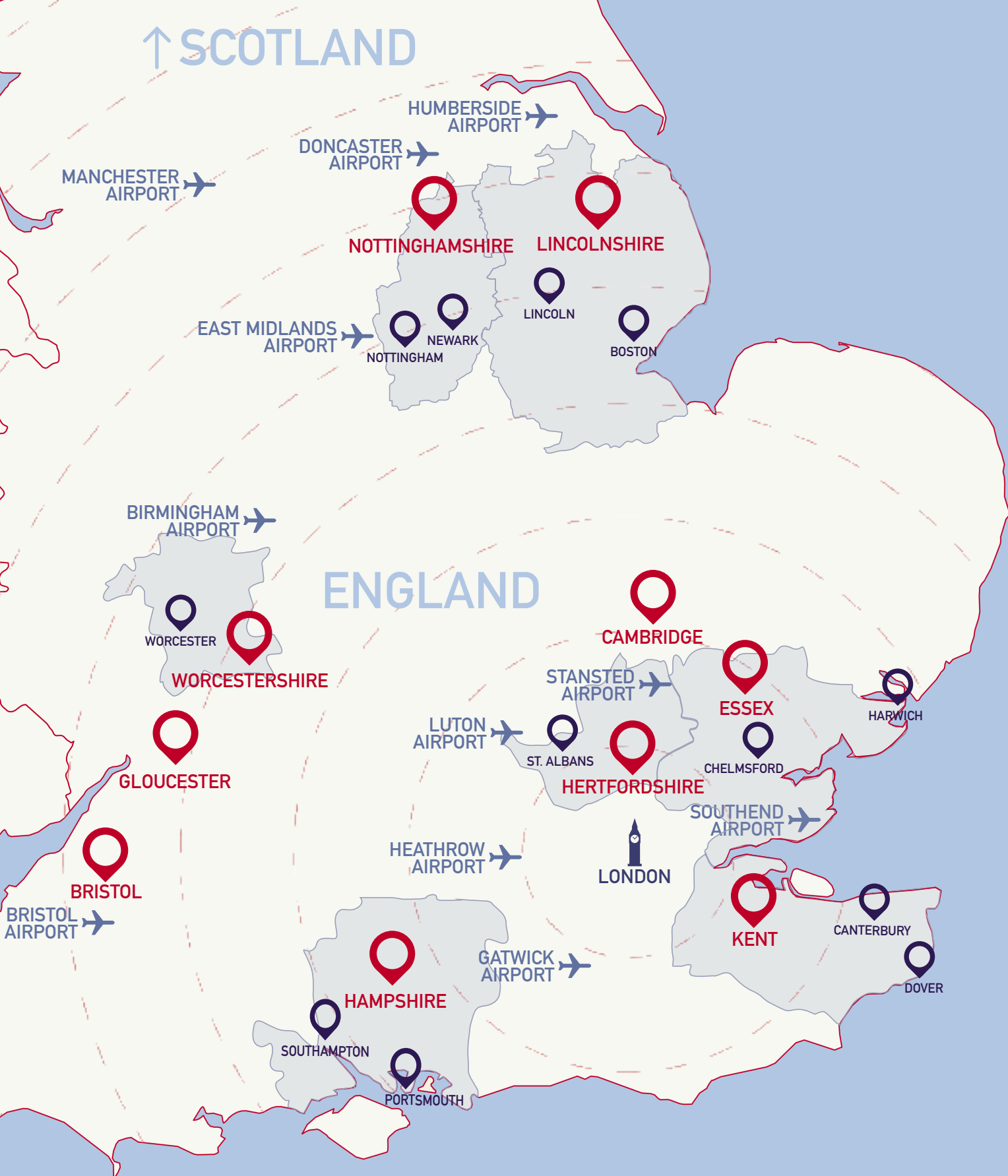
gwr.com

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.



↑ SCOTLAND



 City or county

 Town

 Airport

 distance approx 30 miles

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We advise you contact the local destination organisation for the latest information.

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