# **ITINERARY** Food and Drink

Take your customer's tastebuds on a self drive tour of England's Great West Way. Combine food and drink highlights with a selection of famous sights.

# **Arrive Windsor**

**Overnight:** The new **Langley Hotel** and luxury Spa, just 9 miles from Windsor opened 2018.

# Day 1. Windsor and Eton

Walk the Long Walk in Windsor Great Park, where the Duke & Duchess of Sussex drove after their royal wedding, to the Royal Farms Windsor Farm Shop. Buy a picnic from the deli counter with produce grown on the royal estates. Visit Windsor Castle (TIP: the queues aren't so long in the afternoon) and shopping in Royal Windsor Shopping Centre, once the Queen's personal railway station. Overnight: Macdonald Compleat Angler, on the banks of the river Thames in Marlow has the award-winning Riverside Restaurant (two AA rosettes).

## Day 2. Vineyard and Breweries

Explore the Georgian town of Marlow before driving to the **Chiltern Valley Winery and Brewery** for a tour and tasting. Nearby **Stonor**, has been the family home for over 850 years. A light lunch is available in The Pantry, located in the 13th Century Hall. After a drive through the English countryside with stunning views, check in at the Royal Oak, before a short walk to **West Berkshire Brewery** for a tour and pre-dinner drink in the taproom.

**Overnight:** Royal Oak, Yattendon, a country inn with traditional British food (coincide a stay with a drinks festival).

# Day 3. Beer and Gin...

Start at Donnington Castle Gatehouse (EH), Henry VIII and Elizabeth I are reported to have stayed here. Take a detour off the route to Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery for a Cocktail Masterclass. Then drive to Wadworth Brewery & Visitor Centre at Devizes for a tour and tasting. If there's time, visit Devizes Wharf and Caen Hill Locks.

**Overnight:** Buttle Farm, Near Calne in a stunning barn conversion (self catering, min stay 2 nights) or **Doubletree by Hilton**, Swindon.

#### Day 4. Shopping, Railways and Pigs...

The grade II listed Great Western Railway works at Swindon are home to **McArthur Glen Designer** Outlet and the **STEAM Museum**, of **The Great Western Railway**. Then return to Buttle Farm for a tour and charcuterie lesson.

# **Overnight: Night 2 at Buttle Farm** or the 17th century **Best** Western Plus Angel Hotel.

# Day 5. Enjoy an epicurean experience

Start with a City Bus Tour with **Bath Bus Company**, followed by a foodie tour with **Savouring Bath**, introduces the top food & drink hot spots - tastings included! Buy a Museums Saver ticket to explore the





Fashion Museum Bath, the Roman Baths and Victoria Art Gallery! Overnight: The Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa, Bath. Dine in the three AA Rosette, The Dower House. Guests can unwind in the Spa & Bath House before dinner.

## Day 6. Best of Bristol's food scene and Cheddar Gorge

**EatWalkTalk** offer a food and tasting tour through Bristol Old City and Harbourside, a delicious way to explore this city's history, culture and thriving food scene. A stunning detour through the steep Cheddar Gorge to visit **Cheddar Gorge & Caves** and the **Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company**, makers of the nation's favourite cheese! **Overnight: Hampton by Hilton Bristol Airport**.

Places	Miles/kms by road
Windsor to Marlow	14miles/23kms
Marlow to Yattendon	35miles/56kms
Yattendon to Compton Bassett	70miles/113kms
Compton Bassett to Chippenham	42miles/68kms
Chippenham to Bath	15miles/24kms
Bath to Bristol Airport	45miles/72kms

# **INSIDER TIP** - MEET THE HEAVY HORSES

Take a walk around Devizes before your 11am Brewery Tour with Wadworth Brewery and you will see the shire horses clip clopping around the town pulling the dray and making deliveries. Head horseman, Martin Whittle 54, looks after the brewery's three horses Max 15, Sam 7 and Archie 6.

