South West England
Destination Guide 2016
A region bursting at the seams with activities and adventure, history and heritage, coastal paths and national parks, arts and culture, gastronomic delights and exciting events, there’s something for everyone…

Destinations

• Bath
• Bristol
• The Cotswolds & Forest of Dean
• Somerset
• Wiltshire
• Dorset
• Devon
• Cornwall & Isles of Scilly
Plunge INTO EMERALD WATERS
Travel to South West England

• Travel from London Heathrow in less than 2 hours
• Fly directly into the South West:
  • Bristol Airport
  • Exeter Airport
  • Newquay Airport
  • Bournemouth Airport
• Travel by car, train & coach / bus
• Explore by motorhome, bicycle and by foot!
Soak up history
UNESCO City of Bath

- The **UNESCO City of Bath** boasts a stylish and creative city centre where you can shop, as well as relax and unwind. It’s a city rich in regency architecture which greets you at every turn. Don’t miss…
  - UNESCO Roman Baths
  - Thermae Bath Spa
  - Bath Abbey Tower Tour
  - The Jane Austen Centre
  - Skyline Walk
  - Afternoon Tea at the Pump Rooms
  - Royal Crescent
  - Sally Lunn’s Historic Eating House
  - World-class shopping
  - Bath Literature Festival (February / March)
Float
ACROSS HISTORIC WONDERS
Bristol

Bristol is bursting with thousands of years of heritage, yet has a contemporary culture. It has been voted the best place to live in Britain, celebrating its **European Green Capital** accolade in 2015. Experience…

- Bristol’s Historic Harbourside
- Clifton Suspension Bridge
- Brunel’s ss Great Britain
- Banksy and Street Art
- Clifton Village
- Shopping capital of the South West
- Hot Air Ballooning
- Bristol Cathedral
- Bristol Old Vic Theatre
- The City’s Nightlife
Blaze a trail through ancient forests
Ramble
AROUND CAPTIVATING VILLAGES
The Cotswolds region is famous for its quaint honey-coloured limestone villages in rural settings and is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Forest of Dean is a must for activity and adventure seeking explorers - enjoy hiking, mountain biking and kayaking to name a few. Don’t miss…

- Arlington Row, Bibury
- Bourton-on-the-Water
- Gloucester Cathedral
- Westonbirt Arboretum
- Cheltenham Racecourse
- Puzzlewood
- Sculpture Trail
- Clearwell Caves
- Dean Forest Railway
- Dean Heritage Centre
Somerset is one of the largest counties in Britain but the less densely populated, making it a great region to visit. Home to the **Glastonbury Festival, Cheddar Cheese** and **Thatcher’s Cider**, include these places on your visit …

- Cheddar Gorge
- West Somerset Railway
- Glastonbury Abbey
- Wookey Hole
- Exmoor National Park
- Blackdown Hills AONB
- Montacute House
- Hestercombe Gardens
- Kilver Court
- Weston-Super-Mare
Dwell on MYTHS AND LEGENDS
Step back in time in the county of Wiltshire exploring the **UNESCO World Heritage Site Stonehenge** which is believed to have evolved between 3,000BC and 1,600BC. Whilst visiting, check out:

- Stonehenge & the Neolithic Houses
- Salisbury Cathedral
- Longleat
- Avebury
- Stourhead
- Lacock Abbey
- Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs AONB
- Bowood House & Gardens
- Old Wardour Castle
- Wilton House
Stroll THROUGH LANDSCAPED GARDENS
Dorset is blessed with some of the most dramatic coastlines in Britain, and its **UNESCO Jurassic Coast** covers 95 miles of coastline and displays 185 million years of the Earth's history. Don’t miss…

- Jurassic Coast and its iconic landmarks
- Fossil hunting
- Corfe Castle and the Swanage Railway
- Walking South West Coast Path
- Kingston Lacy and historic houses
- Thomas Hardy country/literary connections
- Dorset Castles
- Countryside and wildlife - AONB
- Monkey World and Tank Museum major attractions
- Poole Harbour & Brownsea Island
Rummage THROUGH TIME
Devon offers spectacularly diverse landscapes from quaint seaside harbours to rugged national parks. When visiting Devon, explore…

- Dartmoor National Park
- Greenway House
- Powderham Castle
- Exeter Cathedral
- Plymouth Gin Distillery
- Kents Cavern
- Mayflower Museum
- Jurassic Coast - UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Clovelly Village
- South Devon Railway
Climb BREATHTAKING TORS
Dance THROUGH THE GARDEN OF EDEN
Cornwall’s dramatic coastline and quaint fishing harbours offer the ideal outdoor activity holiday. Enjoy cycling, walking, surfing and even ‘crabbing’. Don’t miss…

- Eden Project
- St Michael's Mount
- Tintagel Castle
- Tate St Ives
- Minack Theatre
- Land's End
- National Maritime Museum Cornwall
- Lost Gardens of Heligan
- Lanhydrock
- Geevor Tin Mine
Descend on dramatic scenes
The Isles of Scilly are located just 28 miles / 45 kms off the coast of Cornwall. Take a short plane journey from Exeter, Newquay or Land’s End; or take the ferry from Penzance. Start your island experience by exploring…

- Tresco Abbey Garden
- Idyllic white sandy beaches
- Island hopping
- Wildlife watching
- Isles of Scilly Museum
- Fresh seafood and local produce
- Adrenalin and adventure – coasteering & diving
- Rambling and exploring
- Local arts and crafts
- Hugh Town
Hop
FROM ISLE TO ISLE
How To Find Out More…

• Interactive South West England Map
• Themed Itineraries
• Top Recommended Bucket Lists
• Travel & Transport Information
• Consumer Website: [www.swengland.com](http://www.swengland.com)
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