

BATH AND BRISTOL

Bath & Bristol Highlights with Art and Culture – 3 Day Itinerary

Day One – Bristol

Morning



After your arrival take a walk along the Harbourside or enjoy a harbour cruise with Bristol Packet Boat Trips before visiting Brunel's SS Great Britain.

52 years ago, the world's first luxury liner returned to the dry dock where she was built and has been restored to Victorian glory. This award-winning attraction enables visitors to experience the sights, sounds and smells of this great ship – you can even climb the rigging!



Afternoon



After lunch on board or beside the ship, take the Tootbus open-top bus to the Clifton area and cross Brunel's other masterpiece, the Clifton Suspension Bridge. Private tours are available for groups.

A final afternoon visit to Aerospace Bristol, the home of Concorde Alpha Foxtrot, the very last Concorde to fly – celebrate the 20th anniversary of that last flight in 2023.



Evening



After dinner in one of the great group-friendly restaurants, enjoy live music in a traditional English pub or take in a West End show at the Bristol Hippodrome theatre or one of the fantastic productions at Bristol Old Vic – built in 1766, it is the oldest continually working theatre in the English-speaking world.

Day Two – Bristol – Bath

Morning

A Street Art Tour awaits in Bristol. As the home city of Banksy, the world's most famous urban artist, and the annual Upfest street art festival, there is no better place in Europe to enjoy this culture.



Lunch in a gallery café and then enjoy the classic art in the Royal West of England Academy or Bristol Museum and Art Gallery (there's a Banksy here too) which conveniently close to each other, or Spike Island for the latest modern art.

Afternoon

Arnolfini also has exhibitions to discover or photography fans should visit the Paintworks at Arnos Vale where both Martin Parr Foundation and the Royal Photographic Society are located. Or a change of tack might see you visit Bristol Blue Glass and Arnos Vale Cemetery?



Evening



After a quick train ride, it only takes 12 minutes (or a more leisurely cycle) between the two cities, arrive in Bath for your overnight stay and dinner at one of the cities group-friendly restaurants. Will you try the Sally Lunn bun?

Day Three – Bath

Morning

Have a big breakfast at the hotel – a full-on, full English! We are pushing through until afternoon until the next meal.

Take an early-morning visit to world-famous Roman Baths, one of the best-preserved Roman remains in the world. Discover the city's Roman past in the interactive museum and tread in ancient footsteps around the Great Bath. New for 2023 – your group can take a tour before the doors are open to the public – what an experience!





Classic art is on display at the city's first public art gallery, The Holburne Museum, which you might recognise as Lady Danbury's mansion in Bridgerton.

Walk across the historic Pulteney Bridge and visit Victoria Art Gallery's collection of paintings, sculpture and decorative arts. Both galleries have a stunning exhibition programme of international significance.



Spend the early afternoon exploring the stunning Georgian architecture of the World Heritage city. No. 1 Royal Crescent is a fascinating museum that offers the chance to discover more about family life in Georgian Bath.



Continue the Georgian story with a visit to the Jane Austen Centre and celebrate one of Bath's most famous residents. Or keeping it literary focussed, Mary Shelley's House of Frankenstein tells the fascinating story of the author of the world's first science fiction novel, originally published in 1816.

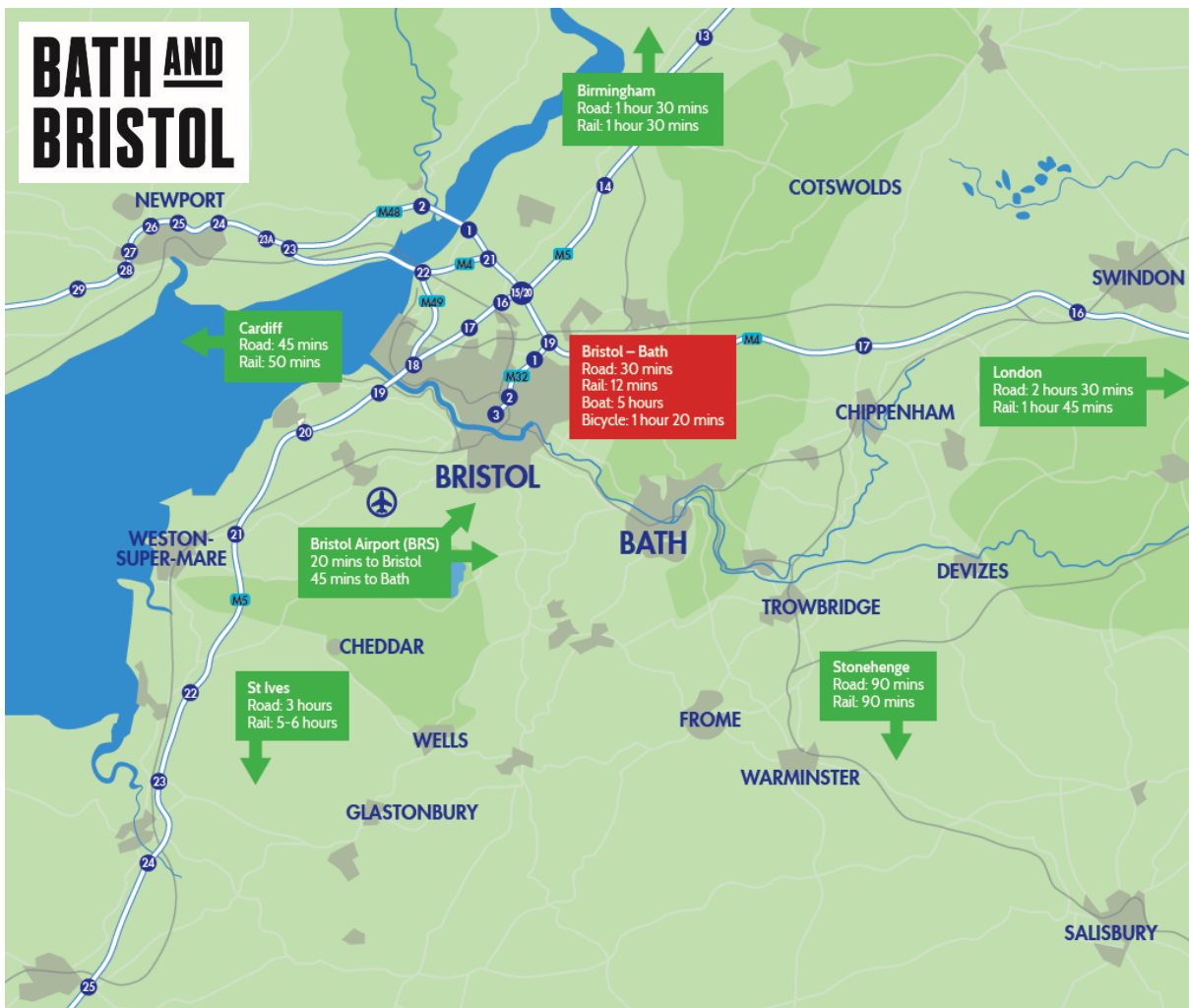
Time for tea! Groups have a number of great options for afternoon tea in Bath, not least The Pump Rooms adjoining the Roman Baths where you can actually taste the thermal waters (if you want!)





Finally, time for some early evening entertainment such as Evensong in Bath Abbey or later a show at Bath Theatre Royal or comedy, music and cabaret at Komedia. Or even time to explore the traditional English pubs that the city has to offer.

Got more time? How about using Bristol or Bath as your hub and spoke destination? **The England you already know, but better.**



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