

# EXPLORE

FOR THE ADVENTUROUS SOUL

## ENGLISH HERITAGE

Farleigh Hungerford Castle

Castle Combe  
Prettiest Village in England

Dyrham Park  
17th Century Baroque Mansion

Chippenham  
Stories of the town

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Lacock Village  
and Abbey



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BATH

Rangeford Villages create stunning homes exclusively for the over 60s, set within exciting and contemporary communities. With an abundance of lifestyle and wellbeing activities, along with exceptional support and care services if needed, our villages are an idyllic setting to live life to the full.

We're really lucky to live in this part of the world. There are so many interesting and beautiful places to see. And being in the heart of Wiltshire and on the fringe of the Cotswolds, it's the perfect base to immerse yourself in your surroundings.

From charming villages and bustling towns to museums and historic buildings. Not forgetting an abundance of gardens, parks, stately homes and castles. We're spoilt for choice!

We've put this handy guide together so you can see what's in your local area and further afield. We hope you find it useful in planning your days out and discovering new places to visit.

*The Wadswick  
Green Team*

Timings are approximate driving times from Wadswick Green.

WITHIN 30 MINUTES



## 1 CORSHAM, 5 MINS

A hidden gem in Wiltshire, this quintessentially English market town starred in the BBC series Poldark and inspired Charles Dickens' novel The Pickwick Papers. Look out for Corsham's famous peacocks, who roam freely through the town's cobbled streets.



## 2 CORSHAM COURT, 5 MINS

One of England's finest stately homes built on the site of a former Saxon royal manor. It's home to a collection of paintings set in a picture gallery designed by 'Capability' Brown, who also designed the stunning gardens.

[www.corsham-court.co.uk](http://www.corsham-court.co.uk)

### 3 CORSHAM ALMSHOUSE AND SCHOOLROOM, 5 MINS

A charming and unique 17th century masterpiece – explore how Lady Margaret Hungerford’s charity came into being.

 [www.corshamalmshouses.org.uk](http://www.corshamalmshouses.org.uk)



### 4 THE POUND ARTS CENTRE, 5 MINS

A hub of music, theatre and art. With a fantastic line up of events and festivals throughout the year, there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

 [www.poundarts.org.uk](http://www.poundarts.org.uk)



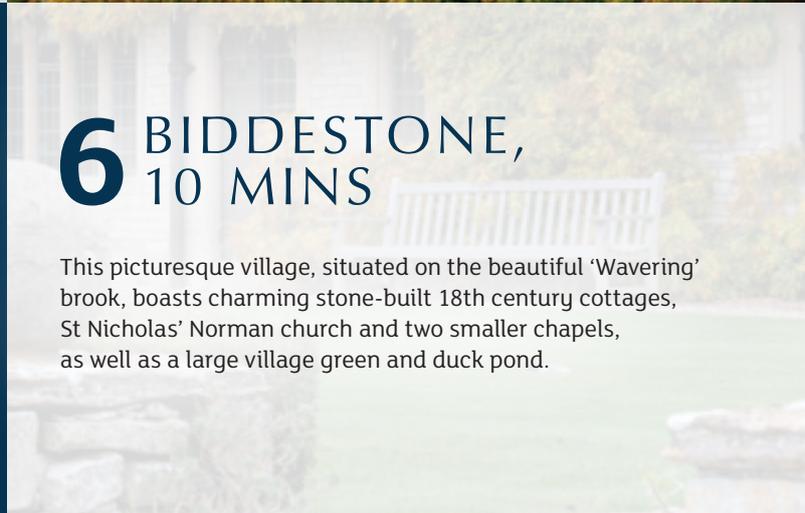
### 5 CHAPEL PLAISTER 5 MINS

A tiny but unique part of our national heritage, this 13th century Pilgrim’s Chapel is one of the few remaining examples of roadside havens, providing shelter and a place of worship to pilgrims journeying to Glastonbury.

 [www.visitwiltshire.co.uk](http://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk) - search ‘Chapel Plaister’

### 6 BIDDESTONE, 10 MINS

This picturesque village, situated on the beautiful ‘Wavering’ brook, boasts charming stone-built 18th century cottages, St Nicholas’ Norman church and two smaller chapels, as well as a large village green and duck pond.



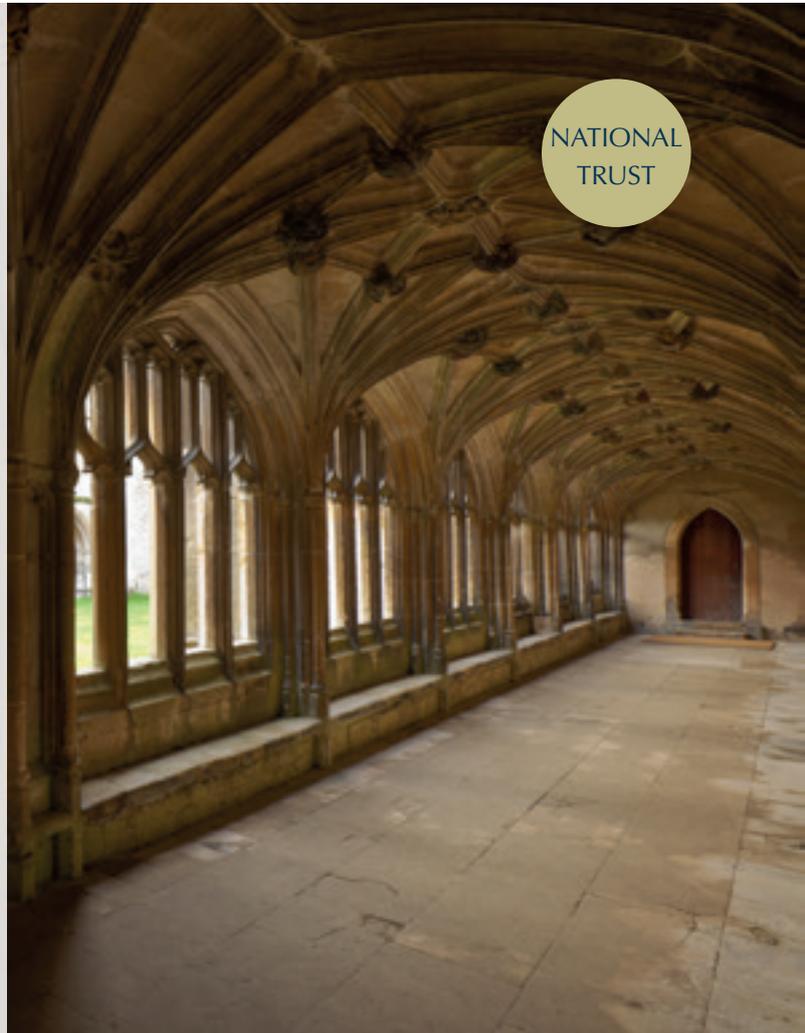
## 7 LACOCK VILLAGE, ABBEY AND FOX TALBOT MUSEUM, 15 MINS

Preserved for over 200 years, this medieval village has been the location for costume dramas and feature films, such as *Downton Abbey*, *Pride and Prejudice* and *Harry Potter*. The wonderful Lacock Abbey is a quirky country house with monastic roots. Once home to William Henry Fox Talbot, inventor of the photographic negative, the museum celebrates his achievements in photography.

 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) - search 'Lacock Abbey'

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## 8 CHIPPENHAM MUSEUM, 15 MINS

Housed in an 18th century townhouse, visit the museum to learn the fascinating story of the historic market town of Chippenham. Discover how the town developed through its connections to river, road and rail, and explore its historical links to Alfred the Great and Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

 [www.visitwiltshire.co.uk](http://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk) - search 'Chippenham Museum'

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## 9 GREAT CHALFIELD MANOR AND GARDEN, 15 MINS

A 15th century manor house with Arts and Crafts garden, as seen in various films and TV shows including 'The Other Boleyn Girl', 'Tess of the d'Urbervilles' and 'Wolf Hall'.

 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)  
- search 'Great Chalfield Manor'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Emma Watson

# 10 CASTLE COMBE, 20 MINS

Often hailed the 'prettiest village in England' and a favourite film location with its fairytale cottages, Market Cross and 13th century church. Don't forget to visit the Manor House Hotel - the afternoon tea is delightful.



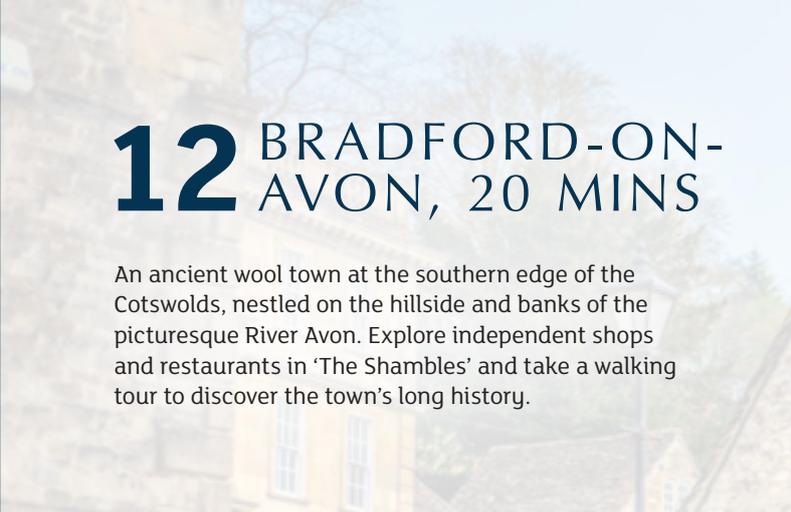
# 11 CASTLE COMBE CIRCUIT, 20 MINS

The West Country's home of motorsport – welcoming fans of racing, car shows and events for over 65 years.

[www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk](http://www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk)

# 12 BRADFORD-ON- AVON, 20 MINS

An ancient wool town at the southern edge of the Cotswolds, nestled on the hillside and banks of the picturesque River Avon. Explore independent shops and restaurants in 'The Shambles' and take a walking tour to discover the town's long history.





# 13 BARBARA MCLELLAN CANAL BOAT, 20 MINS

An impressive 65 foot trip boat based at the wharf in Bradford-on-Avon, offering a wide range of canal trips and themed days.

 [www.bmac.katrust.org.uk](http://www.bmac.katrust.org.uk)

Image courtesy of the Barbara McClellan Trip Boat



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# 14 THE COURTS GARDEN, 20 MINS

Stroll through this charming English country garden and arboretum. Take a seat among its peaceful water gardens and herbaceous borders and enjoy the imaginative breadth of colour and planting.

 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) - search 'The Courts Garden'



# 15 HOLBOURNE MUSEUM, 25 MINS

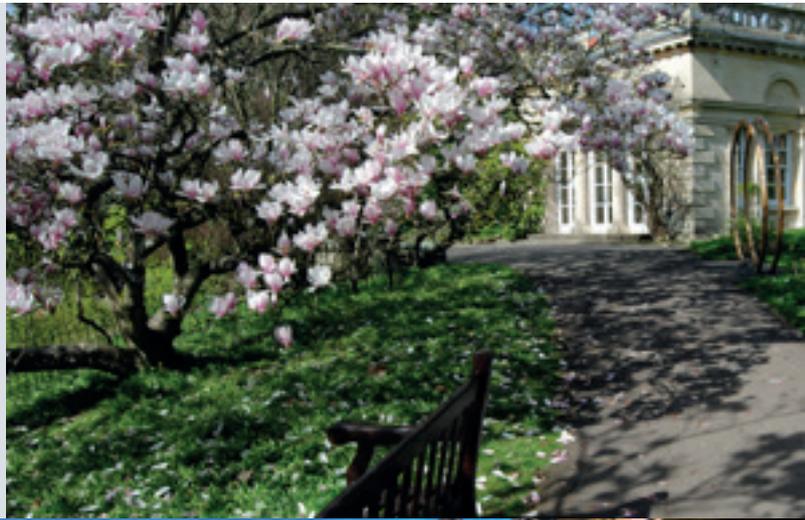
Bath's first public art gallery, situated in a Grade I listed building. Home to a wonderful collection of fine and decorative art and regular exhibitions, along with the collection of Sir Edmund Holburne which was left to the city when he died in 1874.

 [www.holburne.org](http://www.holburne.org)

# 16 BOTANICAL GARDENS AT ROYAL VICTORIA PARK, 25 MINS

One of the most delightful features of Royal Victoria Park, the Botanical Gardens were formed in 1887 and offer nine acres of beautiful gardens to visit.

 [www.visitbath.co.uk](http://www.visitbath.co.uk) - search 'Botanical Gardens'



# 17 BATH, 25 MINS

The historic Georgian city of Bath has a wealth of attractions on offer, such as the Royal Crescent, the Roman Baths, Bath Abbey, Pulteney Bridge and many more.

# 18 THE JANE AUSTEN CENTRE, 25 MINS

Step into Jane Austen's world through a snapshot of life during Regency times and explore how living in magnificent Bath inspired her writing.

 [www.janeausten.co.uk](http://www.janeausten.co.uk)





# 19 MARY SHELLEY'S HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN, 25 MINS

Immersive museum set in a Grade II listed property, uncovering the history and life of Mary Shelley, author of the world's first science fiction novel – Frankenstein.

 [www.houseoffrankenstein.com](http://www.houseoffrankenstein.com)

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# 20 PRIOR PARK LANDSCAPE GARDEN, 30 MINS

Beautiful 18th century landscape gardens created by Ralph Allen, featuring a Palladian bridge.

 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) - search 'Prior Park'

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# 21 DYRHAM PARK, 30 MINS

A spectacular late 17th century baroque mansion, garden and 270 acre parkland. Discover ancient parkland, formal gardens and woodland terraces, with breathtaking views across the Cotswold hills.

 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) - search 'Dyrham Park'

## 22 BOWOOD HOUSE AND GARDENS, 30 MINS

A Georgian house, home to the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne, set within 100 acres of beautifully landscaped parkland, designed by 'Capability' Brown.

[www.bowood.org](http://www.bowood.org)



## 23 FARLEIGH HUNGERFORD CASTLE, 30 MINS

The remains of a fortified mansion which was started in the 14th century. Occupied by the Hungerford family for 300 years. Explore hidden treasures, including medieval wall paintings, family tombs and the crypt.

[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)  
- search 'Farleigh Hungerford'

Photo credit: English Heritage

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## 24 AMERICAN MUSEUM AND GARDENS, 30 MINS

Set in 125 acres of outstanding natural beauty, the site includes gardens designed by world-renowned US based landscape architects, a dedicated children's garden and play area, and the Grade I listed museum showcasing American decorative arts and historic room sets.

[www.americanmuseum.org](http://www.americanmuseum.org)



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## 25 MALMESBURY, 35 MINS

This charming market town is England's oldest borough, and is worth visiting for the 12th century abbey, the Athelstan Museum and Abbey House Gardens.



## 26 WILTSHIRE'S WHITE HORSES, 35-55 MINS

See these iconic landmarks carved into the Wiltshire hillsides, some of which date back 250 years. Eight horses remain on view today.



## 27 WESTONBIRT – THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM, 35 MINS

A magical tree garden which is home to over 2,500 different species from around the world. You can even journey up into the canopy on the STIHL Tree Top Walkway.

 [www.forestryengland.uk](http://www.forestryengland.uk) - search 'Westonbirt'





## 28 ATWELL WILSON MOTOR MUSEUM, 35 MINS

The only motor museum in Wiltshire. Showcasing cars from the 1920s onwards, a collection of motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles, the Jack Spittle Model Lorry Collection, and a reconstructed 1930s style garage.

 [www.atwellwilson.org.uk](http://www.atwellwilson.org.uk)



## 29 DEVIZES, 35 MINS

A delightful market town with a colourful medieval past, wealth of history and architectural heritage. The town has more than 500 listed buildings and a large Market Place, with a range of independent shops and a market on Thursdays.

## 30 REME MUSEUM, 35 MINS

Museum of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

 [www.rememuseum.org.uk](http://www.rememuseum.org.uk)

Photo courtesy of the REME Museum



## 31 HIGHGROVE GARDENS, 40 MINS

King Charles III devoted much energy to transforming the gardens around the house, since he first took up residence there in 1980.

 [www.highgrovegardens.com](http://www.highgrovegardens.com)



## 32 STEAM MUSEUM SWINDON, 40 MINS

Museum of the Great Western Railway. The pioneering vision and engineering genius of Isambard Kingdom Brunel led to the GWR network becoming regarded as the most advanced in the world.

 [www.steam-museum.org.uk](http://www.steam-museum.org.uk)



## 33 FROME, 40 MINS

With a charming historic centre and a wealth of architectural interest, alongside a thriving contemporary and performing arts scene, Frome is the original Somerset Market Town.

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## 34 AVEBURY, 40 MINS

The world's largest prehistoric stone circle, partially encompassing a pretty village with museum and manor house. The prehistoric Silbury Hill and neolithic tomb of West Kennet Long Barrow (both English Heritage) are also a short drive away.

 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) - search 'Avebury'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/James Dobson



## 35 LONGLEAT, 45 MINS

The stunning Elizabethan stately home and ancestral seat of the Marquis of Bath is nestled within 900 acres of 'Capability' Brown landscaped grounds. Home to the UK's original Safari Park where you can discover various species of animal from around the world.

 [www.longleat.co.uk](http://www.longleat.co.uk)



## 36 SIDDINGTON PARK, 50 MINS

Rangeford's stunning retirement village in Cirencester, offering a wide range of leisure activities, services, support and care.

 [www.rangefordvillages.co.uk](http://www.rangefordvillages.co.uk)



## 37 CIRENCESTER, 50 MINS

Cirencester is a lively, Roman and medieval market town with a unique mix of independent and national shops and one of the largest parish churches in England.

# 38 STONEHENGE, 50 MIN



One of the world's most iconic archaeological sites and one of its greatest enigmas. The megalithic circle on Salisbury Plain inspires awe and fascination – but also intense debate some 4,600 years after it was built by ancient Britons who left no written record.

[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk) - search 'Stonehenge'

Photo credit: English Heritage



# 39 CORINIUM MUSEUM, 50 MINS

Museum of archaeology of the Cotswolds since prehistoric times with one of the finest and most extensive Roman collections in the country.

[www.coriniummuseum.org](http://www.coriniummuseum.org)

# 40 NEWARK PARK, 50 MINS



A secluded country estate upon the Cotswold escarpment, providing garden strolls and woodland walks.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) - search 'Newark Park'

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## 41 AEROSPACE BRISTOL, 50 MINS

Journey through more than a century of incredible aviation achievements and fascinating tales of human endeavour. The stunning centrepiece is Concorde Alpha Foxtrot – the last of the iconic supersonic passenger jets to be built and the last to fly.

 [www.aerospacebristol.org](http://www.aerospacebristol.org)

## 42 BERKELEY CASTLE, 55 MINS

A 12th century historic fortress, originally one of the March Castles built by the English to keep out the Welsh. Home of the Berkeley family for 850 years, and has links with many English monarchs and historic events.

 [www.berkeley-castle.com](http://www.berkeley-castle.com)



## 43 STOURHEAD, 55 MINS

A beautiful 18th century landscape garden with lakeside walks, grottoes and classical temples. Stourhead House is a Palladian mansion with a fantastic regency library and beautiful art collection.

 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) - search 'Stourhead'

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# 44 BRUNEL'S SS GREAT BRITAIN, 55 MINS

One of the most important historic ships in the world, launched in 1843. Visit the ship sitting on her glass 'sea', the Dockyard and the Dockyard Museum.

 [www.ssgreatbritain.org](http://www.ssgreatbritain.org)



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# 45 TYNTESFIELD, 1 HR

An ornate Victorian Gothic Revival house with gardens and parkland, built as a family home. Once hidden and inaccessible, the ordinary and extraordinary lives and possessions of four generations of the Gibbs family are ready for discovery.

 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) - search 'Tyntesfield'



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# 46 WWT SLIMBRIDGE, 1 HR 5 MINS

120 acre wetland centre with a large collection of swans, geese, ducks and flamingos.

 [www.wwt.org.uk](http://www.wwt.org.uk) - search 'Slimbridge'



## 47 BIBURY, 1 HR 5 MINS

A charming Cotswold village, described by William Morris as the most beautiful village in England. Visit the 14th century cottages of Arlington Row, often referred to as the most photographed and iconic cottages in the country.

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/David Sellman



## 48 PAINSWICK, 1 HR 5 MINS

Attractive town with little streets and charming shops. The 14th century St Mary's Church is famous for the 99 yew trees in the churchyard. Enjoy far-reaching views from Painswick Beacon. Painswick Rococo Gardens and Prinknash Abbey are nearby.

## 49 WELLS, 1 HR 5 MINS

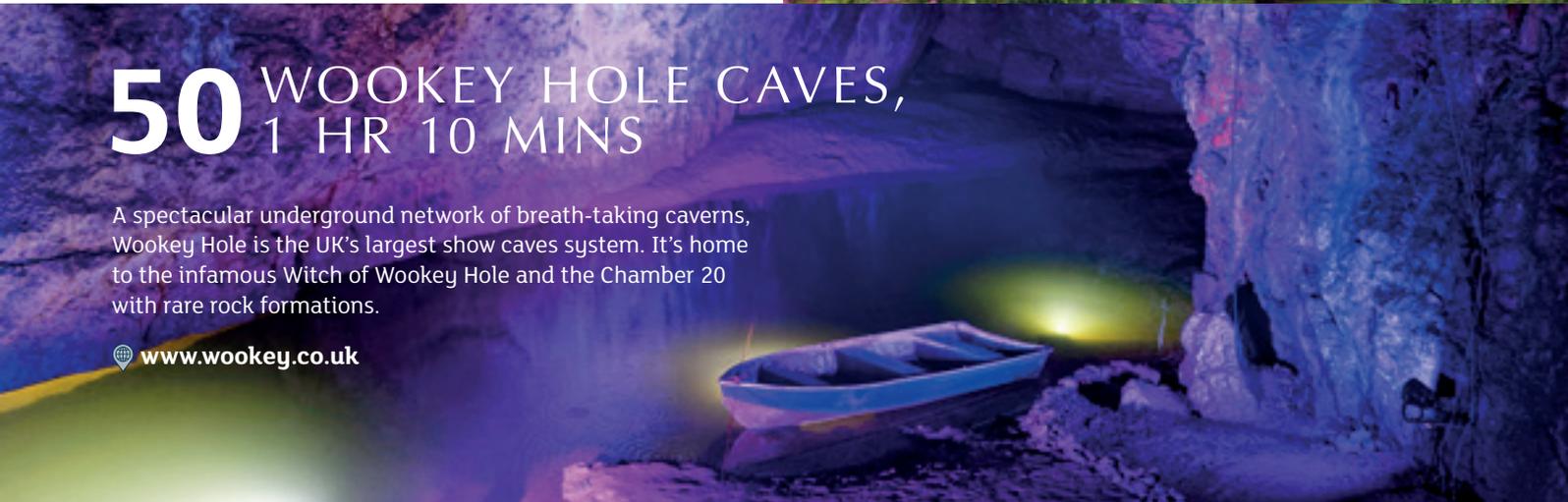
The smallest city in England with cobbled streets, medieval architecture, a market square, the magnificent Wells Cathedral, and the unique moated Bishop's Palace.



## 50 WOOKEY HOLE CAVES, 1 HR 10 MINS

A spectacular underground network of breath-taking caverns, Wookey Hole is the UK's largest show caves system. It's home to the infamous Witch of Wookey Hole and the Chamber 20 with rare rock formations.

[www.wookey.co.uk](http://www.wookey.co.uk)



# 51 HAYNES MOTOR MUSEUM, 1 HR 10 MINS

This multi award-winning museum is home to the UK's largest collection of cars and motorbikes. Get up close to your favourite vehicles in 17 large exhibitions, including some of the very first cars in The Dawn of Motoring, nostalgic favourites in Memory Lane, a sea of red sports cars in the famous Red Room, and the exclusive Williams F1 exhibition 'The Drivers and The Driven.'

[www.haynesmuseum.org](http://www.haynesmuseum.org)



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# 53 CHEDWORTH ROMAN VILLA, 1 HR 10 MINS

Here you'll find the remains of one of the grandest Roman villas in Britain, with beautiful mosaics and providing a unique insight into life during the Roman period.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)  
- search 'Chedworth Roman Villa'



# 52 SALISBURY, 1 HR 10 MINS

A modern, medieval town steeped in history. With a delightful market square and traditional shopping streets leading to the stunning cathedral, which houses the world's oldest clock and the Magna Carta.

# 54 SHERBORNE OLD CASTLE, 1 HR 15 MINS

Originally a fortified 12th century bishop's palace, Sherborne Old Castle became the home of Sir Walter Raleigh.

[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)  
- search 'Sherborne Old Castle'

Photo credit: English Heritage

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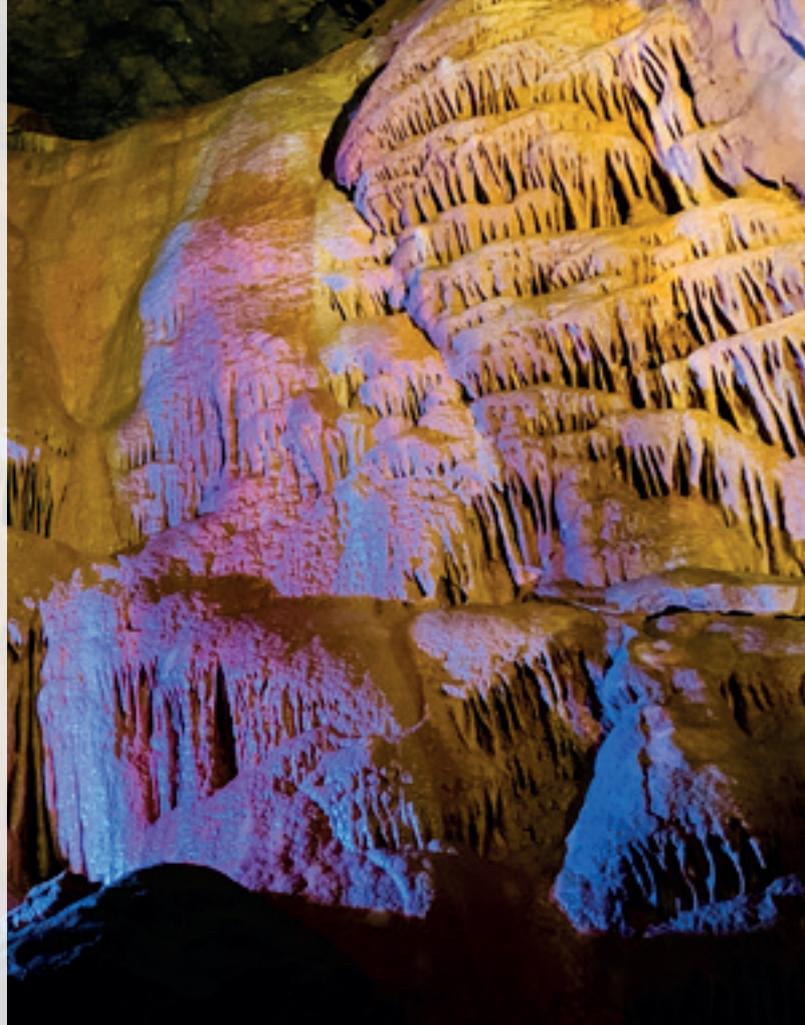
## 55 READING, 1 HR 15 MINS

Reading dates back to medieval times, shaped by the River Thames and Kennet that encircle the town centre. The town boasts six museums and the ancient Abbey Ruins – burial place of Henry I – as well as being one of the UK’s top shopping destinations.

## 56 CHEDDAR GORGE AND CAVES, 1 HR 15 MINS

One of Britain’s most spectacular natural landmarks, as well as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The Gorge boasts awe-inspiring cliffs and extraordinary subterranean stalactite show caves, plus many fascinating secrets about our prehistoric ancestors. It is also an international centre for caving and rock climbing.

 [www.cheddargorge.co.uk](http://www.cheddargorge.co.uk)



## 57 CHELTENHAM, 1 HR 20 MINS

A spa town and the most complete regency town in England, which plays host to over 30 significant festivals during the year – some of which are world leading.

## 58 THE SLAUGHTERS, 1 HR 20 MINS

Upper and Lower Slaughter lie just off the Fosse Way near Bourton-on-the-Water and Stow-on-the-Wold and are considered amongst the prettiest villages in the area, epitomising Cotswold's charm. Some cottages were reconstructed by the architect Sir Edward Lutyens.



## 59 THE ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN, 1 HR 20 MINS

In this ancient forest and the beautiful Wye Valley, there is so much to do, from gentle walks to a wide range of activities and attractions, including the Dean Heritage Centre, sculpture trail, Dean Forest Railway, Puzzlewood and Clearwell Caves.



## 60 CARDIFF, 1 HR 20 MINS

Enjoy a warm Welsh welcome in the compact, friendly capital of Wales. A vibrant, cosmopolitan hub with national museums, a spectacular castle and a 76,000 seater stadium right in the heart of the city.



## 61 WESTBURY COURT GARDEN, 1 HR 20 MINS

A rare and beautiful restored Dutch water garden originally laid out between 1696 and 1705. Explore canals, clipped hedges, and working 17th century vegetable plots.

 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) - search 'Westbury Court'

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## 62 MONTACUTE HOUSE, 1 HR 25 MINS

An Elizabethan Renaissance masterpiece, with towering walls of glass, ham stone, and beautiful gardens and parkland.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) - search 'Montacute House'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/ James Dobson

## 63 OXFORD, 1 HR 25 MINS

Home to scholars for more than 800 years, Oxford has Britain's oldest university and a wealth of other historic attractions. Admire the architecture of the City of Spires before discovering its eclectic food scene, meandering waterways and lush green spaces.



## 64 WINCHESTER, 1 HR 30 MINS

England's ancient capital and well-known for its 11th century Cathedral and the Great Hall, which for over 700 years has housed the mysterious King Arthur's Round Table.



## 65 BLENHEIM PALACE, 1 HR 30 MINS

A World Heritage Site, this masterpiece of baroque architecture houses some of the finest antique collections in Europe, and is the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.

 [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com)

## 66 SOUTHAMPTON, 1 HR 45 MINS

A lively, modern city with a strong connection to the sea, and is known as the cruise ship capital of Europe. There's plenty of shops, eateries and parks, and a fascinating history to explore.



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## 67 HIDCOTE MANOR GARDENS, 1 HR 45 MINS

One of the best-known and most influential Arts and Crafts gardens in Britain, with its linked “rooms” of hedges, rare trees, shrubs and herbaceous borders.

 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) - search 'Hidcote'

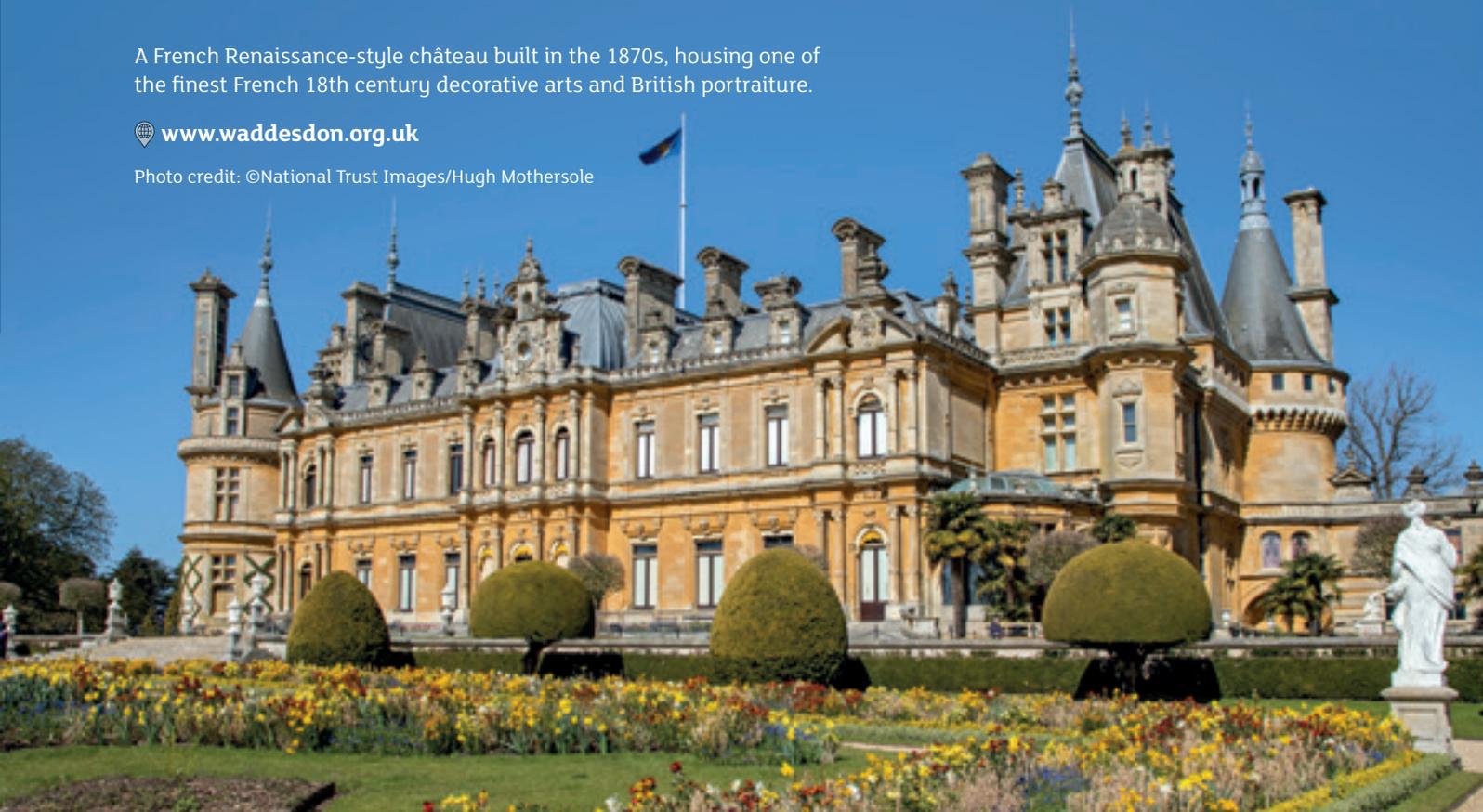
Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Sarah Davis

# 68 WADDES DON MANOR, 1 HR 45 MINS

A French Renaissance-style château built in the 1870s, housing one of the finest French 18th century decorative arts and British portraiture.

 [www.waddesdon.org.uk](http://www.waddesdon.org.uk)

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Hugh Mothersole



# 69 BOURNEMOUTH, 1 HR 55 MINS

The largest resort in Dorset with seven miles of sandy beaches, breath-taking views from the cliff tops, beautiful parks and gardens, attractions, entertainment, shopping and places to eat.

# 70 HOMEWOOD GROVE, 1 HR 55 MINS

Rangeford's newest retirement village in Chertsey.



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