

Day Trip to Beautiful Somerset

You will find many hidden gems if you go to the English country side. Cosy Somerset is one of these, situated only one-and-a-half hour away from London Paddington by train. The area offers beautiful landscapes and interesting history. Depending on how much time you have, you can turn it into a day trip or a two-day trip with an overnight stay in Wells.



Glastonbury

The train will stop in Castle Cary where our English-speaking driver and guide will meet us. We will start by visiting Glastonbury, a town famous for its myths and legends about King Arthur and also for the spirituality that surrounds the area. Glastonbury Abbey was the first monastery in Britain and this is where King Arthur's grave is said to have been found. If this is the truth or a myth is up to each and every one to interpret, but it is a unique experience to visit the church ruins and listen to the inspiring tour guides' stories about the monastery's history and how the people used to live on this site in the medieval times.

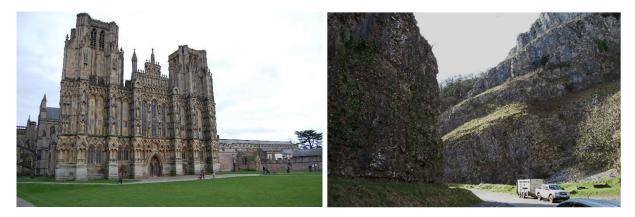
If you are a keen walker, you may want to visit Glastonbury Tor, a hill with the ruins of St Michael's Tower at the top. Myths and legends surround the Tor, and people say you can feel special powers on the hilltop. The view is amazing especially on a clear day. From here, you can also see the gigantic fields that are used for the Glastonbury Festival.





Wells

We continue our journey to England's smallest town – Wells. The town also has one of Europe's oldest inhabited streets – Vicars' Close. We will go for a walk along the medieval street with our tour guide. On Wednesdays and Saturdays, the local market is open boasting a variety of locally produced cheese, cider, apple juice, homemade bread and marmelades. We will also visit the impressive Wells Cathedral from the 1100's. This beautiful historic cathedral hosts one of the world's largest galleries of medieval sculptures. Next to the cathedral, we find Bishop's Palace and its wonderful gardens. The palace has been home to the Bishop of Bath and Wells for 800 years. If you chose to stay overnight, we recommend the charming Swan Hotel in Wells.



Cheddar

We continue our tour to Cheddar for some shopping in the only Cheddar Cheese Factory in the area. You will have the opportunity to try a few samples with different flavourings and maturing age. In other shops you will find locally produced cider, perry, jams, marmelades and fudge. We will drive through the dramatic Cheddar Gorge and admire the view over Mendip Hills. Our driver guide will drop us off at Castle Cary where we will take the train back to London again.

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