



BRISTOL, BATH & SOMERSET

3 PERFECT DAYS

♥ DAY 1 // BATH ESSENTIALS

Bath marks the start of your Somerset adventure. Begin with a (very) early-morning peek round the Roman Baths (p52) followed by a guided tour of the city's landmarks (p56). Pick up lunch at Chandos Deli or the Boston Tea Party (p59) for some alfresco eating in Royal Victoria Park (p53). Visit No 1 Royal Crescent (p53), then wander via the Circus (p53), the Georgian Garden (p53) and Queen Square (p53) for a browse around the city-centre shops (p62). Have supper at The Circus (p59) or Hudson Steakhouse (p60).

♥ DAY 2 // OVER TO WELLS

Squeeze in an early-morning dip at the delightful Thermae Bath Spa (p57) before a visit to the grand estate of Prior Park (p58). Then it's a leisurely drive southwest to the miniature cathedral city of Wells (p62) for a mosey around the cathedral (p63) and the Bishop's Palace (p63). Dine at Goodfellows (p64) or Old Spot (p64), or if you're feeling flush, an evening at Millers at Glencot House (p68).

♥ DAY 3 // COUNTRY PURSUITS

Set out early for a jaunt to the top of Glastonbury Tor (p69) – the earlier you get there, the better the views. Detour via the abbey (p70) and savour lunch at Glastonbury classics, the Rainbow's End (p71) or the Who'd A Thought It Inn (p72). Drive across the Levels (p72) for an afternoon at the Willowcraft and Wetlands Centre (p73), a walk around a nature reserve (p72) or a tippie at a cider brewer (p73). Finish in style at Farmer's Inn (p75) or the Willow Tree (p76).

SOMERSET



BRISTOL

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History, culture, top-class shopping – however you look at it, Bristol's buzzing

THE QUANTOCKS

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Follow in the footsteps of Wordsworth, Coleridge and co

Bristol Channel

EXMOOR

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Track the trails or tackle the peaks in this landmark national park

GETTING AROUND

Bristol is a major transport hub, with easy access both to the M4 east to London, and the M5 and A38, which both run roughly in tandem in a northeast–southwest direction across the county. Train and bus links between the main towns are excellent, but anywhere off the beaten track – including the Mendips, the Quantocks, Exmoor and the Levels – you'll really need your own wheels to get around. Cycling is well worth considering, with plenty of disused railway lines, canal paths and country lanes to explore.