Cambridge

King’s College Chapel and Trinity College are must-dos, as is a chauffeur-driven punt. The Fitzwilliam and Polar museums are tempting, too.

Stratford-upon-Avon

Strolling from sight to sight in Shakespeare’s home town means you’ll walk a veritable map of his life. Finish with a show at the RSC. 1 hr to Oxford

The Cotswolds

Cruise rolling hills, stopping at honey-coloured villages for afternoon tea. Burford, the Slaughters and Chipping Campden are highlights. ¼ hr to Stratford-upon-Avon

Bath

Take two days to drink in Bath’s Roman and Georgian beauty. Don’t miss an alfresco, roof-top dip in the swish spa. 1 hr to Bibury

Stonehenge

Learn about Stonehenge’s construction at the high-tech, on-site museum, then visit the vast stones themselves. ½ hr to Salisbury, then 1 hr to Bath

Oxford

Two days sees you touring college quads, atmospheric libraries and eclectic museums; plus stopping by ancient pubs and Harry Potter sights.

London

Explore the Tower of London, the Tate Modern and the British Museum, plus hip eateries and pubs. 1½ hr to Salisbury, then ½ hr to Stonehenge