

BATH & SOUTHWEST ENGLAND PLANNING MAP



Roman Baths, Bath

Discover the top sights, activities
and experiences in Bath and Southwest England



When to Go

High Season Jun–Aug

The busiest months – and while the weather is at its best and there's a holiday vibe, the sights can get crowded and accommodation is at its most expensive.

Shoulder Season

Mar–May, Sep–Oct

Spring and autumn are lower-key



Isles of Scilly

CORNWALL

You can't get further west than the ancient Celtic kingdom of Cornwall. Blessed with the southwest's wildest coastline and most breathtakingly beautiful beaches, this proudly independent peninsula has always marched to its own tune. While the staple industries of old – mining, fishing and farming – have all but disappeared, Cornwall has since reinvented itself as one of the nation's creative corners.

ISLES OF SCILLY A4

While only 28 miles west of the mainland, in many ways the Isles of Scilly feels like a different world. Life on this archipelago of around 140 tiny islands seems hardly to have changed in decades, and the only noise pollution comes from breaking waves and cawing gulls. Renowned for its glorious beaches, there are few places better to escape.

TINTAGEL CASTLE B3

Famous as the supposed birthplace of King Arthur, Tintagel's epic clifftop castle has been occupied since Roman times and once served as a residence for Cornwall's Celtic kings. Clinging to black granite cliffs, surrounded by booming surf and wheeling gulls, it's the classic fairy-tale castle.

EDEN PROJECT B4

The giant biomes of the Eden Project – the world's largest greenhouses – have become Cornwall's most famous landmark, and an essential visit. Looking rather like a lunar landing station, Eden's bubble-shaped biomes maintain miniature ecosystems that enable all kinds of weird and wonderful plants to flourish.



Eden Project



SS Great Britain



Clifton Suspension Bridge

BRISTOL

Once a centre for heavy industry, over the last few decades Bristol has reinvented itself as a hub of culture and creativity. Derelict docks are becoming leisure venues, heritage attractions ooze imagination and a world-class street-art scene adds colour and spice.

SS GREAT BRITAIN D2

This mighty, innovative steamship was designed by engineering genius Isambard Kingdom Brunel in 1843. You get to wander the galley, surgeon's quarters and dining saloon and see a massive replica steam engine at work.

M SHED D2

Set amid the iconic cranes of Bristol's dockside, this impressive museum is a treasure trove of memorabilia and offers an absorbing overview of Bristol's history – from slaves' possessions and Wallace & Gromit figurines to a Banksy artwork and a set of decks once used by Massive Attack.

CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE D2

Clifton's most famous landmark is the 76m-high Clifton Suspension Bridge, which spans the Avon Gorge. Construction began in 1836, although its designer Isambard Kingdom Brunel died before its completion in 1864. Initially created to carry light horse-drawn traffic and foot passengers, these days the bridge carries around 12,000 cars every day.

Lundy Island
Two hours from north Devon, this island is a paradise for wildlife-watchers.

Croyde
Ride the waves at this uber-cool, thatched surf village.

South West Coast Path
This trail showcases cliffs crowned by tin mines, sparkling bays, pretty fishing villages and swaths of rural idyll.

EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK

Quantocks
A mix of moors, valleys and ancient woods of coppiced oak, these little-visited hills offer stirring views across the Bristol Channel.

Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM)
A treasure trove of rambling rooms, filled with glass cases of curiosities and archaeological finds.

Fun and educational
curve through

Bristol
Check out Paint-Pot Angel by L.S. by Pissarro, Thomas Gainsborough

**CLIFTON SUSPENSION
BRIDGE**
SS GREAT BRITAIN

Crawl, climb
through
subterranean
impressive stalactites

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