

DESTINATION WESSEX

WESSEX HERITAGE - Three Day Specimen Tour

Day 1

Leave London for the city of **Winchester**, the ancient capital of Wessex. There will be a guided tour of the historic centre of the city, including a viewing of King Arthur's famous **Round Table** and a visit to **Jane Austen's House**. This will end with a special tour of the magnificent 900 year old **cathedral** where Jane Austen is buried.

After lunch, continue to **Salisbury** where you will check into your hotel and then visit Salisbury **cathedral** which has the highest spire in England followed by a visit to the **cathedral close** including the 14th century **Memorial Hall** where there will be a presentation on Salisbury history.

Day 2.

This morning, you will visit **Stonehenge**, one of Wessex's four World Heritage Sites and perhaps its best known landmark. The tour will then head west to **Stourhead**, one of Britain's most beautiful gardens. After an introduction to the 18th century garden, there will be time to take a leisurely stroll around the lake and to enjoy the stunning views.

Lunch at Stourhead.

Then, it will be on to Longleat. Set in 900 acres of **Capability Brown** designed parkland, **Longleat House** is widely regarded as the best example of Elizabethan architecture. A special tour will be arranged for your visit.

Leave Longleat for **Bath**. Check into your Bath hotel. After a brief introduction to the city, you will be free to begin to **explore Bath**

Day 3

This morning, the focus will be on Roman Bath and more specifically on the almost 2000 year old **Roman Baths** themselves. The tour will be followed by refreshment in the famous **Pump Room** and a walk across the square to the magnificent 15th century **Bath Abbey**.

After lunch, there will be free time to stroll around **more of Bath**, perhaps to do some **shopping**.

Departure for London will be in the late afternoon.

