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Great West Way 'Excursions' Familiarisation Visit

Saturday 25 January – Sunday 26 January

Introduction to England's Great West Way

Follow the paths taken by generations of travellers and discover an essential strand of England. Based on one of the first Great Roads commissioned by the Kings of England, the Great West Way winds its way through lush green landscapes filled with the world-famous and the yet-to-be-discovered. Touch Royal Windsor, Roman Bath and timeless Stonehenge, immerse yourself in English village life and Bristol's city energy.

On the Great West Way, extraordinary history rubs shoulders with everyday life. Traditional pubs and inns with World Heritage Sites on their doorsteps, serving craft ales and local farm food. Churches which have watched over their parishes for centuries. Independent shops and galleries filled with contemporary designs and creations.

You don't have to travel far to explore further and delve deeper into England. The Great West Way links London with Bristol through 125 miles of twists and turns and new discoveries. Explore by road, by railway or by waterway. Slow right down, base yourself along the route, walk it or cycle it.

Welcome to the real England. It's England undiluted. It's England concentrated.

Attendees: tbc

Saturday 25 January		Handles & Hashtags
15.00	Depart Excursions at Alexandra Palace (1 hour 40 mins / 50 miles)	
17.00	Dinner and overnight at Hotel Novotel Reading Centre 25b Friar St, Reading RG1 1DP	

Sunday 26 January		Handles & Hashtags
08.30	Depart Hotel in Reading 5 mins / 1 mile	
08.45 - 09.45	Thames Rivercruise Caversham Pier, Thameside Promenade, Caversham, Berkshire, RG1 8BD 10 mins / 2 miles	
10.00 - 11.00	Museum of English Rural Life University of Reading, Redlands Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 5EX 55 mins / 41 miles	
12.00 - 12.30	Marlborough College Summer School Meet and Greet talk and tour 45 mins / 25 miles	
13.15 - 14.30	Old Bell Hotel, Malmesbury? for lunch 15 mins / 7 miles	
14.45 - 16.30	Westonbirt - The National Arboretum Forestry Commission, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8QS Tel: 0300 067 4890 2 hours 20 mins/ 109 miles	
	Return to Alexandra Palace Alexandra Palace Way, London N22 7AY (Possible stop offs at tube/bus station once off M4)	

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