

Winchester, Wine & Wildlife

The Winchester Wessex Hotel

Situated in Winchester's historic centre, Winchester Wessex Hotel overlooks Winchester Cathedral. The hotel offers a restaurant, bar and a cosy lounge. En-suite bedrooms feature TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, hairdryer, and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift.



Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival

Following a morning pick-up from home and transfer to our coach, we make our way to Winchester, making suitable stops along the way. We continue to The Winchester Wessex Hotel with time to check in and settle before dinner this evening.



Day 2 – Longleat

After breakfast this morning, we make our way to Longleat where for the full day to explore. Take a walk in the formal gardens, explore Longleat House on a guided tour, get lost in one of the UK's longest Hedge Mazes, hop aboard the Longleat Railway, and hold on tight for a wild ride on the Rockin' Rhino! We also enjoy a Drive Through Safari to discover the residents of Longleat, from lions and tigers to meerkats and koalas, in a day full of animal adventures.

Day 3 – Stourhead and Horse Drawn Boat

This morning, we travel to Stourhead for our included visit. When Stourhead first opened in the 1740s, a magazine described it as 'a living work of art'. The world-famous landscape garden has at its centrepiece a magnificent lake reflecting classical temples, mystical grottoes, and rare exotic trees. Uncover the fascinating history of Stourhead House with an Italian 'Grand Tour' adventure and enjoy the unique Regency library, Chippendale furniture and inspirational paintings. The Palladian house is set amid 'picnic perfect' lawns and extensive parkland. We then make our way to Kintbury to join the Kennett Horse Boat Company for a relaxing horse-drawn boat cruise on the Kennet & Avon Canal – with Ploughman's Lunch included as we sail.



Day 4 – Salisbury & Bluestone Vineyard



Our first stop today is Salisbury, a Cathedral city of ageless beauty and captivating history. At the city's heart is Salisbury Cathedral, a beacon that has attracted visitors for centuries, and gathered around the cathedral is a modern medieval city full of buildings crafted with the care of another age. From here, we travel to Bluestone Vineyard. On arrival, we enjoy a Lunch Platter with cheese, charcuterie and crackers, followed by a Tour and a Tasting.

Day 5 – Winchester Free Day

Today you have the full day at leisure to explore Winchester independently. A city steeped in history, Winchester is England's ancient capital and former seat of King Alfred the Great. World-class attractions include a magnificent college, award-winning pubs and restaurants, and a tempting array of independent shops. Must-sees include Winchester Cathedral, one of the finest medieval cathedrals in Europe, The Great Hall with Westgate Museum, one of the finest surviving aisled halls of the 13th Century, containing the greatest symbol of medieval mythology, King Arthur's Round Table, and is all that now remains of Winchester Castle.

Homeward

This morning, we bid a fond farewell to Winchester and begin our journey homeward, again making suitable stops along the way. On arrival at our coach joining point, your taxi will be waiting to take you home.

Travel Dates & Pricing

Sunday, 11th April 2027 x 5 nights (6 days)

£699.00 per person sharing a twin or double room, £162.50 sole occupancy supplement

Includes

- 5 nights' accommodation
- Coaching Throughout
- Door-to-Door Service
- Full English Breakfasts & 3-course, choice menu dinners with tea/coffee
- Day Pass to Longleat
- Admission to Stourhead
- Horse Drawn Boat Trip with Ploughman's Lunch
- Tour & Tasting at Bluestone Vineyard with Platter Lunch