



10 Things to do with a car

1. Stonehenge is one of our most mystical sites and is within easy reach of Bath, just 36 miles away. It is believed that Avebury's megalithic stones were the predecessor to Stonehenge and can easily be encompassed within your return from Stonehenge.
2. Highclere Castle, near Newbury is approximately an hour's drive from the hotel. When you visit you will recognise many rooms from *Downton Abbey*. In addition you can also find Tutankhamun in the cellars. Please check with concierge for opening times
3. Longleat House and gardens are open all year. The Safari Park may close during the winter but it's still easy to spend a day here, especially if you get lost in the world's largest hedge maze!
4. Castle Combe has to be one of the most picturesque villages in England; it is the location for the original filming of Dr Dolittle and more recently Steven Spielberg's War Horse.
5. Lacock Abbey. This was used for the internal view of Hogwarts for the Harry Potter films. It's not far from Castle Combe and is well worth a visit. Lacock village also offers a couple of nice lunch opportunities to boot.
6. Don't have a car? Our personally tailored chauffeur service is at your disposal. Our drivers' knowledge of the area and its history will be both entertaining and educational.
7. Garden lovers will be delighted with Capability Brown's landscaping of Stourhead with its Paladin Bridge. There is also the opportunity to visit King Charles' gardens at Highgrove.
8. Salisbury is close to Stonehenge and the cathedral has one of only four copies of King John's Magna Carta of 1215.
9. The Cotswolds are scattered with many picturesque villages endowed with thatched cottages whilst extending past Stratford-upon-Avon. Allow a minimum of four to five hours for a round trip.
10. Westonbirt Arboretum has to be the perfect autumn colours display and is only a 40-minute drive away.



10 Things to do without a car

1. The Theatre Royal in Bath has a variety of performances from culture to comedy that often precede their London staging.
2. Cinema. Bath does of course have an Odeon cinema but also its own boutique cinema, The Little Theatre may offer an alternative selection of films.
3. If you have a sense of humour, then the evening comedy walk is eye watering. (I'd advise our American guests to be discreet with their accent as the humour may bounce upon you). There is of course a private historical tour available at a time of your own choosing.
4. Bath's own rugby union team was once the country's dominant force and is now reasserting itself with its competitors. The friendly atmosphere at the home ground is renowned!
5. Shopping in Bath is all contained within easy walking distance and benefits from a variety of independent boutique retailers as well as main stream outlets.
6. You may also wish to utilise our own facilities, so please check with our Spa & Bath House for availability of treatments from massage to beauty, or perhaps just stroll over and use the pool, steam room or sauna. You could even run over and use the fitness room.
7. Bath prides itself upon its cultural background and subsequently benefits from numerous galleries. From just viewing fine art to finding your desired piece, you'll have plenty of choice. Pick up a map from our concierge team.
8. Have you ever admired glass? A visit to the Bath Aqua Glass will demonstrate the unique ability of "blowing glass".
9. If you're feeling active, we will be delighted to arrange activities such as horse riding, archery, clay pigeon shooting and more.
10. From fashion to history, Bath has a museum to entertain all interests and if you're not sure what's on offer, then please talk to our concierge who'll guide you through them all.



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10 Things to do in the sunshine

1. If you're a hiker you will be enthralled by Bath's skyline walk. The views are outstanding but be aware that this 6 mile trek will need boots if it has rained recently.
2. Afternoon Tea can be divine and is not only for Jane Austen fans. Our gardens are perhaps the perfect oasis, but should you wish to explore; The Pump Rooms, Jane Austen centre and Assembly Rooms offer afternoon tea within their elegant buildings.
3. If history arouses you, a personal walking tour may be just the thing to spice your interests.
4. An idyllic way to spend a sunny afternoon is on the waterways in and around the city. A canal cruise or a river boat trip, the choice is yours.
5. View Bath from the air; a hot air balloon flight will always be memorable launched from Victoria Park right in front of the hotel with spectacular view over the historic city of Bath.
6. Golfers may wish to challenge one of Bath's many courses; from hills to level terrain and water, we will endeavour to find your perfect nemesis. Golfing widows: Our concierge will be pleased to outline four to five hours of local attractions or retail.
7. Alfresco dining is unparalleled within our gardens if sun and seclusion appeal.
8. Climb up to the top of Bath Abbey and view the city of Bath bathed in sunshine from the Tower Roof Top
9. 'Taking the Waters' has always been Bath's draw. If crowds are a deterrent, we recommend The Cross Bath exclusive experience.
10. Soak up the sunshine on the famous Crescent lawns. Our dedicated team of chefs will provide you with a delicious picnic to enjoy, whilst taking in the stunning surroundings. Please speak to our reception team to arrange this.



10 Things to do in the rain

1. The Roman Baths are a must if you visit Bath and are mostly undercover. An exciting attraction that will take between 1 and 2 hours to explore.
2. Bath Abbey. Adjacent to the Baths! This site is steeped in history and the crowning place of King Edgar, England's first unified king in 973ad. Whilst the current abbey is a mere 600 years old it holds spectacular views, if you can manage the climb for the Bell Tower tour.
3. The Holburne Museum and The Victoria Art Gallery have the perfect exhibition for any art enthusiast.
4. If you wish to enjoy water in a therapeutic fashion, a visit to The Spa & Bath House may appeal; the therapies on offer will always deliver a tranquil environment upon any external elements.
5. The Herschel Museum is an astronomer's dream. Amongst his many accomplishments, William Herschel discovered in 1781 that Uranus was in fact a planet and not a star.
6. The Countess of Huntingdon Chapel hosts The Building of Bath exhibit. A must for any budding architect.
7. The Bath Assembly Rooms were once the place to be seen, hosting grand ball events and lavish parties. It now houses an iconic fashion museum, always enjoyed by ladies.
8. Perhaps the weather is too bad? Why not enjoy a long lazy lunch in our Montagu's Mews restaurant before streaming a film from your very own movie collection via Chromecast, available in your room.
9. No. 1 at the end of The Royal Crescent itself is restored to its original state and exhibits how life in such a home was for all its inhabitants.
10. Should you wish to venture out in comfort, we will be pleased to arrange a chauffeured tour enclosed in luxury. Our knowledgeable drivers will deliver the perfect tour.



10 Things to do with children

1. Bath has the most fantastic playground only minutes from the Hotel with many rides, slides, tunnels and a close coffee vendor.
2. Crazy golf and tennis are located in the park opposite the Hotel.
3. Should a pitch and putt be more suitable a great 3 par course is also only minutes away from the hotel?
4. Bath's open top bus tour never fails to entertain adults and children with the option of a city or skyline tour. Tickets are valid for 24 hours on both tours.
5. During the school holidays children of all ages will love our relaxation pool (adult supervision is required) from 9-10am and again 4-5pm. each day. Pre-booking essential.
6. Cycling is becoming a culture and Bath has some great trails; from cycling through old railway tunnels playing classical music to canal paths offering the perfect pub lunch.
7. Bath Boating station offers a range of vessels for dad (or mum) to show off their skills. From rowing to punting you'll find a laugh somewhere!
8. The local leisure centre has a fantastic pool including water slides and is open for children of all ages. Please check with concierge for opening times.
9. Venture further afield and Longleat will keep the whole family entertained all day!
10. Another great option is Cheddar Gorge, it will astound you geographically; the caves will allure any child. From the origin of Cheddar cheese to paper making, there is plenty to see.