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for us

48 hours in...

...Salisbury

Superbly situated in southern England's rural heartland, the historic medieval city of Salisbury stands serenely amid a landscape that is quintessentially English. Immortalised in the paintings of Constable, the sight of the Cathedral rising up from the city's water-meadows has been described as 'Britain's Best View'.

With a fine array of historic attractions including iconic Stonehenge nearby, Salisbury offers everything from cosmopolitan pavement cafés to traditional coaching inns, specialist independent retailers to major high street stores, and excellent year-round entertainment.

Getting to Wiltshire by car

Whether you are coming from London, the Midlands, or the south coast, travelling to Salisbury by car is simple and convenient. London is approximately 2 hours drive away, via the M3, while Portsmouth, Southampton and Poole are within 50 minutes.

The Midlands is just 2 hours away, and to drive from Bath will take about an hour. Parking in Salisbury is easy, with 5 park and ride sites situated on major routes around the city, and a number of convenient car parks within the city's ring road.

Top 5 must see places

Salisbury Cathedral
Britain's finest medieval Cathedral, with the tallest spire in the country, best preserved original Magna Carta.
www.salisburycathedral.org.uk

Stonehenge Tour
Guided tour bus from Salisbury. One of the best ways of seeing the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge.
www.thestonehenge.com

Old Sarum
Iron Age hill fort, re-used by the Romans, Saxons and Normans before growing into the original Salisbury settlement.
www.english-heritage.org.uk/oldsarum

Mompesson House
Queen Anne house with tranquil walled garden.
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Salisbury & South Wiltshire Museum
Home of the award-winning Stonehenge Gallery and 'Amesbury Archer'. Important Constable Exhibition.
www.salisburymuseum.org.uk

the Beautiful South

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Day one

Before breakfast, leave your city centre hotel or guesthouse and take an early morning stroll along the 'town path' to stunning view of Salisbury Cathedral from across the water meadows. Stroll down Fish Row in Salisbury, see the Poultry Cross, the Haunch of Venison, St Thomas's Church, and visit the tourist information centre

Take a tour of the magnificent Salisbury Cathedral, see the tallest spire in England, the recent font (2008) and the best preserved original 1215 Magna Carta. Take a tower tour to the base of the Cathedral spire or stroll around the Cathedral Close, visit Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, or The Rifles (Berkshire & Wiltshire) Museum and discover the 250 year history of two local infantry regiments.

Enjoy lunch at one of Salisbury's many pubs and restaurants. In the afternoon visit iconic Stonehenge, part of Wiltshire's UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a personalised tour with one of the local guides or visit using the Stonehenge Tour – a guided bus tour that takes in Stonehenge and the Iron Age fort of Old Sarum

As the evening draws in see a performance at the west country's leading production theatre, Salisbury Playhouse, with either a pre or post show meal at one of the of the historic inns or restaurants.



Where to stay

Grasmere House Hotel
Views of the rivers Avon and Nadder, the water meadows and Salisbury Cathedral.
www.grasmerehotel.com

Mercure White Hart Hotel
Situated opposite the Cathedral, just minutes walk from city centre.
www.mercure-uk.com

Edwardian Lodge
modernised and beautifully decorated Edwardian house.
www.edwardianlodge.co.uk

Peartree Apartments
Brand new serviced apartments centrally located.
www.peartreeapartments.co.uk

The Cathedral Hotel
Great location in the heart of the city centre.
www.cathedralhotelsalisbury.co.uk

Where to eat

Salisbury seafood and steak house
The finest quality meats, freshest seafood and fish.
www.salisburyseafoodandsteakhouse.co.uk

The Wig & Quill Traditional Pub
A traditional pub serving a range of food.
www.wigandquill.co.uk

Haunch of Venison
Wonderful 12th century public house complete with unique bar.
www.haunchofvenison.uk.com

Fisherton Mill - The Gallery Cafe
Tempting cream teas, generously filled sandwiches and main meals for the most discerning palates.
www.fishertonmill.co.uk

Day two

On day two journey west along the A30 passing the Fovant Badges to Old Wardour Castle, an English Heritage site that was the scene of a bloodthirsty battle during the English Civil War.

With its landscaped parkland and formal gardens, Wilton House is a treasure trove for art lovers and a great place to spend an afternoon. The house itself contains one of the finest art collections in Europe. Visit the nearby Wilton Shopping Village.

Spend your final evening relaxing in a city pub or view a show at Salisbury City Hall

Or

Spend a morning strolling around the beautiful lakeside gardens at Stourhead and explore the Palladian House with its collections of Chippendale furniture.

In the afternoon visit Longleat, one of the best examples of high Elizabethan architecture, Longleat, complete with its safari park.