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A 3-Day Bath Day Trip Itinerary

From our guide **Top 10 Best Day Trips from Bath**. Print it or save it to your phone.



This plan groups the trips by direction so each day is realistic, mixing train, bus and short walks.

Day 1: Salisbury and Stonehenge

Take a morning train from Bath Spa to Salisbury, which is typically about an hour. Spend the first part of the day at the cathedral and in the Close, ideally with a pre-booked Magna Carta slot. After lunch, use a tour bus, local bus or taxi to reach Stonehenge, where a pre-booked timed ticket keeps things simple. Return to Salisbury and take the train back to Bath in the evening.

Day 2: Wells and Glastonbury

Catch a bus from Bath to Wells in the morning and explore the cathedral and Bishop's Palace. Have lunch near the Market Place, then travel on to Glastonbury by local bus. Climb the Tor for the view, visit the abbey ruins if time allows, and head back via Wells in the late afternoon. If you would rather add Cheddar Gorge, swap Glastonbury for the bus to Cheddar and the Cliff Top Walk.

Day 3: Lacock and Castle Combe, or Bristol

Go by train from Bath Spa to Chippenham, then take a bus to Lacock for the abbey, museum and village streets. If you have a car, drive on to Castle Combe for a short afternoon visit. Without a car, do Bristol instead: a quick train, a harbour walk, the SS Great Britain and a stroll in Clifton, returning easily in the evening. Cardiff and Stourhead make good replacements if you have a fourth day or a car.

The 10 places at a glance

1. Bristol

How to get there: Direct trains run from Bath Spa to Bristol Temple Meads, with a journey time that is typically well under 20 minutes. Check Great Western Railway for current times.
How long to spend: A full day if you want the ship, Clifton and the harbour; half a day for a quick look.
Best time to go: Spring to early autumn for harbour walks, though museums make it a good year-round option.
Tip: Walk from Temple Meads to the harbour rather than taking a taxi, and save the hillier Clifton section for the afternoon, or use a bus.
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2. Wells

How to get there: Bus services 173 and 174 link Bath and Wells. Routes changed in 2026, so confirm on the First West of England site. By car it is roughly an hour.
How long to spend: Half a day for the cathedral and palace; a full day if you add Glastonbury.
Best time to go: Spring and early summer for the gardens, or market days for extra buzz.
Tip: Visit the cathedral early, before coach parties arrive, then explore the palace grounds while it is quieter.
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3. Glastonbury

How to get there: The simplest route by bus is to Wells first, then a local service on to Glastonbury. Confirm routes on the First West of England site, as services and diversions change. By car it is about an hour.
How long to spend: Four to six hours covers the Tor, abbey and a lunch stop.
Best time to go: Dry weather in spring or autumn; the Tor path can be slippery after rain.
Tip: Wear proper shoes, take water for the climb and combine Glastonbury with Wells for a full day.
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4. Salisbury

How to get there: Direct trains run from Bath Spa to Salisbury, usually taking about an hour. Check GWR for the current timetable.
How long to spend: Three to five hours for the cathedral and town; add several hours if you plan to include Stonehenge.
Best time to go: Any season, though spring and summer are best for the Close and water meadows walk.
Tip: Book the Magna Carta Chapter House slot and any tower tour early, as these are timed and popular.
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5. Stonehenge

How to get there: Train from Bath Spa to Salisbury, then a bus, tour shuttle or taxi (check current operators); or drive.
How long to spend: About two to three hours at the site, plus travel.
Best time to go: Early morning or late afternoon outside school holidays.
Tip: Book a timed ticket ahead, bring a waterproof layer because the site is open and exposed, and allow time for the shuttle.
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6. Lacock

How to get there: Train from Bath Spa to Chippenham, then a local bus to Lacock; or drive, using the National Trust car park.
How long to spend: Three to four hours for the abbey, museum and village.
Best time to go: Weekday mornings, when the village is quietest.
Tip: Pair Lacock with Castle Combe by car for an easy village day, and check the abbey's seasonal opening before you set off.
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7. Castle Combe

How to get there: Drive and use the official car park at the top of the village, or take the train to Chippenham and a bus or taxi.
How long to spend: One to two hours; combine with Lacock for a full day.
Best time to go: Early morning or late afternoon, to avoid coach groups and the tightest parking.
Tip: Arrive early, because the car park fills quickly in summer, and plan your return taxi if you come by train.
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8. Cheddar Gorge

How to get there: By car around an hour; or bus to Wells and then the 126 to Cheddar (check current services).
How long to spend: Three to five hours with the walk and one cave visit.
Best time to go: Dry days in spring and autumn, when the walk is comfortable.
Tip: Wear sturdy shoes, and consider combining the gorge with Wells in the same day.
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9. Cardiff

How to get there: Direct trains from Bath Spa to Cardiff Central take a little over an hour. Check GWR for current times and tickets.
How long to spend: A full day for the castle, museum and bay.
Best time to go: Any season, with indoor options for rain.
Tip: Cardiff Central is a short walk from the castle, so you can see the main sights on foot.
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10. Stourhead

How to get there: By car, about an hour from Bath. Public transport is very limited, so most visitors drive.
How long to spend: Three to five hours for the garden, with extra time for the house and tower.
Best time to go: Autumn for colour, or spring for blossom.
Tip: Arrive early on weekends and in school holidays, and wear comfortable shoes for the lakeside paths.
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Getting around from Bath

Bath Spa station is the hub for the easiest trips. Great Western Railway trains run to Bristol, Salisbury and Cardiff, and connect at Chippenham for the village trips. Buy tickets in advance when you can, and check whether an off-peak or day ticket suits your plan. The official GWR site has timetables and the app shows live updates.

Buses link Bath with Wells and nearby towns, and the bus station sits close to the railway station. Bus routes and diversions change, so always check First West of England's current timetables rather than relying on older guides. Rural villages such as Castle Combe and Stourhead are hard to reach without a car, and taxis from a nearby station can be expensive for longer hops, so ask the price first.

Opening times, prices and transport change often, so check with each venue or operator before you go. For the full guide, photos and FAQs, see https://toptravelinsider.com/top-10-best-day-trips-from-bath/.