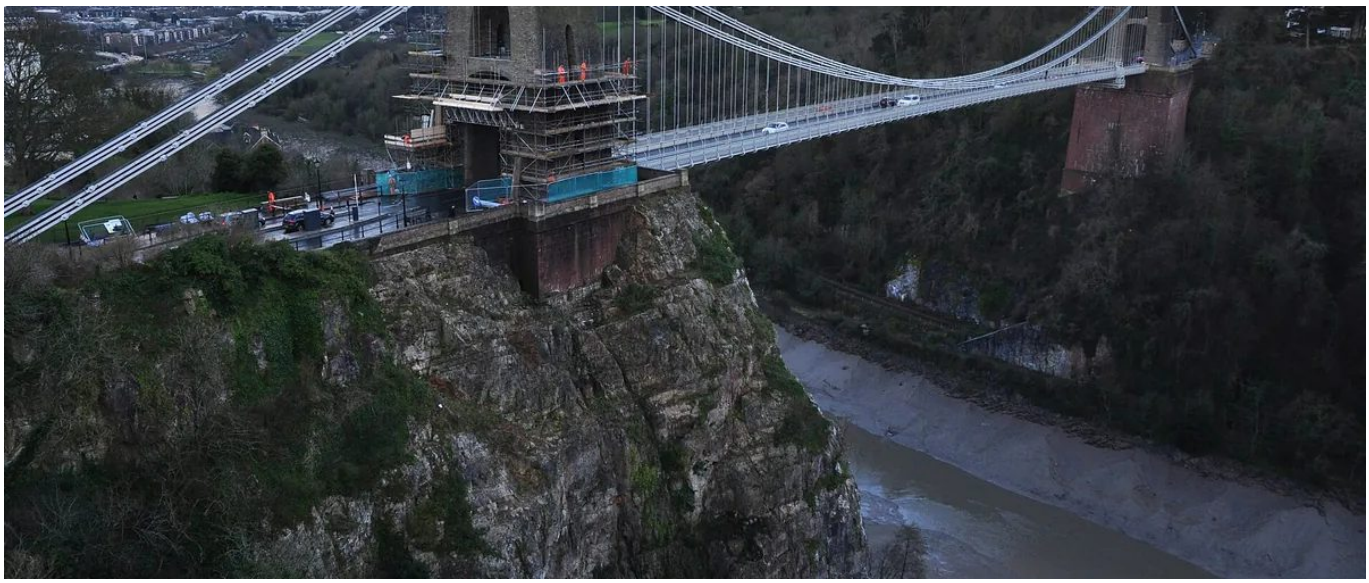
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Suggested day trip plans for 1, 2 or 3 days

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



Day 1: Bath and the Georgian city

Take the short train to Bath and spend the morning at the Roman Baths and the Abbey. Walk to the Royal Crescent after lunch, and finish with a stroll along the river or a visit to the spa. Return to Bristol in the early evening.

Day 2: Somerset by bus

Take the bus to Wells for the cathedral and the Bishop's Palace in the morning. Continue by bus to Glastonbury for the Tor and the abbey, or change at Wells for Cheddar Gorge if you prefer walking. Check the last bus before you set off.

Day 3: Cardiff or Salisbury

For a city day, take the train to Cardiff for the castle, the bay and the museum. If you prefer history, take the train to Salisbury for the cathedral and the bus to Stonehenge, with tickets booked in advance. Both are best with an early start.

The 10 places at a glance

1. Bath

Getting there: Train from Bristol Temple Meads to Bath Spa, usually well under half an hour. Services are frequent.
Time needed: 5 to 8 hours.
Best time to go: Spring and autumn, ideally on a weekday.
Insider tip: Book Roman Baths tickets online, and check the official site for any closures.
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2. Wells

Getting there: Bus from Bristol to Wells, usually about an hour. Check the current timetable on the First Bus website.
Time needed: 3 to 5 hours.
Best time to go: A dry weekday in spring to autumn.
Insider tip: Combine Wells with Glastonbury on the same bus route for a two-stop day.
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3. Cheddar Gorge

Getting there: Bus from Bristol to Wells, then the local bus through Cheddar. Allow 1.5 hours or more each way, and check timetables.
Time needed: 4 to 6 hours.
Best time to go: Late spring to early autumn for walking, and on a weekday for quieter caves.
Insider tip: Book cave tickets online and check the last bus back before you start a long walk.
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4. Glastonbury

Getting there: Bus from Bristol via Wells to Glastonbury. Allow about 1.5 hours each way and check the timetable.
Time needed: 4 to 6 hours, or a full day if combined with Wells.
Best time to go: A clear day for views from the Tor, outside the festival period.
Insider tip: Wear sturdy shoes for the Tor, and check abbey opening arrangements on the official website.
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5. Cardiff

Getting there: Train from Bristol Temple Meads to Cardiff Central, usually about an hour.
Time needed: A full day.
Best time to go: Any time, but avoid big match days unless you want to join the crowds.
Insider tip: Check Cadw and the castle websites for opening arrangements before you go.
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6. Cheltenham

Getting there: Train from Bristol Temple Meads to Cheltenham Spa, usually about an hour, sometimes direct.
Time needed: 4 to 6 hours.
Best time to go: Spring to autumn, avoiding race meeting days if you want quiet streets.
Insider tip: Check the festival and racing calendars before you plan.
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7. Salisbury and Stonehenge

Getting there: Train from Bristol Temple Meads to Salisbury, then a tour bus or taxi to Stonehenge. Allow about 1.5 hours each way for the train.
Time needed: A full day.
Best time to go: Spring or autumn, with a pre-booked Stonehenge slot.
Insider tip: Book Stonehenge tickets and the bus in advance, and check the timetable for the last return.
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8. Weston-super-Mare

Getting there: Train from Bristol Temple Meads to Weston-super-Mare, usually around half an hour.
Time needed: 4 to 6 hours.
Best time to go: A warm, dry day from late spring to early autumn, near high tide.
Insider tip: Check the tide times, because the sea can be a long walk away at low tide.
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9. Clevedon

Getting there: Bus from Bristol to Clevedon, about an hour. Check the current timetable.
Time needed: 3 to 5 hours.
Best time to go: A bright day from spring to early autumn.
Insider tip: Check the pier's opening arrangements and the tide before you plan a swim.
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10. Tintern Abbey and the Wye Valley

Getting there: Bus or train towards Chepstow, then a local bus to Tintern. Allow 1.5 hours or more each way and check the timetable.
Time needed: 3 to 5 hours.
Best time to go: A dry day in spring or autumn.
Insider tip: Check the Cadw website for opening arrangements and the last bus back.
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Getting around from Bristol

Most day trips leave from **Bristol Temple Meads**, the main station, which has direct trains to Bath, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Salisbury and Weston-super-Mare. Bristol Parkway, to the north of the city, has other services, including some to Cardiff and Cheltenham. For buses, Bristol bus station and stops near Temple Meads serve Wells, Glastonbury and Clevedon.

If you are also visiting the capital, our guide to the best day trips from London covers more options by train. Use the National Rail journey planner for trains and the bus operator's website for buses, because timetables change often. Off-peak, advance and railcard fares can cut the cost significantly, and many bus operators offer day or group tickets that are good value if you plan several trips.

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-bristol/.