



Weekend suggestions

If you wish to get out of Bristol, there are plenty of places you can visit by public transport or you could hire a car and make your own way there.

Day Trips by Public Transport

Cheltenham - a regency town that is full of beautiful architecture, award-winning gardens, shops and restaurants. It is in the centre of the Cotswolds and very famous for its horse racing. It takes around 40 minutes to get there by train.

Weston-Super-Mare - a traditional seaside resort that has a long sandy beach where you can do water-sports as well as have a traditional donkey ride or take a boat trip around the bay. There is also a SeaQuarium and a new pier. It takes around 40 minutes to get there by train.

Clevedon - a beautiful old seaside town on the Bristol Channel. It was a very popular holiday resort during the Victorian era and a lot of the buildings are from this time. It also has a beautiful old pier which was opened in 1869. Takes around 50 minutes to get there by bus.

Cheddar - not just the home of Cheddar Cheese! It also has England's largest gorge giving spectacular views and it is home to Cheddar Valley Cider – delicious! Takes 90 minutes to get there by bus.

Exeter - a university city which is the capital of Devon. There are plenty of museums and art galleries to see as well as excellent shopping. Takes 1 hour to get there by train.

Chepstow Castle - a Norman Castle situated in the south of Wales - it is quite magnificent and full of history. Takes 90 minutes to get there by train.

Day Trips by Car

Mendip Hills - an area of outstanding national beauty. This is the perfect place to come if you wish to get some fresh air in the country and go walking. Takes approximately 1 hour to drive there.

Chew Valley - full of lots of beautiful villages and Chew Valley Lake which is the largest lake in the South West and great for water sports or going for a picnic. Takes approximately 45 minutes to drive there.

North Devon and Exmoor - there are plenty of villages and towns to visit here. They take between 1.45 hours and 3 hours to get to so you may wish to stay there overnight or for a couple of days.

South Devon - The scenery is very different in South Devon compared to North Devon but one thing is the same - they are both beautiful. There is plenty to do here so you may want to spend the night.

National Trust sites – this is an organisation that 'works to preserve and protect the coastline, countryside and buildings of England, Wales and Northern Ireland'. There are several fantastic places to visit in the local area, including castles, manor houses and beaches. Perfect for a great day out. Visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk for more information.

Quantock Hills - the first place in England to be classed as 'an area of outstanding national beauty'. It is a beautiful place to visit and explore on foot. Takes approximately 1 hour to drive there.