

## Sarah's 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.

### 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 it is very famous for its horse racing. (40 minutes 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 get a boat trip around the bay. There is also a SeaQuarium and the new pier will be completed in 2010. (40 minutes 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. (50 minutes by [bus](#))
- **Cheddar** - is not just the home of Cheddar Cheese, it also has Englands largest gorge giving spectacular views and it is home to Cheddar Valley Cider - delicious. (90minutes 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.
- **Chepstow Castle** - a Norman Castle situated in the south of Wales, it is quite magnificent and full of history. (90 minutes 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 counrty and go walking. (About 1 hours drive)
- **Chew Valley** - full of lots of beautiful villages and Chew Valley Lake which is the largest lake in the South West and is great for water sports or going for a picnic. (about 45 minutes Drive)
- **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 do 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.
- **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.



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