



Announcing the TSCC 2020 Autumn Getaway

Sunday 18th – Tuesday 20th October

**Join us for a fantastic three day break
in historic Bath and Bristol**



Only £275 per person

(based on two people sharing)

Single occupancy - £350 per person

There is little to compare with the Georgian majesty and rich Roman heritage of Bath. Couple this with historic Bristol and its vibrant, regenerated 'Harbourside' with the magnificently restored SS Great Britain, and you have an Autumn Getaway that will be a genuine feast for all the senses. From the comfort of our coach and with the benefit of knowledgeable local guides we will explore both these stunning cities. And there will be ample time to visit key attractions both in Bristol and in Bath. Our sumptuously comfortable Bath hotel is located just a few minutes' walk from all the major cultural sights. And when we travel to Bristol to explore at leisure, our coach will drop us off and pick us up with minimised footsteps and maximum time for all there is to see.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- *Two nights at the 4 star Francis Hotel in Bath*
- *Full English buffet breakfasts*
- *Group dinners on both evenings*
- *Coach tour of Bath with private local guide*
- *Coach tour of Bristol with private local guide*
- *Guided tour of SS Great Britain*
- *Free time to explore the delights of Bristol and Bath*
- *Return coach travel from Esher*

ITINERARY

DAY 1

We will board our coach in Esher and arrive mid-morning at our sumptuous hotel in the historic centre of Bath where we will drop our luggage and enjoy a relaxing tea of coffee. Once refreshed, we will return to our coach for a pre-lunch guided city tour. Our experienced local guide will bring the history and architecture of Bath to life with an engaging and informative commentary. We will take in all the iconic sights of this UNESCO World Heritage City including Queen Square, the Royal Crescent, Pulteney Bridge and Bath Abbey. After the tour we will return to our hotel for check-in. If you fancy a bite to eat, snacks will be available in the hotel lounge or alternatively you can explore the neighbourhood and sample one of the plentiful pubs and cafes within easy walking distance.

You have the afternoon free to explore at leisure. Our hotel is less than a ten minute walk to all the major attractions including the Circus with its famous Georgian buildings that can't be seen by coach; the Assembly Rooms and the Fashion Museum, both of which are National Trust; The Jane Austen Centre; the historic Thermae Bath Spa where, with advance booking, you can immerse yourself in the natural thermal waters; and most famous of all, the Roman Baths and Pump Room where



you can reserve a table for afternoon tea in elegant surroundings to the accompaniment of the Pump Room Pianist. In the evening we will meet in the bar and then enjoy a meal together. Afterwards, for those not yet ready to retire, a nightcap in the bar is always a pleasant possibility!

DAY 2

After breakfast we will board our coach where we will be met by our local guide who will accompany us on the short journey to Bristol where we will enjoy a comprehensive tour of the city and the surrounding area. Our tour will include Brunel's iconic Clifton Suspension Bridge as well as the dramatic Avon Gorge and the many cultural landmarks dotted around this ancient seafaring city. After the tour you will have ample opportunity to explore the old city centre. We will be dropped at the Harbourside, also traditionally known as The Floating Harbour and formerly the site of Bristol's historic dockyards. Today the entire area is transformed into a central cultural hub. The 19th century warehouses now contain restaurants, cafes, shops, museums, galleries and exhibitions. Key attractions include the 'At-Bristol Science Centre'; the Bristol Aquarium; and the Arnolfini visual arts, music and performance centre. Also at the Harbourside you will find the



M Shed museum where you can explore the story of Bristol and its people through interactive displays and quirky historical paraphernalia. And it's only a ten minute walk to the Old City with its warren of historic streets and buildings including Bristol Cathedral, England's only 'hall church' cathedral with origins dating back to Norman times. And, if you want to minimise your footsteps or broaden your explorations, you can jump

aboard one of the hop-on hop-off waterbuses that provide a scheduled service around the Floating Harbour and the other waterways that traverse the city centre. At the end of our time in Bristol our coach will collect us for our return to Bath where we will enjoy a convivial evening meal together.

DAY 3

After breakfast, you will have the morning free to relax in the hotel or continue exploring the many delights of historic Bath. Early afternoon we will board our coach for Bristol for a guided tour of the now fully restored SS Great Britain, the world's first iron-hulled passenger ship, which is berthed at the same dock from which it was launched in 1843. Designed by the famed engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, it was also the first ship to use screw propellers, and it was the longest liner of its day. With lift access for those who struggle with stairs, you will be able to promenade the ship's upper decks, explore life below decks and peep into the luxury cabins of the First Class passengers. After our tour of the great ship we will visit the



impressive and recently opened 'Being Brunel' museum where you will be able to explore the fascinating life and extraordinary legacy of this Victorian engineering genius who 'built Britain' and helped to shape the world. Before we depart for the journey back to Esher, you will have time to relax and enjoy a cup of tea and a comfort break in the museum's newly opened Dockyard Café.

ACCOMODATION

The Francis Hotel

Grade II listed and occupying seven of the original 18th century townhouses on the prestigious Queen Square, this Regency style, luxury boutique hotel in the heart of the city has 98 individually styled, air conditioned bedrooms, many with glorious views over the city. The stylish bar and comfortable lounge offer a haven of tranquillity and a place to meet and relax with friends after a day of exploration and discovery. From the hotel it is just a short walk to the Roman Baths and other key historic sites. The warmly decorated rooms feature flat-screen TVs, a safe for all your valuables and a comfortable sitting area. There is free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel.



TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

To reserve your place please email Jackie Marriott at jackie.m@tsc.org.uk as soon as possible. If booking a room for double occupancy please state whether you prefer a double bed or a pair of twins. To confirm your reservation we need your deposit of £75.00 per person no later than Sunday 9th February. The balance of £200.00 per person is payable two months before departure.

If you pay by bank transfer, please email Pauline at: treasurer@tsc.org.uk to advise how much you have transferred and what it is for. The TSCC Bank details are:

Payee: **TSCC**

Sort Code: **40-35-40**

Account Number: **81467212**

Please enter "**BATH**" as the payment reference.

If you would prefer to pay by cheque please make this payable to **TSCC**, write "**BATH**" on the back and send it to: **6 Paddock Way, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0LF.**

We do hope you will come and join us for this fantastic, great value Autumn Getaway to the historic cities of Bath and Bristol!