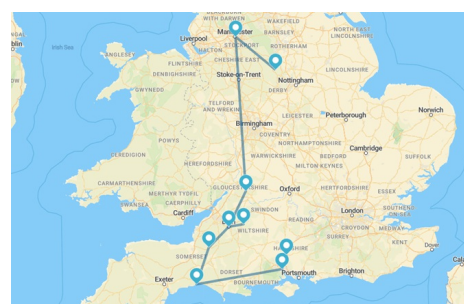




Northwest and Southern England, 6 Days · Your own car at your own pace

Jane Austen Route

Visit the main towns and cities in Jane Austen's life on this fascinating tour. The English-born writer, whose novels are considered a key part of classical literature, lived in various places across the south of England. This tour will also whisk you off to locations used in big-screen interpretations of her books. Austen's work is deeply influenced by her life in the countryside and you'll get the chance to stop off at some of these sites. The trip will start off at Chatsworth House and Lyme Park, which were used as the backdrop for the filming of 'Pride and Prejudice'. You'll then head to Bath, a World Heritage Site, where the writer lived for several years. Next stop will be Southampton to set off on the Jane Austen Trail. To round it all off, you'll visit Steventon and Winchester, where Austen spent the first and last years of her life.



Departure date: Departures from June 2026 till May 2027

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CHATSWORTH HOUSE - MANCHESTER

Today you'll get to explore the north of England. First stop will be Chatsworth House, nestled in the heart of the Peak District National Park. Chatsworth was used as the setting for Pemberley Manor in the 2005 'Pride and Prejudice' film, starring Keira Knightley. Jane Austen is thought to have written the novel in nearby Bakewell, and Chatsworth House served as an inspiration. Chatsworth is mentioned in the book, though, as one of the places that Elizabeth Bennet visits before arriving in Pemberley. The house and the gardens are both open to visitors. There are several types of tickets and the opening hours depend on what you exactly want to see. Onward journey through the scenic Peak District. You can stop off at the rocks, which will remind you of the iconic image of Elizabeth in the 1995 and 2005 versions of 'Pride and Prejudice'. Then continue on your way to Manchester. Overnight stay in Manchester.

● DAY 2 · MANCHESTER - LYME PARK - COTSWOLDS - BATH

Today you'll visit Lyme Park, where Pemberley Manor scenes were filmed for the BBC version of 'Pride and Prejudice' in 1995. Lyme Park is famous for the lake scene where Darcy, played by Colin Firth, strides out of the lake fully clothed. Then it's time to head south to The Cotswolds. This area is declared an "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty". You'll understand why as soon as you see its picture-postcard villages such as Bourton-on-the-Water and Upper Slaughter, all of them with original buildings made from honey-coloured limestone that will whisk you off into a fairytale in the English countryside. Forget about time and simply soak up the scenery! Then head towards Bath, where you'll be spending the next two nights. Overnight stay.

DAY 3 · BATH - LACOCK - BATH

Bath, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, boasts around 5,000 buildings of special interest. An authentic open-air treasure trove! Stroll around its architectural gems such as the Roman Baths and the Pump Room, the 15th-century Abbey and the impressive Royal Crescent. Out of interest, Bath was the first ever spa town in England. Its thermal waters are said to date back more than one hundred thousand years. So, there's no way that you can leave without taking a dip in Britain's only natural thermal spa, the Thermae Bath Spa. Jane Austen lived in Bath and her stay in this city inspired her books. Make sure you go to the Assembly Rooms, where she stayed from 1801 to 1806. What's more, the Jane Austen Centre is a permanent exhibition open to the public that narrates her life in Bath and the effect it had on her literature. In the afternoon, you can pop over to Lacock, a village founded in the Middle Ages and reminiscent of times gone by. It's home to Lacock Abbey, which the BBC used to film Darcy's flashback to his time at Cambridge University. Lacock Abbey can be visited from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm. Return to Bath and overnight stay.

DAY 4 · BATH - GLASTONBURY - LYME REGIS - SOUTHAMPTON

An hour southwest of Bath is another breathtaking site. It's Glastonbury, which is in the county of Somerset. Perched atop a hill is St. Michael's Tower, one of the most spiritual and truly unique places in the whole country. Legend has it that King Arthur and his knights stopped off here. Try to find out what they were looking for in the tower and at Glastonbury Abbey. Do you reckon you'll find it? Then head to Lyme Regis, the so-called 'Pearl of Dorset'. Once here, Langmoor Gardens are a must-see. They're really special because they're right on the seafront. It's so lovely just to wander around looking out at the horizon or taking a rest on the many benches while enjoying some fish & chips with these wonderful views of the beach and the famous pier, The Cobb. (Note: Bear in mind that these gardens are on a slope. So make sure you wear comfortable shoes). Jane Austen visited this place twice, in 1803 and 1804, and it seems to have been an inspiration for her posthumous novel 'Persuasion', the most autobiographical of all her works. Onward journey to the city of Southampton, where the Austen family once lived. Just before arriving, you can stop off in the New Forest, famous for its natural beauty and a favourite destination of the Austens. Southampton is often nicknamed the 'City of the Titanic'. Yes, you heard right! The ship set sail from the port and practically all her crew were from here. Rub shoulders with the university students in the Bargate Quarter, home to the city's medieval gatehouse, or take a leisurely stroll in the pleasant parks and gardens. The nightlife here has a real university atmosphere. Have dinner on Oxford Street and then a drink at the Portwood, Bedford or Oceana, where you'll hear everything from hip-hop to dubstep. Soak up the Southampton nightlife! Overnight stay in Southampton.

DAY 5 · SOUTHAMPTON - WINCHESTER

In the morning, we recommend the Jane Austen Trail, a tour around eight significant places from her life in Southampton.

Each one of these places is marked by a plaque. You'll probably find a handy pocket map at your hotel to follow the itinerary; otherwise, you can download it from the Internet. In the old quarter, you'll pass through Bargate, a medieval gatehouse that was once the entrance to the city. You'll see Jane Austen's house and The Dolphin Hotel, where she'd often come to dance in the ballroom. What's more, the trail passes along the old sea walls where in Jane Austen's time the sea came up at high tide. And then between Southampton and Winchester there's barely half an hour. Winchester boasts all the allure of a small English town, but with some major tourist attractions that will amaze you. Its medieval streets retain the essence of yesteryear. No wonder Jane Austen chose Winchester to spend the final days of her life here. Her house is today a museum, while her burial place is in the Cathedral, accompanied by a plaque honouring her literary might. It was added years after her death, as her grave itself doesn't make any reference to her literary talent. The Cathedral is well worth a visit to admire its stained glass windows and statues. Look closely at its shape, as this is the Gothic cathedral with the longest nave in Europe. After the cathedral, you'll come across the Headmaster's House of Winchester College, and to your right the house where Jane died on 18 July, just three days after St. Swithin's Day, the figure who appeared in her very last poem.

Overnight stay in Winchester.

● DAY 6 · WINCHESTER - CHAWTON - STEVENTON

Stop off today in Chawton and Steventon. The cute village of Chawton still retains the appearance of bygone centuries. Visit Jane Austen's House Museum, where the writer wrote and proofread six of her novels. Then head towards Basingstoke, stopping off at the village of Steventon en route. Jane Austen spent her first twenty-five years of life here. It's also where she wrote part of 'Sense and Sensibility' and 'Pride and Prejudice'. You can visit her old house and St Nicholas Church, where she and her family would go to mass. You'll also find a commemorative plaque here in honour of Austen. End of the route.

Your trip includes

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- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Manchester.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Bath.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Southampton.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Winchester.
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- ✓ Selected meal plan in Bath.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Winchester.
- ✓ Insolvency protection.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Southampton.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Rent-a-car.

Destinations Visited

Derbyshire



Manchester



The Cotswolds



Bath



Lacock



Glastonbury



Lyme Regis



Southampton



Winchester



Important remarks

- From 5 March 2025, it is mandatory to obtain an ETA Electronic Travel Authorisation in advance and online to enter the United Kingdom. This form must be obtained through the website Apply for an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).
- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.