



*The Kennet and Avon is an impressive feat of engineering, made up of two river navigations and a linking stretch of canal. It runs from the Severn Estuary near Bristol to the River Thames at Reading, over 100 miles long with more than 100 locks, some magnificent engineering and crossing some of the most beautiful scenery in southern England. It was reopened in 1990 after decades of dereliction. Our walk takes us along one of the most beautiful and varied stretches, starting at Devizes, the highest point and proceeding west across Wiltshire, through a series of changing landscapes, to lovely Bradford-on-Avon and finally the historic city of Bath. This is level, easy walking and is suitable for all abilities. Comfy walking shoes are suitable and waterproofs should be carried in case of rain.*

**SATURDAY 5 MAY** Departing Oxted we make our way to Caen Hill locks at Devizes, the highest of the canal and one of the country's most impressive canal sites - and sights. Caen Hill is a steep drop with 29 locks needed to take the route down the slope. Sixteen of the locks were built in a straight line, one immediately after the other. These broad locks with their symmetrical black beams and white footbridges look very impressive from any angle but the very best

view is from Marsh Lane road bridge at the bottom. From here it is easy to see the flight striding up the hill and also the massive side ponds which are situated on the northern side of each lock. Our walk starts here, taking us west across Wiltshire through pretty countryside to the village of Seend Cleeve where an ironworks once employed hundreds of people. Although the works stood right by the canal the only evidence today are a few humps on a



grassed over area. Seend Cleeve is another pretty village with 5 locks. The coach will meet us here to take us to our hotel. Walk distance approx. 4.5 miles.

**SUNDAY 6 MAY** Today we continue our walk west from Semington, past the very large marina at Hilpert Marsh and then across two small aqueducts standing side by side, one over a railway and the other over the small River Biss to Bradford-on-Avon. Here we have time to find lunch and explore the Tithe barn before we cross the Avoncliff Aqueduct that carries the canal over the River Avon and the Bath to Westbury railway line. We finish our walk at Limpley Stoke where the coach will meet us and return us to our hotel. Walk distance approx. 7.5 miles.

**MONDAY 7 MAY** After checking out of the hotel we make a stop at the famous Clifton Suspension Bridge over the River Avon gorge. We take a stroll over the bridge, because we can, before skirting Bath and returning to the canal bank to start our walk into the centre of Bath where we stay until after lunch. Walk distance approx. 4 miles. Returning to Oxted early evening.



## What's included

### HILTON

#### Bristol

LivingWell Health Club with swimming pool, spa, sauna, steam room.  
All bedrooms have en-suite facilities, TV, telephone, hairdryer and hospitality tray.  
2 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.  
Guided walks

**£239.00 PER PERSON**

Single Room Supp: £30.00

