

UK Tour - Day 7 - Abridged Version

Hi everyone and welcome to Day 7.

Hilton Hotel. You have just spent the night in this hotel at Paddington Station
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/lonpdhi-hilton-london-paddington/dining/>

Today we are going to take the train from London Paddington to Bath Spa. Bath, the finest Georgian city in the world, is located 100 miles west of London in a county once known as Somerset. The city has existed for 2000 years, since the Romans discovered the famous hot springs. A lot of the buildings are built using Bath stone which is mined locally.

Paddington Railway Station. If you would like to look around, click below:-
<https://youtu.be/Y67By4362qo>

Train Journey - London Paddington to Bath Spa
https://youtu.be/w04QeEXu_So

Bath Railway Station, Walk Through:-
<https://youtu.be/UDIVCYcTJIo>

Now it is time to set off to explore Bath. Leave the station and walk along Manvers Street. Turn left into North Parade, then into North Parade Passage. Here you will find

Sally Lunn's Eating House which claims to be the oldest house in Bath.

You may wish to call in for some refreshment (may even want to try their World Famous Sally Lunn Bun!) or to look at their museum showing the original kitchen.

<https://www.sallylunns.co.uk/>
https://youtu.be/X_4w_n3XV7M

In this same 'Passage', a few yards further on, is

The Bath Bun Tea Shoppe. The BATH BUN is the rival to the SALLY LUNN BUN! Perhaps you had better try one of each to decide which is best.
<http://www.thebathbun.com/>

Turn right up Abbey Street, left into York Street and then right into Stall Street. The entrance to the King's and Queen's Baths is here

Roman Bath. History of the Spa

<https://www.thermaebathspa.com/news-info/about-the-spa/spa-history/>

Thermae Bath Spa - Guide for First Time Visitors

<https://youtu.be/F6Ny0MbxS4Y>

A Day in the Life of Thermae Bath Spa

<https://youtu.be/nUiSqvMiCMo>

Thermae After Hours

<https://youtu.be/wyFuHWTxjKU>

Watsu, Thermae Bath Spa

<https://youtu.be/wQzsuKAdGUM>

For a short introduction to the Baths, click below:-

<https://theculturetrip.com/europe/united-kingdom/england/articles/the-story-behind-the-roman-baths-in-bath/>

Take your time and walk around:-

<https://www.romanbaths.co.uk/walkthrough>

<https://www.romanbaths.co.uk/videos>

<https://youtu.be/r9yHM2QdiD0>

When you have seen enough you might like to call into the Pump Room for a little light refreshment before continuing on your walk.

The Pump Room

<https://www.romanbaths.co.uk/pump-room-restaurant>

<https://youtu.be/qFm3wuwjt3U>

When you come back out into Stall Street, turn right and walk to Cheap Street. Turn right and along Cheap Street then through the passageway into Abbey Churchyard. We have come to look at

Bath Abbey.

<https://www.bathabbey.org/visiting/>

<https://youtu.be/crd-Ftk2IU8>

When you come out of the Abbey, turn right and walk back through the passageway and into Cheap Street again. Directly opposite is the High Street. The first building on the right hand side is

The Guildhall. For details about the building
<https://www.bathvenues.co.uk/venues/guildhall>

To take a tour of this wonderful building:-

<https://panotour360image.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/Baths+Historic+Venues/Guildhall/index.htm>

The building includes a Market. If you fancy buying a souvenir to take home, this could be an opportunity to get one.

<https://www.bathvenues.co.uk/venues/guildhall>
<https://youtu.be/8Tx4FUtJHnM>

Exit the Market and continue along the High Street. This must be the shortest high street in the world! It ends at the end of the Guildhall! We take the right hand fork into Bridge Street.

Straight ahead is Pulteney Bridge, but you wouldn't know it. It is one of only four bridges in the whole world to have shops across its full span on both sides.

Pulteney Bridge

<https://visitbath.co.uk/listings/single/pulteney-bridge/>

Right beside it is Pulteney Weir. For a view of the weir with Pulteney Bridge in the background

Pulteney Weir

<https://youtu.be/zG820TrAs8M>

Carry on across the bridge, turn left into Grove St and then turn left, back on yourself, along Spring Gardens Road. This is a path going under the bridge. Follow the path to the end. We have arranged for you to go on a

River Cruise

<http://www.pulteneycruisers.com/>
<https://youtu.be/oim4jgLSjNY>

Hope you didn't get sea sick! Now we head back the way we came to Pulteney Bridge and turn right to cross back over the bridge. Here we find

The Victoria Art Gallery

<https://www.victoriagal.org.uk/>

If you look at the 'Discover' tab you will find lots of Videos and a Walkthrough.

Moving swiftly on we arrive back at the High Street. Turn right and then immediately left along Upper Borough Walls. Turn right into Barton Street, straight over into Queen Square and keep straight on into Gay Street. On the right is

The Jane Austen Centre

<https://www.janeausten.co.uk/>

<https://www.janeausten.co.uk/the-jane-austen-centre/film-of-the-centre/>

Keep going right to the end of Gay Street and you emerge into The Circus. This is a historic street of large townhouses forming a circle with three entrances. Take your time and have a good look around.

The Circus

<https://visitbath.co.uk/listings/single/the-circus/>

<https://youtu.be/l5FcT9qb6M8>

Leave The Circus by walking along Brock Street. Keep going until we come to

The Royal Crescent

<https://youtu.be/Er3-nN-Ue4M>

This offers you an apartment to rent/buy, but also shows what the Crescent itself looks like.

Number 1 Royal Crescent is a museum decorated and furnished as it might have been during the period 1776-1796. Step inside and take a look.

<https://no1royalcrescent.org.uk/>

There is a very good video on this site showing you around, click 'Museum from home'.

It is getting near time for our evening meal. Tonight we are booked into a restaurant called Sotto Sotto. To get there we will first walk round the crescent, into Marlborough Buildings and turn left. Then continue along Marlborough Buildings and into Marlborough Lane. When you get to Upper Bristol Road, turn left. Keep going into Monmouth Place, then into Monmouth Street. At the next junction turn into Westgate Street. [Do not get confused with Westgate

Buildings]. This becomes Cheap St. At the end, turn right into Orange Grove, then right into the A3039 [Pierrepont St]. Go passed the park, turn left into North Parade and Sotto Sotto is on the right hand side, by a bus stop, in a basement. Be careful as you go down.

Italian Sotto Sotto Ristorante Bar & Grill. Choose your meal and enjoy.

<http://www.sottosotto.co.uk/pdf/menu.pdf>

<https://youtu.be/OGCkIpbtoUc>

So now we are fed, we just have to get back to the station in time for the train. Come out of the restaurant and turn left. Walk to the lights and turn left back into Pierrepont Street. Straight ahead and the station is in front of you. Let's jump onto the train. Sit back and enjoy the journey.

Train Journey - Bath Spa to London Paddington

<https://youtu.be/SY1dmBvIVmM>

So we come to the end of another glorious day. Back to the hotel for a good night's sleep before we set off on another busy day tomorrow.

There were, of course, lots of places we didn't get to see. Too much for one day. So if you want to see some of the things you missed, or want a recap on what you saw, here are some more links:-

Bath official website

<https://visitbath.co.uk/>

Holburne Museum and Sydney Gardens

<https://www.worldwidewriter.co.uk/holburne-museum-and-sydney-gardens.html>

Fashion Museum

<https://www.fashionmuseum.co.uk/>

Museum of Bath at Work

<http://www.bath-at-work.org.uk/>

Museum of Bath Architecture

<https://museumofbatharchitecture.org.uk/>

Herschel Museum of Astronomy

<https://herschelmuseum.org.uk/>

American Museum and Gardens

<https://americanmuseum.org/>

Living walks

<https://youtu.be/UZcpTjLo3Qc>

Cafes and Tea Rooms

https://bostonteparty.co.uk/our_cafes/bath.php

<http://www.handstearoom.co.uk/>

Kennet & Avon Canal

<https://youtu.be/CH4RotjqKko>

<https://youtu.be/K2hRRGfg3ts> [Reading to Bath]

2 days in Bath, good travel log.

<https://youtu.be/zaOzyF392Ks>

Another good video

<https://youtu.be/lHLSghFpCkU>

And others

https://youtu.be/fEHeB_gAt6E

https://youtu.be/_HLKMKNH3YE

https://youtu.be/5i62kjj53_A

<https://youtu.be/QzIn0hn4SWI> [start at 2.31 minutes]