



## South Downs Way

### Highlights

- Historic walks in the English countryside
- Round chalk fells and lush landscapes
- Winchester Cathedral
- Arundel Castle, Goodwood House
- Iron age hill fort and antiquities

**Dates:** 20 Sep - 26 Sep 2026

**Trip:** 6 nights

**Walk Level:** 3- Moderate

**Terrain:** Mainly walking on established footpaths and trails along the chalk escarpment, and through open farmland and forest. Some steep hills and rough terrain. 8-9 miles walking per day.

**Price:** **\$ 6,395** per person, double occupancy  
US\$1000 Deposit, Balance 90 Days  
Single Supplement \$1000

**Arrival:** Petersfield Railway Station

**Departure:** Winchester Railway Station

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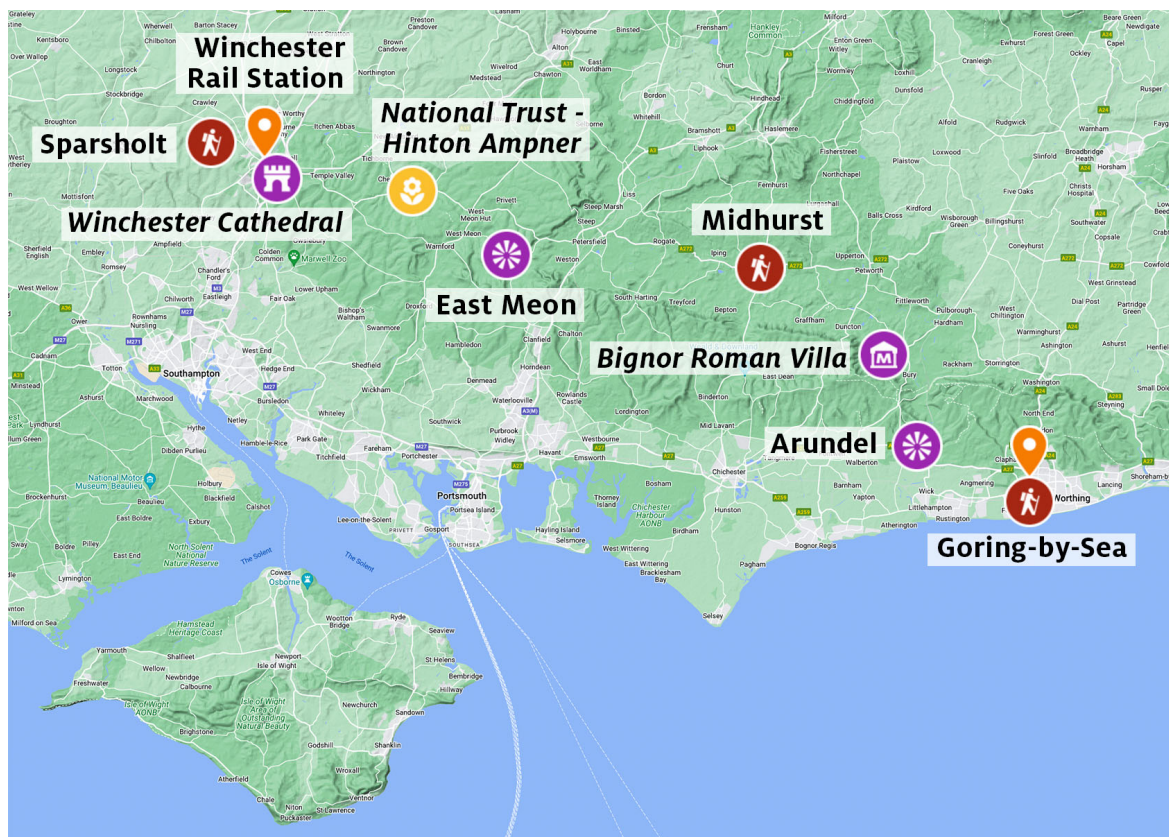


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## About Your Walk

You needn't travel too far from London to get away from it all! Our South Downs Walk covers a wide swath of England's historic and peaceful South Downs National Park and surrounding area. Along the way, we'll visit some of the most spectacular landscapes and historical artifacts from Amberley to Winchester. This is olde England, and these old routes and drove ways follow the chalk escarpment and ridges of the South Downs, as they have done for thousands of years. The landscape is known for its round fells, wooded weald and heathland ridges. There's more than one glorious walk through open fields. Is there anything more freeing? Or anything more magical than a visit to the Ancient Yew forest of Kingley Vale? Along the way we'll walk through iron age forts and find more modern-day treasures stopping at some of the famous castles and country estates. It really is a marvellous excursion into a land rich with English history and culture.

## Walk Location



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## Walk Itinerary

### Sunday

Meet at Petersfield railway station in West Sussex for the short transfer to our hotel in Midhurst. We'll have a wonderful welcome dinner this evening.

Overnight : The Spread Eagle  
Midhurst

### Monday

After a short transfer we head straight out onto the South Downs Way walking in the footsteps of ancient drovers as we hike up over the chalk downs on trails that have been used for over a thousand years. After a well-earned lunch in a local pub, we walk down through estate parkland to Goodwood House for a guided tour of the house, the home of the Dukes of Richmond for over 300 years. Afterwards we return to our hotel and then later, go out for dinner in a local gastro-pub.

Overnight : The Spread Eagle  
Midhurst

### Tuesday

This morning we walk through Angmering Park where our trail takes us alongside the paddocks of the estate stud farm and through forestry blocks until we join the Monarch's Way and cross the river Arun before entering Arundel. There, we visit the magnificent Arundel Castle, with its medieval keep, wide courtyard and towering gatehouse. It has been the home of the Dukes of Norfolk since 1483 and they still spend time here. After lunch in the castle restaurant we'll walk through open fields and woodlands in the estate home park before moving on to our next hotel in Goring-by-Sea.

Overnight : The Highdown  
Goring-by-Sea

### Wednesday

Experience the magic of South Downs National Park today, walking on the South Downs Way through open grassland, pastures and woodlands as the rolling round downs extend out in all directions. Lunch is at the remarkable Weald and Downland Living Museum where we step back in time to see how rural life in South East England evolved from 950AD until the 19th Century. Afterwards we continue to the Uppark estate where a young H.G. Wells spent part of his youth. We'll tour the National Trust house and stop for a cuppa before transferring back to our hotel. Dinner tonight is in a local pub

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## Thursday

Today begins with a visit to historic East Meon and its 12th Century church, after which we'll follow the South Downs Way through stiles and bridle gates to a hill fort dating back to the Iron Age. Walking on, we arrive in West Meon for a late lunch after which we continue to the stunning gardens of Hinton Ampner. There's time for a visit and a cup of tea before we transfer to our fine hotel just outside Winchester. Before going out for dinner we have a talk from a local historian who sets the scene for our visit to Winchester tomorrow.

Dinner tonight is at a pub in the nearby village of Sparsholt.

Overnight : The Grosvenor  
Stockbridge

## Friday

Greet the day walking through farmland from our hotel into the outskirts of historic Winchester, the city of kings and priests, where we enjoy a tour of the ancient Hospital of St Cross guided by one of the resident brethren. After lunch in a nearby pub we walk through the water meadows alongside the river Itchen into the centre of Winchester for a guided tour of the famous Winchester Cathedral, after which there is time to explore this ancient market town before returning to our hotel where we'll say farewell at a special dinner tonight.

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## Saturday

In the morning, transfer to Winchester Railway Station in time to get the 9:17am train to London Waterloo.

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## Hotels

### The Spread Eagle

The Spread Eagle Hotel and Spa is one of England's oldest coaching inns in the heart of the South Downs. Amenities include a beautiful indoor heated pool and spa, free internet, and fitness center. With history dating to the 1400's, there are, of course, stories...a secret passage used by smugglers, a wig closet, the suite where the Queen stayed. Guest rooms include ensuite bath, Wi-Fi, Nespresso coffee makers, TV, phone and more.



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<https://www.hshotels.co.uk/spread-eagle>

### The Highdown

Set within the beautiful grounds of the Highdown Gardens, the Highdown Hotel is a manor house built in 1820 in a beautiful spot that enjoys views towards the downs on one side and the sea to the other. A well-stocked bar now sits in the heart of the building, offering an array of local ales and a back bar crammed with lines of gins and malts. All of the beautifully furnished bedrooms are spacious, comfortable, and feature everything you would expect from a modern hotel and also include tea/coffee-making facilities and hairdryers. Outside there is a terrace to drink and dine in the sunshine and a much loved Tea Room for those wishing for a spot of tea or coffee.



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## The Grosvenor

Easily identified by its iconic 'porte-cochère' or 'coach gate', The Grosvenor and its distinctive porch once provided arriving and departing carriage-occupants protection from the elements, whilst luggage and travellers on top could enter the building by, what was, the high-level door. Opened in 1825, this coaching inn has had a colorful past and has recently reopened after a major renovation. Featuring an original completely enclosed walled garden, with views of 15th century St Peter's Church, take a step back in time. All bedrooms have been tastefully renovated with ensuite bathrooms, wifi, and tea & coffee making facilities. Working closely with local growers, farmers, and wine makers, seasonal menus are created to include the very best ingredients available in the area, featuring something for everyone.

<https://www.thegrosvenorstockbridge.com>



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## What's Included

What Is Included in the Price of My Vacation

- Full-time services of a Walk Leader / Manager
- A backup vehicle for resting walkers and moving luggage
- Comprehensive Travel Information Package
- Diverse itineraries with an emphasis on history, geography, culture, peoples, flora and fauna
- Demonstrations, wine tasting, admissions to museums and historic sites
- All ground transfers (ferries, cable cars, trains, etc.)
- First-class accommodations with cultural and historical interest
- All meals - with choices - (Special dietary requirements? No problem!)
- Wine with dinner
- On-trail snacks and refreshments

All gratuities at hotels and restaurants

## What's Not Included

- Additional Hotel Services that you have charged to your room
- Gratuities for Walk Leader / Walk Manager

*We reserve the right to make changes to any trip for circumstances outside our control. This may be for weather, access to or availability of locations or activities. We always wish to assure the safety of our guests and staff, while delivering a quality experience for all.*