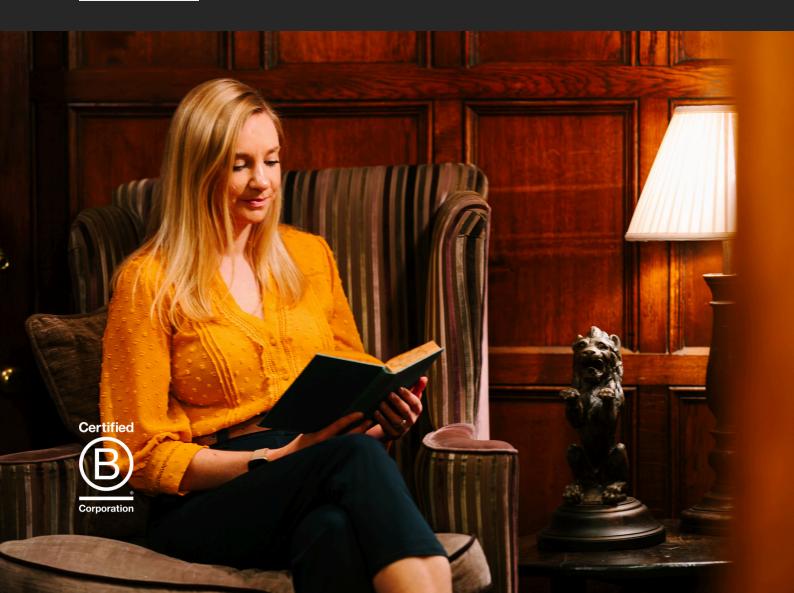
## EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

## JANE AUSTEN ESCAPE

Immerse yourself in her world

1st April - 30th September 2025 Two night, two-centre stay exclusive.co.uk





# A STAY WITH A FLAVOUR OF REGENCY ROMANCE

Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th Birthday with a Two-Centre Getaway

Blend the charm of Hampshire with the elegance of the Cotswolds. Spend a few days immersed in the timeless romance of Jane Austen's world. Begin your journey at Lainston House, a luxurious country house hotel set amidst Hampshire's picturesque countryside. Discover Austen's life at her Chawton home, pay your respects at Winchester Cathedral where she rests, and stroll the paths she once walked.

Bask in the serenity of this enchanting setting before travelling to The Manor House in Castle Combe, an idyllic retreat near Bath. Here, step into Austen's Regency world by visiting No.1 Royal Crescent, tracing her footsteps on a guided city tour, and exploring the Jane Austen Centre.

Across both destinations, indulge in tranquil landscapes, elegant comfort, and the enduring romance of Austen's legacy.



Jane Austen (1775–1817)

Born in Hampshire, Jane is celebrated as one of England's greatest novelists. Known for her sharp wit and social insight, she captured Regency life in works like Pride and Prejudice and Emma. Austen also spent time in Bath, a city that influenced her writing and features in her novels. Her timeless stories of love and society continue to captivate readers, cementing her legacy 250 years after her birth.



## THE DETAILS

#### YOUR NIGHT AT LAINSTON HOUSE:

#### What will your stay include:

- Tickets to Winchester Cathedral where Jane Austen rests
- A luxury overnight stay for one night in room of your choice
- Breakfast in our restaurant

You can arrive as early as you like, drop off your luggage, enjoy a drink or bite to eat and then set out on your tour Check in to your bedroom is from 3pm, with check-out after breakfast by 11am, but we'll look after your luggage while you continue your Regency exploration.

#### Dining suggestions for your stay:

- Fine dining at The Avenue with Tom Hamblet
- Relaxed woodfired dinners at The Wellhouse

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### HAMPSHIRE HIGHLIGHTS

#### Jane Austen's House, Chawton

Step back in time to 1816 and explore where Jane wrote her six beloved novels. Discover the rooms where she lived and see her personal belongings, her writing table, letters and first editions. Enjoy Regency dress-up, garden games, and a children's illustrated trail. Events throughout the year include tours, walks, workshops, talks and festivals, offering a deeper insight into Austen's life and works. Find out more about opening times and events.

#### Tread in the footsteps of Jane Austen

Experience Hampshire hosts a fascinating 2-hour guided walk through the streets and lanes of Jane Austen's Overton. Born in the nearby village of Steventon, less than 4 miles away, Austen spent the first 25 years of her life here. During this time, she wrote early drafts of three of her published novels. This tour takes you through Overton, where Jane would have spent much of her time. Find out more.

#### Beyond the Bonnets at The Arc

The Gallery at The Arc, Winchester presents Beyond the Bonnets, an exhibition celebrating working women in Regency Hampshire. Explore the untold stories of those often overlooked in Austen's novels, such as domestic servants and women who ran their own businesses. Through Austen's works, letters, and immersive displays, discover the lives of a devoted nursemaid and an innkeeper turned shop owner. Find out more.

#### Jane's grave at Winchester Cathedral

Jane Austen is buried in the north nave aisle of Winchester Cathedral, where visitors from around the world come to pay their respects. In this anniversary year, the cathedral is hosting a variety of events, talks, and tours to celebrate her legacy. Many leave letters and flowers by her brass memorial plaque, and the cathedral offers peaceful chapels and candle stands for those seeking a quiet moment of reflection.

Tickets are included in your package. Find opening times and more.

#### 8 College Street

Jane Austen spent her final weeks at No. 8 College Street, Winchester. In summer 2025, Winchester College will open the house to the public for the first time, revealing her Winchester connections and the story of her last days. Find out more.

Discover more at <u>Visit Winchester</u> and <u>The Great West Way</u>



## THE DETAILS

#### YOUR NIGHT AT THE MANOR HOUSE:

#### What will your stay include:

- Tickets to the Jane Austen Centre in Bath
- A luxury overnight stay for one night in room of your choice
- Breakfast in our restaurant

You can arrive as early as you like, drop off your luggage, enjoy a drink or bite to eat and then set out on your tour. Check in to your bedroom is from 3pm, with check-out after breakfast by 11am, but we'll look after your luggage while you continue your Regency exploration.

#### Dining suggestions for your stay:

- Indulge in dinner at the Michelin-starred Bybrook restaurant. Or a quiet pint at our pub in the village, The Castle Inn.
- Extend your stay: Add a second night or more to have even more time to explore Jane Austen's world.

Castle Combe, near Bath Wiltshire SN14 7HX







## **BATH HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Jane Austen Centre Bath

Discover Jane's connections to Bath, explore Regency fashion, and enjoy interactive exhibits at The Jane Austen Centre. Immerse yourself in the life and times of one of England's greatest novelists. Don't miss the chance to dress up, sip tea in the Regency Tea Room, and uncover the inspiration behind her timeless stories.

Find out more.

#### Step into Jane Austen's Bath

Discover the city that inspired Jane Austen with Strictly Jane Austen Tours. These expert-guided tours transport you to Regency times, revealing Jane's life, society's glittering gatherings, and iconic locations like the Pump Room and Royal Crescent.

Perfect for Janeites, history lovers, and curious explorers seeking a unique perspective on this UNESCO World Heritage city. Find out more.

#### No.1 Royal Crescent

Discover the splendour of 18th-century life at No.1 Royal Crescent in Bath. This beautifully restored Georgian townhouse showcases authentic period rooms, from the grand dining room to the servants' quarters. Immerse yourself in the stories of those who lived and worked here, and experience the elegance and charm of one of Bath's most iconic addresses. Find out more.

#### The Assembly Rooms, Bath

A feature of all Austen's novels, Assembly Rooms were the heart of every society. Step into the grandeur of Bath's Assembly Rooms, a masterpiece of Georgian architecture managed by the National Trust. These elegant rooms hosted balls, concerts, and gatherings. Explore the magnificent Ballroom, Tea Room, and Octagon Room, and immerse yourself in the splendour of a bygone era. Find out more.

#### Jane Austen Festival

Friday 12th September to Sunday 21st September 2025

The world's largest Jane Austen Festival transforms Bath into a Regency wonderland every September. From the iconic Costumed Promenade to elegant balls and theatrical performances, immerse yourself in Jane's world. It's a must for Austen fans and history lovers alike. Find out more.

Discover more at <u>Visit Bath</u> and <u>The Great West Way</u>

## AT THE HOTELS

#### **Escape into Austen: Find your perfect reading retreat**

Borrow your favourite Jane Austen novel from our collection, find a cosy spot in the lounge, or head outside and get settled at one of our dedicated rose reading spots, adorned with potted Harkness 'Jane Austen' roses. Spend a few hours lost in the Regency era, letting our country house surroundings, Austen's timeless characters and stories of romance transport you to another world.

#### An Afternoon Tea fit for Jane

Drinking tea and enjoying cakes in the afternoon was certainly a feature of Regency life. So why not enjoy a delightful afternoon tea with delicate pastries, finger sandwiches, and teas, all served in the charming setting of one of our drawing rooms? A Jane Austen-inspired menu will be available.

A British tradition adding a touch of elegance regardless of when you stay.

#### A stroll through the estate

Leave your tech behind and explore the estate as ladies and gentlemen once did.

Take a leisurely turn through the kitchen gardens, promenade the lawns, and discover the unique stories within the grounds steeped in history.





## **BOOK YOUR STAY**

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- Tickets to Winchester Cathedral where Jane Austen rests
- A luxury overnight stay with breakfast for one night at Lainston House
- Tickets to the Jane Austen Centre, Bath
- A luxury overnight stay with breakfast for one night at The Manor House

You can choose where you stay first, and arrange your own travel.

From £620 for a solo traveller, or £690 for two, for two nights

Call to book: 01249 782206 or 01962 776088

Optional extras are subject to availability and will be charged as taken. Bookings must be made at least 30 days in advance.



