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7 KID-FRIENDLY CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN ENGLAND



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Road Trip Drive	Distance	Driving Time
London to Oxfordshire	56 miles	1 hour 20 minutes
Oxfordshire to Warwick	46 miles	53 minutes
Warwick to Stratford-upon-Avon	9 miles	20 minutes
Stratford-upon-Avon to Bath	85 miles	1 hour 50 minutes
Bath to Salisbury	40 miles	1 hour 9 minutes
Salisbury to Portsmouth	43 miles	54 minutes
Portsmouth to London	74 miles	1 hour 46 minutes
Total Distance Covered:	482 miles	

England, with its deep-rooted history, offers no shortage of kid-friendly cultural activities. Birthplace of Shakespeare, the Beatles and JK Rowling, you'll find attractions suitable for all ages. Let kids be a prince or princess for the day in a castle tower, learn about ancient Romans and run through a giant hedge maze in a real palace.

This road trip through England will guide you along some of the country's most beautiful scenery, from the rolling landscape of the Cotswolds to the coastal city of Portsmouth. Pick up your rental car in London then set off on an unforgettable road trip.

TO/FROM: Heathrow Airport

In this road trip guide, you'll begin and end your journey at London Heathrow Airport.

1. Tower of London

Starting your road trip in London could keep your family busy for days. The activities in England's capital city are virtually endless. One of the must see sites in London that is sure to please kids of all ages, is a visit to the Tower of London. Kids can tour the fortress, see the Royal Armouries collection in the White Tower and see the famed Crown Jewels. Download the new digital missions app, so kids can complete challenges, meet historical characters and earn badges during your visit.

2. Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire

Visit the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and explore the home of the 12th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough. After touring the staterooms and admiring the 18th-century baroque architecture, take the kids to see the Pleasure Gardens. The gardens are reached by a ride on a miniature train. Then kids can find their way out of a giant hedge maze, see the butterfly house and burn up some of their energy at the adventure playground.

3. Warwick Castle in Warwick

Experience history, adventure and magic at Warwick Castle. Explore the castle interior, spending time in the State Rooms, The Great Hall, State Dining Room, the Earl's private Chapel and more. Watch the multimedia experience in the Time Tower, allow your little one's dreams to come true in the Princess Tower and let tweens and teens test their bravery in the Castle Dungeon.

Afterward, head outside to see the gardens, playground, Horrible Histories Maze and Trebuchet. You can even extend your visit and stay within Knight's Village in a themed Lodge or go glamping in a Mediaeval Tent.

4. Shakespeare's Birthplace and Family Home in Stratford-upon-Avon

Visit the restored, half-timbered house believed to be where Shakespeare was born in 1564. Visitors can see where Shakespeare grew up and learn about the lives of his family. Time should also be set aside to visit the home of Shakespeare's wife, Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Mary Arden's Farm, the childhood home of Shakespeare's mother. Kids can learn about some of his famous works by acting in a scene with Shakespeare Aloud!, dressing up, making crafts, and following the kids trail booklets.

5. Roman Baths in Bath

Even kids will enjoy the Roman Baths, an ancient bathing and socializing complex. Young visitors can listen to the kids audio tour, complete a family activity trail guide to learn fun facts about the early Romans, hear stories from costumed characters, and make a craft in the kid's activity center. Visitors can even try the spa water just before exiting the complex. Just be warned - it tastes awful.

6. Stonehenge in Salisbury

Explore the prehistoric monument of Stonehenge and dive into the many theories surrounding who built it, when and why. The hands-on exhibition area, family audio tour, and reconstructed Neolithic Houses will allow kids to imagine what life would have been like for a Neolithic family thousands of years ago.

7. National Museum of the Royal Navy in Portsmouth

Through interactive activities, kids will learn how the Royal Navy "operates on the sea, under the sea, on the land and in the air." To help kids discover the history of the Navy, pick up the Young Explorers Logbook from reception. Additionally, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard backpacks for kids under 12 contain interactive trails and creative learning activities. Both are free of charge for visitors. If traveling with kids under 5, save time for them to play at the Cabin Play Area.

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