



**65th Grand Chapitre de Grande Bretagne**  
Bath, 18-21 September 2025

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splendour of*

**BEAUTIFUL BATH**





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Dear Members, Chers Confrères, Chères Consoeurs

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us for Chaîne GB's 65th Grand Chapitre in Bath. This is of particular interest this year to many as it is the 250th Anniversary of the birth of the author Jane Austen and our programme gives members a chance to enjoy many aspects of her time in Bath. Trips will include Brunel's ground-breaking engineering works and the much admired Georgian architecture of the city of Bath.

The programme starts on Thursday with an informal dinner in the Pomegranate Restaurant. The next day members have the option of a full day trip to the world famous SS Great Britain and the Clifton Suspension bridge with lunch in the Clifton Club or an afternoon guided walk through the UNESCO World Heritage city centre. That evening, the Welcome Dinner will be held in the stylish Georgian Guildhall.

On Saturday morning the options are a visit to the gardens and house of the American Museum a short distance from the city. This has spectacular views of the Avon Valley. Then on to a riverside lunch at the Bathwick Boatman. That afternoon another guided walk this time focussing on the arts and literature of the city – think Jane Austen.

Another connection with Jane Austen. Our Induction Ceremony will be held in the church where her father was both married and buried – St Swithin's Walcot.

Our Gala Dinner that evening will be held in the UNESCO World Heritage Roman Baths and Pump Room. The weekend concludes with a Farewell lunch at The Architect.

Providing encouragement and help to the less fortunate in life, particularly in the hospitality industry, is one of our charitable aims and we will celebrate this with a grand raffle at the Gala Dinner in support of The Clink.

In the Chaîne tradition the teams in all these venues have planned great menus reflecting both location and time of year and you are ensured to leave saying 'wow'.

We look forward to giving you all the warmest of welcomes, together with your guests, to a long weekend of cultural interest, culinary and vinous excellence and, most of all, great camaraderie. This event is above all a meeting of friends to share experiences together.

Vive la Chaîne



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# PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

*Bath*

**T**he City of Bath, although not large, is exceptional in having two UNESCO World Heritage Site listings. In 1987 it was listed for its Hot Springs, Roman archaeology, Georgian buildings and natural landscape setting. In 2021 a second listing was received as one of the Great Spa Towns of Europe – fashionable spa towns laid out around natural springs which are used for health and wellbeing.

The City was also for many years the home of the famous author, Jane Austen and we are fortunate to be visiting this year on the 250th anniversary of her birth.







*Camden Crescent's  
End Balcony*

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LOCATED AROUND TWELVE MILES FROM THE SOUTH-EAST OF BRISTOL AND ALMOST 100 MILES WEST OF LONDON, BATH IS ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE CITIES IN THE UK AND HAS BEEN LISTED AS A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE SINCE 1987.



*The Jane Austen Festival  
Masquerade Costumes*

## Thursday 18 September DINER AMICAL POMEGRANATE RESTAURANT

The Grand Chapitre programme starts on Thursday evening with an informal dinner in the Pomegranate Restaurant. This is housed in a building that was previously Saint Michael's Church House with a lofty

ceiling and stained-glass windows. Owner, Nedim Orak, is from southeast Turkey but has lived and worked in Britain for over thirty years. The menu will naturally have an eastern Mediterranean slant.





# Friday 19 September SS GREAT BRITAIN TOUR AND CLIFTON CLUB LUNCH



We make the short journey to the city of Bristol for a day's really interesting adventure. This combines a visit to two of the great engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel's most impressive achievements – the SS Great Britain, the world's first screw propelled iron ship designed for luxury crossings of the North Atlantic, and the iconic Clifton Suspension Bridge – with lunch at the Private Members Clifton Club.

We start off with a private guided tour of the SS Great Britain, followed by time to explore the museum and other parts of this number one attraction in the city of Bristol. Then we move on for lunch at the delightful private members Clifton

Club in the heart of the city. Following lunch, a member the Clifton Suspension Bridge trust will give an illustrated talk about the bridge before we proceed to the bridge itself.

The bridge, which is a distinctive landmark and used as a symbol of Bristol, was completed in 1864. It has a colourful history over the years with many people wishing to jump over the bridge to their death in the Avon River gorge below. Interestingly, some ladies in crinoline dresses were unsuccessful in their attempt as their dresses acted as parachutes. Members are requested not to try this!



# GUIDED WALK – HISTORIC BATH

*A private guided tour*

A Blue Badge Guide will lead the group on a private guided tour of the major points of historic interest in the city, including its buildings since Roman times right through to the beautiful Royal Crescent and its people.



Diego Delso

## WELCOME DINNER CITY OF BATH GUILDHALL



The Welcome Dinner will be held in the Grade One listed Georgian Guildhall in the centre of the city. This has been made possible by the kind permission of the city authorities. The building was designed by Thomas Baldwin on the site of previous Guildhalls and completed

in 1778. It has been the centre of the city's political activities and life since that date. The evening starts with the reception in the Brunswick Room on the ground floor before processing upstairs to the splendid Banqueting Hall for dinner.





**Saturday 20 September**

## **AMERICAN MUSEUM AND BATHWICK BOATMAN LUNCH**



The museum and gardens are sited in Claverton Manor, a Grade I listed building completed in 1820 with a superb view of the Avon Valley. It is a short bus ride from the city.

The museum was founded by two antique collectors: Dallas Pratt an American psychiatrist from New York and heir to a substantial Standard Oil fortune, and his lifelong partner John Judkyn, a British designer and antiques dealer who took American citizenship.

The museum was opened in 1961 and remains the only museum devoted to American decorative arts outside the boundaries of the United States. The gardens around the house have been developed to include a replica of George Washington's garden at Mount Vernon, as well as a Lewis and Clark trail.

We will then travel down to the riverside and take lunch in the Bathwick Boatman on the edge of the city.



### **ST SWITHIN'S CHURCH**

## **INDUCTION CEREMONY**

The ceremony will be in the Parish Church of Walcot. This was the parish church of Georgian Bath. Also, it is where Jane Austen's parents were married and later buried. Built in 1790 it is Georgian but in a classical style. It is a short walk from our hotels.





# GUIDED WALK – ARTISTIC AND LITERARY BATH

*A private guided tour*

A Blue Badge Guide will lead the group on a private guided tour with the focus on the literary, musical and film sides in the city's history. Particularly relevant in this, the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth.

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*Roman Baths Forelit Summer Evenings*

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# GALA DINNER

## ROMAN BATHS AND PUMP ROOM

**M**any of the City’s Roman remains are centred around the Roman Baths. These include the archaeological remains of the Roman Temple of the Goddess Sulis Minerva built around AD 60 and the extensive bathing complex. This is at the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage site.

The Baths were for the public and based on a natural spring from some 4300 metres below the surface. Geothermal heat raised the water temperature to 80 degrees Celsius, providing 1.5 million litres of fresh warm water daily. The baths were in use until the Romans left about 500 AD.

We are very fortunate that by special arrangement we have been able to hold the Gala Dinner in this 2000-year-old Roman Baths and Pump Room complex. The reception will be held around the Baths. **Here the stone floor is very uneven we suggest ladies wear flat shoes or bring a second suitable pair.**

We will then move upstairs to the Pump Room for the Gala Dinner. This was built in 1799 by Thomas Balwin and John Palmer as a site for drinking the spring waters, which were claimed to have curative powers.







*‘Changing attitudes, transforming lives and creating second chances’*

The **Clink Charity** works in partnership with His Majesty’s Prison and Probation Service to deliver 30 training projects: Four restaurants, three gardens, one events catering business and 22 prison kitchens.

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The Clink is Chaîne GB’s chosen Charity and we support it through raffles at major events, donations, taking meals at Clink restaurants and through assistance provided by our professional members.



To find out more about making a donation to support The Clink Charity’s work, please visit:

[www.thelinkcharity.org](http://www.thelinkcharity.org)

## Sunday 21 September

### FAREWELL LUNCH THE ARCHITECT

**O**ur farewell lunch is always a fun event. This will be held in The Architect – a gastro Pub housed within the Empire Building on Grand Parade. Named after a City architect Charles Davis who completed this Grade II listed building in 1901. We will be in the elegant yet unpretentious main dining room.







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# PROGRAMME 18 – 21 September 2025



## REGISTER ONLINE

[www.chaine.co.uk/grand-chapitre/register](http://www.chaine.co.uk/grand-chapitre/register)



### REGISTRATION

(£35/person)

Please check-in at the registration desk in the Indigo Hotel

Thursday	15.00 – 17.00
Friday	09.00 – 11.00 plus 15.00 to 17.00
Saturday	09.00 – 15.00

#### BUSES

*These depart from the Indigo Hotel only*

Members not staying in the hotel, please be at or before the appointed time as the buses will depart promptly.

### THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

#### Diner Amical - Pomegranate Restaurant

(£95/person)

Walk from your hotel (10 mins Indigo / 5 mins Hilton)

19.30	Reception
20:00	Dinner
22.00	Depart for hotels

**Dress code:** Smart casual



### FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

#### SS Great Britain Tour & Clifton Club Lunch\*

(£95/person. Price inclusive of bus transport)

09.00	Bus departs hotel
10.00	Arrive at SS Great Britain
	Guided Tour and visit museum
12.00	Depart for Clifton Club
12.30	Lunch at Clifton Club
14.30	Clifton Suspension Bridge talk
15.00	Clifton Suspension Bridge visit
15.30	Depart for hotel
16.15	Arrive at hotel

**Dress code:** Casual

#### Guided Walk – Historic Bath\*

(£25/person)

15.00	Depart hotel
17.00	Arrive at hotel

**Dress code:** Casual

#### Welcome Dinner – City of Bath Guildhall

(£195/person)

Walk from your hotel ( Indigo 5 mins / Hilton 5 mins)

19.15	Reception in Brunswick Room
20.00	Dinner
23.00	Depart for hotels

**Dress code:** Business suits with Chaîne ribbons

*\* Please note: Friday events run concurrently, so it won't be possible to attend both events on this day.*





Sung Jin Cho

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## SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

### American Museum Visit and Bathwick Boatman Lunch<sup>†</sup>

(£95/person. Price inclusive of bus transport)

09.30	Bus departs hotel
10.00	Arrive American Museum and Gardens
12.30	Depart for Bathwick Boatman
13.00	Lunch
14.30	Depart for hotel

**Dress code:** Casual

### Induction Ceremony at St Swithin's Church<sup>†</sup>

(£35/person)

Walk from your hotel (Indigo 15 mins / Hilton 10 mins)

10.30	Arrive at St Swithin's
11.00	Ceremony
12.15	Reception
13.00	Finish

**Dress code:** Business suits with Chaîne ribbons

### Guided Walk – Artistic & Literary Bath

(£25/person)

15.00	Depart hotel
17.00	Arrive at hotel

**Dress code:** Casual

### Gala Dinner – Roman Baths & Pump Room\*\*

(£250/person)

Walk from your hotel (Indigo 5 mins / Hilton 5 mins)

19.15	Reception in Roman Baths
20.00	Dinner in Pump Room
23.30	Depart for hotels

**Dress code:** Black tie and evening dresses with Chaîne ribbons

## SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

### Farewell Lunch – The Architect

(£95/person)

Walk from your hotel (Indigo 3mins/Hilton 5 mins)

12.30	Reception
13.00	Lunch
15.00	Depart

**Dress code:** Smart casual with Chaîne ribbons

**The Grand Chapitre closes after lunch.**

**We wish you a safe journey home and look forward to seeing you in London in September 2026 for our 66th Grand Chapitre.**



Richard Greenly Photography

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**\*\* Places are limited.**

Priority will be given first to members signing up for both Friday and Saturday dinners

<sup>†</sup> Please note: Saturday morning events run concurrently, so it won't be possible to attend both events on this day.





# HOTEL INDIGO

## BOUTIQUE HOTEL IN BATH CITY CENTRE

The Hotel Indigo Bath is a boutique hotel located in Bath city centre. Every stay at Hotel Indigo Bath is truly different. Their five stunning room styles each reflect the culture and history of the Grade I listed building and the city of Bath itself.





# HOTEL INDIGO CHAÎNE ROOM RATES

Thursday 18th September – Sunday 21st September 2025 (for members checking in Thursday or Friday through Sunday morning)

	Single occupancy	Double occupancy
Standard King Room	£209	£219
Premium King Room	£249	£259
Premium King with a separate Bath	£289 Single	£299

OR

Saturday 20th September 2025 (for members checking in Saturday only)

Standard King Room	£269	£279
Premium King Room	£309	£319
Premium King with a separate Bath	£349	£359

Rates are per room, per night. Inclusive of Breakfast and VAT.



## LOCATION & BOOKINGS

Hotel Indigo Bath  
1-8 South Parade  
Bath, BA2 4AB

T: +44 1225 460441

### **Bookings by email to make reservations – Quoting Code CDR**

Card required at the time of booking for guarantee. Cancellations free of charge up to 28 days prior to arrival. Please email:

**Balazs Kiss, Reservations Manager**  
[reservations@bath.hotelindigo.com](mailto:reservations@bath.hotelindigo.com)

AND

**Bianca Gehrlinger, Meetings & Events Executive**  
[enquiries@bath.hotelindigo.com](mailto:enquiries@bath.hotelindigo.com)

## Getting there

### By Rail

Bath Spa Railway – 0.2 miles

### By Bus

Bath Bus Station – 0.2 miles

### By Park & Ride

Odd Down – 3.2 miles

### By Car

M4 Junction 18 / A46 – 10 miles.

Sat nav – BA2 4AB

### By Air

Bristol International Airport – 19 Miles







# DOUBLETREE BY HILTON BATH

Set on the banks of River Avon, DoubleTree by Hilton Bath is situated half a mile from Thermae Bath Spa, The Roman Baths, and great shopping. Bath Spa Railway Station is a short five-minute walk and the hotel is 45 minutes from Bristol Airport. Enjoy river and city views, indoor and outdoor dining. Hilton Bath City is located right in the heart of this beautiful Georgian city, with a wealth of tourist attractions on its doorstep.





# DOUBLETREE BY HILTON CHAÎNE ROOM RATES

## Thursday, 18 Sep 2025

	B&B single	B&B double
Room category A – Standard Double Guestroom	£159.00	£179.00
Room category B – King Guestroom	£169.00	£199.00
Room category C – King Superior Room	£184.00	£204.00

## Friday, 19 September – Saturday 20 Sep 2025

Room category A – Standard Double Guestroom	£214.00	£229.00 per room per night
Room category B – King Guestroom	£224.00	£239.00 per room per night
Room category C – King Superior Room	£239.00	£254.00 per room per night

Rates for shoulder nights Sun - Wed will be the same to the Thursday 18th Sep rates

## LOCATION & BOOKINGS

DoubleTree by Hilton Bath  
Walcot St  
Bath, BA1 5BJ

### Contact:

Marirose Say  
Reservations, Meetings and Events Manager

T: +44 1225 463411

### PARKING

Self-parking £18.00 per 24hrs  
Podium Car Park, 1.9m Max Height

**Booking Link:** <https://hil.tn/i9w86o>

**Hotel:** DoubleTree by Hilton Bath

**Group Name:** BD Chaîne

**Dates Available:** 18-20 September 2025

**Group Code for telephone booking (0800 876 6477):** GBDCA

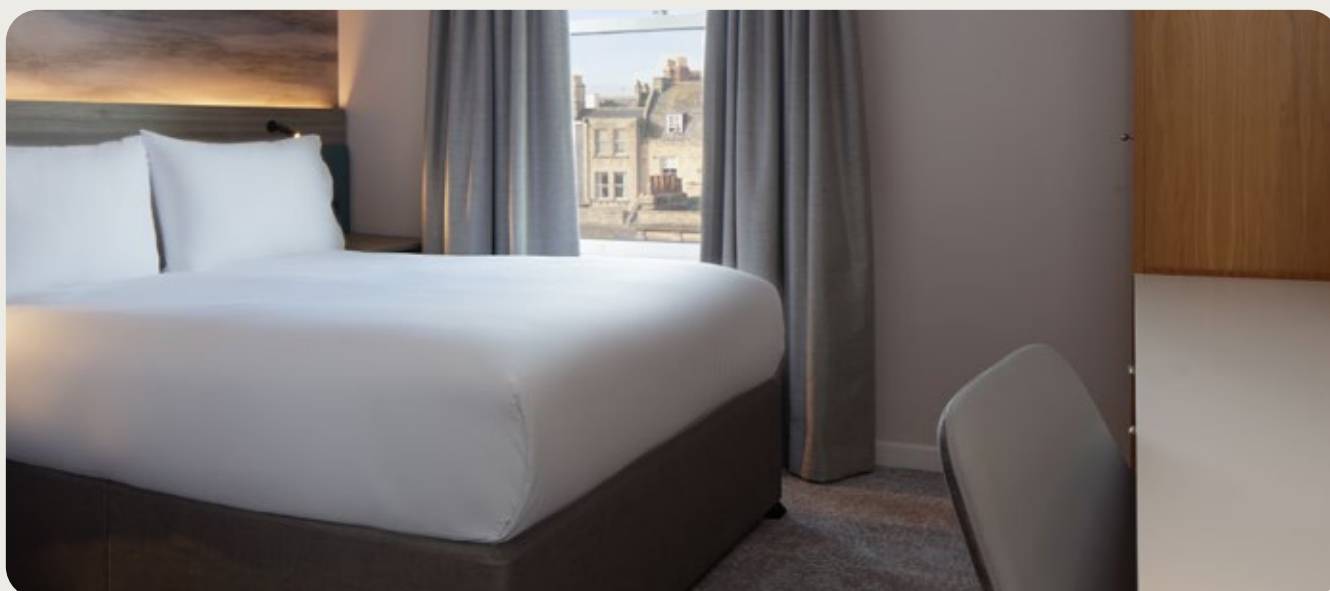
**Cancellation Policy:** Free cancellation 30 days prior to arrival

**Cut-off date for booking:** 19 August 2025

## Getting there

### By air

Bristol International Airport – 25 miles  
Heathrow Airport – 150 miles





# TRAVEL

## AIR

Bristol Airport is just 19 miles from Bath, making it the city's closest airport. It currently serves over 100 destinations worldwide.

## RAIL

Bath Spa Railway Station is conveniently located in the heart of the city centre, just a short walk away from Bath's main attractions and shopping districts, including the historic Roman Baths and Thermae Bath Spa.

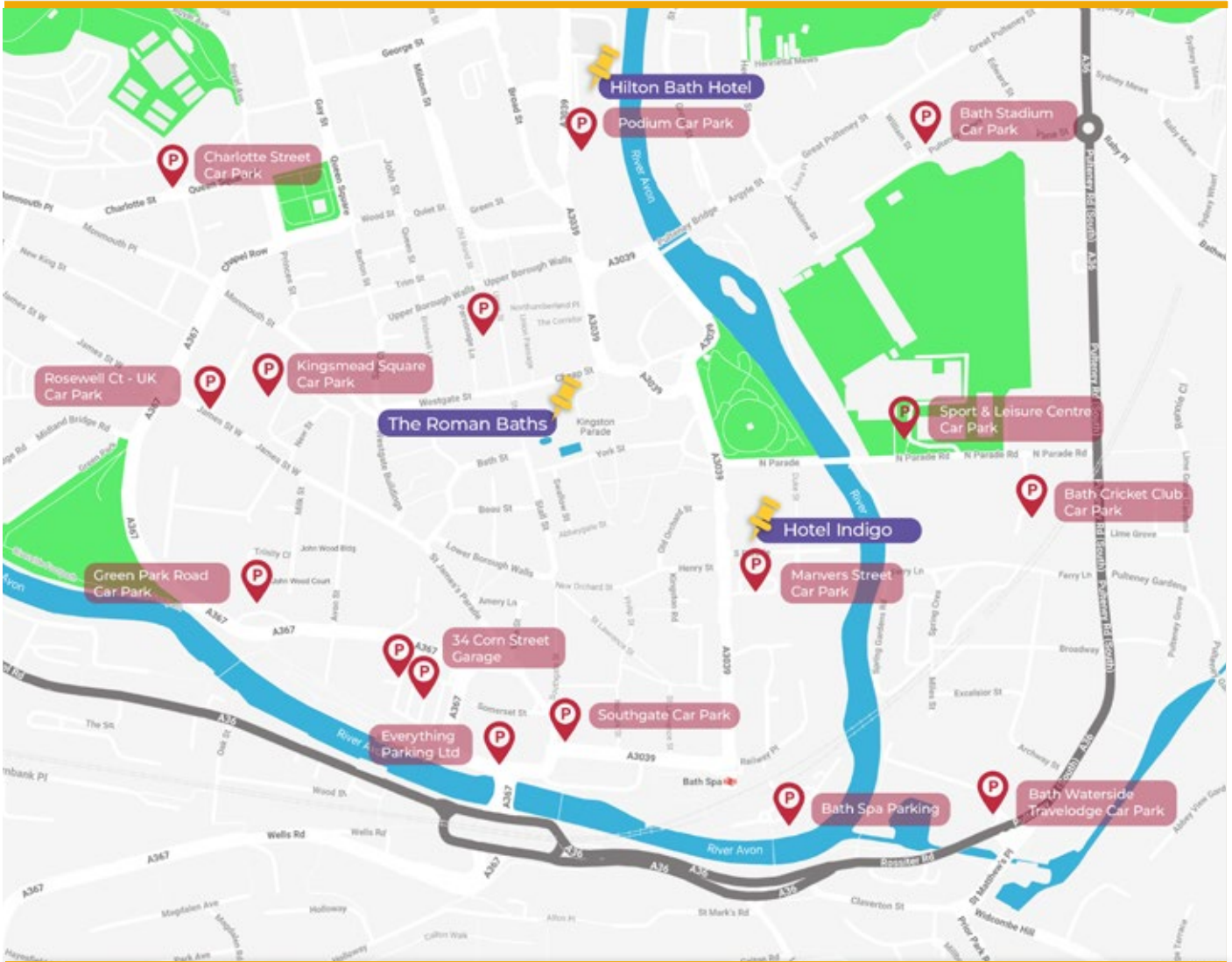
## ROAD

Bath is located just ten miles from Junction 18 of the M4 motorway, which runs directly from London and Heathrow Airport. There are also excellent motorway links from the north and south of the country via the M5 motorway, and Wales is just a short drive west along the M4 motorway.

As Bath is a small city, the roads can become congested at busy times. To avoid traffic, parking charges and Bath's Clean Air Zone, use one of the city's three Park & Ride services.



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London, 2026

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