

*Great  
Garden  
Escape*

*All aboard!*



*Run away this summer with the Great Garden Escape*  
to **THE NEWT IN SOMERSET.**



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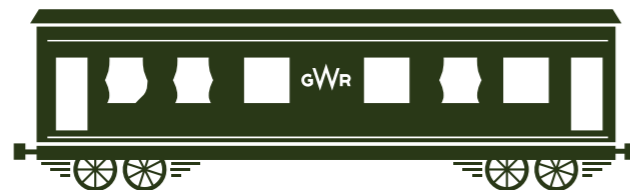
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In partnership with GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY, we are hosting the ultimate excursion throughout 2024, inviting guests to embark on a First Class adventure into the heart of the West Country, to discover the very best that *Somerset* has to offer.

Explore beautiful, picturesque *gardens* and ancient *woodland*, enjoy the finest quality freshly picked fare and engage with the art of *cyder* making as it ought to be experienced - like a fine Champagne! From breakfast through to afternoon tea, our gardeners, chefs and cyder makers will guide you along the way, imparting their knowledge and expertise with exclusive tours, talks and tastings.



from: London Paddington    to: The Newt in Somerset		<b>FIRST CLASS</b>
The Great Garden Escape ticket includes First Class return travel from London Paddington to The Newt in Somerset; guided tours, talks and tastings; all meals from breakfast through to afternoon tea; plus 12-month Newt Membership (for a return visit under one's own steam!)		
<b>RETURN</b>	The service will operate 19 April - 7 December 2024. Ticket price is £345pp for adults, £290pp for children (ages 5-15).	
	Group bookings and exclusive use are available, with the option to tailor your escape with bespoke experiences. Please get in touch to book or find out more.	



**BOOK NOW**

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# Dates for Travel

## APRIL

Saturday 20

~~Saturday 27~~

## MAY

Saturday 11

Friday 24

Saturday 25

## JUNE

Saturday 8

Friday 14\*

Saturday 15\*

Saturday 22

## JULY

Saturday 13

Friday 19\*

Saturday 20\*

## AUGUST

Saturday 10

Friday 16\*

Saturday 17\*

## SEPTEMBER

Saturday 14

Friday 20\*

Saturday 21\*

## OCTOBER

Thursday 3\*

Thursday 10\*

## DECEMBER

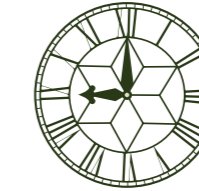
Friday 6\*

Saturday 7\*

\* Look forward to our bespoke *Seasonal Specials* — Fully booked

## Guest Journey

• Meet & Greet at First Class Victoria Lounge, Platform 1, Paddington Station from 0800hrs



• Train departs from Paddington Station at 0904hrs\*  
• Breakfast onboard at leisure

• Train arrives at Paddington Station at 1729hrs/1806hrs\*  
• Fond farewells

• Train departs from Castle Cary Station at 1602hrs/1628hrs\*  
• Afternoon Tea onboard at leisure

• Train arrives at Castle Cary Station at 1029hrs/1026hrs\*  
• Transfer to The Newt  
• Welcome & refreshments at 1050hrs  
• Garden Tour at 1100hrs  
• Lunch in the Garden Café at 1215hrs  
• Exploration & Shopping at 1345hrs  
• Cyder Tour & Tasting at 1445hrs  
• Prepare to depart  
• Transfer to Castle Cary Station

\* Friday/Saturday times. Please note Great Garden Escape operates within the constraints of the National Rail network and timings may be subject to change.



## EXPERIENCE

From the egg to the apple, travel through two thousand years of horticultural history with our expert gardeners. Experiencing the very best of The Newt in Somerset, unearthing the secrets of our Estate whilst stopping to pick, taste, smell and touch the plentiful produce we grow.



## ENJOY

Enjoy seasonal fare in the glass-walled Garden Café and look to the horizon for far reaching views over the kitchen gardens and orchards below. Steel yourself for an aerial walk through elegant boughs of noble ash. Be transported at the Story of Gardening and admire the world's most famous gardens in virtual reality pods.



## EXPLORE

Explore curious gardens, ancient forests and sprawling orchards, journeying back to nature and savouring all things Somerset. Peek inside the lives and hives of bees at the Beezantium. Browse our shops, with collections inspired by a love for our land, sustainable agriculture, artisan foods and Somerset heritage.



## TASTE

Do you know your bitters from your sweets? Discover the art and tradition of cyder making, sample innovative blends and single varietals and savour the quality of cyder made from 100% apple juice.

## Example Menus\*

### BREAKFAST

*Enjoy a picnic breakfast of The Newt treats.*

- A selection of pastries
- Homemade preservatives and butters
- Cow's milk yoghurt, summer berry compote
- Homemade granola
- Our very own apple juice
- Coffees and teas

### LUNCH

*Feast on the bounty of our Estate with a selection of seasonal vegetable and meat dishes, accompanied with a glass of our Babylonstoren wine and Estate spring water.*

- **FOR THE TABLE**  
Wild garlic hang op, Estate sourdough, spelt & ale crackers, Estate radishes, salted butter
- **NIBBLES**
  - Crushed Pablo red, lovage, apple, onion seeds
  - Asparagus, butter, capers, tarragon
- **MAINS**  
Roasted spiced cauliflower, fermented leaves, almond yoghurt, coriander
- **MEAT**  
Chargrilled spring lamb, garden herb dressing
- **PUDDING**  
Somerset strawberries, lavender cream, salted butter crumble

### AFTERNOON TEA

*For your journey back to London, enjoy a selection of sweet and savoury treats from our Estate bakery.*

- Scones, seasonal preserve and West Country clotted cream
- Open sandwiches on seeded heritage loaf
- Seasonal cakes
- A selection of Babylonstoren wines

\*Our menus change seasonally

## Seasonal Specials

Why not join us for a Great Garden Escape *Seasonal Special*? Digging deeper into some of the areas which inspire and shape almost everything that we do, these weekends will provide a unique opportunity to explore the Estate with our knowledgeable experts, enjoying bespoke itineraries and menus as well as a few surprises along the way.



### GARDENER & CHEF

*Friday 14 & Saturday 15 June*

Enjoy a rare opportunity to experience the symbiotic relationship between garden and plate. Venture into the Market Garden with our growers to pluck the finest ingredients to cook over coals with our experts before an al fresco lunch to feast on hard-earned spoils. A new seasonal special for 2024.



### BEEES & HONEY

*Friday 19 & Saturday 20 July*

We like to think that our bees are alchemists, their honey magic. Spend the day with one of our Beekeeping experts, delving into the fascinating life of bees, exploring our hives and colonies and learning all about the secret benefits and magical properties of nature's liquid gold with exclusive tours, talks and tastings.



### ROMAN SOMERSET

*Friday 16 & Saturday 17 August*

Nestled in the heart of the West Country, we are inspired by the land beneath our feet and the history and traditions of Somerset. Expect an archaeological adventure, stepping back in time and enjoying a day of discovery at our Villa Ventorum, giving you a flavour of life in Roman Somerset during AD351.



### HARVEST

*Friday 20 & Saturday 21 September*

Harvest is one of our most abundant times of year on the Estate when the fruits of our land and labour are ripe for picking. Join us as we celebrate the hard work of our Gardeners throughout the year with joyful celebrations. Delight in the comfort of nourishing fare; enjoy orchard tours and explore our overflowing ornamental gardens.

## Seasonal Specials

The 2024 season is focused on food and the bountiful estate that provides our chefs with produce plucked from the gardens. New for the 2024 edition of the Great Garden Escape is a stunning array of specials. We look forward to welcoming you on a day full of shared experiences.



### SOMERSET STOPOVER

*Thursday 3 & Thursday 10 October*

New for 2024, enjoy a much requested Somerset stopover with a night at Hadspen and two days on the estate. Day one is for tours, experiences and tastings led by experts before checking in. After a restful sleep and hearty breakfast, day two is yours to savour: invigorate with a cold dip in the lake, buggy to Villa Ventorum or soak in the beauty of the gardens before journeying back to London Paddington.



### MIDWINTER MAGIC

*Friday 6 & Saturday 7 December*

December is the month of magic as that festive feeling sweeps through every inch of the estate. A new seasonal special for 2024, embark on an abundant itinerary filled with winter wonderment, wreath making with our floriculturist and fairy-lit sights. Join us in Somerset to get merry and bright.

## *Membership & Partner Gardens*

Just like nature, our garden changes throughout the seasons. Membership is your ticket to enjoy everything we offer, from estate-led menus to workshops and seasonal events, alongside our Partner Gardens. In addition to 12 months' unlimited access to The Newt, members enjoy free entry to 15 prominent national and international gardens, all included in your Great Garden Escape ticket.



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