



## Press release

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### From pig-racing to deadly safaris: Easter escapes to the county of Wiltshire

With the spring holiday fast approaching, daffodils blooming and snow in the air (why, dare we ask), [VisitWiltshire](#) is welcoming the Easter break with a host of amazing offers, events and attractions available for visitors to the county:

#### Events and attractions:

- [Old Wardour Castle's Easter Trail](#) takes place from Saturday 23 March to Sunday 7 April 2013 - can you crack the clues to complete this 'egg-citing' trail? Participants will be rewarded with edible goodies. Tickets available on the day with prices including entry to event and stunning Old Wardour Castle: adults - £4.10, children (5-15 years): £2.50
- Hop aboard the [Easter Egg-Spress](#) train on the Swindon & Cricklade Railway – ride the train to meet the Easter Bunny in his grotto, with edible surprises en route. Adult tickets are priced at £7 and children are £6, or family tickets available from £22 for four people
- [Salisbury Cathedral](#) has a number of wonderful services, concerts and Easter celebrations taking place in celebration of this key period in the Church calendar. *'If Easter Could Speak'* is a series of interactive reflection stations around the Cathedral from Palm Sunday, 24 March, through to the following Monday 8 April. Collect a map and follow the special route through the building to find displays and materials to help you explore what Easter is all about. Suitable for all ages from 4 years upwards
- Easter is all about the animals - feed and stroke an array of cheeky chappies, including the Eriskay ponies, saddleback piglets and lots of other baby animals, at [Cholderton Charlie's Farm](#). Tractor rides are a big hit as well as their infamous PIG RACING! All day tickets are priced from £6.95, or family tickets from £25
- Interested in sporting events? Then you may want to head to Devizes to see the annual 125 mile [Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race](#) pass through the town. The event takes place over the Easter weekend, starting in Devizes on Good Friday
- Wiltshire and the South West are bursting with fantastic theatre makers. Now in its second year, [Theatre Fest West](#) will welcome some of the most imaginative of those companies to Salisbury during Easter 2013. Packed with performances, workshops

and events for all ages, Theatre Fest West promises to be a theatrical highlight of the year with lots of activity focused around the Salisbury Playhouse

- [Longleat Safari & Adventure Park](#) is joining forces with BBC Earth to create a spectacular new series of 'Deadly-themed' features at the world famous Wiltshire attraction. From this Easter, visitors to the park will be invited to go on a Deadly Safari to discover some of the most dangerous creatures within the park. Adult day tickets priced at £29.50 per ticket and child day tickets at £21.00 per ticket – online discounts of 15% available

#### **Where to stay:**

- Lambing season has begun at [Brookes Farm](#), boutique guesthouse and working farm, so guests have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the new arrivals. Brookes Farm is located just 10 minutes from the towpath of the Kennet and Avon Canal, where guests can enjoy leisurely wanders or more adventurous day's cycling trips along the canal. They are running a March weekday SPECIAL OFFER of 10% off the first night's stay and 15% thereafter (Mon - Fri): rooms are priced from £85.50
- The [Bishopstrow Hotel & Spa](#) is playing host to an Alice in Wonderland themed Easter. Children are cordially invited to attend the Mad Hatters Tea Party hosted by Alice, and there will be Easter Egg Card Making and Easter Egg Decorating available. Parents have the opportunity to enjoy some alone time - relax in the sauna, indulge with a heavenly spa treatment, or take a gentle stroll in the grounds. Sunday morning sees the return of the traditional Easter Egg Hunt in the grounds, followed by a delicious Sunday Lunch. The full three-night package is priced from £397.50 per adult
- [Old Park Farm](#) is a 200 acre working dairy farm, with Friesian cows and calves, situated in the beautiful North Wiltshire countryside on the edge of the Cotswolds. The one-bedroomed cottages sleep up to two adults and two children, and are finished to a high standard. SPECIAL OFFER: from Saturday 23 March to Saturday 06 April, 7 nights self-catering is now £275. Short breaks from Friday 29 March are available at £50 per night. Both offers are based on two people sharing, when quoting 'VisitWiltshire'
- [Wiltshire Farm Stays](#) offer rural and farm-based holiday accommodation for bed and breakfast, or self-catering stays. SPECIAL OFFER: Wiltshire Farm Stay is offering a saving of £10 on a short break to any Wiltshire Farm Stay property (voucher downloadable from [www.visitwiltshire.co.uk](http://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk)). Why not get hands-on with the lambing season at Poulton Grange, or take to the Lower Foxhangers' canal boat to experience farm life from the water?
- Luxurious self-catering at [Curlew Cottage](#): set in open countryside at the foot of Hackpen Hill, with views of the Marlborough Downs with miles of

walking/cycling/riding on its doorstep. The cottage is a newly converted barn positioned with arable fields all around it so you'll feel fully immersed in the countryside surroundings. The stunning barn conversion sleeps up to six adults in three bedrooms and is finished to a very high standard with natural stone floors and underfloor heating. The cottage is priced at £800 for a week's stay, from 22 March until 19 July 2013. Also available for short-breaks (three nights) for £500

For all these offers and many more, check out [www.visitwiltshire.co.uk.co.uk](http://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk.co.uk)

## **ENDS**

Images of all the above attractions and events are available on request.

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## **VisitWiltshire**

VisitWiltshire Ltd was established in August 2011 and is the official Tourist Board for Wiltshire. It is a private sector membership organisation representing over 450 members. VisitWiltshire's priority is to grow the county's Visitor Economy by raising awareness of the destination and generating additional tourism visits and spend. Wiltshire's Visitor Economy currently generates an estimated £1billion and supports over 20,000 jobs.