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## DISCOVER THE BEST OF SHROPSHIRE BY BIKE

*Follow this cycle tour through the stunning countryside of the Shropshire hills, and explore the world famous Ironbridge gorge: the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution.*

*Journey to the heart of England*  
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This stunning route takes you through an area of Shropshire which offers some of the best cycling holidays in Europe. With river valleys that cut through spectacular hills and are dominated by ruined castles, there is plenty to see and do along the way. Experience truly unspoilt countryside in the heart of England; where cars take second place to tractors, sheep and cyclists.



## What to expect:



### Travel and accommodation

Trains or taxi to and from the airport (Birmingham airport is conveniently located), our team can provide advice and details to help you to arrange your transfers. Then stay in a selection of our independent B&B accommodation.

### Duration

Enjoy an eight day holiday and six day cycle tour with seven nights accommodation. Includes luggage transportation and full emergency back up service.



### Unique Experiences

- Idyllic river valleys
- English market towns
- UNESCO world heritage site
- 900 year old Norman castle
- Rolling hills and countryside
- National trust property



### Dining options

A range of traditional English pubs and contemporary dining options along the way.

## Additional nights:

If you fancy exploring a vibrant city at the very heart of England, or need an additional nights accommodation to fit with your travel plans, then a stop-over in Birmingham is the perfect complement to your waterside holiday.



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# WATERSIDE ITINERARY: BEST OF SHROPSHIRE

## DURATION: 8 DAY BREAK

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**Overview** – Distance: 232km, averaging 51km per day on bike.

**Day 1**  
Arrive in Ludlow, a medieval, fortified town dominated by its 900 year old Norman castle. It is a thriving market town, with daily markets and an outstanding reputation for good food. It has been described by the poet Sir John Betjeman as "the loveliest town in England." During the summer months, Ludlow and its castle plays host to many special events including a two week arts festival, and Britain's best food festivals. Ludlow has an hourly main line train service.

**Day 2**  
Arrive at our base to be kitted out with your bikes. Cycle to Clun, along one of our favourite routes, following the Rivers Teme and Redlake. A wonderful ride along idyllic valley lanes past a string of picturesque villages, gradually leading you up through a cleft in the hills. There are plenty of inns and teashops to enjoy along the way.



**Day 3**  
Today's tour takes you to the border market town of Bishop's Castle, then over the heather covered grouse moors of the Long Mynd hills (the easy way) to the spa town of Church Stretton. If you want to make this day more of a challenge you can also visit Montgomery with its spectacular castle and the dramatic Stiperstones.

**Day 4**  
Follow Apedale to the River Severn - a distinctly different cycling area to the border country you've been touring through with lots of old established farms. You can visit the ruins of Wroxeter Roman city and Buildwas Abbey on route. Or if you have time, Attingham Park, is a grand National Trust house.

**Day 5**  
Ironbridge, a World Heritage Site is situated on the River Severn in a quiet, deeply wooded gorge, very different to the atmosphere 200 years ago when it became the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. You can cycle or walk to all of the museums in the gorge. Blists Hill Victorian village is the most popular, but the others are fascinating too, from the Ironmasters houses to the Tar Tunnel and Jackfield Tile Museum.

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Cycle through the Corvedale to Ludlow. Visit Broseley's Pipeworks museum and the National Trust's Benthall Hall. In Much Wenlock, visit the medieval Priory, and find out how Much Wenlock was the inspiration for the modern Olympic games. Under the Cleve you will find quiet hamlets, Norman churches, superb cycling and the longest ford in the UK.



## Day 7

Explore from Ludlow and Visit Stokesay Castle, a classic fortified manor house, with its new tearoom. Or cycle to Acton Scott Historic Working Farm to see traditional food production methods. These choice of cycle routes vary between 23 to 54 km. Your bike will be collected from you at a prearranged time and location at the end of the day.



## Day 8

Depart after breakfast.



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