



Pubs And Inns - England and Wales

A visit to England and Wales is not complete without a drink in a public house. Pubs date back to a time of hostelries, stagecoach halts and ale houses. They are a central part of the community for conversation, gossip, folk dancing, quiz and pub games such as darts, dominoes, skittles, shoveha'penny. Some have great history dating back to 1165, located in beautiful buildings in wonderful locations with beer gardens and picnic tables. Traditional pub food is often served at lunchtime and in the evening.

Some pubs have great names:

The Eagle and Child

The Fox goes Free

Froggies at the Timber Batts

The Idle Hour

The Mole and Chicken

The Nobody Inn

Pig's Nose Inn

The Polecat Inn

Rat Inn

Snooty Fox

Spread Eagle Inn

The Plume of Fears



The Pig's Nose Inn, East Prawle

Listed are some of the best and most interesting pubs with amazing history set in London, remote countryside, on the coast:



Trip to Jerusalem



Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem, Nottingham

Brewing on the site since 1170 to supply the nearby castle. Crusaders might have met here, destined for Jerusalem; 'trip' means 'resting place'. Building dates from 17th century. The pub is carved into rock, with chimneys through the rock and a pub game 'Ring the Bull'.

The Anglesea Arms, London

Cosy pub with etched glass, original panelling, scrubbed wooden tables, historic lamp posts, wooden benches. Duck pie in red wine, battered haddock, pea puree, bread and butter pudding, good basic English cooking.

The Fleece, Bretforton

Owned by the National Trust; was in the same family for 500 years. Good old English food; steak and ale pie, faggots and mash, cod in beer batter, rhubarb pies and crumbles, hog roasts. Asparagus auctions, Morris dancers, musical events. Black and white timber building, log fires, old timbers, pewter collection.



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The Boat Inn, Ashleworth

A 17th century pub, granted licence by Charles II to establish a jetty and pub. Small pub with large settle, old kitchen range; sit out by the river, very peaceful

Swag and Tails, London

Located in wealthy Knightsbridge in an attractive mews, quiet and away from it all. Good food is served in an attractive tiled conservatory.

The Grenadier, London

Located in wealthy Belgravia, with flower baskets, sentry box set on a cobbled street. It was the Duke of Wellington's officers' mess and later King George VI drank here. Full of swords, bearskins, bugles, breast plates. On Sunday drink a Bloody Mary at a special bar.



The Pandora Inn, Mylor Bridge

Set on a creek where yachtsmen moor; thatched, 13th century, snugs, log fires, flagged floors, wooden ceilings. Named after naval ship sent to suppress Bligh's Mutiny on the Bounty (Tahiti).

The Royal Oak, Langstone

Beautiful waterside pub. Watch tide ebb and flow, listen to curlews, watch waders (birds). Building dates back to 16th century. Beams, flagged floors, open fires.

The Boat, Erbistock

View of the fast-flowing River Dee, 17th century pub, stone floors, bare brick walls.



The Plough Inn, Ford



The Boat Inn, Erbistock

Tinnars Arms

13th century pub in a coastal hamlet, bleak, windswept and near coastal paths, ideal for walkers. In the environs D H Lawrence wrote *Women in Love*.

Crooked House, Coppice Mill

18th century red brick farmhouse which has fallen into a hole as a result of local coalmining. Almost a scene out of Alice in Wonderland, not for the faint hearted; walk in, you almost fall over.

The Falcon Inn, Arncliffe

Very remote and unspoilt country. Preserve an old way of life. Old pub without modern décor, beer served from the cask. Fly Fishing.

Bag o' Nails, Bristol

Victorian pub, gas lamps, one room, tiled bar, bare-boarded floor, only five tables, no piped music, only sandwiches, game of draughts, a place for serious connoisseurs of malt and hops with blackboard of 'coming soon' beers.



The Fox Inn, Lower Oddington

Low ceilings, log fire, worn flagstones, good imaginative food, beautiful location surrounded by honey-stone country houses and 11th century church in the Cotswolds.

The New Inn, Pembridge

An old inn with building dated 1311. The name is ironic. Flagstone floors, settle seats, open fires, a place fit for a 14th century film set.

The Pandy Inn, Dorstone

Dates from 1165 with heavy beams, old log grate, flagstone floor which shows much use. Possibly oldest pub in Britain. Short drive to the book centre of Hay-on-Wye.

Haunch of Venison, Salisbury

Built in 1320 as a church house, a small three roomed pub, wooden floors, no piped music. Chequered stone floor, carved benches, beams, pewter top bar, sloping top floor, antique taps for gravity-fed spirits.

Hunter's Moon Inn, Llangattock Lingoed

Original building from 1217, low ceilings, place for stonemasons constructing a church at the time. Favourite for hikers off Offa's Dyke walk.

As part of your vacation we will ensure you visit a pub or two to get the flavour of England and Wales!