

WHISKY TRAIL DESTINATIONS

1 ABER FALLS DISTILLERY ➡ Llanfairfechan
Aber Falls Distillery sits at the foot of the famous Aber Falls waterfall. Previously a slate works in the 19th century, a margarine factory during the world wars, and more recently a drinks wholesaler depot, the distillery has been lovingly restored.
Address: Station Road, Abergwyngregyn, North Wales, LL33 0LB
Web: www.aberfallsdistillery.com
Open: 12 noon - 4pm Thursday to Sunday.

2 ADNAMS COPPER HOUSE DISTILLERY ➡ Southwold
Best-known as a brewer of beer in the coastal town of Southwold in Suffolk, Adnams produce award-winning spirits using locally-sourced grains that are found in their beers, in the Copper House Distillery, which opened in 2010.
Address: The Sole Bay Brewery, Southwold, Suffolk, IP18 6JW
Web: www.tours.adnams.co.uk
Open: Tours by appointment by calling 01502 727 225.

3 BIMBER DISTILLERY ➡ North Acton
Bimber use only natural ingredients and traditional methods to craft a range of quality spirits, which have already received multiple awards worldwide. One of the first London distilleries to produce Single Malt Whisky for over a century. The first batches will become whisky in June 2019.
Address: 56 Sunbeam Road, London, NW10 6JQ
Web: www.bimberdistillery.co.uk/experiences-tours
Open: A range of tours and tastings available to book via the website.

4 CHASE DISTILLERY ➡ Hereford
The tour and tasting experience unlocks some of the secrets and skills that go into creating Chase's award-winning range of spirits, looking at everything from traditional mashing, fermenting and distilling processes, to how bottles are finished by hand.
Address: Chase Farm, Rosemaund, Hereford, HR1 3PG
Web: www.chasedistillery.co.uk/visit-us
Open: Tuesday – Friday 12pm & 3pm, Saturday – 11am, 1pm & 3pm.

5 COLES FAMILY DISTILLERY ➡ Carmarthen
Coles distillery is set in the beautiful Carmarthenshire country side in the village of Llanddarog, where the distillery - a dark timber clad building no different to a large garden shed, nestles between the trees and the lush green grass.
Address: White Hart Inn Pub Brewery & Distillery, Llanddarog, Carmarthen SA32 8NT
Web: www.coles.wales
Open: Tours of the brewery and distillery can be booked by calling 01267 275395.

6 COOPER KING DISTILLERY ➡ Poppleton
Located just ten miles north of the historic city of York, the distillery sits nestled between the rolling contours of the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the rugged Yorkshire Dales National Park. The distillery's copper pot still has been crafted in Tasmania, and fired up for the first time in winter 2017.
Address: Mile End, Stillington Road, Sutton-on-the-Forest, York YO61 1EH
Web: www.cooperkingdistillery.co.uk
Open: Site not yet open to the public.

7 COPPER RIVET DISTILLERY ➡ Haymarket
The Copper Rivet Distillery is an exciting and dynamic Medway based distillery, set in an historic and magnificent Victorian pump house. Drawing upon the area's rich tradition of innovation and craft, the distillery produces small batches of gin, whisky and vodka from scratch in bespoke stills, with the same skill that local craftsmen once fashioned world-class ships.
Address: Pump House no.5, Chatham Dockyard, Leviathan Way, Chatham ME4 4LP
Web: www.copperrivetdistillery.com
Open: Tours run Wednesday-Sunday, times available on website.

8 COTSWOLDS DISTILLERY ➡ Moreton-in-Marsh
Set in five acres of beautiful Cotswolds countryside, between the historic towns of Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon, the distillery's state-of-the-art distillation equipment means over 100,000 bottles of Single Malt Whisky can be produced annually.
Address: Phillip's Field, Whichford Road, Shipston-on-Stour CV36 5HG
Web: www.cotswoldsdistillery.com
Open: Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 11am to 4pm.

9 DÀ MHILE DISTILLERY ➡ Fishguard
Distilling has taken place since 2012 at Glynhyndod Farm in Ceredigio. Dà Mhile (pronounced da-vee-lay) Distillery produces organic whisky and gin, and also explores new spirits like Apple Brandy and Sloe Gin.
Address: Glynhyndod Farm, Llandysul SA44 5JY
Web: www.damhile.co.uk
Open: The distillery run tours on Wednesday and Friday at 3pm. Booking essential.

10 DARTMOOR WHISKY DISTILLERY ➡ Newton Abbot
Production of Dartmoor Whisky began in 2016, after a group of whisky enthusiasts visited Islay in Scotland and came back determined to make whisky in Devon. The climate, soil, Dartmoor spring water and sea breeze are all ideal for producing whisky.
Address: The Town Hall, Bovey Tracey, Devon TQ13 9AA
Web: www.dartmoorwhiskydistillery.co.uk
Open: Open 7 days a week, with tours starting at 11am and 3pm.

11 DURHAM DISTILLERY ➡ Durham
Founded in 2014, Durham Distillery initially produced Durham Gin, and will be producing the North-East's first single malt whisky in late-2018 when the move to a new state-of-the-art distillery in Durham city centre is complete.
Addresses: 2F & 2G Riverside Industrial Estate, Langley Park, Durham DH7 9TT.
Web: www.durhamwhisky.co.uk
Open: Check website for new distillery opening times.

12 EAST LONDON LIQUOR COMPANY ➡ Cambridge Heath
East London Liquor Company is a distillery producing a range of spirits including gin, vodka, rum and whisky, and is the first of its kind in East London in over 100 years. Operating out of the old glue factory in Bow Wharf, the distillery will release their first rye whisky in late-2018.
Address: GF1, 221 Grove Road, London E3 5SN
Web: www.eastlondonliquorcompany.com
Open: Whisky tours run every Friday and Saturday at 2pm, booking via the website.

13 THE ENGLISH WHISKY COMPANY ➡ Harling Road
The English Whisky Company is housed in the St George's Distillery, designed specifically for the production of English Single Malt Whisky. Norfolk barley and water from an aquifer beneath the distillery are paired with oak casks for aging.
Address: St. George's Distillery, Harling Road, Roudham, Norfolk, NR16 2QW
Web: www.englishwhisky.co.uk
Open: Distillery Doors open 10am to 5:30pm every day, tours run from 10am to 4pm.

14 HICKS & HEALEY DISTILLERY ➡ Truro
Hicks & Healey Distillery is run from Healey's Cyder Farm in Cornwall. The distillery is a joint venture between the Cyder farm and St Austell Brewery. Hicks and Healey is Cornwall's first distillery in 300 years, and currently produces England's oldest whisky.
Address: Heaton's Cyder, Penhallow, Truro TR4 9LW
Web: www.healeyscyder.co.uk
Open: 9am to 6pm every day of the week. Tours by appointment, times published online.

15 ISLE OF WIGHT DISTILLERY ➡ Smallbrook
The Isle of Wight Distillery, based at The Mermaid Pub, is the first distillery on the island - there are no records of any distillery prior to their formation. Local ingredients are used to create a variety of spirits, and single malt whisky is also produced, using a combination of bourbon and white wine casks.
Address: The Mermaid, Pondwell Hill, Ryde PO33 1PX
Web: www.isleofwightdistillery.com
Open: Pub open every day, with the distillery based in the pub.

16 THE LAKES DISTILLERY ➡ Workington
Having previously set up Arran Distillery in Scotland in 1995, Paul Currie was on holiday with his family in the Lake District National Park when he realised that the area was 'perfect whisky country'. The Lakes Distillery sits five miles north-west of the popular tourist destination of Keswick and is housed in a painstakingly restored Victorian dairy farm, and also has a small Alpaca farm on-site.
Address: Setmurthy, Nr Bassenthwaite Lake Cumbria CA13 9SJ
Web: www.lakesdistillery.com
Open: 10am to 6pm every day, tours by appointment only.

17 THE LONDON DISTILLERY COMPANY ➡ London Bridge
The London Distillery Company is based a short walk from Tower Bridge in London, and is the home of three stills, each creating a distinct spirit type. Ingredients are sourced from across London, and bottles are filled by hand.
Address: 58 Druid Street, London SE1 2EZ
Web: www.londondistillery.com
Open: Tours take place on Saturday afternoons, book in advance via the website.

18 PENDERYN DISTILLERY ➡ Merthyr Tydfil
Penderyn Distillery produces award-winning single malt whiskies and spirits in the foothills of the magnificent Brecon Beacons in South Wales. The majority of spirit produced goes into casks for ageing in cellars, making single malt whisky.
Address: Penderyn Distillery, Penderyn, CF44 0SX
Web: www.penderyn.wales
Open: Visitor centre is open 9:30am-5pm every day, with tours of the distillery available.

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19 SPIRIT OF YORKSHIRE DISTILLERY ➡ Hunmanby
Spirit of Yorkshire Distillery puts a Yorkshire twist on whisky, looking to do more than just replicate Scotch. Locally and sustainably produced, all the barley and spring water used is grown and sourced on-site on the family farm.
Address: Unit 1, Hunmanby Industrial Estate, Hunmanby, North Yorkshire, YO14 0PH
Web: www.spiritofyorkshire.com
Open: Contact the distillery via the website.

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THE HISTORY OF ENGLISH AND WELSH WHISKY
England and Wales, unlike Scotland or Ireland, have not traditionally been renowned for whisky production. In the late 19th century, however, there were at least four whisky distilleries in operation – Lea Valley Distillery in London, Bristol Distillery, and Bank Hall and Vauxhall distilleries, both in Liverpool.

In around 1905, the last of these distilleries still in operation, Lea Valley Distillery, closed its doors. The success of Scotch north of the border saw larger companies focus their attention on Scottish whisky, mothballing distilleries south of the Scottish border, and moving production to Scotland. Whisky production did not begin in England again until 2003.

In England and Wales, new-make spirit must be matured for a minimum of three years in wooden casks before it can legally be called 'whisky', and so, as some of these distilleries are new, they are still laying down their spirit. However, many of these distilleries also produce a range of other spirits, many of which have won awards, so you are sure to find something to make your visit worthwhile.

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