

Top of the Chocs: Easter Breaks to tempt the taste buds

Holidays to please your inner chocoholic with Best Western Great Britain

This Easter, Best Western Great Britain is encouraging families to ease pressure on the Easter Bunny by heading to some of the country's best chocolate destinations.

Not only is chocolate the ultimate mood-enhancer and romance-inducer, but according to the British Medical Journal, it can even lower blood pressure and reduce the risk of heart disease and strokes. What's more, the UK is home to some of the finest chocolate in the world, so lovers of the cocoa bean have much reason to rejoice.

Best Western Great Britain has compiled a list of must-visit chocolate destinations this Easter.

Best Western's top five chocolicious Easter getaways

York- Best Western York Pavilion Hotel – from £72.00

York is the UK's home of chocolate. While other northern centres made their wealth from wool, cotton and steel, York went its own sweet way and built a city from chocolate. This great tradition continues to this day. Visitors can take chocolate making classes, or visit the home of the Terry's Chocolate Orange at [Goddards Arts and Crafts house](#), now owned by The National Trust. Just a mile out of York, the [Best Western York Pavilion Hotel](#) is the perfect base to explore the city. Packed full of personality and countryside character, the Georgian grade II listed country house has spectacular landscaped gardens, lawns and a courtyard fit for your chocolate fairy tale.

Price based on a stay on Thursday 13th April.

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Nottingham- Best Western Plus Nottingham City Centre– from £54.90

The [School of Artisan Food](#) in Nottinghamshire runs a one-day Introduction to Chocolate Making course for cocoa lovers of all abilities. Visitors can learn the art of chocolate, as well as the origins of various beans and how they are grown, all while sampling their delicious work along the way! Staying at the [Best Western Plus Nottingham City Centre](#), visitors will be just short walk away from the city's many chocolate shops, as well as major attractions including the Nottingham Castle and The Royal Centre and Motorpoint Arena. Each spacious, air-conditioned guestroom provides the comfort needed for a relaxing stay, complete with free Wi-Fi and flatscreen TV's with Sky Sports channels.

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Perthshire- Best Western Queens Hotel– from £57.60

The [Highland Chocolatier](#) sources his chocolate ingredients from Africa, combining them with local Scottish ingredients including Blairgowrie raspberries, cream from a single herd of Perthshire cattle and the Caramel Velvet Truffle with a Hint of Liquorice. Situated in Perthshire, the shop is on the same site as the Scottish Chocolate Centre where there's also a small museum and a café serving moreish mugs of Truffle Hot Chocolate Ganache. Visitors can finish their day at the [Best Western Queens Hotel](#) in the middle of Perth, a suitcase shuffle away from the railway and coach stations. The only hotel in Perth to sport a leisure club with indoor pool, the Best Western Queens Hotel is in great shape to offer a complete work out after all the chocolate indulgence.

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London- Best Western Chiswick Palace & Suites– from £79.00

London is home to some of the finest chocolatiers in the world. Visitors can taste a delectable piece of history at chocolate shops like [Prestat](#) and [Charbonnel et Walker](#), which opened in the Royal Arcade on Bond Street in the 19th century, to smaller boutiques from [William Curley](#) to [Rococo](#). For a Willy Wonka experience, chocolate fanatics can head to Paul A Young to taste weird and wacky combinations from jasmine flower, ylang ylang, geranium, vanilla and lavender, to black pepper and treacle caramel ganache. The [Best Western Chiswick Palace & Suites](#) is conveniently located on Chiswick High Road, just half an hour away from Central London and Heathrow Airport making it the ideal place to enjoy all the chocolate delights the capital has to offer. It's also close to Kew Gardens, and London's shopping and nightlife.

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