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Winchcombe is an attractive market town in a beautiful setting, nestled between some of the Cotswolds highest hills.

Once a Saxon walled town, the wool trade led to Winchcombe's prosperity and it is now a thriving, lively centre, with a good selection of shops and places to eat.

Explore streets lined with pretty Cotswold honey-coloured cottages and hidden courtyard gardens. Don't miss Dent's Terrace, a splendid set of almshouses, and Winchcombe Museum with displays celebrating the town's rich history.

Spot over 40 gargoyles, said to represent local town characters in the 1460s, outside the impressive Church of St Peter.

Sudeley Castle sits majestically on the edge of the town, renowned for its 1,000 year royal history and beautiful gardens. Nearby Belas Knap is a Neolithic long barrow in a spectacular hilltop location above Humblebee Woods (beloved of Tolkien).

The town has Walkers are Welcome status and it's a great starting point to stride out and discover the Cotswolds.

www.cotswolds.com/Winchcombe



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Belas Knap Long Barrow

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www.english-heritage.org.uk
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Belas Knap is a particularly fine example of a Neolithic long barrow, with a false entrance and side chambers. Excavated in 1863 and 1865, the remains of 31 people were found in the chambers. The barrow has since been restored.



The Bugatti Trust Museum & Study Centre

Near Gotherington, Prescott GL52 9RD
Tel 01242 677201
www.bugatti-trust.co.uk
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A fascinating historic Bugatti exhibition for everyone interested in cars, engineering and art & design. The artistry and individuality are demonstrated by photographs, models, diagrams, mechanical components and complete cars. Many thousands

of original photographs, drawings and factory documents are available for academic research. A Cotswold heritage gem for the whole family. The Bugatti Trust has a visitor centre which is open all year round. Visitors must check the website www.bugatti-trust.co.uk for opening times, prices and details of how to book.



Cotswold Lavender

Snowhill, Broadway WR12 7JY
Tel 01386 854821
www.cotswoldlavender.co.uk
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Cotswold Lavender is based on a third generation family farm set in the heart of the beautiful Cotswold hills overlooking Broadway and the Vale of Evesham.

Visit the rolling lavender fields and enjoy the breathtaking scenery. Bring a picnic and enjoy a day out in the fresh air. Our pop-up shop serves drinks, snacks and ice creams along with our fabulous range of lavender gifts.

Please see our website for opening times.

Hailes Abbey

Winchcombe GL54 5PB
Tel 01242 602398
www.english-heritage.org.uk/hailes
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Built in the 13th century by the Earl of Cornwall, the beautiful ruins of Hailes Abbey are set amongst delightful Cotswold countryside.

Once the centre of monastic life, the abbey is now the perfect place to relax and enjoy a picnic in a unique historic setting.

Make sure to visit the museum to discover the treasures of Hailes, uncovering stories of the monks who lived and worshipped at the abbey for nearly three centuries.



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Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway

Toddington GL54 5DT

Tel 01242 621405

www.gwsr.com



The Friendly Line in the Cotswolds offers a unique opportunity to sample train travel from 50 years ago. On your 24 mile round trip you can experience the glory of steam and those 'new' diesel railcars with the panoramic views. Large diesel locos also haul some services.

You'll pass through glorious Cotswolds scenery. To the west the Vale of Evesham, the Malverns and Wales and to the east, right at the side of the track, the Cotswolds climb steeply uphill.

All our stations have modern facilities, including food and drink options, and our on-train catering includes our legendary bacon baps!

Special events are held throughout the year.



Snowhill Manor

Snowhill, near Broadway WR12 7JU

Tel 01386 852410

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/snowhill-manor-and-garden



An Aladdin's Cave, not a museum; a home for Charles Wade's fascinating treasures, reflecting his passion for craftsmanship, colour and design.

With a sense of fun and theatre, he took great pleasure in turning his home into a stage for these varied and sometimes unusual finds.

Next to the manor house is the small cottage where Charles Wade lived. Both the manor house and cottage are surrounded by an intimate Arts and Crafts terraced garden where he created 'different courts for different moods'.



Stanway House & Gardens

Stanway GL54 5PQ

Tel 01386 584469

www.stanwayfountain.co.uk

Golden-stoned Jacobean manor house with exquisite gatehouse set amid 20 acres of landscaped grounds. Important 14th century tythe barn. Tudor great hall with shuffleboard.

Stanway is famous for its 300ft single drop fountain, the highest gravity fountain in the world.



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Winchcombe Museum

Winchcombe GL54 5LJ
www.winchcombemuseum.org.uk



Winchcombe Museum is an accredited museum set in the very heart of this ancient and historic town. The museum contains a large collection of local items relating to the life and times of the town and surrounding areas over many hundreds of years. It also houses a large collection of the world-famous Winchcombe Pottery. Winchcombe Museum is very family-friendly, with activity sheets available for children and there is full easy access for disabled visitors.



Sudeley Castle & Gardens

Winchcombe GL54 5LP
 Tel 01242 604244
www.sudeleycastle.co.uk



Set against the backdrop of the Cotswolds hills in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Sudeley Castle & Gardens has played an important role in England's history, boasting royal connections that stretch back over 1,000 years. Famously the former home of Queen Katherine Parr, the last and surviving wife of Henry VIII, who lies entombed within St Mary's Church in the castle grounds, and remains the only English queen to be buried on private land.

Not to be missed on any visit are the medieval ruins, award-winning gardens, rare-breeds pheasantry, and a gigantic adventure playground which all combine for a fun-filled day for the whole family.



Winchcombe Pottery

Winchcombe GL54 5NU
 Tel 01242 602462
www.winchcombepottery.co.uk



There has been a pottery on the current site in Greet since at least 1800, meaning that Winchcombe Pottery is one of the longest running craft potteries in the country. The pottery makes some of the finest and most practical domestic pottery in the world and the on-site shop is open to the public.





Find out more at

www.cotswolds.com

