



COTSWOLDS

# GROUPS GUIDE



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# Welcome to the Cotswolds

Only 90 minutes away from London, and situated near the major motorway network, the Cotswolds is the perfect destination for your next group tour.

With its bustling market towns and beautiful villages, you will find world-class attractions, fabulous shopping and some of the finest hotels in the country.

This wonderful area will provide your group with a whole host of varied and fascinating experiences to make it the perfect English break.

## Glorious towns and villages

The Cotswolds is the perfect place for a gentle stroll through picturesque towns, villages and stunning countryside. All of our Cotswold towns are stunningly beautiful – check out our Cotswold town guide on page 36 where you will find details of coach parking. Our towns and villages are renowned for boutique and independent shopping – from places which specialise in antiques to arts and crafts and contemporary designs. Many of our towns also have wonderful independent theatre and entertainment venues with performances and shows all year round.

## Beautiful gardens

There's no shortage of world-class gardens in the Cotswolds that bloom and burst with colour throughout the year. In winter see some of the best snowdrops in the country followed by spring bulbs giving a warm glow. In late spring and summer the herbaceous borders come alive with colour throughout the many Cotswold gardens. On a grand scale do not miss the royal history of the gardens at Highgrove, Blenheim Palace and Sudeley. As the seasons change to autumn our two arboreta at Westonbirt and Batsford have spectacular leaf displays and the end of the year colour continues via enchanted Christmas light displays.

## History and Heritage

For those interested in history and heritage, the Cotswolds has something for everyone. Discover the inspirational houses and gardens like Kelmscott Manor created by those behind the Arts and Crafts Movement; wonderful backdrops for film sets such as Chavenage and Chastleton. Our castles have oodles of heritage, Kenilworth, Sudeley and Berkeley have many royal connections between them. Travel back in time on the Gloucestershire to Warwickshire steam railway or visit the fascinating Tewkesbury Heritage Centre, Oxford Bus Museum or the Fashion Museum in Bath for a taste of life in times gone by. The Cotswolds is well-known for Roman relics and where better to view these than at the Corinium Museum.







## Guiding you around the Cotswolds

The Cotswolds has some of the most experienced touring guides in the country. Companies that give you something a little different too – such as Cotswold Ghost Tours, Cotswold Foodie Tours and Secret Cottage Tours can tailor tours to suit your needs.

## The great outdoors and amazing wildlife

The Cotswolds is the perfect place for a gentle stroll through picturesque villages and stunning countryside. The protected Cotswolds countryside is full to bursting with rare and unusual flora and fauna but for wildlife of a larger kind, head for the Cotswold Farm Park – home to many rare breeds, or the Cotswold Wildlife Park where you can come face to face with giraffes and meet their new rhinos! Slimbridge is a sanctuary for a whole host of wonderful wildlife.



## Contact us

For more information about bringing your group to the Cotswolds or the many attractions and hotels in our area, please visit [www.cotswolds.com/groups](http://www.cotswolds.com/groups) or contact one of our friendly Visitor Information Centres (see back of guide) or email [trade@cotswolds.com](mailto:trade@cotswolds.com)



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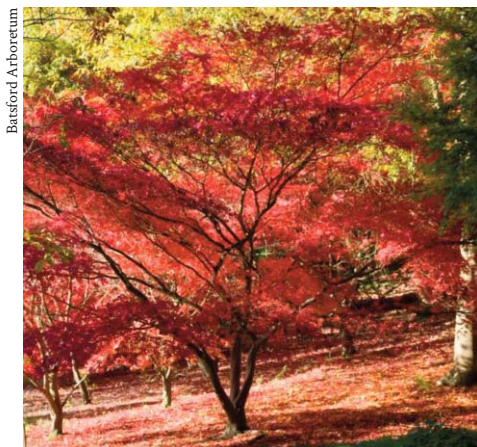
# HISTORIC HOUSES & GARDENS

## Batsford Arboretum

Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9AD  
T: 01386 701441 [www.batsarb.co.uk](http://www.batsarb.co.uk)

Batsford is home to one of the country's largest private tree collections with 56 acres of wild gardens, paths, streams and stunning views. Enjoy early colour from snowdrops, spring-flowering bulbs and Japanese flowering cherries; escape the heat under the tree canopy in summer and prepare to be amazed by the outstanding autumn colour!

**Group info:** Free coach parking with meet and greet service. Free meal voucher and arboretum entry for coach drivers. Guided tours and group catering available on request - please book.



Batsford Arboretum

## Berkeley Castle

Berkeley, GL13 9BQ  
T: 01453 810303 [www.berkeley-castle.com](http://www.berkeley-castle.com)

This stunning medieval castle has been the home of the Berkeley family since 1153. Elizabeth I stayed here and Edward II was murdered here. Free castle tours reveal tapestries, paintings, fine silver and dark dungeons. The terraced gardens are filled with unusual plants, a tropical butterfly house, picnic area and yurt restaurant.

**Group info:** Groups of 25+ with a dedicated tour guide.



Berkeley Castle

## Blenheim Palace

Woodstock, OX20 1PP  
T: 01993 815600 [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com)

Blenheim Palace, a World Heritage Site, is famed as the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Home to the 12th Duke of Marlborough, the unique palace is a masterpiece of English Baroque architecture surrounded by the award-winning formal gardens and 2,000 acres of 'Capability' Brown's parkland. Family friendly pleasure gardens include butterfly house and adventure playground.

**Group info:** Exclusive private guided tours and dedicated guides available. Variety of catering options from a three course seasonal lunch to a traditional cream tea.

Blenheim Palace





Bourton House Gardens

## Bourton House Garden

Bourton-on-the-Hill, GL56 9AE

T: 01386 700754 [www.bourtonhouse.com](http://www.bourtonhouse.com)

Award-winning three acre garden with the wow factor in abundance! The garden surrounds an 18th century manor house and features imaginative topiary; wide herbaceous borders filled with rare, unusual and exotic plants; water features; unique shade house and many creatively planted pots. Beautiful at any time of year, the garden is truly magnificent during the summer and early autumn.

**Group info:** Groups welcome Monday to Friday by arrangement. Lunches/teas by special arrangement.

## Cerney House Gardens

North Cerney, GL7 7BX

T: 01285 831044 [www.cerneygardens.com](http://www.cerneygardens.com)

This unique family run garden is set around a Victorian walled garden where old fashioned scents and colour surround you in this romantic secret garden. Explore the working organic kitchen garden amongst the overflowing herbaceous border or see snowdrops and spring flowers as well as discovering wildlife and woodland walks through the 40 acres of parkland.

**Group info:** We recommend small coaches only (fewer than 45 seats).



Chastleton House

## Chastleton House

Chastleton, GL56 0SU

T: 01608 674981

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chastleton-house](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chastleton-house)

One of England's finest and most complete Jacobean houses, filled with a mixture of rare and everyday objects collected since 1612. The gardens have a typical Elizabethan and Jacobean layout with a ring of fascinating topiary at their heart. One of the filming locations for Wolf Hall.

**Group info:** Max 15 for afternoon visits, max 30 for morning tours. Tours can be tailored to the interest of your group. Access roads are narrow, the largest vehicles that can be accommodated are 7.5m mini-coaches.



## Chavenage House

Chavenage, GL8 8XP

T: 01666 502329 [www.chavenage.com](http://www.chavenage.com)

At Chavenage you can escape into the peaceful surroundings of a Cotswold manor, virtually unchanged for 400 years and still a family house. This historic manor has been a film location for many films and TV productions including Poldark, Lark Rise to Candleford and Wuthering Heights.

**Group info:** Groups and refreshments are arranged by appointment only.

## Colesbourne Park

Colesbourne, GL53 9NP

T: 01242 870264 [www.colesbournegardens.org.uk](http://www.colesbournegardens.org.uk)

Although not well known, the arboretum at Colesbourne Park has a fine collection of more than 300 specimen trees. It has been called 'England's greatest snowdrop garden' by Country Life with a collection of 350 varieties. Visitors can enjoy the snowdrops throughout the ten acre garden with its woodland and lakeside paths.

**Group info:** Welcomes groups up to 50 people with guided walks available by appointment outside of listed open weekends. Please ensure coaches book in advance.

## Hidcote

Hidcote Bartrim, GL55 6LR

T: 01386 438333 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hidcote](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hidcote)

The National Trust's Hidcote, Gloucestershire, is an Arts and Crafts garden in the north Cotswolds. The garden changes in harmony with the seasons so you can be sure that no two visits will ever be the same.

**Group info:** Dedicated group booking with talks by arrangement.

Filming Poldark



Hidcote





Kelmescott Manor

## Kelmescott Manor

Kelmescott, GL7 3HJ

T: 01367 252486 [www.sal.org.uk/kelmescott-manor](http://www.sal.org.uk/kelmescott-manor)

Kelmescott Manor was the iconic country home of William Morris; poet, designer, craftsman, socialist and founding father of the Arts and Crafts Movement. This Grade I listed house contains a collection of the possessions and works of Morris and his associates including furniture, textiles and ceramics. Surrounded by attractive gardens, restaurant, shop and exhibition barn.

**Group info:** Fully guided tours in small groups including refreshments and talk. Advance booking only.



Kenilworth Castle

## Kenilworth Castle

Kenilworth, CV8 1NG

Tel: 01926 852078

[www.english-heritage.org.uk/kenilworth](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/kenilworth)

A vast medieval fortress which became an Elizabethan palace, the castle is rich in associations with medieval monarchs particularly with King Henry VIII. The royal love story of Queen Elizabeth I and her favourite Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester was played out here. It has beautifully recreated Elizabethan gardens.

**Group info:** Please contact in advance.



Kiftsgate Court Gardens

## Kiftsgate Court Gardens

Chipping Campden, GL55 6LN

T: 01386 438777 [www.kiftsgate.co.uk](http://www.kiftsgate.co.uk)

Kiftsgate is a glorious garden created by three generations of women gardeners. The upper gardens around the house are planted to give harmonious colour schemes, whilst the sheltered lower gardens recreate the atmosphere of warmer countries. A modern water garden provides an oasis of tranquillity and contrast to the exuberance of the flower gardens.

**Group info:** Groups of all sizes catered for.

## Lodge Park and Sherbourne Estate

Aldsworth, GL54 3PP

T: 01451 844130 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lodgepark](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lodgepark)

The National Trust's Lodge Park and Sherborne Estate is a Cotswold country estate and 17th century grandstand. Sherborne is a working estate and has an abundance of wildlife, from fallow and roe deer to badgers and foxes. Ewe Pen Barn is the starting point for Lodge Park's three main walking routes.

Lodge Park



## Mill Dene Garden

Blockley, GL56 9HU

Tel: 01386 700457 [www.milldenegarden.co.uk](http://www.milldenegarden.co.uk)

An RHS Partner Garden, Mill Dene Garden is close to other gardens of international repute. A watery wonderland sitting in a steep valley around an old mill, winding paths lead you from the mill stream and pool through a rose walk, potager and fruit garden, miniature cricket lawn and pavilion.

**Group info:** Groups over 20 welcome.

Mill Dene Garden



## Misarden Park

Misarden, GL6 7JA

Tel: 01285 8213903 [www.misardenpark.co.uk](http://www.misardenpark.co.uk)

This lovely Cotswolds garden commands spectacular views across the deer park to extensive woodland. Enjoy the fine topiary (some designed by Edwin Lutyens), a walled garden, herbaceous borders, fine specimen trees and a newly planted parterre.

**Group info:** Minimum group size 20.

Owlpen Manor







Newark Park

## Newark Park

Ozleworth, GL12 7PZ

Tel: 01453 842644

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park)

Newark stands proud on top of the Cotswold escarpment. It's situated in an unspoilt corner of Gloucestershire, with barely a sign of modern life visible in any direction. It is a place of architectural intrigue, pretty gardens and sprawling parkland.

**Group info:** Group advance booking is requested. Group booking forms are available.



Owlpen Manor

## Owlpen Manor

Nr Uley, GL11 5BZ

Tel: 01453 860261 [www.owlpen.com](http://www.owlpen.com)

Medieval manor house set in a secluded Cotswold valley. Notable Arts and Crafts collections, unique painted cloths, delightful gardens and delicious cream teas. Where possible, the tours are conducted by Sir Nicholas Mander, who has lived at Owlpen with his family since 1974.

**Group info:** We welcome tour groups of 15 to 50 people, all year round.



Painswick Rococo Garden

## Painswick Rococo Garden

Painswick, GL6 6TH

Tel: 01452 813204 [www.rococogarden.org.uk](http://www.rococogarden.org.uk)

This unique 18th century 'flamboyant' garden is located in a hidden Cotswold valley. The garden is particularly well-known for its incredible snowdrop display in early spring, but will delight visitors all through the year.

**Group info:** Groups welcome by appointment. The licensed Coach House Restaurant seats up to 50.

## Rodmarton Manor

Rodmarton, GL7 6PF

Tel: 01285 841253 [www.rodmarton-manor.co.uk](http://www.rodmarton-manor.co.uk)

Rodmarton Manor is the supreme example of a house built and all its furniture made according to Arts and Crafts ideals in the old traditional style by hand with local stone, local timber and local craftsmen. The eight acre gardens are superb any time of the year and especially for snowdrops.

**Group info:** The house is also open for guided tours for group bookings for 15 or more people at other times by appointment.

## Royal Gardens at Highgrove

Near Tetbury

Tel: 0303 1237310 [www.highgrovegardens.com](http://www.highgrovegardens.com)

Visit the private gardens of Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. HRH The Prince of Wales has spent over 35 years transforming the grounds of Highgrove into what has been acknowledged as one of the most inspired and innovative gardens in the United Kingdom.

**Group info:** The Garden tours are designed for groups of up to 26 or 52 visitors. Private tailor made tours for up to eight people allow you to create a bespoke package. Tickets must be booked in advance.

## Rousham House and Garden

Steeple Aston, OX25 4QX

Tel: 01869 347110 [www.rousham.org](http://www.rousham.org)

Rousham is one of Britain's most unspoilt and undiscovered landscape gardens. Designed by William Kent (1685–1748), Rousham represents the first phase of English landscape design and remains almost as Kent left it, one of the few gardens of this date to have escaped alteration.

**Group info:** Rousham House is only open by prior arrangement.

Highgrove



Rousham House and Garden





Snowhill Manor Gardens

## Sezincote House

Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9AW

Tel: 01386 700422 [www.sezincote.co.uk](http://www.sezincote.co.uk)

Nothing quite prepares you for Sezincote - you will see a weathered-copper onion dome straight out of India. The garden is blessed by a series of spring-fed pools, connected by gurgling water which eventually tumbles into the island pool in the valley bottom, before joining the River Evenlode below.

**Group info:** We are happy to accommodate groups (minimum of 25) out of normal opening hours.

## Snowhill Lavender

Near Broadway, WR12 7JY

Tel: 01386 854821 [www.cotswoldlavender.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldlavender.co.uk)

Visit the lavender fields in the heart of the Cotswolds where you can see 35 different varieties of lavender. Learn about the planting, harvesting and distillation of essential oils. Only open during the lavender flowering season. It's like visiting Provence.

**Group info:** Please book in advance.



Snowhill Manor

## Snowhill Manor

Snowhill, WR12 7JU

Tel: 01386 852410

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/snowhillmanor](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/snowhillmanor)

Snowhill Manor is a Cotswold manor house packed with extraordinary treasures collected over a life time by Charles Wade from across the globe. Be intrigued by the story, amazed by the collection and then relax in the peaceful and beautiful hillside garden.

**Group info:** Pre-booked parties during normal opening hours welcomed.



## Stanway House and Fountain

Stanway, GL54 5PQ

Tel: 01386 584469 Groups hotline: 07850 585539

[www.stanwayfountain.co.uk](http://www.stanwayfountain.co.uk)

An exquisite Jacobean Cotswold manor house, with extensive gardens, landscaped grounds and a 300 ft gravity fountain, the tallest in Britain. The house, jewel-like gatehouse, church, 14th century tithe barn and lovely gardens subtly combine to create a beautifully English landscape.

**Group info:** Group visits, coach parties and personal tours can be arranged at any time of the year.

## Sudeley Castle and Gardens

Winchcombe, GL54 5JD

Tel: 01242 602308 [www.sudeleycastle.co.uk](http://www.sudeleycastle.co.uk)

Set against the beautiful backdrop of the Cotswold hills, Sudeley Castle has royal connections spanning over 1,000 years. Surrounding the castle are magnificent award-winning gardens including the recreated Knot Garden and the famed Queen's Garden with its old fashioned roses and herbs.

**Group info:** Please book groups and coach parties in advance - free entry for driver and organiser plus meal vouchers for the driver.

## Westonbirt Arboretum

Westonbirt, GL8 8QS

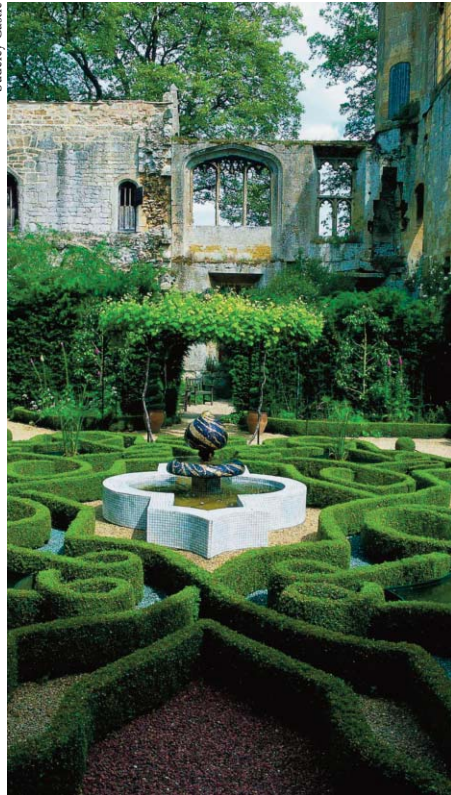
Tel: 0300 067 4843

[www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt-groups](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt-groups)

Westonbirt Arboretum is a great place for groups to visit. 15,000 trees from all over the globe offer the perfect setting to escape, relax or have an adventure. Visitors can experience trees like never before, with the new STIHL treetop walkway, providing an opportunity to see trees at canopy level and is accessible for all.

**Group info:** Group rates apply to 10 people or more pre-paying in advance. With dedicated coach drop-off points and parking.

Sudeley Castle



Westonbirt Arboretum



## Westonbirt School Gardens and House

Westonbirt, GL8 8QG

Tel: 01666 881373 [www.holfordtrust.com](http://www.holfordtrust.com)

Holfords of Westonbirt Trust look after the historical site of Westonbirt House and grounds and regularly hosts open house and garden days from April to October. Visit this important and stunning example of Victorian architecture and experience the full magnitude of the building and gardens yourself.

**Group info:** Private guided tours can be arranged for 10-60 people including afternoon tea.

## HERITAGE AND HISTORY



### Ashmolean Museum

Broadway, WR12 7DP

Tel: 01386 859047 [www.ashmoleanbroadway.org](http://www.ashmoleanbroadway.org)

Based in the 17th century Tudor House on the main high street, the Ashmolean Broadway houses unique collections, carefully curated by the Ashmolean Oxford. They include paintings and furniture from the founding collections of the Ashmolean, given by Elias Ashmole to the University of Oxford in 1683.

**Group info:** Guided tours of the house and the displays for booked groups of 10+ at a discounted price. Other subjects/bespoke requests can be discussed. Book in advance.

### Broadway Tower

Broadway, WR12 7LB

Tel: 01386 852390 [www.broadwaytower.co.uk](http://www.broadwaytower.co.uk)

Broadway Tower is a unique Capability Brown Folly Tower open to visitors in an inspiring location. It is one of England's outstanding viewpoints and at 1024 feet above sea level, it is the second highest point on the Cotswold escarpment with unrivalled views.

**Group info:** Ample parking and refreshments available at the wonderful Morris and Brown Café.



Sudeley, Spectacle of Light



Broadway Tower

## Chedworth Roman Villa

Yanworth, GL54 3LJ

Tel: 01242 890256

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chedworth](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chedworth)

One of the largest Roman villas in Britain located in a beautiful setting with idyllic views and a rich wildlife haven. A modern conservation building gives you exceptional access to the extensive mosaic floors, hypocaust systems and bathhouse rooms. The museum houses a range of finds and artefacts from the villa.

**Group info:** Welcome all sorts of groups. Contact us for a tailor made visit.

## Combe Mill

Combe, OX29 8ET

Tel: 01993 358694 [www.combemill.org](http://www.combemill.org)

Combe Mill was once the sawmill of the Blenheim Estate and also the workshop and blacksmiths' forge. Its rare Thomas Piggott beam engine and waterwheel have been preserved and can be seen in action driving original woodworking machinery via line shafting and belts. A working collection of historic tower clocks is also here.

**Group info:** 20-60 - pre-booked groups outside normal opening times.

## Corinium Museum

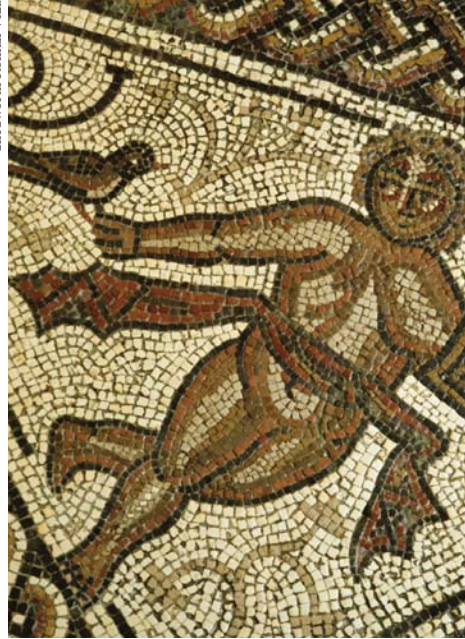
Cirencester, GL7 2BX

Tel: 01285 655611 [www.coriniummuseum.org](http://www.coriniummuseum.org)

Leave the 21st century behind you and discover the treasures of the Cotswolds as you explore its history at this award-winning museum. Home to one of the largest collections of Romano-British antiquities, mostly from Corinium, Roman Britain's second largest city. We offer a range of talks relating to the collections.

**Group info:** Groups must pre-book and be a minimum of 10, talks tailored to your historical interests in our lecture theatre.

Chedworth Roman Villa



Corinium Museum



Corinium Museum





## Cotswold Woollen Weavers

Filkins, GL7 3JJ  
Tel: 01367 860660  
[www.cotswoldwoollenweavers.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldwoollenweavers.co.uk)

The splendid 18th century building houses the design studio, mill shop and gallery, textile museum and coffee shop. The small wool museum has fascinating textile artefacts with traditional looms in working order. The mill shop sells authentic clothing, rugs and throws using cloth which is traditionally woven.

**Group info:** Minimum 10.

## Cotswold Discovery Centre at the Old Prison

Northleach, GL54 3JH  
Tel: 01451 862003 [www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk](http://www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk)

The Old Prison is a fascinating 18th century Grade II\* listed building in the historic town of Northleach. Explore the original cell block and 'Escape to the Cotswolds' exhibition telling the story of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Cotswold Lion Cafe has a range of locally sourced, home cooked food.

**Group info:** Book your own private group tour, guided walk or themed talk with a wide range of topics available including the town of Northleach-pre booking necessary.

## Dr Jenner's House and Garden

Berkeley, GL13 9BN  
Tel: 01453 810631 [www.jennermuseum.com](http://www.jennermuseum.com)

Discover the work and legacy of the remarkable Edward Jenner, pioneer of smallpox vaccination, in his former home in the historic market town of Berkeley. Whatever the interests of your group, we are sure you will agree that there is something quite remarkable about being in a place 'where history happened'.

**Group info:** Discounted entry rate for pre-booked groups of 20 or more. Free familiarisation visit for group organisers. Pre-booked catering available. Talks and tours available by arrangement.



Cotswold Woollen Weavers



The Discovery Centre

## Fashion Museum Bath

Assembly Rooms, Bath, BA1 2QH  
Tel: 01225 477789 [www.fashionmuseum.co.uk](http://www.fashionmuseum.co.uk)

The Fashion Museum Bath is housed in the historic Assembly Rooms and holds a world-class collection of contemporary and historic dress. The museum was originally founded by Doris Langley Moore, a designer, collector, writer and scholar, who gave her famous private collection of costume to the city of Bath in 1963.

**Group info:** Discounts are available for parties of 20 or more, and teaching sessions for school parties can be booked on a range of subjects.

Fashion Museum



## Gloucester Cathedral

Gloucester GL1 2LX  
Tel: 01452 528095 [www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

Gloucester Cathedral is the most iconic and spectacular building in Gloucestershire with a history spanning over 1000 years. Highlights include the tomb of King Edward II, the beautiful monastic cloisters - one of the film locations for Harry Potter and magnificent examples of stained glass and medieval architecture.

**Group info:** Group bookings are required for parties of six or over. A range of general and specialised tours are available upon request.

Gloucester Cathedral



## Hailes Abbey

Hailes, GL54 5PB  
Tel: 01242 602398  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk/hailes](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/hailes)

Built in the 13th century, the beautiful ruins of Hailes Abbey are set amid the delightful Cotswold countryside. Once the centre of monastic life, the abbey is now the perfect place to relax and enjoy the great English outdoors.

**Group info:** Free entry for coach driver and tour leader.

## Holst Birthplace Museum

Cheltenham, GL52 2AY

Tel : 01242 524846 [www.holstmuseum.org.uk](http://www.holstmuseum.org.uk)

Enjoy a tour of the Holst Birthplace Museum and see the piano Holst used to compose 'The Planets'. Discover how he developed into a world-class composer by listening to original manuscripts written when he was a schoolboy. Experience his modest middle-class family life through Victorian rooms and learn about Regency Cheltenham.

**Group info:** Maximum of 25 people per group, please book in advance.



Fashion Museum

## Mechanical Music Museum

Northleach, GL54 3ET

Tel: 01451 860181 [www.mechanicalmusic.co.uk](http://www.mechanicalmusic.co.uk)

A living museum of the extraordinary variety of self-playing musical instruments which were the pride and joy of our great grandparents. A beautiful selection of instruments, all in superb condition, presented as live entertainment by informative guides.

**Group info:** Guided tours last one hour.



Museum in the Park

## Museum in the Park

Stroud, GL5 4AF

Tel: 01453 763394 [www.museuminthepark.org.uk](http://www.museuminthepark.org.uk)

This museum of local life sits in the beautiful grounds of Stratford Park in Stroud. Colourful exhibits tell the stories of times gone by, offering a fascinating introduction into the area's history. Explore over 4,000 objects including the world's first lawnmower; 'Stroudwater Scarlet' cloth and Laurie Lee's school report.

**Group info:** Museum admission is free but groups over 10 must book in advance. Bespoke evening visits, tours and refreshments can be arranged.



Museum in the Park



## National Waterways Museum

Gloucester, GL1 2EH

Tel: 01452 318200

[www.gloucesterwaterwaysmuseum.org.uk](http://www.gloucesterwaterwaysmuseum.org.uk)

Housed over three floors of a Victorian warehouse are interactive displays and galleries which chart the story of Britain's waterways. The National Waterways Museum gives an insight to the history of the docks, the gateway between the world of tall ships and international trade, and Britain's network of inland waterways.

**Group info:** Please contact in advance.

## Oxford Bus and Morris Motors Museum

Long Hanborough, OX29 8LA

Tel: 01993 883617 [www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

Telling the story of bus and coach travel over the last 130 years. Exhibits include preserved horse-drawn vehicles, buses, coaches and a wide selection of artefacts and photos. Also home to the Morris Motors Museum the collection represents those produced during William Morris's life as well as a collection of 45 vintage bicycles.

**Group info:** The museum will open for groups outside of normal opening hours by prior arrangement for a group of 12 or more. A free vintage bus ride can also be arranged.

## Prescott Hillclimb and Bugatti Trust

Prescott, GL52 9RD

Tel: 01242 673136 [www.prescott-hillclimb.com](http://www.prescott-hillclimb.com)

[www.bugatti-trust.co.uk](http://www.bugatti-trust.co.uk)

An exhibition telling the fascinating story of Ettore Bugatti. Famous for his racing cars of the 1920's and 30's – as well as winning races, these cars were acknowledged as works of art. The Prescott Hillclimb events on the same site are renowned for exciting racing of cars, motorbikes and vintage vehicles.

**Group info:** By prior arrangement we can provide informal talks or illustrated lectures. Visits can be tailored to requirements.

National Waterways Museum



Oxford Motors Museum





Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

## Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

Woodstock, OX20 1SN

Tel: 01993 810210 [www.sofa.org.uk](http://www.sofa.org.uk)

The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum tells the story of how war has affected the county, with collections and archives focusing on the history of two county regiments, the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and the Oxfordshire Yeomanry. The permanent displays offer intriguing insights into this military county; the airfields and secret locations and the lives of those left behind.

**Group info:** Book a talk or tour at the museum and we will provide the right expert to facilitate your visit.



Oxfordshire Museum

## Oxfordshire Museum

Woodstock, OX20 1SN

Tel: 01993 811456 [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/museums](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/museums)

Situated in the heart of Woodstock, the museum celebrates Oxfordshire in all its diversity and features collections of local history, Victorian Oxfordshire, art, archaeology, landscape, wildlife and innovative industries from nuclear power to nanotechnology. Interactive children's dinosaur gallery and life size Megalosaur in the dinosaur garden.

**Group info:** Free entry. The Coach House education centre seats up to 60 and can be hired for groups.



Shakespeare's Birthplace

## Shakespeare's Birthplace and Family Homes

Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6QW

Tel: 01789 204016 [www.shakespeare.org.uk](http://www.shakespeare.org.uk)

Shakespeare's Birthplace and family homes and gardens offer something for everyone. Enjoy tales from our fascinating guides, discover his life story through exhibitions, experience live performances, visit beautiful houses and gardens, or meet the animals and take part in trails, quizzes and family activities throughout the year.

**Group info:** Groups welcome at any of the Shakespeare venues – please contact the individual establishment.

## Tetbury Police Museum

Tetbury, GL8 8AA

Tel: 01666 504670

[www.visittetbury.co.uk/police-museum](http://www.visittetbury.co.uk/police-museum)

Visit the Victorian police station and courtroom. The former police sergeant's living quarters has original police office and cells contain interesting police exhibits and also the renowned Alex Nichols collection of restraint equipment. The exhibition is mainly dedicated to the history of the Gloucestershire Constabulary.

**Group info:** Alex Nichols can give talks and demonstrations for group bookings.

## Tewkesbury Abbey

Tewkesbury, GL20 5RZ

Tel: 01684 850959 [www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk](http://www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk)

Dominating the town's skyline for over 900 years. The Abbey has one of UK's finest Norman towers and is world renowned for being one of the country's greatest examples of medieval architecture. The Abbey has a fine collection of medieval tombs and monuments, as well as many stained glass windows.

**Group info:** Groups of any size are welcome all year round – we can organise guided tours but please book in advance.

## Tewkesbury Museum

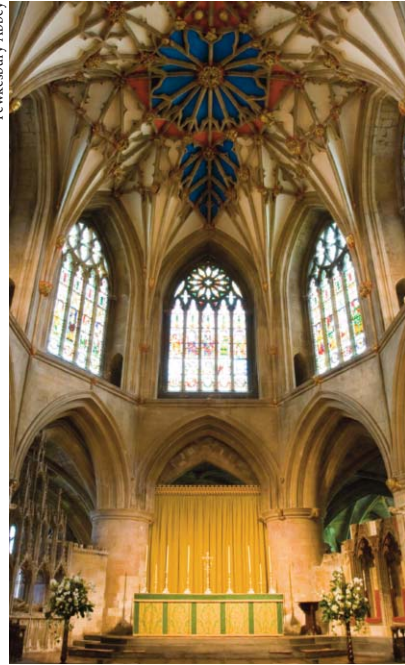
Tewkesbury, GL20 5PX

Tel: 01684 292901 [www.tewkesburymuseum.org](http://www.tewkesburymuseum.org)

Local history brought to life. Discover Tewkesbury's rich and diverse history through a host of eclectic collections. The unspoilt 17th century building houses a wide range of artefacts dating from Roman remains through to 1940s wartime austerity.

**Group info:** Entry is free but for a small donation bespoke talks can be catered for.

Tewkesbury Abbey



Tewkesbury Abbey







Woodchester Mansion

## Victoria Art Gallery

Bath, BA2 4AT

Tel: 01225 477232 [www.victoriagal.org.uk](http://www.victoriagal.org.uk)

The Victoria Art Gallery boasts an outstanding collection of paintings, sculptures and decorative arts located in the centre of Bath, near the famous Pulteney Bridge. There are more than 1,500 artworks on show, spanning the 15th century to the present day and exciting changing exhibitions.

**Group info:** Groups very welcome with advance notice – maximum number allowed 40 people. Talks and behind the scenes tours also available.

## Woodchester Mansion

Nymphsfield, GL10 3TS

Tel: 01453 861541 [www.woodchestermansion.org.uk](http://www.woodchestermansion.org.uk)

Woodchester Mansion is a 19th Century Victorian Gothic Masterpiece mysteriously abandoned mid-construction in 1873. Hidden in a secluded Cotswold valley, it is untouched by time and the modern world.

**Group info:** The mansion is available for private hire and the Drawing Room can seat up to 60 people.



Cotswold Farm Park

## FAMILY FUN

### Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park

Guiting Power, GL54 5UG

Tel: 01451 850307 [www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk)

The home of rare breed conservation, Cotswold Farm Park offers a fun-filled day out for visitors of all ages. The Farm Park is home to 50 flocks and herds displayed around the 'Rare Breeds through History' trail. Visitors can interact closely with the animals with the opportunity to feed livestock outside and handle some of the smaller residents inside.

**Group info:** Groups will be met by a member of the team. You can book a fact-packed half hour 'Welcome Talk'. Group organiser and coach driver free.

## Bibury Trout Farm

Bibury, GL7 5NL

Tel: 01285 740215 [www.biburytroutfarm.co.uk](http://www.biburytroutfarm.co.uk)

Bibury Trout Farm is one of Britain's oldest, and certainly most attractive, trout farms. Founded in 1902, it now covers 15 acres in one of the loveliest valleys in the Cotswolds, the Coln Valley. Visitors can learn about the rainbow and brown trout while they wander in the beautiful surroundings.

**Group info:** Groups, schools and coach parties are welcome.

## Butt's Farm Rare Breeds and Farm Shop

Cirencester, GL7 5QE

Tel: 01285 862224 [www.buttsfarmrarebreeds.co.uk](http://www.buttsfarmrarebreeds.co.uk)

The farm offers visitors the chance to see rare and traditional breeds of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and poultry and is great for small children with hands on animal experience. At the Butts Farm Shop you will find yourself eating some of the finest meat in the UK.

## Cattle Country Adventure Park

Berkeley, GL13 9EW

Tel: 01453 810510 [www.cattlecountry.co.uk](http://www.cattlecountry.co.uk)

There are two huge indoor play areas, including huge slides, and an outdoor play area suitable for all ages. The Animal Experience Centre offers a chance for visitors to get up close and personal with all types of farmyard animals. There's a boating lake and outside assault courses.

**Group info:** Discounts available for pre-booked groups. Groups over 20 must pre-book.

Cattle Country



Cattle Country





Cogges Manor Farm

## Cogges Manor Farm

Witney, OX28 3LA

Tel: 01993 772602 [www.cogges.org.uk](http://www.cogges.org.uk)

Cogges Manor Farm is a beautiful Cotswold heritage farmstead with 1,000 years of history. Cogges featured as Yew Tree Farm in the popular ITV drama Downton Abbey. Cogges centres on the 13th century manor house, with an accompanying collection of untouched farm buildings, a walled garden, orchard and extensive grounds.

**Group info:** Groups of 12 or more. Downton tours available. Free coach parking - OX28 3FR

## Cotswold Motor Museum

Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2BY

Tel: 01451 821255 [www.cotswoldmotormuseum.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldmotormuseum.co.uk)

Overflowing with vintage and classic vehicles, enamel signs and motoring curiosities. Home to the TV superhero car Brum and full of children's activities. For a fun packed family day out, motor on down and step back in time.

**Group info:** The museum welcomes groups of all sizes including classic car groups. Workshops will need advance booking along with any car parking.



Fairytale Farm

## Fairytale Farm

Chipping Norton, OX7 5QH

Tel: 01608 238014 [www.fairytalefarm.co.uk](http://www.fairytalefarm.co.uk)

Fairytale Farm is the first family farm attraction where everything is designed around the needs of children with sensory, learning and physical disabilities, but which can be enjoyed by children without disabilities too. A truly inclusive experience just turn-up and have fun – everything is accessible and everybody is welcome!



## Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway

Main Station: Toddington, GL54 5DT  
Other stations at: Cheltenham Racecourse and  
Winchcombe  
Tel: 01242 621405 [www.gwsr.com](http://www.gwsr.com)

Experience travelling on a heritage railway and enjoy a relaxing journey through the glorious Cotswold countryside. The 24 mile return trip over the full line between Cheltenham to Laverton takes from 1½ hours, the single trip about 35 minutes. Main railway station at Toddington, nr Winchcombe.

**Group info:** Discounts are available for groups of 10+ who book in advance. To make a booking please e-mail : [grouptravel@gwsr.com](mailto:grouptravel@gwsr.com). Coach drivers travel free (30+).

## John Moore Countryside Museum

Tewkesbury, GL20 5SN  
Tel: 01684 297174 [www.johnmooremuseum.org](http://www.johnmooremuseum.org)

Housed in a 15th century timber framed building, this museum shows a nature collection dedicated to the naturalist John Moore. Nearby is the restored Merchants House and Old Baptist Chapel.

**Group info:** Talks and tours available which relate to the museums and their collections.

## The Model Village

Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2AF  
Tel: 01451 820467 [www.themodelvillage.com](http://www.themodelvillage.com)

Grade II listed, the model village is a mini replica of the heart of the beautiful Cotswold village of Bourton-on-the-Water. The village was created and officially opened in 1937. See the River Windrush flow under the famous bridge surrounded by miniature trees and even music playing in the church.

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway



The Model Village





Tewkesbury Heritage Centre

## St Augustines Farm

Arlingham, GL2 7JN

Tel 01452 740277 [www.staugustinesfarm.co.uk](http://www.staugustinesfarm.co.uk)

Watch the cows being milked in a herringbone parlour every afternoon, talk to the farmer as he works and find out where your milk comes from. Help feed the baby calves and visit the farm animals in the paddocks. Follow the farm trail to see over 50 acres and see our wildlife in its natural habitat.

**Group info:** Discounts available for pre-booked groups.

## Tewkesbury Heritage Centre

Tewkesbury, GL20 5AB

Tel: 01684 855040 [www.tewkesburyheritage.co.uk](http://www.tewkesburyheritage.co.uk)

A superbly restored 17th century building which is home to this innovative heritage centre. A wander through this charming building will take you from Tewkesbury's earliest settlers, through the Wars of the Roses, the Civil War, through the Industrial Revolution and into the present day.

**Group info:** Entry is free but we do make a small charge for behind the scenes tea and tours. Please book in advance.

## FOOD AND DRINK



### Abbey Home Farm

Cirencester, GL7 5HF

Tel: 01285 640441 [www.theorganicfarmshop.co.uk](http://www.theorganicfarmshop.co.uk)

Abbey Home Farm welcomes small groups to its eco friendly centre on a large award-winning organic farm in the Cotswolds. The programme includes a farm/vegetable garden tour and a cooking class or lunch from the garden and is great for those interested in learning more about cooking with the seasons.

**Group info:** Group visits welcomed - please contact in advance.



Abbey Home Farm

## Brewerism Brewery Tours

Cheltenham

Tel : 07564 017670 [www.brewerism.co.uk](http://www.brewerism.co.uk)

We organise brewery tours, guided beer tastings, beer and food matching, pub cellar visits. We have an awesome 'Brewed for You' beer events service for private groups and corporate dos, all of which are led by a friendly, passionate guide. Please book in advance. Public tours capacity (4-12 people).

**Group info:** Please book in advance and check for availability and prices.

## Cotswolds Distillery

Stourton, CV36 5HG

Tel: 01608 238533 [www.cotswoldsdistillery.com](http://www.cotswoldsdistillery.com)

Come and visit the rural distillery in the heart of the Cotswold countryside. Expert guides will take you on a gin and whisky making journey where you will learn the craft of creating our fine spirits, seeing bespoke distillation equipment in action before enjoying a tasting in our comfortable tasting room.

**Group info:** Guided tours last approximately one hour. Groups are more than welcome at the Cotswolds Distillery and private tours may be arranged outside normal opening hours.

## Cotswold Foodie Tours

Tel: 07425 151933 [www.cotswoldfoodietours.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldfoodietours.co.uk)

Cotswold Foodie Tours give people a taste of the Cotswolds, exposing them to real artisan food while taking in the highlights of Cotswold towns. Meet local people, learn about the history of this iconic countryside, and taste the delicious food. Our tour guides are passionate people who love food, are proud of this quintessentially British countryside they live in, and are committed to giving you the very best of cultural experiences.

Cotswolds Distillery



Cotswold Foodie Tours





## Hook Norton Brewery

Hook Norton, OX15 5NY [www.hooky.co.uk](http://www.hooky.co.uk)

Visit a family owned brewery with the finest example of a Victorian tower brewery in the country. Brewery tours last for 90 minutes and start from the visitor centre, progress around the brewery learning the history and seeing the original steam engine. Evening tours can also be arranged.

**Group info:** Please book your group brewery tour in advance.

## Wychwood Brewery

Witney, OX28 4DP

Tel: 01993 890800 [www.wychwood.co.uk](http://www.wychwood.co.uk)

The guided tour takes you through the brewing process of Wychwood and Brakspear Beers, from seeing the raw ingredients to the finished product, taking in copper, mash tun and brakspear's famous double drop system. After the tour you are invited to sample the flagship Legendary Hobgoblin and other delicious beers.

**Group info:** 45 minute tours by prior arrangement including beer sampling and a complimentary brewery glass.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS



### Aston Pottery

Aston, OX18 2BT

Tel: 01993 850960 [www.astonpottery.co.uk](http://www.astonpottery.co.uk)

A traditional working pottery alongside a contemporary gift shop, café and garden. All of the pottery is made and painted onsite using traditional methods – unique patterns are created using stencilling techniques, which are then glazed to create finest quality tableware for everyday use.

**Group info:** Groups from 12 and 36 people (larger groups by arrangement). Pottery demonstrations last approximately one hour.



Aston Pottery

## Court Barn Museum

Chipping Campden, GL55 6JE

Tel: 01386 841951 [www.courtbarbarn.org.uk](http://www.courtbarbarn.org.uk)

Award-winning museum in the north Cotswolds tells the story of designers/craftspeople from the Arts and Crafts Movement and their legacy. Find out how a small town became a gathering place for designers and craftspeople of national and international reputation, including C.R. Ashbee, Gordon Russell, Hart Silversmiths and Robert Welch.

**Group info:** Groups welcomed with a range of options available; from a visit to the museum, a talk about the history of C.R. Ashbee's Guild of Handicraft or an Arts & Crafts walk around Chipping Campden.

## The Gordon Russell Museum

Broadway, WR12 7AP

Tel: 01386 854695 [www.gordonrussellmuseum.org](http://www.gordonrussellmuseum.org)

Located in his original workshop, the museum celebrates the life and work of Gordon Russell. Its unique collection of furniture embraces a range of styles spanning this rich period of design over the last sixty years. The museum has an extensive archive of original drawings, notebooks, catalogues and correspondence and also runs an exciting programme of temporary exhibitions.

**Group info:** Open for group bookings by arrangement.

## Nature in Art

Twigworth, GL2 9PA

Tel: 01452 731422 [www.natureinart.org.uk](http://www.natureinart.org.uk)

A museum dedicated to art inspired by nature celebrated in many forms with visiting artists, life size sculptures, paintings by Picasso and David Shepherd and contemporary crafts.

**Group info:** Visits by pre-booked groups are welcome all year round. Illustrated talks and artists' demonstrations can be arranged.

Court Barn Museum



Nature in Art



## New Brewery Arts Centre

Cirencester, GL7 1JH

Tel: 01285 657181 [www.newbreweryarts.org.uk](http://www.newbreweryarts.org.uk)

Explore craft and creativity. See unique items created by extraordinary craftspeople. Whether you are a collector of craft or are simply looking to find something truly inspiring, we can offer you an inspiring experience at New Brewery Arts.

**Group info:** From tours and creative sessions to talks, catering, accommodation and venue hire, we can tailor your visit to the needs of your group - free admission.

## Wilson Art Gallery and Museum

Cheltenham GL50 3JT

Tel : 01242 237431 [www.cheltenhammuseum.org.uk](http://www.cheltenhammuseum.org.uk)

Expansive fine art and touring exhibition galleries. Visitors can explore highlights from the museum's collections including the internationally renowned Arts & Crafts collection, The Paper Store, our open archive showing tales of local heroes, including Edward Wilson (one of Scott's key men on his 1912 expedition to Antarctica).

**Group info:** Tours led by experienced guides, minimum of 10 people, maximum of 20, please book in advance.

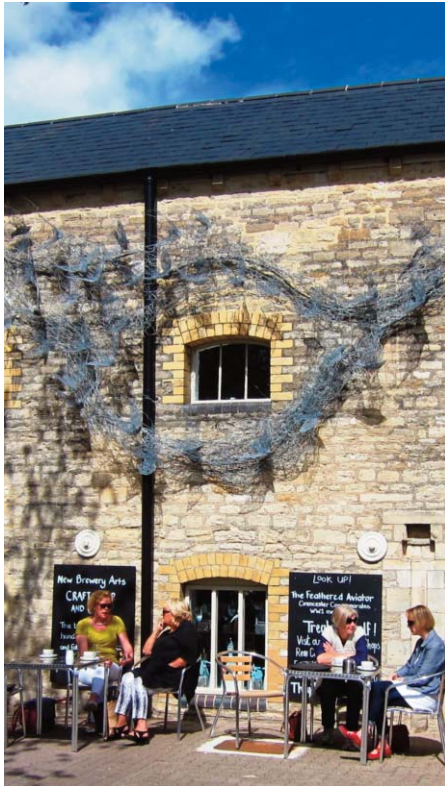
## Winchcombe Pottery

Winchcombe, GL54 5NU

Tel: 01242 602462 [www.winchcombepottery.co.uk](http://www.winchcombepottery.co.uk)

Established in 1926 on the site of a pottery dating back to the early 1800's makes it one of the longest running craft potteries in the country making some of the finest and most practical domestic pottery in the world. Michael Finch and his team of potters produce a wide range of individually designed hand thrown pots.

**Group info:** Please book in advance.



New Brewery Arts





# WILDLIFE

## Birdland Park and Gardens

Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2BN  
Tel: 01451 820480 [www.birdland.co.uk](http://www.birdland.co.uk)

Discover over 500 exotic and rare birds at Birdland Park & Gardens. Meet king penguins and enjoy close encounters with flamingos, parrots, laughing kookaburras, birds of prey, pelicans, magical owls and much more. Don't miss the indoor discovery zone with hatchery, nature reserve and Jurassic Journey.

**Group info:** Groups are welcome and there is a full programme of entertaining talks, feeding, displays and close encounter sessions.

## Cotswold Falconry

Moreton in Marsh, GL56 9AB  
Tel: 01386 701043 [www.cotswold-falconry.co.uk](http://www.cotswold-falconry.co.uk)

Eagles, hawks, kites, owls, vultures and falcons are flown throughout the day giving you a chance to appreciate their speed, grace, agility and their close relationship with the falconer. You can enjoy these wonderful birds and think positively about their conservation.

## Cotswold Wildlife Park

Burford, OX18 4JP  
Tel: 01993 823006 [www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk)

There is plenty of space for large groups to explore and get closer to the wildlife in 160 acres of beautiful surroundings at the Cotswold Wildlife Park. With over 300 different species of animals, insects and birds to discover, plus a train, adventure playground, giraffe walkway, walk with lemurs, reptile house, tropical house, bat house, shop and restaurant.

**Group info:** Groups must consist of 20 or more paying guests and should be booked in advance. The Orangery can be booked for lunch by groups. Garden talks with cream teas can also be arranged for groups of 10-50 people.

Birdland



Cotswold Falconry



Cotswold Wildlife Park



## Crocodiles of the World

Brize Norton, OX18 3NX

Tel: 01993 846353 [www.crocodilesoftheworld.co.uk](http://www.crocodilesoftheworld.co.uk)

The UK's only crocodile zoo with over 150 crocodiles, alligators and caimans. There are also a number of other reptiles including an impressive 2m long crocodile monitor lizard, a friendly 4m reticulated python and a snapping turtle.

**Group info:** Minimum of 10. Guided tours include a 45 minute learning session on a topic of your choice. Group visit lasts approximately two hours with free coach parking.



Crocodiles of the World

## WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre

Slimbridge, GL2 7BT

Tel: 01453 891900 [www.wwt.org.uk/slimbridge](http://www.wwt.org.uk/slimbridge)

WWT Slimbridge, located on the Severn Estuary, is a sanctuary for an impressive collection of wildlife including flamingos, otters, amphibians and exotic geese. A daily programme of walks and talks includes wild winter bird feeds and summer Land Rover safaris. Keen birdwatchers can make use of the hides overlooking the reserve.

**Group info:** Groups of 12 or more enjoy 15% off standard admission prices.



WWT Slimbridge



[www.cotswolds.com](http://www.cotswolds.com)



## ACTIVITIES

### Boat Trips

With so much water about in the Cotswolds, there are plenty of boat trip options for groups. Depending on the rest of your itinerary, please find the boat trip options below.

#### LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

[www.lechladetripboat.co.uk](http://www.lechladetripboat.co.uk)

Cruise along the upper Thames from Lechlade on board a classic riverboat. Small groups catered for in beautiful Cotswold countryside. Private charter is available all year round.

#### TEWKESBURY

[www.visittewkesbury.info](http://www.visittewkesbury.info)

Small groups are catered for from Tewkesbury through beautiful Severn Valley riverside. Cruise from historic Tewkesbury along the Avon to Twynning and back again.

#### EBLEY & SAUL JUNCTION

[www.cotswoldcanals.com](http://www.cotswoldcanals.com)

There are a variety of lovely cruise options from both of these locations near Stroud and Frampton-on-Severn. Private charter is available all year round.



### Cheltenham Racecourse

Cheltenham, GL50 4SH

Tel: 01242 539538

[www.cheltenham.thejockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.cheltenham.thejockeyclub.co.uk)

Cheltenham Racecourse offers non-raceday guided tours of its grounds, with exclusive behind-the-scenes access to stables, grandstands, executive boxes and the racecourse. Guided by our official tour guides, you'll enjoy famous sights around the course and finish with tea, coffee & biscuits.

**Group info:** Minimum of 30 people required for tour. Tours only available outside race days and on weekdays.

Cheltenham Racecourse







Cotswold Water Park

## Cotswold Water Park

Tel: 0793 752413 [www.waterpark.org](http://www.waterpark.org)

With 150 lakes set over 40 square miles, the Cotswold Water Park offers loads of opportunities for activities for all ages. Make your first stop the fabulous Gateway Information Centre with stunning views, information and café. Bridlepaths and cycle routes around the area give an opportunity to see the abundant wildlife - nearby is the Cotswold Country Park and Beach.

**Group info:** Coach parking available at the Gateway Centre.

## Far Peak Climbing

Northleach, GL54 3AP

Tel: 01285 700370 [www.farpeakclimbing.co.uk](http://www.farpeakclimbing.co.uk)

Far Peak Climbing Centre is a superb dedicated climbing facility, offering indoor climbing and bouldering for all ages and abilities and outdoor climbing on our 15m tower. Many other activities are offered on site in a lovely location.

**Group info:** Group visits welcomed - please contact in advance and must be pre booked.



Cheltenham Racecourse

## Flyup 417

Near Cheltenham, GL3 4UF

Tel: 01452 864036 [www.flyupdownhill.co.uk](http://www.flyupdownhill.co.uk)

Flyup offers customers the ultimate uplift and riding cycling experience. We cater for all abilities and the range of tracks available to uplift with us is huge. At the 417 Project, on top of downhill runs, we also offer riders outdoor dirt jumps, 4 X, dual slalom, indoor dirt jumps and the UK's 1st velosolutions pump track.

**Group info:** Please book in advance.

# Gloucestershire Rally School

Cirencester, GL7 5QF

Tel: 01793 752281 [www.glosrallyschool.co.uk](http://www.glosrallyschool.co.uk)

The Rally school is located within The Cotswold Water Park offering a fantastic range of rally experiences, ranging from a 2 lap white-knuckle ride with one of our instructors through to one-to-one coaching for serious competitive drivers. There is also a purpose built 4x4 off road driving course to give a different driving experience.

**Group info:** We can arrange customized event days for you and your friends if you have a party of 8 or more drivers. We welcome groups from 4 to 40 drivers and can tailor make activities to add a 'Team Building' atmosphere.

# Head 4 Heights

Cotswold Country Park & Beach, GL7 6DF

Tel: 01285 770007 [www.head4heights.net](http://www.head4heights.net)

The Head 4 Heights activity centre in the Cotswold Water Park features seven awesome high adventure activities set from 8 to 16 metres above the ground. You get the chance to tackle an exhilarating range of climbing, jumping and swinging activities, all in complete safety.

**Group info:** For group and team building events we are open every day of the year during daylight hours with the exception of Christmas holidays.

# Roman Baths

Bath, BA1 1LZ

Tel: 01225 477785 [www.romanbaths.co.uk](http://www.romanbaths.co.uk)

One of the finest historic sites, the Roman Baths consist of the remarkably preserved remains of one of the greatest religious spas of the Roman world. Walk through four main features including the Sacred Spring and Roman Temple.

**Group info:** Group discounts for 20+. Teaching sessions for schools on range of subjects can be booked. Personal guides can also be booked.

Gloucestershire Rally School



Head 4 Heights



Roman Baths



## South Cerney Outdoor Centre

South Cerney, GL7 5TL

T: 01285 860388 [www.southcerneyoutdoor.co.uk](http://www.southcerneyoutdoor.co.uk)

Situated on a 52 acre site in the Cotswold Water Park, the centre has its own large lake for many water sports, surrounding woods and open space for land based activities as well as onsite changing rooms, classrooms and stores. Qualified instructors will assist you to have fun, be safe and experience a wide range of outdoor activities.

**Group info:** We cater for groups of all sizes and backgrounds and can customize the experience to suit your group aims and outcomes.

## Thermae Bath Spa

Bath, BA1 1SJ

Tel: 01225 33 1234 [www.thermaebathspa.com](http://www.thermaebathspa.com)

Thermae Bath Spa is a day spa which is uniquely fed by Bath's naturally warm, mineral rich waters. Highlights include the indoor Minerva Bath, a new Wellness Suite, the stand-alone Cross Bath and an open-air rooftop pool with spectacular views over the city and surrounding countryside.

**Group info:** Small groups are welcome at Thermae. The stand-alone Cross Bath can be hired out for the exclusive use of a group of up to 12 people.

## TOUR GUIDES

### Cotswolds Ghost Tours

Cheltenham, GL52 3AR

Tel: 07956 877268 [www.cotswoldsghosttours.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldsghosttours.co.uk)

Cotswolds Ghost Tours offer gimmick-free, historically motivated, ghost tours with professionally qualified Blue Badge Tourist Guides, in towns and villages across the Cotswolds region. Our current tours include Cheltenham, and Prestbury (one of England's most haunted villages), but with more locations to come in the future!

**Group info:** Private tours for up to 30 in Cheltenham, or up to 25 in Prestbury. Story telling session also available.





## Cotswold Tours

Winchcombe, GL54 5LJ

T: 01242 603846 [www.cotswold-tours.co.uk](http://www.cotswold-tours.co.uk)

We provide full destination management arrangements for groups of all sizes for corporate and leisure group visitors. We will create a full itinerary from arrival to departure for your transport, accommodation guidance to fulfil your request of the ideal visit to suit your budget and expectations.

Cotswold Tours



## Secret Cottage Tours

North Cotswolds

Tel: 01608 674700 [www.cotswoldtourismtours.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldtourismtours.co.uk)

Operating day tours of picturesque hidden Cotswold villages that includes an invitation into the owner's private home for tea or coffee with pastries, a buffet lunch and a traditional Cotswold cream tea served inside Secret Cottage. Pick up from local train station at Moreton in Marsh.

Secret Cottage Tours



## Mary Badger Blue Badge Guide

T: 01386 858601 [www.britainsbestguides.org](http://www.britainsbestguides.org)

– search for Mary Badger

Mary Badger is a guide for Gloucestershire and the Cotswolds, giving visitors an opportunity to enjoy much of this beautiful area, introducing them to its history, flora, and fauna and local folklore, leading walking and coach tours in both towns and villages. Gardens, agriculture and the rich involvement with the Arts & Crafts Movement are some of Mary's specialities.

Mary Badger Blue Badge Tours





Tour and Explore the Cotswolds

## Tour and Explore the Cotswolds

With Anne Bartlett Blue Badge Tour Guide  
[www.tourandexplore.com](http://www.tourandexplore.com)  
Tel: 01242 58469

I am an experienced, locally based professional blue badge tourist guide, providing a relaxed and friendly service for people visiting the Cotswolds. My tour guiding service is flexible and itineraries can be tailored to include any specific attractions or interests you have as a group. Guided tours can be either walking tours around towns and villages or as coach tours around the Cotswold region.

**Group info:** Services can include helping to plan your tour, illustrated talks and after-dinner.



Bampton

## A QUICK GUIDE TO OUR COTSWOLD TOWNS



### Bampton

Bampton is a lively village that may seem oddly familiar as it was used for filming the village scenes in the TV drama 'Downton Abbey'. West Ox Arts Gallery holds exhibitions of various art forms and you can also experience traditional Morris Dancing during the 'Bampton Day of Dance'.

**Coach Parking:** Drop off point in Market Square.  
**Parking** at Bampton Recreation Ground, OX18 2AA  
**Public Toilets:** Town Hall, Market Square.



Berkeley

### Berkeley

This lovely town is home to the 12th century Berkeley Castle, which is the oldest inhabited castle in England, and Dr. Jenner's House, once the home of the pioneer of the smallpox vaccination.

**Coach Parking:** Berkeley Castle, GL13 9PJ by prior arrangement [www.berkeley-castle.com](http://www.berkeley-castle.com)  
**Drop off** (when castle is closed) Salter Street  
**Public Toilets:** Berkeley Castle and Marybrook Street.

## Bourton-on-the-Water

Bourton is probably the most visited village in the Cotswolds, and often referred to as the 'Venice of the Cotswolds'. Clear sparkling water of the River Windrush and the attractive low bridges crossing it make for a charming scene. There are pubs, shops, restaurants, tea-rooms and an unusually high number of visitor attractions for such a small place. Nearby, the Slaughters are considered to be some of the prettiest Cotswold villages and are well worth a visit.

**Coach Parking:** Station Road GL54 3EN

**Public Toilets:** Church Rooms, High Street and Rissington Road car park.

**Tours:** Regular walks on Friday and Saturday evenings to discover the myths and legends of the village.

Information from the VIC.

VIC: T: 01451 820211 E: [info@visitbourton.com](mailto:info@visitbourton.com)

Bourton on the Water



## Broadway

Broadway is famously beautiful and popular throughout the year. It is lined with some lovely independent shops, restaurants, hotels and plenty of antique shops. Broadway Tower, the iconic viewpoint overlooks the town.

**Coach Parking:** Milestone Ground car park, WR12 7HB

**Public Toilets:** Milestone Ground and Broadway High Street car parks

VIC: T: 01386 852937 E: [info@visitbroadway.co.uk](mailto:info@visitbroadway.co.uk)

Broadway



## Burford

With its medieval bridge, old stone houses and attractive Tudor and Georgian frontages, Burford is justifiably one of the most picturesque towns in England. The 16th century Tolsey building houses the Museum. Burford has specialist independent shops and a wide variety of places to eat.

**Coach Parking:** Free coach parking, in Priory Lane (4 spaces only)

**Public Toilets:** Next to visitor information centre on High Street and in main car park.

**Tours:** Guided walks available, plus local expert David Cohen also leads local garden and walking tours - please book in advance.

VIC: T: 01993 823558 E: [burford.vic@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:burford.vic@westoxon.gov.uk)

Burford







Charlbury

## Charlbury

The market town of Charlbury grew from a small clearing in the Wychwood Forest to a prosperous market town, due largely to its reputation as a glove making centre during the 18th and 19th centuries. There is a small museum and a number of specialist independent shops.

**Public Toilets:** Spendlove Centre, Enstone Road



Cheltenham

## Cheltenham

Originally designed as a pleasure health resort for wealthy visitors, Cheltenham today offers exceptional accommodation, food and drink venues, theatres and entertainment, where many Regency features remain. High street and independent shopping are widely enjoyed. With high profile events including the annual Cheltenham Festival series and race meets, Cheltenham offers a hive of culture and activity for everyone.

**Coach Parking:** Free at Cheltenham racecourse, park and ride site GL50 4SH. Central drop off/ pick up : Royal Well Bus Station - GL50 9SA.

**Public Toilets:** Royal Well Bus Station

**Tours:** Regency Cheltenham tours spring-summer months and ghost tours available.

**VIC:** T: 01242 237431 E: [info@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk)



Chipping Campden

## Chipping Campden

Chipping Campden is one of the best preserved and most historically important towns, with a famously beautiful High Street, thatched cottages and elegant Market Hall. Frequently described as the 'jewel in the crown' of the Cotswold towns, explore the many historic buildings, wool church, links with the Arts and Crafts Movement and nearby Dover's Hill.

**Public Toilets:** Sheep Street, Chipping Campden

**Tours:** Local town walks, summer season and must be booked in advance via VIC.

**VIC:** T: 01386 841206 E: [info@campdenonline.org](mailto:info@campdenonline.org)

## Chipping Norton

Chipping Norton was once the centre for the Cotswold wool and tweed trade. With a diverse selection of shops, a fantastic theatre and great choice of places to eat Chipping Norton retains a robust living, working market town atmosphere.

**Coach Parking:** Chipping Norton School 9am – 3pm only. Contact Head Teacher 01608 642007 Coach drop off point in the town centre (West Street)

**Public Toilets:** Town Hall, Market Place and New Street Car Park.

VIC: T: 01608 643384

Chipping Norton



## Cirencester

The Capital of the Cotswolds, this is a thriving town with ancient Roman origins. Ensure you visit the award-winning Corinium Museum where you can experience life as a Roman and marvel at the stunning mosaics. The town has a vibrant arts centre, beautiful abbey grounds, independent shops and incredible history to explore.

**Coach Parking:** Hare and Buses Service Station – smaller coaches Tetbury Road.

**Public Toilets:** Brewery Car Park, Forum Car Park and London Road.

**Tours:** Cirencester Civic Society offer different walks including historical Cirencester. Other local companies also provide guided walks. Be shown around by a local as part of the global greeters service to discover hidden gems.

VIC: T: 01285 654180 E: [cirencestervic@slm-ltd.co.uk](mailto:cirencestervic@slm-ltd.co.uk)

Cirencester



## Fairford

The old coaching town sits on a lovely stretch of the River Coln with delightful walks in the quiet countryside. Its great glory is the parish church, St Mary's, which is a fine 'wool church', with a complete set of 28 medieval stained glass windows.

**Public Toilets:** High Street

Fairford





Lechlade

## Lechlade-on-Thames

Located on the River Thames and popular with leisure traffic, boat trips, walkers and anglers, this market town, is centred around a bustling market place and the church of St Lawrence. Nearby Kelmscott Manor and Buscot House are in easy reach.

**Public Toilets:** Burford Street

**Tours:** Guided tours by the local history society – please contact the VIC

**VIC:** T: 01367 252631 E: [info@lechladelibrary.co.uk](mailto:info@lechladelibrary.co.uk)



Moreton in Marsh

## Moreton-in-Marsh

Moreton has excellent public transport links to London by rail and local coach routes by road. The town has a long and wide High Street, which plays host to the largest open air street market every Tuesday. Look up to see fine buildings; including the rare Curfew Tower with its original clock and bell dated 1633.

**Coach Parking:** Redesdale Hall, GL56 0AZ

**Public Toilets:** High Street

**VIC:** T: 01608 650881 E: [Moreton@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:Moreton@cotswold.gov.uk)



Nailsworth

## Nailsworth

An artistic town renowned for its award-winning restaurants, pubs, cafes, food emporium and a celebrated bakery (home to The Fabulous Baker Brothers) as well as historic mills and independent shopping.

**Coach Parking:** Free at Nailsworth Bus Station.

**Public Toilets:** Bus Station

**VIC:** T: 01453 839222

**E:** [tic@nailsworthtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:tic@nailsworthtowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Northleach

This beautiful town with a lovely market square, magnificent church of St Peter and St Paul is a must see with some of the best wool merchant's brasses in the country. The Old Prison houses a discovery centre about the landscape and the music museum is on the main High Street.

**Public Toilets:** Market Place



Northleach

## Painswick

Painswick, near Stroud, is one of the finest Cotswold towns and sits on the Cotswold Way. It includes a spectacular churchyard, award-winning hotels and inns, specialist shops and galleries. Painswick Rococo Garden, Painswick Beacon, Laurie Lee's Slad and the picturesque villages of Sheepscombe and Edge are nearby.

**Coach Parking:** Free at Stamage's Lane

**Public Toilets:** Stamage's Lane car park

**VIC:** T: 01452 812278 E: [painswicktourist@gmail.com](mailto:painswicktourist@gmail.com)



Painswick

## Stow-on-the-Wold

At nearly 800ft, Stow is the highest of the Cotswold towns, and famous as a centre for antiques, great boutique shops, and inns all built in the local stone around the impressive market square. Trace the history including links with the English Civil War via the market cross, church and alleyways.

**Coach Parking:** Mangersbury Road Car Park, GL54 1AQ

**Public Toilets:** Market Square and Mangersbury Road

**VIC:** T: 01451 870998

**E:** [stowvic@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:stowvic@gloucestershire.gov.uk)



Stow on the Wold



Stroud

## Stroud

Brimming with independent shops, cafes, galleries and a museum, Stroud hosts one of the best farmers' markets in the country. An eclectic mix of shops, selling everything from fossils to fairies, sits against the backdrop of the Five Valleys. Stroud is known for contemporary arts, as well as its canal, commons, mill heritage and colourful festivals.

**Coach Parking:** Free at Stratford Park, GL5 4AF, drop off on London Road

**Public Toilets:** Stratford Park

**VIC:** T: 01453 760960 E: [tic@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:tic@stroud.gov.uk)



Tetbury

## Tetbury

This thriving town boasts a wealth of architectural heritage including elegant church and the iconic Market House built in 1655 and still has a market use today. The many historic buildings now house a range of independent shops including Highgrove shop, antiques, arts venue and even police museum.

**Coach Parking:** Old Railway Yard GL8 8EY (small coaches)

**Public Toilets:** Chipping Street and West Street, Tetbury

**VIC:** T: 01666 503552 E: [tourism@tetbury.org](mailto:tourism@tetbury.org)



Tewkesbury

## Tewkesbury

Tewkesbury has a character all of its own and is one of the few places in the Cotswold area where you will see black and white half-timbered buildings. There are almost 400 listed buildings and this makes it popular with visitors who also enjoy spending time on the beautiful riverbanks and admiring the elegant Abbey.

**Coach Parking:** Gloucester Road, drop off the Crescent, town centre

**Public Toilets:** Spring Gardens and Gloucester Road car park

**Tours:** Historic Tewkesbury tours and Battle Trail tours available – please contact Visitor Information Centre

**VIC:** T: 01684 855040

E: [tewkesburytic@teewkesbury.gov.uk](mailto:tewkesburytic@teewkesbury.gov.uk)

## Winchcombe

Winchcombe has a wonderful timeless quality about it. Cotswold stone cottages enhanced by black and white half-timbered buildings, narrow side streets and charming houses make up the centre of this fabulous town, now famous for being a centre for walkers. Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe Pottery and the Steam Railway are close by.

**Coach Parking:** Back Lane car park, drop off Abbey Terrace

**Public Toilets:** Back Lane Car Park and Vineyard Street  
VIC: T: 01242 602925

E: winchcombetic@tewkesbury.gov.uk

Winchcombe



## Witney

Witney is a large market town and best known for the famous Witney Blankets and much of the architecture reflects the prosperity brought by this trade. The town has a bustling atmosphere with a good range of independent specialist shops and a wide range of places to eat.

**Coach Parking:** Free coach parking available at Cogges, drop off is outside Windrush Leisure Centre

**Public Toilets:** Langdale Gate and The Leys

**Tours:** Local guided walks can be arranged – please contact the VIC

VIC: T: 01993 775802 E: witneyvic@westoxon.gov.uk

Witney



## Woodstock

Woodstock is a fine Georgian town with a distinct royal heritage and containing many attractive period buildings including Blenheim Palace. Woodstock has an interesting selection of specialist independent shops and galleries as well as some excellent pubs, restaurants and tea rooms.

**Coach Parking:** Free parking at Bladon Chains, drop off point on Oxford Road.

**Public Toilets:** Browns Lane and Hensington Road

Some of the smaller market towns do not have official large coach parking spaces and ask coach drivers to request prior permission by contacting the local town council & visitor information centre for advice and guidance.

Blenheim, near Woodstock







# THEATRE AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Cotswolds has a wide variety of entertainment venues with many theatres. Our varied venues provide a world renowned series of shows. Should you wish to include a visit to the theatre into your group visit, here are some useful contacts.

**EVERYMAN THEATRE**, Cheltenham.  
[www.everymantheatre.org.uk](http://www.everymantheatre.org.uk)

**THE ROSES THEATRE**, Tewkesbury.  
[www.roses theatre.org](http://www.roses theatre.org)

**THE THEATRE**, Chipping Norton  
[www.chippingnortontheatre.com](http://www.chippingnortontheatre.com)

**THE SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS**, Stroud.  
[www.subscriptionrooms.org.uk](http://www.subscriptionrooms.org.uk)

**CHEL TENHAM TOWN HALL & PITVILLE PUMP ROOM** [www.cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk](http://www.cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk)

**SUNDIAL THEATRE**, Cirencester  
[www.sundial-theatre.co.uk](http://www.sundial-theatre.co.uk)

**LONGBOROUGH OPERA HOUSE**, Moreton-in-Marsh  
[www.lfo.org.uk](http://www.lfo.org.uk)

**CHEL TENHAM PLAYHOUSE**  
[www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk](http://www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk)

**THE BACON THEATRE**, Cheltenham  
[www.bacontheatre.co.uk](http://www.bacontheatre.co.uk)



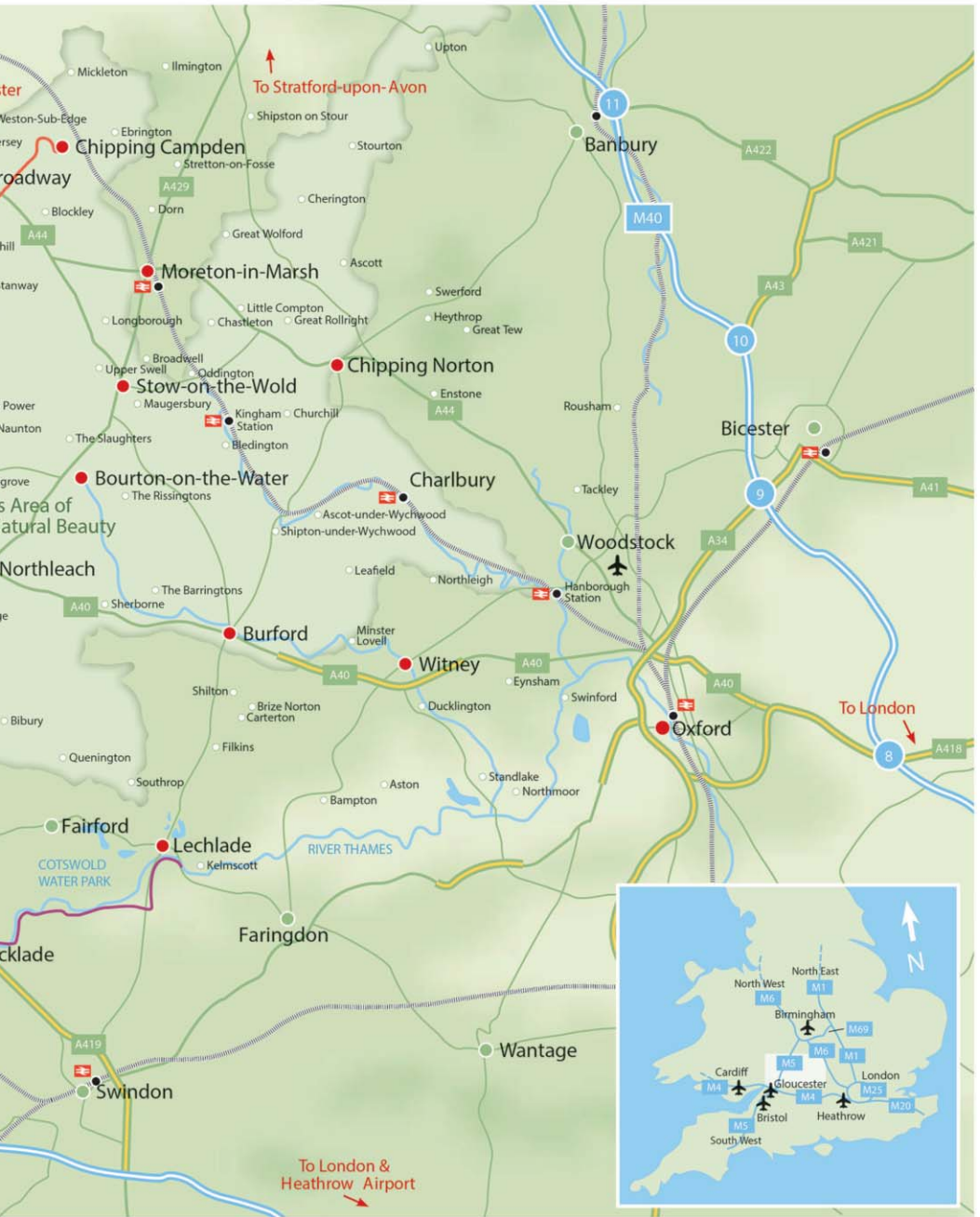
Longborough Opera House



Chipping Norton Theatre



Map of the Cotswolds



an illustrative guide



# Cotswold Visitor Information Centres

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## BURFORD

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## CHELTENHAM

T: 01242 237431 E: [info@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk)

## CHIPPING CAMPDEN

T: 01386 841206 E: [info@campdenonline.org](mailto:info@campdenonline.org)

## CHIPPING NORTON

T: 01608 643384

## CIRENCESTER

T: 01285 654180 E: [cirencestervic@slm-ltd.co.uk](mailto:cirencestervic@slm-ltd.co.uk)

## LECHLADE

T: 01367 252631 E: [info@lechladelibrary.co.uk](mailto:info@lechladelibrary.co.uk)

## MORETON-IN-MARSH

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## NAILSWORTH

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## PAINSWICK

T: 01452 812278 E: [painswicktourist@gmail.com](mailto:painswicktourist@gmail.com)

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