

The Cotswolds

ITINERARY 2 :

Owlpen Manor and Woodchester Mansion, unspoilt beauty.

This day offers the opportunity to visit Woodchester Mansion, an unfinished haunting, architectural gem which occupies a remote valley in a quiet part of the Cotswolds. The mansion and parkland have their own unique atmosphere in which time appears suspended. A pause at the viewpoint at Nymphsfield reveals an outstanding aspect of the Severn Vale below and the horizon traces the outlines of the Welsh Mountains.

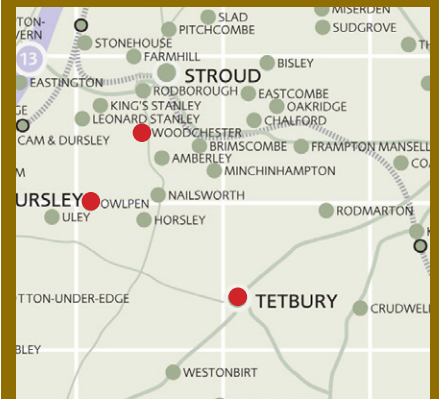
Owlpen Manor, the home of Lord and Lady Mander, is again tucked away in a remote valley, into which this lovely old house blends perfectly. The house dates from the 15c and the interior has an important Arts and Crafts association. The terraced garden dropping down to the stream opens out on unspoiled views of the valley and reflects the serenity of the surrounding countryside. A visit to the market town of Tetbury completes the day. Guided tours of the arboretum and magnificent former Holford family residence are available by prior arrangement.

AT A GLANCE :

Highlights: Hidden in two beautiful remote Cotswold valleys are an unfinished, haunting, architectural masterpiece, Woodchester Mansion, and a romantic Tudor manor house, Owlpen Manor. The day completes at the market town of Tetbury.

Timing: Arriving at Woodchester Mansion for 10.00am allows sufficient time to enjoy both houses and a visit to Tetbury for a return of 4.30pm.

Miles: 15m. to begin at Woodchester Mansion and complete the day with a visit to the market town of Tetbury.



Woodchester Mansion



The Mansion is situated 5 miles south of Stroud on the B4066, near the village of Nymphsfield. After your visit, return to the B4066, turn left towards Uley and almost immediately turn right into The Nymphsfield viewpoint NT parking area, for views of the Severn Vale.

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www.woodchestermansion.org.uk

Owlpen Manor



Rejoin the B4066, again heading south to the village of Uley. At the "Rose and Crown" pub turn left down a narrow road to arrive at Owlpen Manor in 1 mile. On leaving Owlpen, the B4066 (south) connects to the A4135 and the market town of Tetbury.

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Tetbury



The coach drop off point is in Chipping Street and coach parking is at the bottom of the hill. Tetbury has a real market town feel, with its pillared 1655 market house and collection of quality local shops, inns and tea rooms. It also has a reputation as an antique centre with over 25 shops. Prince Charles' shop "Highgrove" can be found here.

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