



UNCOVER TETBURY

Known as the 'southern gateway to the Cotswolds' Tetbury has much to offer in its own right. Centuries of history mirrored in its architecture, royal connections and even a dolphin or two. Add to this an array of individual shops, cafés and inns and you need look no further for your stay in the Cotswolds.

DAY 1

The **Market House** is the centrepiece of Tetbury – physically and historically. The Grade I listed building dates from 1651, and the town was granted a market charter in the Middle Ages. Markets are still held here twice a week. Look one way to glimpse **St Mary's Church** – worth a visit to see the box pews – before exploring all the individual shops in Long Street. Antique shops, fashion boutiques and art galleries all feature, as does HRH Prince Charles's own shop **Highgrove**. There are plenty of teashops and cosy inns to tempt you along the way too!





Tetbury is the second largest town in the Cotswolds. Built on the site of a Saxon hill fort, its prosperity stems from the medieval wool trade. Look up at the steep gables of the wool merchants' houses, and climb the **Chipping Steps** lined with weavers' cottages – architectural heritage in abundance! The town centre is a conservation area and many buildings have graded listing.

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WHERE TO STAY

The Close combines the best of town and country, being right in the centre but with the bonus of a walled garden. This 16th century townhouse oozes charm and character, as does **The Priory**, also centrally situated and renowned for its wood-fired pizzas and dry-aged steak.

HIDDEN GEMS

Local lore: Dolphins feature on the Market Hall and on the town crest. Legend has it that either a local man was saved by two dolphins, or that the dolphins saved a locally-owned ship from sinking. Whatever the truth, the dolphin is now the symbol of the town. Feoffees is not a mis-spelling of coffee, but the term for four residents who bought the Market Hall for the town in1633. It is still owned by public-spirited locals.

TOP TIP

Walk down **Chipping Street** to the **Goods Shed Art Centre** and **Whistle Stop Café**. The former railway buildings now house a thriving arts centre hosting film nights, exhibitions and craft workshops. The **Rail Lands Park** is ideal for an after-lunch stroll, bike ride or work out.



DAY 2

Tetbury is the Cotswold town with the most royal connections. Just outside is HRH Prince Charles's house **Highgrove** – a tour of the remarkable gardens is a must. HRH Princess Anne lives close by at Gatcombe Park which hosts the annual festival of eventing. Also nearby is **Westonbirt**, the national Arboretum, with its treetop walk, play trail and some 15,000 trees from across the globe – beautiful in every season.



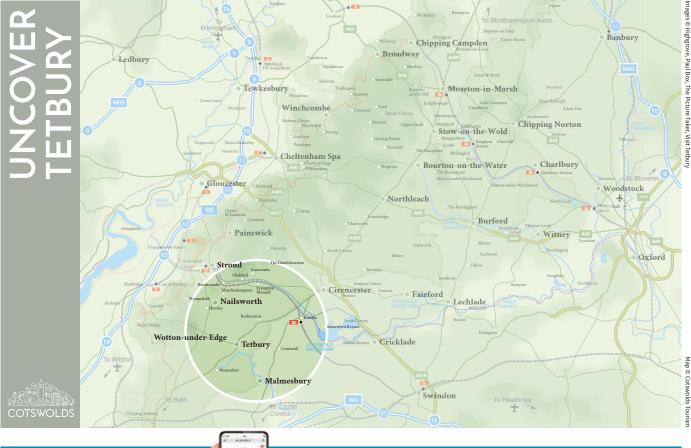
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Chavenage House may seem very familiar to film buffs, as it features as Trenwith in **Poldark** and can be spotted in scenes from **Wolf Hall** and **Larkrise to Candleford**. This atmospheric gem has barely changed since Tudor times. Built much later, but using traditional materials, is the wonderful Arts and Crafts house **Rodmarton Manor**. Both properties are open to the public.



TOP TIP

For a truly relaxing stay head for **Calcot Manor and Spa**, just a few miles from Tetbury. This converted farmhouse is a true rural retreat.



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