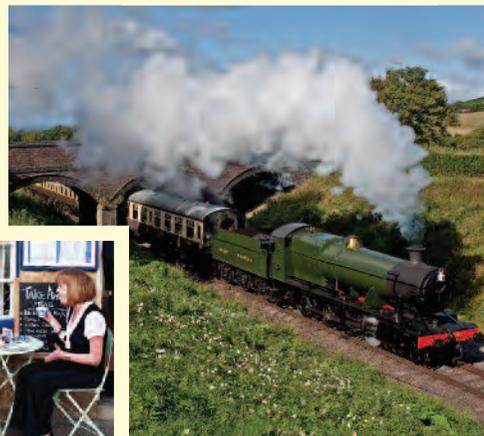
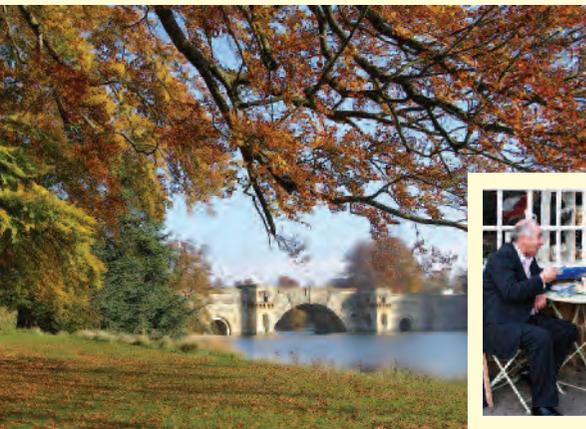
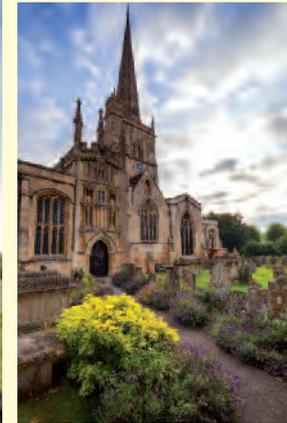
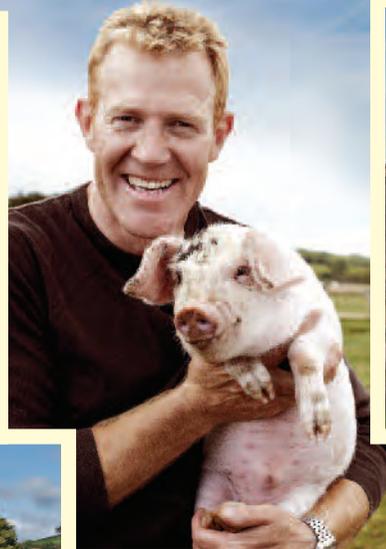
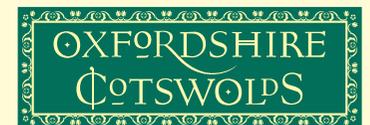


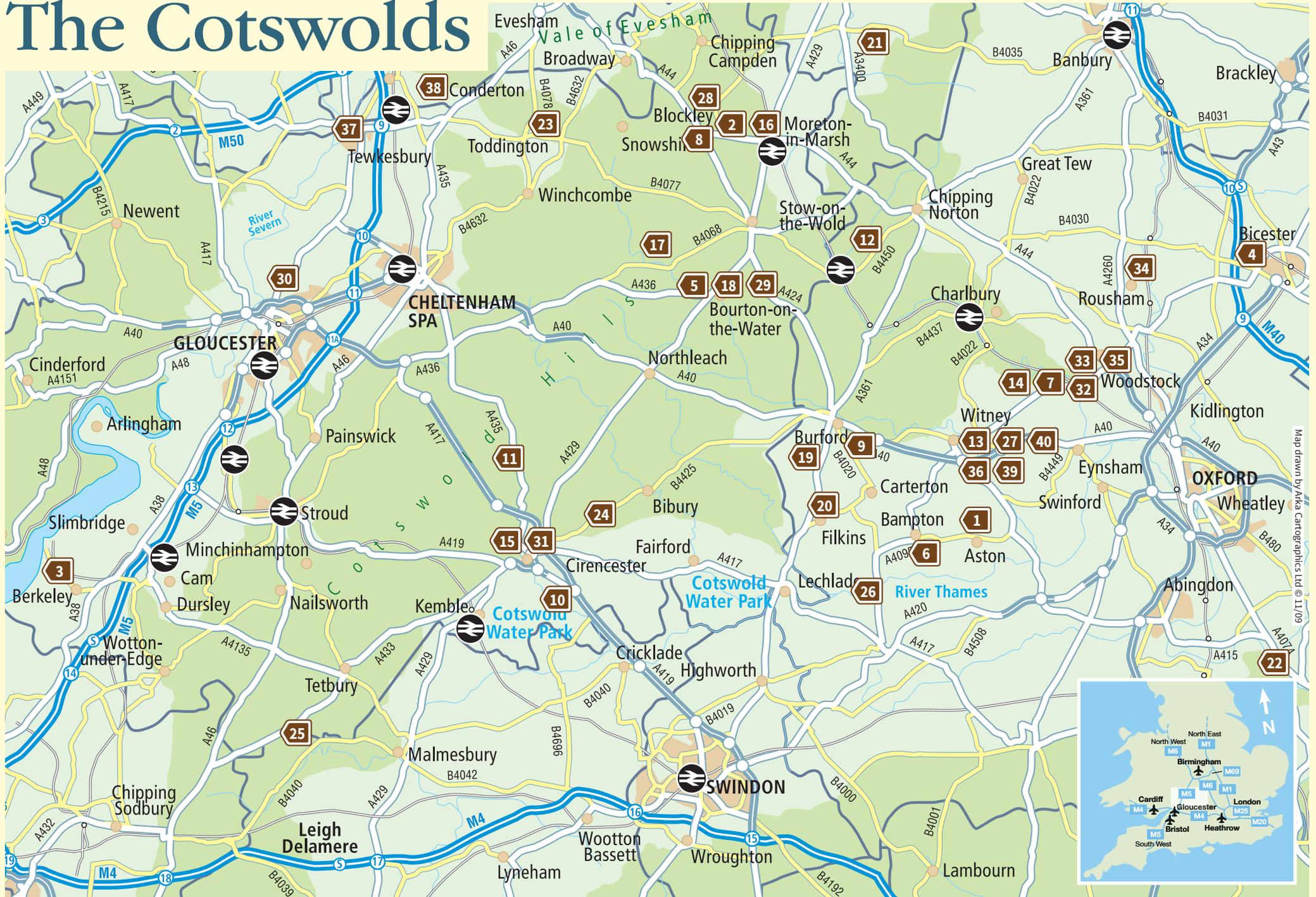
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Welcome to The Cotswolds

This Browser is not a definitive guide to the Cotswolds but an introduction highlighting some of the many attractions on offer, from the well-known to undiscovered gems. Browse at your leisure, then venture out to explore and discover for yourself.

An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Cotswolds offers the best of rural England, with towns and villages of honey-coloured stone set amongst green rolling hills and glorious countryside. Discover bustling market towns steeped in history, with a wide range of unusual and interesting shops, tea rooms, pubs and restaurants.

The Cotswolds boast a fantastic range of attractions providing entertainment and interest for visitors of all ages. There isn't the chance to list all the treasures waiting to be explored in a publication this size, picture postcard villages, medieval churches, places to eat and drink, and the many events and festivals that take place throughout the year.

For full information on all of these, visit our websites:

www.cotswolds.com and **www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org**



Leave the car behind and discover the great outdoors

To really enjoy the Cotswolds, why not leave the car behind for a day and explore on foot or by bike? Moving at a gentler pace, you will be better able to enjoy the sights and sounds that make the area so special.

With over 5,000km of footpaths and bridleways this is a walker's paradise, with gently rolling hills, wooded valleys, riverside paths and pretty country lanes. Whether you are an ambler or a Rambler, the choice of walks is extensive. Don't forget to stop and marvel at the stunning views!

One of the most beautiful stretches of the Thames Path runs through the Cotswolds, along with the dramatic Cotswold Way stretching over 100 miles from Chipping Campden to Bath, and the picturesque Oxfordshire Way from Bourton-on-the-Water towards Oxford.

For a slightly faster pace there's nothing quite like the freedom offered by two wheels. Miles of quiet country lanes, bridleways galore and a selection of circular cycle routes provide opportunities for long or short rides, on and off road. The gently rolling hills, characteristic of the Cotswolds, mean that uphill sections are usually short and satisfyingly rewarded by some freewheeling afterwards!

No mention of walking or cycling in the area would be complete without reference to the classic Cotswold inn. There are plenty of great country pubs conveniently dotted around the area, along with traditional tea rooms, so you can take a well-earned refreshment break and sample some of our excellent local food and drink.

There are more than 50 free downloadable walks and a wide range of free downloadable cycle rides available, as well as the Cotswolds and Severn Vale 7 day circular cycling tour route.

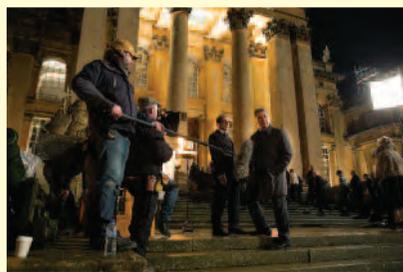
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Set Jetting

Visit the locations of your favourite films and TV series

Film producers are drawn to the Cotswolds for its picture-perfect towns and villages, country retreats and glorious countryside, making fine settings for the best of British drama and international movies. Follow in the footsteps of the famous and you may be lucky enough to see a production being made when you visit!

Poldark

Come and see 'Trenwith', the *Poldark* family home, actually filmed in **Chavenage House**, Tetbury and you may spot Aiden Turner as Ross Poldark! Chavenage House is a wonderful Elizabethan house of mellow Cotswold stone which is often used as a location for TV and film productions. Famous stars who have graced the house include Oscar-winning Eddie Redmayne, Jamie Doran and the late Warren Clarke.

A Fairytale Palace

In the latest *Cinderella* film, **Blenheim Palace** was used as one of the locations. The Grand and Bladon Bridges set the scene for the carriage journey to the Palace when Cinderella goes to the ball. The Palace also played a starring role in the latest James Bond movie, *Spectre* and *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation*. Take the *Lights, Camera, Action* tour which shares the secrets of filming at Blenheim Palace.

Lord Grantham comes to the Cotswolds

The Cotswold village of **Bampton** doubles as the fictional village of Downton in the hit drama series *Downton Abbey*. Many of the houses, church and pub exteriors are recognisable from the show. **Cogges** in Witney has also featured as Yew Tree Farm, and has a fascinating display showing how the farm buildings were transformed for the filming of the show, along with a video about the filming.

BBC Countryfile

The Cotswolds features regularly in *Countryfile*. Presenter Adam Henson's farm park is one of the Cotswolds most popular attractions. In 2016, *Countryfile Live* is coming to Blenheim Palace, 4 days of live filming showcasing the very best of our countryside.

Wolf Hall

Many Cotswold locations have been used for the filming of *Wolf Hall* including Chavenage House, Chastleton House, Berkeley Castle and Gloucester Cathedral, all superb Cotswold buildings.

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Bourton-on-the-Water

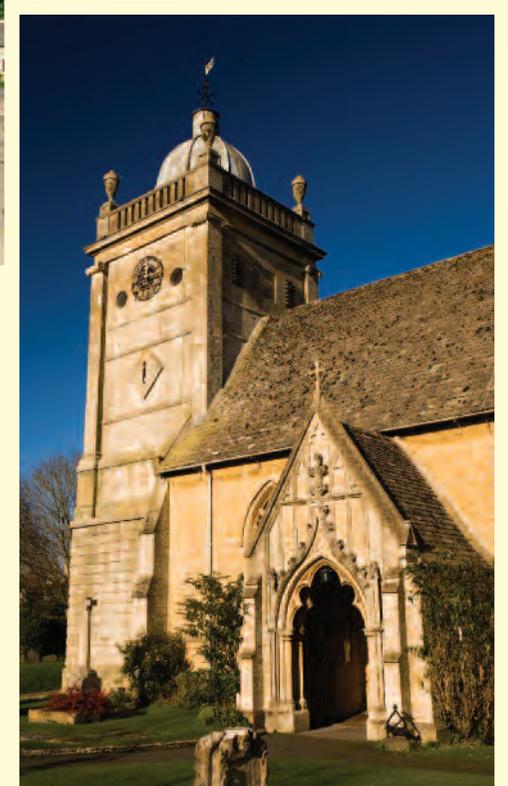
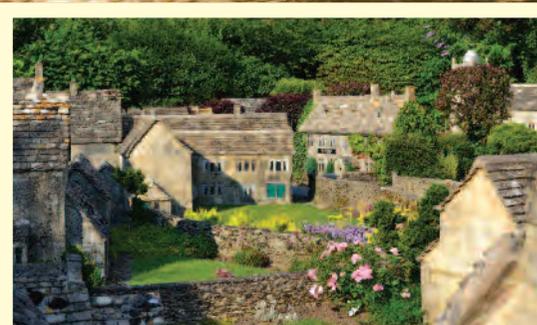
This popular Cotswolds village is known as the ‘Venice of the Cotswolds’, with the pretty River Windrush meandering through the centre, the clear water spanned by a series of picturesque arched stone bridges.

There’s plenty to entertain visitors of all ages, with an excellent range of attractions including a one-ninth scale replica model village. In fact, Bourton-on-the-Water is particularly good for families looking for a fun day out, especially on days when the weather isn’t great!

Visit St Lawrence’s Church, notable for its domed tower, unique in the Cotswolds. Take a walk out to Salmonsbury Meadows, a wildlife reserve where you can enjoy natural meadows, wildflowers and explore the history of this farming area.

Bourton-on-the-Water also has an excellent range of pubs, restaurants, cafés and tearooms to sample, along with a great selection of shops.

www.bourtoninfo.com



Burford

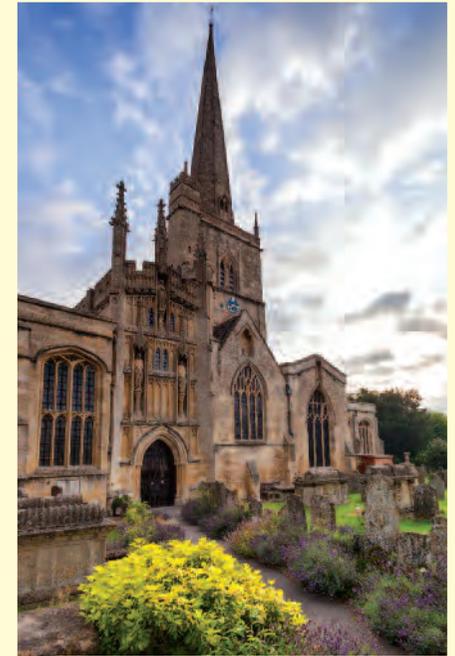
With its historic stone buildings leading down a steep hill to the medieval bridge over the River Windrush, set against a backdrop of Cotswolds countryside, it's easy to see why Burford is one of Oxfordshire's most attractive towns.

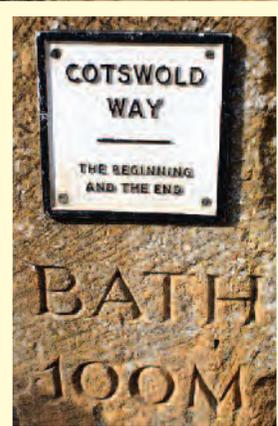
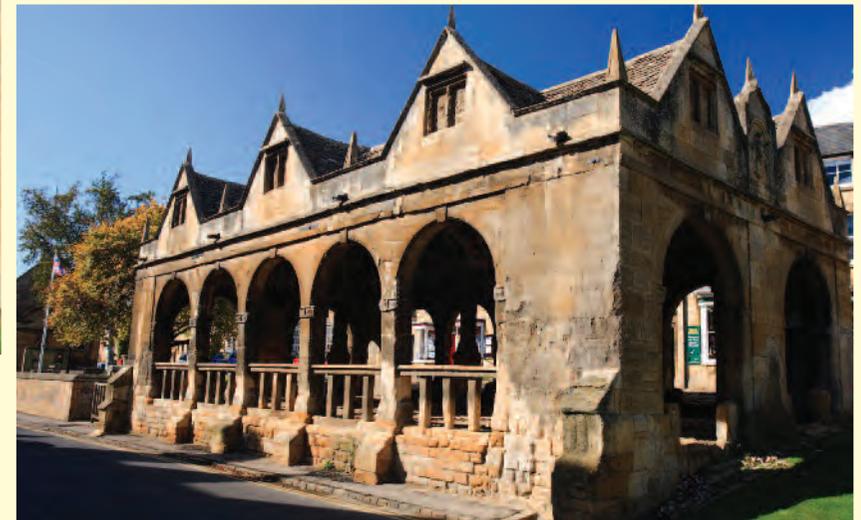
Little has changed since the 18th century and the town has a rich history. Burford was once a major wool market and later became a flourishing commercial centre, with industries such as leather tanning and brewing. The town was an important crossroads on trading routes and has many former coaching inns, now converted into hotels, pubs and houses.

Burford has an excellent range of specialist shops lining the High Street, selling art, antiques and gifts. Explore the quiet side streets and passage ways, where you will see glimpses of Burford's fascinating history. The 16th century Tolsey building, once the meeting place for medieval merchants, now houses a marvellous local museum illustrating the town's past.

The impressive St John the Baptist Church reflects the wool wealth of the town, and has many interesting memorials charting some of Burford's great families. Look out for some fascinating historic insights such as the magnificent bale tombs and the graffiti on the font which dates back to the Levellers movement in 1649 where mutineers were executed in the churchyard.

www.burfordcotswolds.co.uk





Chipping Campden

With more than 200 listed buildings, Chipping Campden is one of the best-preserved towns in the Cotswolds and has a timeless quality.

The delightful broad, sweeping High Street with its unbroken terraces represents many architectural styles, from mellow Cotswold stone buildings to thatched cottages. The elegant Market Hall, built in 1627 for the sale of butter, cheese and poultry, still stands proudly in the centre of the town. Other notable historic buildings include Grevel House, Woolstaplers Hall, the Town Hall and St James' Church, a fine example of a Cotswold wool church, famous for having one of the oldest altar tapestries in England.

Many of the town's buildings are associated with the Arts and Crafts movement. Visit the Court Barn Museum, to find out the story of craft and design in the Cotswolds.

The town is packed with independent, specialist shops selling art, clothes, shoes, jewellery and gifts, as well as a diverse range of places to eat in.

For wonderful views of the surrounding countryside, climb up nearby Dover's Hill, where in the 17th century, Captain Robert Dover founded the Cotswold Olimpicks, a bizarre mix of sports, games and village festivities still held annually.

www.chippingcampdenonline.org



Chipping Norton

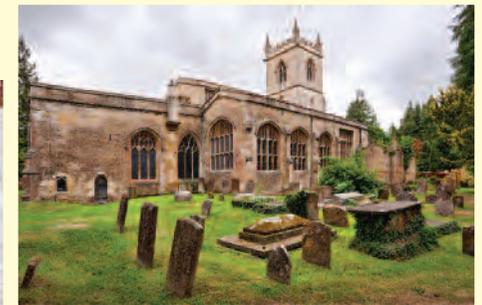
'Chippy', as it is affectionately known by locals, is a real, working Cotswold market town. It has an enviable range of shops and places to eat, along with regular markets.

The lively town centre is always bustling with shoppers and visitors enjoying the specialist independent shops, including some lovely boutiques, gift and homeware shops and a well-known bookshop. It is also home to a successful, award-winning theatre which has an excellent programme of plays, films, comedy and live music, and is well-known for its annual pantomime.

The Lido, a popular outdoor pool on the edge of the town, is great for a Summer dip and picnic on the grass, looking out onto the Cotswold hills.

There is also plenty of historical interest, including the Grade I listed St Mary's Church, the impressive Bliss Mill (now luxury flats) and grand Town Hall. Visit the small local museum on the first floor of the 19th century Chipping Norton Co-op Society Meeting Hall and learn about how Chipping Norton became such a thriving market town. You can also download an app with a historical walking trail and local information from Handheld Tours.

www.experiencechippingnorton.com





Cirencester

The 'Capital of the Cotswolds', Cirencester is a lively market town with ancient origins. Once a Roman fort, it became an important regional capital.

A visit to the award-winning Corinium Museum is a must. Experience life as a Roman, view one of the largest collections of Romano-British antiquities and marvel at the stunning mosaics. You can also visit the Roman Amphitheatre on the edge of the town, one of the best-preserved in Britain.

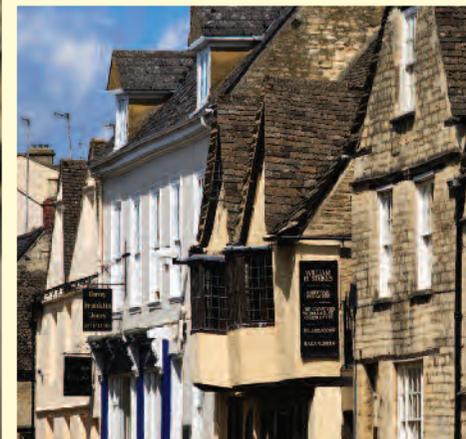
The medieval wool trade has shaped the modern town, with the impressive church of St John the Baptist dominating the market place. The wool wealth funded the grand south porch and rebuilding of the nave in the 16th century. Often called the 'Cathedral of the Cotswolds', it is renowned for its Gothic flourishes and fan vaulting and numerous medieval chapels.

Cirencester is home to many specialist shops, individual boutiques and fascinating antique emporiums. Enjoy exploring the unique courtyards and the historic streets radiating from the town centre, where you will find the town's best independent cafés. Cirencester is also home to some fantastic markets, many of which are held in the atmospheric Corn Hall.

Arts and crafts lovers will enjoy the New Brewery Arts Centre, which has changing exhibitions, artists' workshops, a café and shop, all housed in the converted brewery building.

Along with an open air swimming pool which uses natural spring water, there are many open spaces, including the extensive 18th century Cirencester Park.

www.cirencester.gov.uk/welcome-to-cirencester



Lechlade

The delightful town of Lechlade-on-Thames is located at the highest navigable point of the River Thames, on the Oxfordshire Gloucestershire border.

Enjoy a boat trip on the river and see the Neptune-like Old Father Thames statue at St John's Lock, take a stroll across the pretty Halfpenny Bridge or explore the Thames Path national trail.

Lechlade has a good selection of shops, including many antique-dealers, and regular markets. You will also find plenty of places to eat and drink. The town lies within the Cotswold Water Park, where you can find a fantastic range of water-based activities and is also known for its specialist angling.

The Church of St Lawrence is a notable wool church with beautiful stained glass windows and its landmark spire, which can be seen across the meadows. In the churchyard, the poet Shelley was inspired to write *A Summer Evening Churchyard, Lechlade* in 1815 – look out for the verse inscribed by the church entrance.

www.lechladeonthames.co.uk



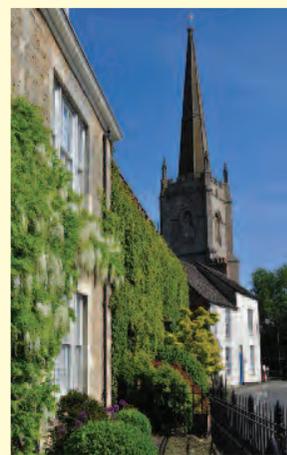
Fairford

Fairford sits on a lovely stretch of the River Coln and was once an important coaching town on the old London to Gloucester route.

The historic inns and hotels that fill the town are testament to its coaching history.

Don't miss the town's impressive wool church, St Mary's, with its complete set of 28 medieval stained glass windows. You can also follow a short heritage walk around the town and learn about its history.

www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk/visitors



Tea Room

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Moreton-in-Marsh

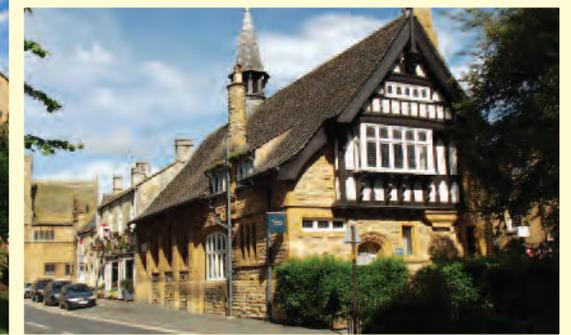
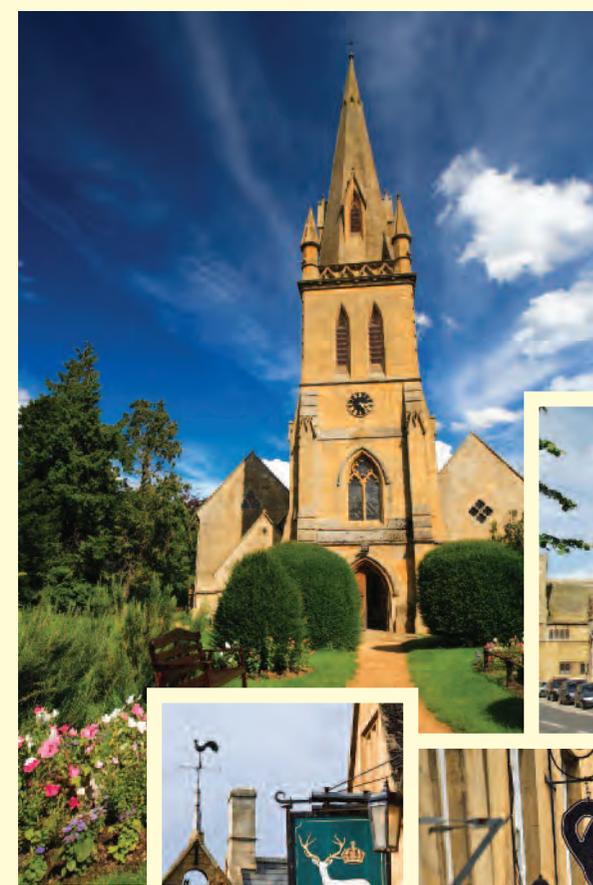
Located at the head of the beautiful Evenlode Valley, Moreton is a thriving market town dating back over 1,000 years.

It has excellent transport links, with a station on the Cotswolds Line to London and local bus links to nearby towns. The attractive, wide High Street is lined with elegant Cotswold stone buildings housing specialist shops, antiques emporiums, tea rooms and inns. Redesdale Hall, the town's main public hall, often holds antiques and craft fairs.

Look out for the rare Curfew Tower with its original clock and bell from 1633. Also of historical interest is the White Hart Royal Hotel, a former manor house in which King Charles I sheltered during the Civil War. Fans of JRR Tolkien's work will also discover the inspiration for both the Prancing Pony (The Bell Inn) and Three Farthing Stone (The Four Shires Stone, just outside the town).

Every Tuesday, Moreton holds the largest open-air street market in the Cotswolds, with a charter originally granted by Charles I.

www.visitmoretoninmarsh.com



Northleach

Tucked away between rolling hills, hidden from the busy Roman Fosse Way, is the attractive town of Northleach.

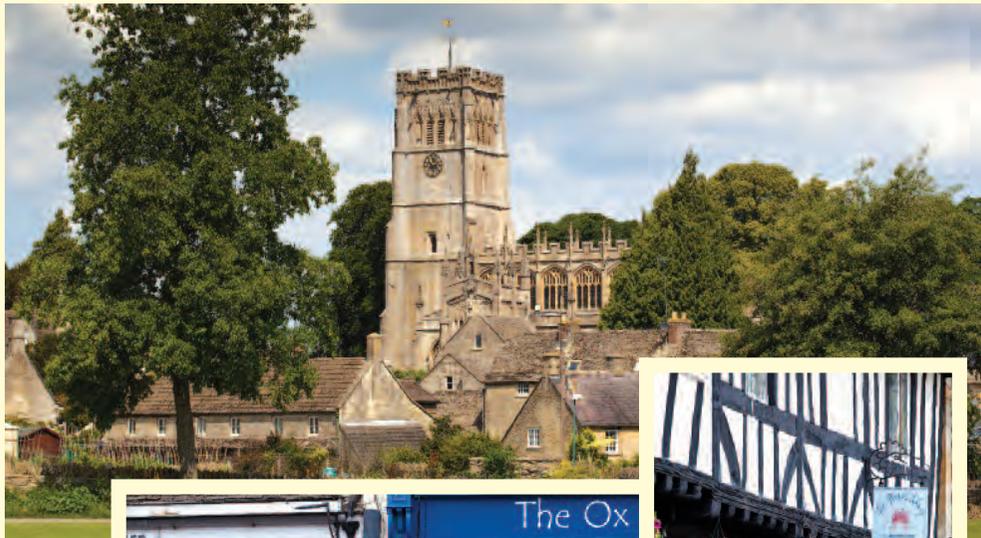
Its history has been shaped by the wool trade and the town remains largely unchanged since the 1500s. A walk along the High Street reveals the medieval property boundaries – the burgage plots – which can be traced from the town's foundation in the 13th century.

The picturesque market place leads to small alleys, with the upper stories of the timber-framed houses overhanging the stone walls. Take a walking trail to learn about Northleach's history and marvel in the range of architectural styles, from merchant's houses dating back to the 15th century to the 18th century Great House of Correction.

Northleach is also home to one of the most impressive wool churches, St Peter and St Paul, where there is a fine example of the 15th century Cotswold Perpendicular and some of the best wool merchants' brasses in the country.

The Old Prison now houses a Discovery Centre with displays on historic farming and local history, along with an excellent café.

www.northleach.gov.uk



Painswick

Painswick is one of the finest and best-preserved Cotswold wool towns and is known for its specialist craft and antiques shops and Summer Arts Festival and Art Couture Painswick Festival.

Explore the narrow streets and historic buildings, including 15th century New Street, built at the height of the wool trade, home to the Falcon Inn and the country's oldest bowling green. See one of the most memorable churchyards in the country, St Mary's, with its 99 ancient yew trees (legend has it that the Devil won't let a hundredth tree grow!) and unusual table-top tombs.

Painswick lies on the mid-point of the Cotswold Way and is surrounded by marvellous walking country. Painswick Beacon has magnificent views across the Severn Valley to the Welsh mountains. The pretty village of Slad is nearby, famous for being the home and final resting place of Laurie Lee, who based his book *Cider with Rosie* on his own life in the village.

www.visitthecotswolds.org.uk





Stroud

Brimming with independent shops and cafés, and home to one of the best Farmers' Markets in the country, Stroud has been described as the 'Covent Garden of the Cotswolds'.

Here you will find an eclectic mix of shops selling everything from fossils to fairies and vintage to vinyl, all set against the dramatic backdrop of the beautiful Five Valleys.

Stroud thrived on its woollen mills during the Industrial Revolution, some of which are now open to visitors. Discover the fascinating history of Stroud at the Museum in the Park, or follow the Heritage Board Map Trail.

Enjoy a walk along the towpath of the Stroudwater Canal, stopping off at a traditional pub or café. Visit the Canal Visitor Centre at Wallbridge Lock to learn about Stroud's canal heritage.

Stroud is now a centre for the creative industries, with many writers, artists and craftspeople living in the five sweeping valleys encircling the town, made famous by Laurie Lee's *Cider with Rosie*. An exciting programme of events and festivals include the month-long SITE Art Festival and Stroud Fringe in August, which has an array of free music events.

www.visitthecotswolds.org.uk

Stow-on-the-Wold

At nearly 800 feet, Stow is the highest of the Gloucestershire Cotswolds towns and famous as a centre for antiques.

The town radiates from the impressive market square, surrounded by Cotswold stone buildings. There is a good selection of specialist shops, cosy cafés and inns to enjoy.

Stow has a fascinating history, with the market square once host to some of the Cotswolds' largest sheep fairs, with up to 20,000 sheep herded into the square for sale. The medieval Market Cross and the old stocks give a sense of Stow's early history.

Stow had a significant role in the English Civil War – it was at nearby Donnington that the last battle was fought in 1646. St Edward's Church was used as a prison for the defeated Royalist troops and is well worth a visit.

Stow is also home to England's oldest inn, The Porch House, as well as a great choice of other places to eat in the town.

www.stowinfo.co.uk



Tetbury

This historic wool town has strong royal links, with Highgrove nearby.

There are many impressive buildings in the town including the 1655 Market House, supported by its stone pillars, where wool and yarn were sold and the present day markets are still held. Many of the wool merchant's houses remain unchanged from the 16th and 17th centuries, the height of the town's prosperity.

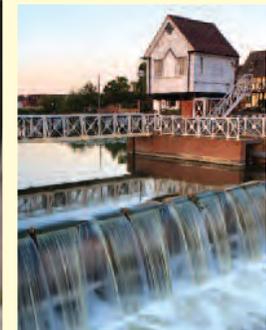
A walk down Chipping Steps and onto steep Gumstool Hill reveals another side of Tetbury's history, with 17th century weaver's cottages, and the location for the annual Woolsack Races, a long-standing town tradition where competitors run up a steep '1 in 4' hill in the town with a weighty woolsack on their back.



St Mary's Church has one of the tallest spires in Britain and is a Gothic gem with a magnificent plaster ceiling. The Tetbury Police Museum is definitely worth a visit, housed in the town's old police cells.

Tetbury is still a busy, commercial centre and is known for its independent shops, including antiques, vintage and interiors, exclusive boutiques and the Highgrove shop which sells exclusive branded gifts for the home and garden.

www.visittetbury.co.uk



Tewkesbury

Historic Tewkesbury lies where the Rivers Severn and Avon meet and offers one of the best medieval townscapes in England.

Delightful timber-framed houses and narrow alleyways surround an outstanding 12th century Benedictine Abbey. The Norman Abbey tower provides spectacular views of Bredon Hill, the Malverns and the Cotswold hills.

Take a journey through the town's history at the heritage centre and explore the eclectic treasures of the museum, housed in an unspoilt 17th century building. You can also visit the John Moore Museum with its extensive natural history collection.

The town is renowned for its selection of specialist destination shops. There is also a twice-weekly market and monthly farmers' and craft market, showcasing the best of local produce.

www.visittewkesbury.info



Winchcombe

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. It even boasts a Michelin star restaurant (5 North Street).

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 the Folk Museum with displays on local history and a special collection of police uniforms and equipment.

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 been awarded Walkers Are Welcome status and hosts an annual walking festival in May.

www.winchcombewelcomeswalkers.com





Witney

The largest of the market towns in the Oxfordshire Cotswolds, Witney is a surprise to many people.

This attractive town has a long high street lined with an eclectic mix of independent shops and high street names, along with two pedestrianised shopping centres, a cinema and a fantastic selection of places to eat. There are also regular markets outside the Victorian Corn Exchange.

Known across the world for its blanket-making heritage, Witney was a key centre for the wool-trade and many of the old mills and buildings around the town reflect its rich history – pick up a Witney Wool and Blanket trail leaflet from the Visitor Information Centre to learn more.

The local museum offers a fascinating insight into Witney's history, with items from the local brewing, glove-making and engineering industries. Make sure you visit the recently reopened Witney Blanket Hall which contains artefacts and pictures illustrating the town's blanket-making heritage.

The impressive Church of St Mary the Virgin with its 150 metre spire stands elegantly at the top of the beautiful Church Green, representing Witney's wool trade wealth. Venture out of the town centre across the glorious riverside meadows and visit Cogges, a historic manor house and farm attraction.

www.witney-tc.gov.uk



Woodstock

The home of Blenheim Palace, the delightful town of Woodstock is well worth a visit in its own right.

Centred around an impressive 18th century town hall and market place, the ivy-clad, Georgian facades hide medieval buildings behind. Make sure to explore the charming backstreets with their pretty Cotswold stone houses.

Woodstock is packed with independent shops, selling unique art, crafts, gifts, handmade furniture and clothing. There is a wide choice of places to eat in the town, offering everything from light snacks to fine dining.

There are also two excellent museums in the town, The Oxfordshire Museum celebrating the county in all its diversity, with displays on local history, archaeology, wildlife and modern-day innovative industries, plus the new Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum.

Look out for St Mary Magdalene Church with its Norman doorway, early English windows, a musical clock which plays tunes four times a day and a collection of over 200 beautiful, individual hand-embroidered kneelers.

www.wakeuptowoodstock.com





Aston Pottery & Gardens

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Country café

Take a break in our spacious country café, which serves a wide variety of delicious and locally sourced fare.

Working pottery

Our hand-stencilled pottery is designed and made on site using traditional methods of production which can be seen on a tour of the pottery. You can even book in to paint your own!

Shopping

Visit Aston Pottery's fabulous, award-winning showroom and browse the wide range of gifts including jewellery, bags, textiles and much more. See our latest contemporary designs along with familiar classics.

Gardens

Experience our spectacular gardens, full of colour from April to October. With a multitude of borders and plantings it is something not to be missed, so come and be inspired.

Aston is a 5 minute drive from Witney on the B4449 between Standlake and Bampton.



OPENING TIMES

We are open 7 days a week:
 Monday to Saturday 9am-5pm
 Sundays and Bank Holidays
 10.30am-5pm
 Aston Pottery has ample free parking



Batsford Arboretum and Garden Centre

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Just a mile from the historic market town of Moreton-in-Marsh, Batsford is home to one of the country's largest private tree collections with 56 acres of wild gardens, paths and streams, stunning views and beautiful statues.

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!

Browse the walled garden plant centre, garden and gift shops, join us for one of our lovely events or soak up the sunshine from the deck of the Garden Terrace Café where we serve fabulous cakes, afternoon teas and home baked lunches. Also on site are The Applestore – an Aladdin's Cave of beautiful, shabby chic interior ideas; the Batsford Woodturner, Cotswold Archery and the Cotswold Falconry Centre.

A great day out for all the family – dog friendly too!

OPENING TIMES

Open daily (except Christmas Day) 9am-5pm (Sundays 10am-5pm)

ADMISSION PRICES (applies to Arboretum only)

Adult £7.95*; Concession £6.95*; Child (4-15) £3.50*; Family (2 adults, 2 children) £19.95*

*includes a 10% gift aid donation

Berkeley Castle

Canonbury Street, Berkeley GL13 9BQ

T: 01453 810303 • E: email@berkeley-castle.com

www.berkeley-castle.com

The oldest Castle in England to have been lived in by the same family that built it.

Edward II was murdered here; incredible links with William Shakespeare, Elizabeth I, Francis Drake and Edward Jenner.

Immerse yourself in our amazing history, gardens and grounds, Yurt Tearoom, Gift Shop and marvel at the beautiful tropical butterflies and plants in our Butterfly House.



OPENING TIMES

From Easter until the end of October,

Sunday to Wednesday, 11am-5pm

ADMISSION PRICES

Adult £11; Concession £9; Child £6; Family £30; under 3 years free

Biztro, Modern British Restaurant

Wheelgate House, Market Square, Bampton OX18 2JH

T: 01993 851151 • E: info@biztro.co.uk • www.biztro.co.uk

Biztro, The Home of Great Food

Set in the picturesque village of Bampton, home to Downton Abbey, Biztro is a relaxed country style restaurant serving modern British cuisine.

Once warmly welcomed into the cosy environment, our guests are treated to friendly, professional service and superb cookery. Menus are updated with the seasons and we use fresh, locally sourced produce.



OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Sunday evenings, 6-11pm (last orders 9pm). Sunday lunch 12-3pm (last orders 2.30pm)



Bicester Village

50 Pingle Drive, Bicester OX26 6WD
T: 01869 366 266 • E: bicester@valueretail.com
www.bicester-village.com

The ultimate shopping experience

Discover the UK's leading luxury shopping experience at Bicester Village, located in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside on the edge of the Cotswolds, where spacious boutiques showcase the world's finest fashion and lifestyle brands.

Indulge in savings of up to 60%* all year round, as well as tax-free shopping in more than 130 luxury boutiques, including Alexander McQueen, Mulberry, Saint Laurent Paris and many more.

Enjoy open-air boulevards, attentive service and a friendly, unhurried atmosphere for a truly unique retail experience – and with Bicester Village open from 9am, Monday to Saturday, why not start your day in style with breakfast in one of the many restaurants and cafés.

Travelling to the Village is effortless, take the train with Chiltern Railways to the new Bicester Village Station, just a five-minute walk from the Village, or travel by the S5 or X5 Stagecoach bus from Oxford. Alternatively, drive and exit at junction 9 of the M40 motorway.

Find out more about travel options, the latest boutique news and opening times at www.bicester-village.com

* on the recommended retail price.

OPENING TIMES

For opening hours please visit www.bicester-village.com



Birdland Park and Gardens

Rissington Road, Bourton-on-the-Water GL54 2BN
T: 01451 820480 Ext 2 • E: info@birdland.co.uk
www.birdland.co.uk

Discover an amazing world of birds and their Jurassic ancestors.

Admire exotic and rare birds from around the world in 9 picturesque acres of gardens with riverside walks and nature trails at Birdland set in the beautiful village of Bourton-on-the-Water.

Meet flamingos, pelicans, cranes, emus and waterfowl that live in riverside habitats with colourful parrots, magical owls, pheasants, hornbills, touracos and many more inhabiting over 50 aviaries.

Penguin Shore is home to some fascinating and entertaining characters from Birdland's huddle of penguins including the majestic Kings and comical Humboldts. Watch their waddling turn into power and elegance through special viewing windows as they glide underwater. Penguin Feeding takes place daily at 11am and 2.30pm.

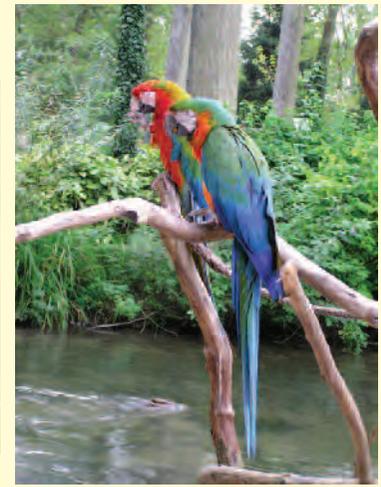
Follow in the footsteps of dinosaur hunters in Jurassic Journey. Armed with a special tracker map, spot over 30 life-sized dinosaurs from Brachiosaurus to Velociraptors. Join the 'dino-dig' and unearth a series of fossilised remains in a special prehistoric bone yard!

Don't miss the Discovery Zone and the Hatchery with incubators and Nursery where you can see new-born chicks.

Enjoy a bite to eat and a warming drink in the newly refurbished Flamingo Point Café. When the sun is shining, enjoy your lunch overlooking the Flamingo River.

Every day is different at Birdland, and there is always something new to discover, with a full programme of entertaining feeding displays and close encounter sessions. Help feed Penguins, become a 'Keeper for the Day', or meet birds of prey, lizards, tortoises and snakes!

Visit the website to discover all the latest news!



OPENING TIMES
Open all year except Christmas Day
April to October 10am-6pm;
November to March 10am-4pm
(last admission one hour before closing)
ADMISSION PRICES
Adult £9.95; Child (3-15 years) £6.95; Under 3 years free;
Senior/Student £8.95; Family £31 (2 adults and 2 children)



Blenheim Palace

Woodstock OX20 1PP
 T: 0800 849 6500 • E: operations@blenheimpalace.com
www.blenheimpalace.com

Receive a warm welcome into the home of the 12th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Wonder at this masterpiece of 18th Century Baroque architecture, which houses some of the finest antique collections in Europe. Take a tour of the State Rooms and admire the portraits, tapestries and exquisite furniture while learning about the 300-year history of this National Treasure.

Explore this World Heritage Site amongst over 2000 acres of 'Capability' Brown landscaped Parkland. Take a stroll up to the Grand Cascades or around the Lake to admire some of the finest views in England, looking out for the historical monuments such as the Column of Victory, Grand Bridge and Temple of Diana. Discover an array of Formal Gardens, including the Rose Garden, Water Terraces and Secret Garden. Delight in our family friendly Pleasure Gardens, reached by miniature train, with a giant hedge maze, butterfly house and adventure playground.

Blenheim Palace is not only an iconic part of history, but also a living, changing experience with a wealth of sporting and cultural events, themed exhibitions and tours throughout the year.

Visit in 2016 and enjoy a host of new experiences, from touring of the Palace bedrooms and staff quarters, giving an insight into life 'Upstairs' and 'Downstairs', to dining in the Orangery Restaurant and celebrating 'Capability' Brown's landscape with a temporary exhibition and Park trail, or discovering new events including BBC Countryfile Live and Luna Open Air Cinema.

Buy one day, get 12 months free* and return to enjoy all that there is on offer for an entire year.

Blenheim Palace is Britain's Greatest Palace and offers visitors a precious time, every time.

* Terms and Conditions apply

OPENING TIMES
 Open daily throughout the year, except for Christmas Day.
 Palace: 10.30am-5.30pm (last entry 4.45pm)
 Formal Gardens: 10am-5.30pm • Park: 9am-6pm

ADMISSION PRICES
 Palace, Park & Gardens (valid for a free Annual Pass):
 Adult £24.90; Concession £19.90; Child £13.90; Family £59.90
 Park & Gardens only:
 Adult £14.90; Concession £10.90; Child £6.90; Family £39.90
 Concessionary discount applies Monday-Friday only,
 excluding Bank Holidays



Bourton House Garden

Bourton-on-the-Hill GL56 9AE
T: 01386 700754
E: info@bourtonhouse.com
www.bourtonhouse.com

Just two miles from Moreton-in-Marsh, Bourton House Garden is an award-winning three acre garden featuring imaginative topiary, magnificent herbaceous borders, unique Shade House and several water features, including a raised Basket Pond from the Great Exhibition of 1851.

Imaginative and dramatic planting schemes are a signature feature of the garden and include many rare, unusual and exotic plants, giving the 'wow' factor in abundance. Beautiful at any time of year, the garden is absolutely glorious in the summer and early autumn when the use of tender and semi-hardy plants extends the flowering season to first frosts.

Light refreshments and delicious home-made cakes can be enjoyed May to September in the Grade I listed 16th century Tithe Barn, where you will also find a shop selling gifts, cards and vintage collectables.



OPENING TIMES
April to October,
Tuesday to Friday, 10am-5pm
ADMISSION PRICES
£7 (under 16 free)
Concessions available
for groups

The Butts Farm Rare Breeds and Farm Shop

Near South Cerney, Cirencester GL7 5QE
T: 01285 869414 • E: info@buttsfarmrarebreeds.co.uk
www.buttsfarmrarebreeds.co.uk

The Butts Farm Rare Breeds opened 25 years ago in 1991 and is an extremely popular attraction. You can have fun joining in with the animal activities throughout the day. This is a real hands-on animal experience. In addition to seeing lots of rare and traditional farm animals and feathered friends with their young, you can also enjoy our unusual Curly Horses and beautiful Welsh Mountain Ponies with their foals frolicking around the grass fields in the summer sun. Then sit down, relax and enjoy a delicious Cotswold Cream Tea in our Farmyard Tea Room.

The award-winning Farm Shop is dedicated to promoting the exceptional benefits of rare breed meat, home cured bacon and superb sausages from animals that are raised traditionally in a natural stress-free environment. The result is outstanding quality and flavour. Pure, simple and delicious.



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OPENING TIMES
Farm open: March to Mid September, Tuesday to Sunday, 10.30am-5pm & Bank Holidays
Farm Shop opening: Tuesday to Friday, 9am-6pm & Saturday 8.30am-2pm
ADMISSION PRICES
Gate Price: £6 for everyone two years and older (under two's free)





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 GARDEN COMPANY

 www.burford.co.uk

Burford Garden Company

Shilton Road, Burford OX18 4PA
 T: 01993 823117 • E: info@burford.co.uk
 www.burford.co.uk

Established as our family plant nursery more than four decades ago, we have grown to become one of the country's best retail and food experiences.

"Expect the unexpected", as one famous actor told us on their recent shopping visit.

Spanning some 15 acres, we have the largest imaginable selection of high quality plants and gardenalia. All sitting alongside beautifully curated outdoor furniture collections, summerhouses and shepherd's huts.

The original nursery glasshouses are now home to our highly innovative and stylish interiors store, with its sumptuous soft furnishings, new and vintage furniture, eclectic rugs, mirrors and lighting, British ceramics and glassware and an art gallery.

Our acclaimed, award-winning café and kitchens are at the heart of the store in a stunning contemporary glasshouse. We are famous for our delicious lunches, heavenly home baking and warm, friendly service. Our Food Halls are a treasure trove of local produce and British and European specialities.

We also have our very own amazing children's emporium, Little Burford, brimming with all manner of beautiful and imaginative items for new borns, toddlers and youngsters. We can guarantee you will find something unique and different at our store, so if you are in the area why not come along and visit us.

OPENING TIMES

Monday to Saturday 9am-6pm; Sunday 11am-5pm.

Open all year, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Easter Sunday





Cerney House Gardens

The Garden House, North Cerney, Cirencester GL7 7BX
 T: 01285 831044 • E: gardens@cerneygardens.com • www.cerneygardens.com

Leave the hustle and bustle of today's world and visit Cerney House Gardens, where time seems to stand still. Let old-fashioned scents and colour surround you in this romantic secret garden. Explore the working organic kitchen garden amongst the overflowing herbaceous borders. Discover wildlife and woodland walks through our 40 acres of Cotswold parkland.

This unique and privately-owned estate lies in the heart of the Cotswolds just 5 minutes from the market town of Cirencester.

OPENING TIMES

Open 7 days a week from 10am-5pm

ADMISSION PRICES

Entrance fee £5 per head, £1 for children. Bothy open for light refreshment and shop.
 Sorry, no dogs



Cogges Manor Farm

Church Lane, Witney OX28 3LA • T: 01993 772602 • E: ops@cogges.org.uk • www.cogges.org.uk

Cogges is an historic farmstead dating back to Saxon times. The manor house lies at the centre of a magnificent Cotswold stone farmyard, with animals and a walled garden.

The grounds house an orchard, walks by the river and an adventure play area next to the Norman moat. Cogges has recently featured in a number of film and TV shows and is the location for Yew Tree Farm in Downton Abbey.

The farm shop sells locally sourced, or Cogges grown, vegetables and food products, local beers and ciders, and crafts from around the region. The Cogges Kitchen serves exceptional coffee and cakes, breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea using the best seasonal produce.

OPENING TIMES

19 March to 6 November,
 7 days a week, 10am-5pm
 (last entry 4.30pm).

Cogges Kitchen open daily;
 8.30am-4.30pm Monday to
 Friday, 10am-5pm Saturday
 & Sunday

ADMISSION PRICES

Please support Cogges and
 Gift Aid your ticket.

Day Tickets Gift Aid/Non Gift Aid:
 Adult £6/£5.45; Child £4.50/
 £4.09 (3-16); Family £18/£16.36



Churchill and Sarsden Heritage Centre

Hastings Hill, Churchill, Nr Chipping Norton OX7 6NA

T: 01608 658603 • E: churchillheritage@gmail.com • www.churchillheritage.org.uk



'Small, but perfectly formed' *Country Life*

We continue to celebrate the life of William Smith, Father of English Geology, who was born in Churchill, with an exhibition entitled William Smith: The Family Man. After his sister's death he brought up her children and instilled in them his love of geology – the eldest,

John Phillips, eventually became the first keeper of the Oxford University Museum of Natural History who are curating this exhibition.

The permanent displays and interactive touchscreens dedicated to William Smith and Warren Hastings, the first governor-general of India (also Churchill born), are still available, together with archive material, village and family records, photographs and maps.

OPENING TIMES

Open 27 March–25 September; Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays, 2–4.30pm

ADMISSION PRICES

Free admission

Finest Hour Experiences

Chiltern Air Park, Icknield Road
Ipsden, Wallingford OX10 6AS

T: 07415 735683

E: info@finesthourexperiences.co.uk
www.finesthourexperiences.co.uk

Finest Hour Experiences provides a unique perspective – floating serenely over the sights in the quintessential English biplane – the Tiger Moth – or enjoying an adrenaline-pumping ride in a high-performance aerobatic machine!

Themed aerial tours include Inspector Morse and Midsomer Murders. During your flight, you'll learn how to fly the Tiger from some of the most experienced and qualified pilots in the Country.

PRICES from £199



Combe Mill Museum

Blenheim Palace Sawmill, Combe, Long Hanborough OX29 8ET

T: 01993 358694 • E: events@combemill.org • www.combemill.org

Combe Mill Museum is the original 'workshop' of the old Blenheim Estate and is a working museum offering visitors a fascinating insight into working conditions of our Victorian ancestors.

You get a feel for the past as you enter this un-restored building where you can talk with Society members operating the machinery and demonstrating lost skills. Enjoy watching our steam beam engine power the line shafting that drives the woodworking machinery. See the waterwheel turn and try your hand at making something in the working blacksmiths' forge. Your whole family will find something of interest as you look and touch our exhibits of craftsmen's tools and artefacts. Explore the social history of people who once worked at Combe Yard. See also our noted collection of historic tower clocks. Refreshments are available and there is also a riverside picnic area. We are located just off the A4095 at Long Hanborough.

OPENING TIMES

April to September, Wednesday & Sunday 10.30am-4.30pm (last admission 3.30pm) although not in steam. Steam Events take place on Sundays 20 March, 17 April, 15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 21 August, 18 September & 16 October: 10am-5pm

ADMISSION PRICES

Steaming Events: Adult £7; Child & Concessions £5; Under 5s free; Family £19
Open Days: Adult £4; Child & Concession £3.50; Under 5s free; Family £12.50

Corinium Museum

Park Street
Cirencester GL7 2BX
T: 01285 655611
E: coriniummuseum@slm-ltd.co.uk
www.coriniummuseum.org

Leave the 21st century behind you and discover the archaeology of the Cotswolds as you explore its history at this award-winning museum. Home to one of the largest collections of Romano-British antiquities extensively from Roman Cirencester known as Corinium, Roman Britain's second largest city.

Be amazed by the work of Prehistoric metal smiths. Marvel at the Roman mosaics. Peek through the window of a Roman Town House. Come face to face with the Anglo Saxons and their buried treasures. Admire our medieval sculpture, Civil War coin hoards and the elegance of Victorian Cirencester. Every object has a story to tell.

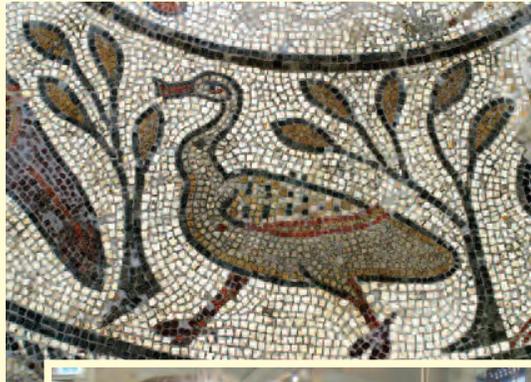
An inspiring and interactive experience for everyone. Special events and exhibitions take place throughout the year; check out the museum's website for details.

OPENING TIMES

April to October:
Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm
November to March:
Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-4pm

ADMISSION PRICES

Adult £5.20; Senior £4.40;
Student £3.40; Child £2.50



Cotswold Falconry Centre

Batsford Park, Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 9AB
T: 01386 701043 • E: info@cotswold-falconry.co.uk
www.cotswold-falconry.co.uk

Cotswold Falconry invites you to view spectacular demonstrations featuring a large variety of free-flying birds of prey. Find out about the ancient art of Falconry and how its skills are used to show the birds' natural behaviour. Experience the falcon stooping, the silent flight of the owl, the quick dash of the hawk and much more including the Eagles and Vultures.

The beautiful countryside surrounding the centre provides the scenery for some unforgettable experiences. Why not walk around our many breeding aviaries. Housing many different species, including Critically Endangered, who successfully breed here with us. You and your family can enjoy these wonderful birds. Not only thinking positively, but also aiding in their conservation.

In addition to the daily displays the centre also run a number of experience opportunities which are designed to enable you to get even closer to these amazing Birds of Prey.

OPENING TIMES

Open 13 February
to 13 November,
daily from 10.30am

ADMISSION PRICES

Adult £10; Concession £7.50;
Child £5





Cotswold Farm Park

Guiting Power, Cheltenham GL54 5UG
T: 01451 850307 • E: info@cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk
www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk

Established in 1971 and the home of rare breed conservation, Cotswold Farm Park has a long-standing reputation for a fun-filled day out. Visitors of all ages can interact closely with the animals and learn about farming, past and present.

As the home of rare breed conservation, visitors can meet over 50 flocks and herds of farm animal.

With an adventure playground, Farm Safari, maze, Tractor School, soft play, sand pits and jumping pillows, there's lots of entertainment for children of all ages. The on-site restaurant, serving seasonal food and Adam's own beer, is a hit with the adults.

There's plenty to offer outside the Farm Park too with the stunning and diverse Wildlife Walk.

OPENING TIMES

Open daily from 13 February to 31 October, 10.30am-5pm;
1 November to 21 December, 10.30am-4pm.

Shop and Café open from 10am and are free to enter

ADMISSION PRICES

Adult £10.50; Senior Citizen £10; Child (4-15 years) £9.50; Toddler (2 & 3) £6.50;
Baby (0 & 1 years) Free; Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children OR 1 adult & 3 children) £35.00

Cotswold Pottery

Clapton Row
Bourton-on-the-Water GL54 2DN
T: 01451 820173 • E: pots@cotswoldpottery.co.uk
www.cotswoldpottery.co.uk

The Cotswold Pottery is a small family-run studio started in 1973 by John & Jude Jelfs.

Our ceramic pieces are all made here entirely by hand.

The Cotswold hills are a rich source of minerals which are ideal for use in our glazes, especially clays and limestone which we combine with woodash.

Over the forty years since we started, our work has evolved individually and has been exhibited world-wide at leading galleries.

In our showroom, here in Bourton-on-the-Water, a wide range of work is always available – from pots for food to more individual, one-off pieces.

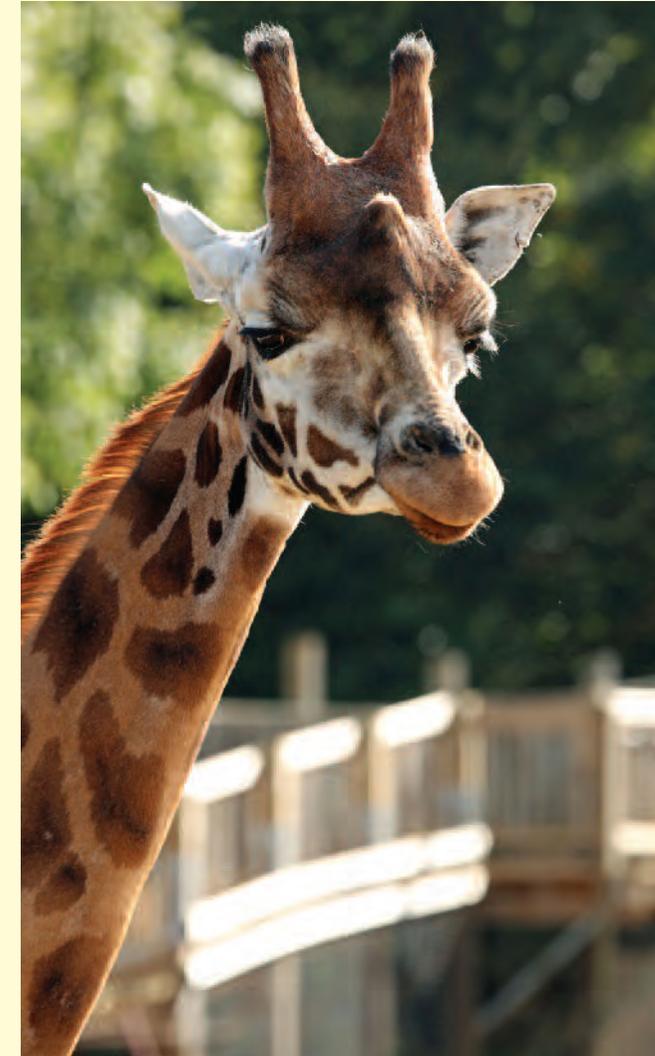
Due to the small size of our working space, we regret that the studio is not open to the public.

The showroom is open throughout the year.



OPENING TIMES

Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 11am-4pm



Cotswold Wildlife Park & Gardens

Burford OX18 4JP
T: 01993 823006 • E: enquiries@cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk
www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk

Rhinos on the lawn

Stroll around the Park and enjoy uninterrupted views of the animals, so it feels as though you are in a wild setting. Watch Rhinos graze on the Gothic Manor House lawns with only a ha-ha between you. Get eye-to-eye with Giraffe, walk with Lemurs or explore the Old Walled Garden's Tropical House with free-roaming Sloths, Birds and Bats. Watch the Penguins being fed daily at 11am and 3pm. Take a ride on Bella the Train or explore the large Adventure playground. The stunning gardens, themed borders, exotic planting and seasonal displays, make a beautiful backdrop to the animals.

In 2015 the Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens won a 'Travellers Choice™' award from TripAdvisor and was named '4th Best Zoo in the UK' and one of the 'Top 15 Zoos in Europe'. The Park also won 'Best Day Out' award by the Kennel Club, in the *Be Dog Friendly Awards 2015*, which was voted for by members of the public.

The Park is wheelchair and pushchair friendly.

OPENING TIMES
Open daily from 10am, closed Christmas Day
ADMISSION PRICES
Gate Price: Adult £15; Child & over 65s £10;
Under 3s Free. Save money by buying e-tickets on our website, which are valid for one month from date of purchase

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Cotswold Woollen Weavers

Filkins, Lechlade GL7 3JJ
T: 01367 860660 • E: richard@naturalbest.co.uk
www.cotswoldwoollenweavers.co.uk

Textile museum and Mill buildings: 'In England the best wool is Cotswold' sang the medieval weavers. Come to Cotswold Woollen Weavers and find out how and why, as you tour our magnificent 18th century buildings. Wool heritage made the Cotswolds, and today and draw our inspiration from the soft colours of the Cotswold landscape all around us.

Shops, Galleries and Exhibitions: Visit the only textile design studios in The Cotswolds with our range of fabulous cloth, based on tradition but with a contemporary twist. Garments for men and women, knitwear and accessories. And then there's... Furniture and interiors textiles, art, pottery, sculpture, and an eclectic mixture, both new and vintage, in our Explorium.

OPENING TIMES

Open Daily
Mon to Sat: 10am-6pm.
Sun: 2-6pm

ADMISSION PRICES

Free entry

Coffee shop and 'Beyond': We have a licensed coffee shop for light lunches, and an orchard picnic area. You can explore the tranquil Cotswold village of Filkins and you can hire bicycles too, if you want to venture further afield.



Cotswolds Distillery

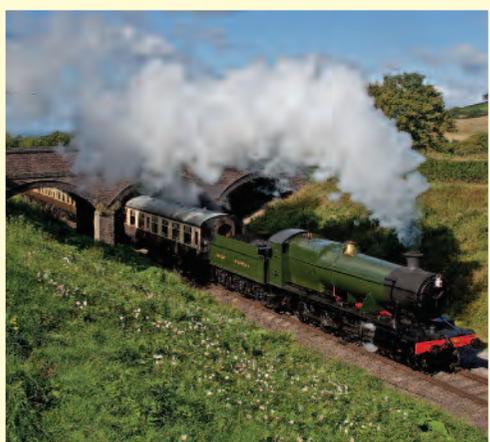
Phillip's Field, Whichford Road
Stourton, Shipston-on-Stour CV36 5HG
T: 01608 238533 • E: info@cotswoldsdistillery.com
www.cotswoldsdistillery.com

The Cotswolds Distillery is the first-ever full-scale craft distillery within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). We produce a range of 'Outstanding Natural Spirits', including the first-ever Cotswolds Single Malt Whisky featuring Cotswolds barley and our award-winning Cotswolds Dry Gin, along with a range of small-batch brandies and liqueurs. Our beautiful rural distillery and shop were designed with visitors in mind and we run tours and tastings every day of the week (advance booking required). We've been open for only 18 months and are one of the top-rated visitor attractions in the Cotswolds. We're located in the unspoilt North Cotswold village of Stourton, close to both Oxford and

Stratford-upon-Avon. Come spend a few hours with us and learn the art of craft distilling!

OPENING TIMES

Monday to Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 11am-4pm



Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway

The Railway Station, Toddington GL54 5DT
T: 01242 621405 • E: info@gwsr.com
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 sample the glory of steam and those 'new' diesel railcars with the panoramic views. Large diesel locos also haul some services.

In either mode you 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, there's hot food at Toddington and a delightful 1950's cafe at Winchcombe. On train catering includes our legendary bacon baps! Large free car parks are at Toddington and Cheltenham Racecourse

and a small one at Winchcombe. All are suitable for disabled passengers and they are also catered for in specially adapted carriages.

At Winchcombe we have the Discovery and Model Railway Coaches. At Toddington we have a children's play area, museum and our small signal box in the car park where you can pull off signals. At Broadway we are completely rebuilding the Station in readiness for the proposed opening in 2018.

Special events are held throughout the year, including Thomas the Tank Engine; please see our website for details.

Rover tickets give you unlimited travel all day. Our volunteers will be very pleased to see you and help you have a great day out.

OPENING TIMES

Every weekend March to the end of October,
Tuesdays & Wednesdays in April.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays during the summer
and Fridays in August.

See our website for full timetable details and information
on Special Events

ADMISSION PRICES

All Day Rover Tickets (unlimited travel on day)
Adult £16; Senior £15; Child £7; Family £42

Herbs for Healing

Barnsley Herb Garden, Claptons Lane,
Barnsley, Cirencester GL7 5EE
T: 01285 740638 • M: 0777 3687493
E: davina@herbsforhealing.net • www.herbsforhealing.net

Herbs for Healing promotes the use of plants with healing properties.

This small and relaxing garden was created by Davina Wynne-Jones, daughter of the well-known horticulturalist Rosemary Verey and is situated in a rural setting behind what was once Davina's family home and now Barnsley House Hotel.



There's seating for picnics and information and remedies for sale.

Tours of the garden can be pre-booked and teas provided for parties of over 10 people.



OPENING TIMES
Wednesdays 10.30am-5pm
ADMISSION PRICES
Free except on NGS days (June 29th & July 27th) when it is £3 which includes a tour of the garden and available teas.

Mill Dene Garden

School Lane, Blockley,
Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 9HU
T: 01386 700457 • E: info@milldene.co.uk
www.milldenegarden.co.uk

Fifty shades of... green(!) and much more: plant sales and an unusual garden created over the years by the owner. In the two and a half-acre garden there's a stream with a grotto, a cricket lawn with tiny pavilion, and a herb garden which has the Church as a backdrop.



OPENING TIMES
April to end September, Wednesday to Friday, 10am-5pm, Saturday 9am-1pm. See website for occasional closures. Closed in July and August
ADMISSION PRICES
Adult £9; Concession £8; Child (under 15) £3

Hookhouse Pottery

Westonbirt, Tetbury GL8 8TZ
T: 01666 880297 • E: hookhouse@hotmail.co.uk
www.hookhousepottery.co.uk

Christopher White invites you to view the fine stoneware pots made here since 1975.

Woodfired work includes two comprehensive ranges of domestic ware (the teapots really pour well!), the 'famous' Hookhouse flower arrangers, and fully frostproof garden pots. A selection of one-off pieces features examples of the striking black and white geometrical patterns for which Hookhouse Pottery has become known.



OPENING TIMES
Open daily, but advise phoning to check if coming a distance
ADMISSION PRICES
Entry free

Oxford Bus Museum

Station Yard, Main Road, Long Hanborough OX29 8LA
T: 01993 883617 • www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk

Two exhibition halls telling the story of road transport in Oxfordshire from the end of the nineteenth century to the present day. In a separate workshop block restoration work can be seen in progress.

A family friendly museum with a children's activity area.

Free vintage bus rides on selected dates; visit the website for details. Car park, shop and café.



OPENING TIMES
10.30am-4.30pm (last admission 3.30pm)
Wednesdays & Sundays throughout the year
Saturdays, May to September. Most Bank Holidays
Christmas closure 15-31 December
ADMISSION PRICES
Adult £5; Concession £4; Child (5-16) £3;
Family (2+2) £13



Kelmscott Manor

Kelmscott, Nr Lechlade GL7 3HJ
 Enquiries and bookings: 01367 252486
 E: admin@kelmscottmanor.org.uk
www.kelmscottmanor.org.uk

"The loveliest haunt of ancient peace..."

Kelmscott Manor was the country home of William Morris – poet, craftsman and socialist – from 1871 until his death in 1896. The house contains a collection of the possessions and works of Morris, his family and associates including furniture, textiles, carpets and ceramics.

William Morris called the village of Kelmscott, "a heaven on earth". His delight in its discovery can still be felt by the visitor today. The garden with its barns, dovecot, stream, meadow and formal garden was a constant source of inspiration for Morris and the flora and fauna of the surrounding area are reflected in his textile and wallpaper designs.

OPENING TIMES

2 April – 29 October.

General open days are Wednesday and Saturday 11am-5pm.

Ticket office open from 10.30am. Last admission to the house 4.30pm.

Please note that the Manor has a limited visitor capacity and admission is by timed ticket.

ADMISSION PRICES

	Gift Aid	Standard
Adult	£10.50	£9.50
Student & Child (5-16)	£5.50	£5.00
Family Ticket (2 Adults & 2 Children)	£29.00	£26.00
Children (0-4)	FREE	
Accompanied carers	FREE	
Garden only Ticket	£3.50	



Marriotts Walk

Shopping Centre, Witney OX28 6GW
 T: 01993 704262 • E: info@marriottswalk.co.uk
 www.marriottswalk.co.uk

Marriotts Walk Shopping Centre Witney, located off Welch Way, offers easy access and convenient stress free shopping, with FREE car parking adjacent to the centre off Woodford Way.

Take a relaxing stroll through Marriotts Walk where you will discover stress free shopping and a great selection of places to meet, eat and greet.

Opened in 2009 by the Rt Hon David Cameron, MP for Witney and now P.M. Marriotts Walk boasts leading fashion retailers and big high street brands.

Enjoy a wonderful array of quirky independents and specialist outdoor stores all of which provide great value, choice and style.

There is never a dull moment at Marriotts Walk, and if you're looking to be entertained, look no further. Marriotts Walk regularly hosts events and seasonal entertainment and this is complemented with a five screen cinema located in the central concourse area.

The Witney Yarn Mosaic and the Buttercross Needle are two interesting pieces of modern artwork at the centre; the former tracing the development of Witney from its early beginnings to the present day.

With easy access and FREE on site multi storey parking, you never have far to go.

So arrive in style and leave relaxed and inspired.

Marriotts Walk has something for every age, taste and style. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Accessorize, Cineworld, Cotton Traders, Crew Clothing, Debenhams, Dorothy Perkins, FatFace, Fresh, JoJo Maman Bebe, M&S, Monsoon, New Look, Phase Eight, Tog24, Wallis, Whittard of Chelsea, Café Rouge, Caffè Nero, Frankie & Benny's, Subway.

OPENING TIMES
Normal hours Monday to Saturday 9am-5.30pm
 Sunday and Bank Holidays 10am-4pm (individual stores may vary)
Cineworld Monday to Friday 11.15am-11.15pm
 Saturday and Sunday 9.30am-11.15pm
 Times may vary, visit cineworld.co.uk
 Restaurants open all day. Car Parking is FREE



The Model Village

Bourton-on-the-Water GL54 2AF

T: 01451 820467

www.themodelvillage.com

The only Grade II Listed Model Village in the country. A one-ninth scale replica of the beautiful village of Bourton-on-the-Water built in local Cotswold stone. Walk alongside the river Windrush and cross its miniature bridges.

In the Model Village you become a giant as you tower above the miniature stone houses. You can enjoy the miniature gardens complete with flowers and miniature trees.

All the historic buildings from the heart of the village are here, listen to the choirs singing in the churches, investigate the local shops and find the model of the Model Village!

OPENING TIMES

Open every day

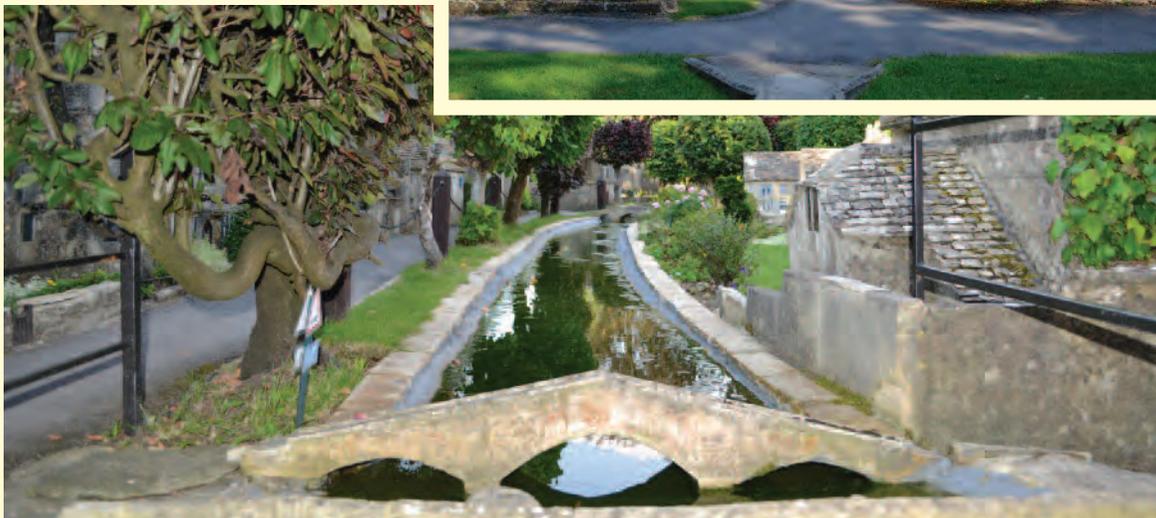
Summer (British Summer Time) 10am-5.45pm

Winter (G.M.T.) 10am-3.45pm.

Closed Christmas Day

ADMISSION PRICES

Adult £3.60; Child aged 3-13: £2.80; Senior (60+): £3.20





Nature in Art

Wallsworth Hall, Twigworth, Gloucester GL2 9PA
 T: 01452 731422 • E: enquiries@natureinart.org.uk
 www.natureinart.org.uk

Just 2 miles north of Gloucester, Nature in Art is unique – within the fine Georgian mansion you will find the widest range of nature-inspired art in the world.

Spanning 1500 years, by some 600 artists from over 50 countries, displays embrace work in all mediums and styles, including contemporary glass, watercolour landscapes, bronze sculptures and even some ancient oriental treasures.

We host a vibrant temporary exhibitions programme, so you could find yourself in front of magnificent textiles, impressive photographs or gigantic sculptures, you're sure to make some discoveries. You can also meet an artist at work in our studio (mid-January to mid-November) and don't forget to explore our sculpture garden and sample some of our home-made snacks in the coffee shop.

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday–Sunday, including Bank Holidays, 10am–5pm
 Closed: 24th–26th December

ADMISSION PRICES

Adult £5.25; Concession (over 60s, under 16s) £4.75; Family (maximum of 2 adults) £15,
 Under 8s free

New Brewery Arts

Brewery Court, Cirencester GL7 1JH
 T: 01285 657181 • E: admin@newbreweryarts.org.uk
 www.newbreweryarts.org.uk

This beautiful former brewery is a welcoming, creative paradise in the heart of the Cotswolds. Our **Craft Shop** sells beautiful ceramics, glass, textiles and individually designed jewellery and our popular **Café** produces delicious lunches and great cake.

Visit our **studios** to see some of the finest artist makers in the region and browse our elegant **galleries** showing new work by makers from throughout the UK.

Four education studios, including ceramics and stone carving, host an exciting programme of **courses and workshops**. Check our website for availability during your stay.

And opening May 2016 – **The Barrel Store**, our contemporary, stylish overnight accommodation for visitors to enjoy everything we and the Cotswolds have to offer.



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OPENING TIMES

Monday to Saturday 9am–5pm, Sundays and seasonal variations please check the website

ADMISSION PRICES

Free admission

The Oxfordshire Museum and the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

Park Street, Woodstock OX20 1SN

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Saturday 10am-5pm

Sunday 2-5pm

Bank Holidays 2-5pm

Please check the website



The Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock OX20 1SN

T: 01993 811456

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshiremuseum

A large 18th century house in the historic town of Woodstock provides a home for the County's collections.

Touring exhibitions, a stunning garden, Museum shop and café complement the permanent displays.

The Museum is bigger than you might think with eleven galleries displaying art, archaeology, local and natural history. Explore the County's innovative industries from nanotechnology to nuclear power and its past from the Jurassic to the Victorian period and beyond.

Full disabled access.

ADMISSION PRICES

Free

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Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock OX20 1SN

T: 01993 810211

www.sof.org.uk

SOFO offers its visitors engaging and immersive experiences through a changing exhibitions programme and permanent galleries including a recreated Great War trench, a mock up section of a Horsa Glider from D Day and Afghan Alley.

Our galleries take visitors through the life of a '21st Century Soldier', the 'Blood and War' of the frontline, Winston Churchill and the Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars and the 'Liberation of Bergen-Belsen' by the Oxfordshire Yeomanry as well as 'Prisoners of War, at Home and Abroad'.

For visiting children, we offer an under-fives den, Kids Art Cart, trails and quizzes as well as dress up, feely boxes and code breaking!

ADMISSION PRICES

Adult £4.50; All Concessions £3.80; Child (5-16) £2.50; Child under 5 Free

Families: 2 adults & up to 4 children £12; 1 adult & up to 4 children £10;

1 adult and up to 2 children £8.50

Group - per person (minimum 6) £3.50



Rousham

Rousham, Nr Steeple Aston,
 Bicester OX25 4QX
 T: 01869 347110 • E: ccd@rousham.org
www.rousham.org

Rousham is one of Britain's most unspoilt and undiscovered landscape gardens and was named by garden writer and broadcaster Monty Don as one of his favourite gardens in the country. Designed by William Kent in the 18th century, Rousham represents the first phase of English landscape design and remains largely unaltered since its conception.

The gardens are dotted with classical features and delightfully situated statues and temples. Highlights include the ponds and cascades in Venus' Vale, the Cold Bath, the seven arched Praeneste, Townsend's Building, the Temple of the Mill, and on the skyline, a sham ruin known as the 'Eyecatcher'.

Don't miss the pretty walled garden with its herbaceous borders, small parterre, pigeon house and espalier apple trees. A fine herd of rare Long-Horn cattle can also be seen in the park.

Rousham's non-commercial nature means there is no tearoom or shop, but bring a picnic and enjoy the peace and tranquillity.

(Please note: no children under 15, no dogs)

Photography courtesy of Harpur Garden Images

OPENING TIMES

Garden: Open daily, all year, 10am-4.30pm (last entry)

House: Groups by arrangement any day from May to September (inclusive)

ADMISSION PRICES

Garden: £5

House: (open to groups by prior arrangement only) £10 per person (which includes admission to the gardens), minimum charge of £120



Billy by Merrythought £285



Witney £68



Artie by Steiff £295



Paddington by Steiff £119

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Teddy Bears of Witney

99 High Street, Witney OX28 6HY
T: 01993 706616 • E: bears@witneybears.co.uk
www.teddybears.co.uk

A warm welcome awaits you at Teddy Bears of Witney.

Established in 1985 as the first shop in the UK to specialise in selling old and new teddy bears, our selection will amaze you. You will find bears, mostly limited editions, by Steiff, Merrythought and other leading manufacturers, as well as others by artists from around the world.

In our museum two bears – Alfonso, a rare and romantic

red Steiff bear given to Princess Xenia of Russia in 1908 by her father, and Aloysius, the star of Brideshead Revisited – are particularly popular attractions. You will also find many other old and characterful bears, as well as bear ephemera, including a letter written by Christopher Robin, when he was just six. Vintage bears are also for sale.

We like to feel you will feel at home in our 17th century shop and look forward to welcoming you at the unique experience that is Teddy Bears of Witney.

Our annual catalogue (£5) features nearly 350 bears, mostly limited editions.

We are open 7 days a week.

OPENING TIMES

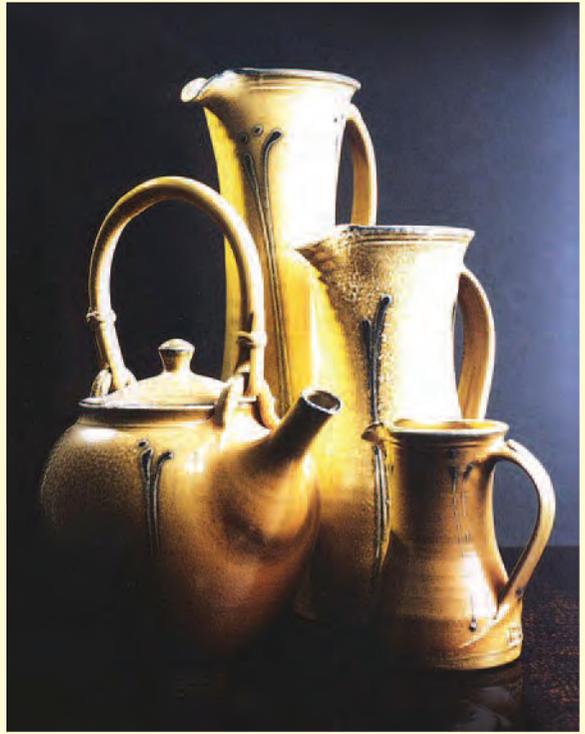
Monday to Friday 9.30am-5.30pm

Saturday 9.30am-5pm; Sunday 10.30am-4.30pm

Open most Bank Holidays



Friendly £95



Toff Milway – Conderton Pottery

Conderton, Tewkesbury GL20 7PP

T: 01386 725387 • E: toff@toffmilway.co.uk • www.toffmilway.co.uk

Come and browse a distinctive range of handmade pottery in the idyllic village of Conderton on the slopes of Bredon Hill.

Toff makes a diverse range of beautiful and functional pottery and visitors will find a large selection of work for sale in the gallery which adjoins the studio. He loves to make pots for use, including pots for cooking and a range of unique tableware. A specialised range of sculptural ceramics are also available. Gardeners will find a wide variety of planters for indoor and outdoor use.

The pottery is surrounded by ancient orchards with magnificent views and wonderful walks from our doorstep. The surrounding area is rich in history, architecture and wildlife, all of which will enhance your visit to the pottery.

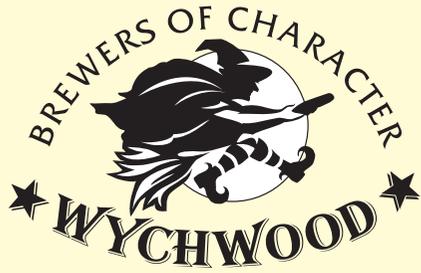
Do come and visit us and see pottery in the making.

OPENING TIMES

Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm

ADMISSION PRICES

Free



Wychwood Brewery

Eagle Maltings, The Crofts, Witney OX28 4DP
T: 01993 890800 • E: info@wychwood.co.uk
www.wychwood.co.uk

Where the magic happens.

The Wychwood Brewery is tucked away behind the main street of the market town of Witney, in the heart of the Oxfordshire Cotswolds. Witney is historically famous for its 3 Bs; bread, blankets and of course beer. Brewing in Witney dates back to 1811 and Wychwood Brewery is sited at the Old Eagle Maltings, built more than 150 years ago when barley was malted for the town's brewery.

Today Wychwood brews more than 50,000 barrels of high quality crafted beer each year using traditional methods and is home to the Legendary Hobgoblin and Brakspear beers. In 2004 Wychwood Brewery began brewing Brakspear beers following a £1million refurbishment. Much of the original brewing plant from the former Brakspear Brewery in Henley-on-Thames has been incorporated into the existing brewery to create the Brakspear fermenting room with its famous 'double-drop' system.

Brakspear beers are brewed at Wychwood, alongside Wychwood beers, and are still supplied to the Brakspear pubs every week.

Brewery Tours:

Our brewery tour experience takes approximately two hours. The tour includes a complimentary drink in our Cellar bar on arrival, a tour of the brewery, a tutored sampling session, all rounded off by a visit to the brewery store where all of our merchandise and bottled beers are available to purchase.

OPENING TIMES

Brewery Store: Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm. Closed on Sundays & Public Holidays.

Brewery Tours: Thursday to Sunday as scheduled. Pre-booking is essential as the tours are extremely popular

ADMISSION PRICES

Tour Bookings and Prices: The cost of a tour is £8.50 per person. We will, where possible, look to accommodate requests for group bookings that wish to have an evening tour. We regret that we cannot accept children under the age of 12. To check availability, and make an online booking, please visit www.wychwood.co.uk or call us on **01993 890800**.



Tewkesbury Heritage Centre

100 Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5AB
T: 01684 855040
E: heritage@tewkesbury.gov.uk
www.tewkesburyheritage.co.uk

A fascinating and innovative heritage centre, in the heart of Tewkesbury, housing a multitude of sensory and interactive delights for everyone. Explore the building's amazing history, discover the town's colourful past and meet some interesting characters along the way!



OPENING TIMES

Easter–October: Mon–Sat, 10am–5pm.
November–Easter: Mon, Tue, Fri & Sat,
10am–4pm

ADMISSION PRICES

Free admission

Witney Blanket Hall

100 High Street, Witney OX28 6HL
T: 01993 706408
E: eleanor@blankethall.co.uk
www.blankethall.co.uk

Witney? Blankets, of course! For 500 years, from Nelson's sailors to the King of England, everyone slept soundly under a Witney blanket.

Explore the gloriously restored 18th century Witney Blanket Hall at 100 High Street.

Visit our excellent pie shop and choose a contemporary woollen throw or scarf to remember us by. **Open daily.**



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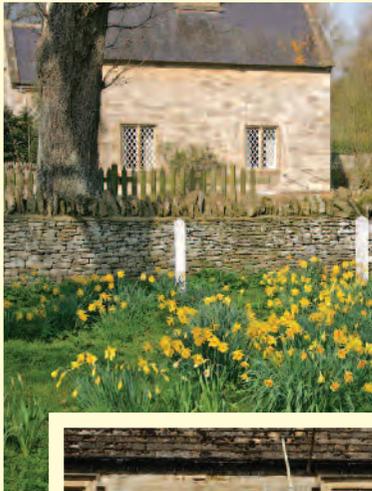
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Visitor Information

To really make the most of your stay, visit one of our friendly Visitor Information Centres, where professional, experienced staff are on hand to offer advice and inspiration as well as answering your questions, however simple or obscure.

The centres contain a wealth of information on local visitor attractions, both large and small, leisure facilities, walks, cycle rides, accommodation, public transport and local events. You will also find a wide range of maps and guides to help you enjoy your stay. Some centres also sell tickets for local attractions and events, as well as theatre tokens. Plus you can buy some great gifts and souvenirs to remind you of your stay in the Cotswolds.



VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

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Burford

33a High Street, Burford OX18 4QA
 Tel 01993 823558
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Chipping Campden

The Old Police Station, High Street
 Chipping Campden GL55 6HB
 Tel 01386 841206
 Email info@campdenonline.org

Cirencester

Corinium Museum, Park Street
 Cirencester GL7 2BX
 Tel 01285 654180
 Email cirencestervic@slm-ltd.co.uk

Lechlade

Lechlade Library, Market Square, Lechlade GL7 3AB
 Tel 01367 252631
 Email info@lechladelibrary.co.uk

Moreton-in-Marsh

Moreton Area Centre, High Street
 Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 0AZ
 Tel 01608 650881
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Painswick

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Stow-on-the-Wold

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 Stroud GL5 1AE
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 Email tic@stroud.gov.uk

Tetbury

33 Church Street, Tetbury GL8 8JG
 Tel 01666 503552
 Email tourism@tetbury.org

Tewkesbury

Out of the Hat, 100 Church Street
 Tewkesbury GL20 5AB
 Tel 01684 855040
 Email tewkesburytic@tewkesbury.gov.uk

Winchcombe

Town Hall, High Street, Winchcombe GL54 5LJ
 Tel 01242 602925
 Email winchcombetic@tewkesbury.gov.uk

Witney

3 Welch Way, Witney OX28 6JH
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