



SUSTAINABLE NORTH COTSWOLDS

Go green and off the beaten track experiences and hidden gems on foot, by bike and by train.

DAY 1: WOODSTOCK

Beginning in Oxford, take the train to Long Hanborough station and walk to the magnificent **Blenheim Palace** and its estate parklands, including a trip to **Churchill's Grave** in Bladon. Walk into **Woodstock** to explore the **Oxfordshire Museum** and the **Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum**, with brilliant exhibitions, galleries and immersive

experiences that bring
Oxfordshire's history to life.
Take time to explore the wonderful
shops such as Libby Rak Jewellery,
Sassy & Boo and Woodstock
Bookshop before enjoying lunch
at The Woodstock Arms or The
Feathers Hotel. Catch the train
from Long Hanborough but do
check if the Oxford Bus Museum
is open as it is worth a visit before
onwards to Moreton-in-Marsh
for your overnight stay.





TOP TIPS

Turn your Blenheim Palace day ticket into free entry for the rest of the year, online or during your stay.



HIDDEN GEMS

Discover Churchill's Grave, outside the boundaries of Blenheim's estate, alongside his family in a small unassuming graveyard.





DAY 2: GARDENS, ARBORETUMS, FORAGING & FARM SHOPS

Take a stroll around Moreton-in-Marsh to discover its highlights, from **The Cotswold Cheese Company** to the weekly **street market** every Tuesday. Wander further to

visit **Batsford Arboretum**, to discover the collection of over 2850 plant species and enjoy the **Garden Terrace Café** for coffee. It sits just outside town and accessible by countryside footpath. Lunch in Moreton-in-Marsh before hopping on the train to Kingham station to walk to **Daylesford Organic Farm**, a 3 mile walk. Enjoy a look around its organic farm, book a **foraging**, **cooking** or **craft activity**, dine in the organic restaurant and café or browse their artisan farm shop. Return to Moreton-in-Marsh for an evening dining at **The Redesdale Arms**.





TOP TIPS

Extend your stay at Batsford Arboretum with a **falconry demonstration** at the **Cotswold Falconry Centre**, watching one of their daily demonstrations or booking your own private experience or owl experience.

For those wishing for a day long walk, walk on from Batsford to **Sezincote**, a stunning 200 year old Mogul Indian palace complete with temples, grottoes, and a waterfall.



ACCOMMODATION AROUND THE NORTH COTSWOLDS

The North Cotswolds offer a wide range of accommodation from boutique hotels to bed & breakfasts, including The Manor House Hotel, The Redesdale Arms, Old Farm B&B The Old Post Office B&B and The Old School B&B.



DAY 3: E-BIKE THROUGH THE NORTH COTSWOLDS

Wind your way through the countryside to visit some of the prettiest 'chocolate box' towns and villages in the Cotswolds. Rent a bike, or take a guided tour, from Cotswold Electric Bike Tours, to visit the golden-stoned Chipping Campden stopping for coffee at Bantam Tea Rooms, cycle past Dover's Hill, home to the historic 'Cotswold Olympicks' and the world shin-kicking Championships every June, and continue on to **Broadway Tower** which sits atop the Cotswolds, overlooking 16 counties. The Tower's Morris & Brown Café is the perfect place to stop for some lunch. Allow time to visit village of Broadway. Sample local Cotswolds Distillery whiskey, visit the Broadway Museum, which tells the story of the area or the Gordon Russell Design **Museum** located in the original grade II listed workshop, highlighting the life, work and designs of this renowned 20th century furniture designer.





TOP TIP

HIDDEN GEMS

eclectic private collections

Take a side trip to **Snowshill Manor** to see the magnificently

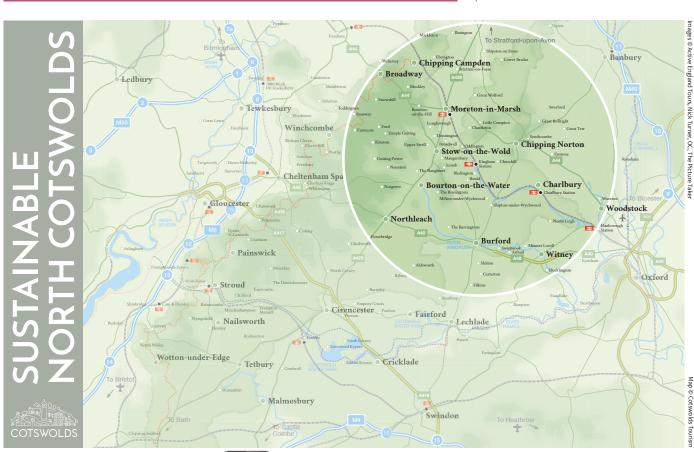
If visiting between June and early August, make sure to stop of at Cotswold Lavender, which will be in full bloom. Or why not book a flower arranging course at Bloomery located on the wonderful Farncombe Estate. Wind your way back to Moreton-in-Marsh or extend your looped journey south through the Rissingtons to Lower Slaughter and visit the Old Mill or have afternoon tea at the Slaughters Manor House or a pint by the riverside at The Slaughters Country Inn.

this renowned 20th century furniture

AFTERNOON OPTION

For those wanting an afternoon with a difference, why not try an 30-60 minute **horse ride** with the **Bourton Vale Equestrian Centre** through Upper and Lower Slaughter, particularly suited to beginners, and can include a fun ford crossing on horseback. While there are regular 90 minute train journeys directly into London Paddington from Moreton-in-Marsh you could always stay another night and then go out on a local guided tour with many operators collecting you direct from your hotel or the train station.





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