



# RIVERS, WILDLIFE & GRAND HOUSES...

Stay a night or two in Burford and spend 48 hours exploring the Cotswold towns of Burford, Fairford, Lechlade, Woodstock and Witney. But don't feel limited to just 48 hours; we'd love you to stay longer.

## DAY 1

Visit **Woodstock**, often seen as the jumping off point for **Blenheim Palace** (once home to Winston Churchill). The town, with its Georgian frontages is well worth a visit in its own right. Allow a good few hours to explore Blenheim itself, before heading onto **Witney** which offers many surprises to visitors. There are plenty of things to see and do in this vibrant town, including visiting the riverside meadow – hidden just out of view of the centre. Both towns offer a fine selection of shops, pubs and restaurants.

Nearby **Cogges Farm** is an historic manor house and farmstead with beautiful grounds, open to visitors. End the day in the village of **Bampton**, used as one of the main locations for TV drama, *Downton Abbey*.



Base yourself in the quintessential Cotswold town of **Burford** with its stone houses, narrow alleyways and courtyards all set along a steep sloping High street. Discover the medieval **Tolsey** and the impressive wool church of **St John the Baptist**.



## WHERE TO STAY

Choose from a range of accommodation in and around Burford including the Bay Tree Hotel, historic Maytime Inn and Lamb Inn as well as a range of bed & breakfasts and wonderful self-catering establishments.

## HIDDEN GEMS

If you like *Downton Abbey*, stop for lunch at The Swan Inn at Swinbrook. Another option is visiting the **Blanket Hall**, in Witney, to learn more about the town's woollen industry heritage (dating back to the Middle Ages) and blanket making history.



## TOP TIP

Learn more about Burford's past by booking into a **Burford** walking tour or **Ghost Tour** at the information centre. Visit **Wychwood Brewery** in Witney, famous for its *Hobgoblin* brand and fantasy-based label artwork, inspired by the myths and legends of the ancient **Wychwood Forest**.



# COTSWOLDS



## DAY 2

The small riverside towns of **Fairford** on the River Coln and **Lechlade** on the River Thames offer an enjoyable morning of exploring, before stopping for lunch and a riverside stroll. Visit **St Mary's Church** in Fairford to admire the complete set of medieval stained glass windows or take a stroll down **Shelley's Walk** in Lechlade, where the romantic poet was said to have been inspired to write *A Summers Evening Churchyard*. Or you could hire a boat from Lechlade and explore a small part of the Thames.



For history lovers, take the opportunity to visit **Kelmscott Manor**, summer home of William Morris and onto the pretty village of Filkins, home to the **Cotswold Woollen Weavers**. Families will love a trip to **The Cotswold Wildlife Park & Gardens** where they can encounter lions, rhinos and giraffes as well as the stunning gardens.

## HIDDEN GEMS

**Aston Pottery** in Aston makes a great shopping destination as well as a well-earned coffee stop. You can get to **National Trust Buscot Park & Buscot** village from Lechlade, a lovely walk along the River Thames and over Buscot Lock.



## TOP TIP



Unusual but wonderful... the Christmas Shop in Lechlade is open for business all year round – definitely worth a visit!



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