



Welcome to the
COTSWOLDS



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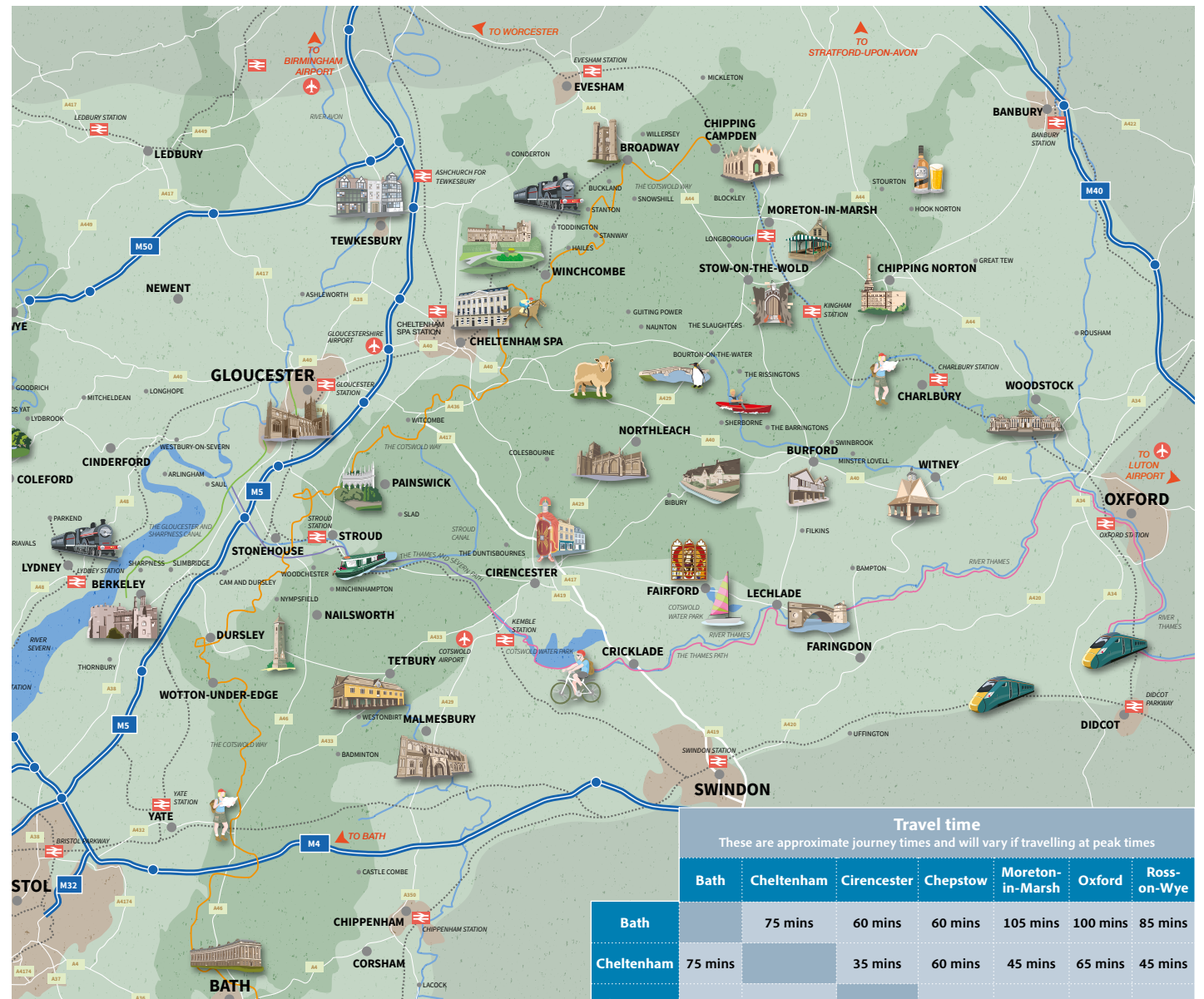
Only 90 minutes away from London, accessible by rail and situated near the major motorway network, the Cotswolds is the perfect destination for your clients.

With its bustling market towns and beautiful quaint villages, you will find world-class historic attractions, fabulous independent shopping, a whole host of wonderful experiences and some of the finest hotels and quirky accommodation in the country.

We guarantee you'll leave feeling relaxed, inspired and full of memories to treasure for a lifetime.

LOCATION

Home to more than 800 square miles of stunning countryside, the Cotswolds are surrounded by the dreaming spires of Oxford to the east, the World Heritage site of Bath in the south with the River Severn leading up to the Cathedral city of Gloucester, Regency town of Cheltenham Spa and medieval town of Tewkesbury. To the north you'll find Chipping Campden and Broadway as well as Shakespeare's home Stratford-upon-Avon and over in the west, the beautiful rural landscape of the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley.



Travel time							
These are approximate journey times and will vary if travelling at peak times							
	Bath	Cheltenham	Cirencester	Chepstow	Moreton-in-Marsh	Oxford	Ross-on-Wye
Bath		75 mins	60 mins	60 mins	105 mins	100 mins	85 mins
Cheltenham	75 mins		35 mins	60 mins	45 mins	65 mins	45 mins
Cirencester	60 mins	35 mins		60 mins	45 mins	60 mins	70 mins
Chepstow	60 mins	60 mins	60 mins		80 mins	105 mins	50 mins
Moreton-in-Marsh	105 mins	45 mins	45 mins	80 mins		60 mins	70 mins
Oxford	100 mins	65 mins	60 mins	105 mins	60 mins		110 mins
Ross-on-Wye	85 mins	45 mins	70 mins	50 mins	70 mins	110 mins	

Walking routes

- The Thames Path (pink line)
- The Cotswold Way (orange line)
- The Thames and Severn Path (purple line)
- The Gloucester & Sharpness Canal (green line)

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12 Reasons the Cotswolds are Perfect

We know the Cotswolds are perfect for the North American market.

1 The Cotswolds are full to bursting with quintessential English towns & villages made up of charming cottages and quaint pubs.



2 It is a food lover's paradise from local produce at farmers markets, to classic tearooms, gastro pubs and Michelin star dining.

3 Steeped in English history, the region is home to everything from prehistoric long barrows to Roman villas, Tudor manor houses, castles, battlefields and numerous churches built on the woollen trade wealth.



4 We're the perfect place to visit all year round – from cosy Christmases and glorious fall colours, spring lambs in the fields to summer gardens, estates and forests.



5 A wealth of boutique and independent shops offering everything from antiques to arts and crafts as well as designer and high street brands.



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6 Meet the locals by joining a specialist tour, visiting local breweries or trying local crafts and activities.



7 Discover more about our many royals – from Sudeley Castle and Thornbury Castle's Tudor connections to current day royals including Highgrove – home to HRH The Prince of Wales.



8 Soak up the stunning views from iconic places like Broadway Tower or wander some of our thousands of miles of walking and cycling paths.



10 Luxuriate in our amazing accommodation, from historic and boutique hotels to ancient inns or even a ship in Gloucester docks, treehouses, canal boats or luxurious farm glamping.



9 Step into a film set and visit locations used in films like Harry Potter and Downton Abbey.



11 Discover stunning colour from the first snowdrops of early spring to the beautiful colours of fall by visiting one of our world-class Cotswold gardens and parks. Steeped in horticultural history, they include everything from great palaces to those designed by royalty – and everything in between.



12 You'll be spoilt for choice of amazing, quirky and traditional events taking place in the Cotswolds all year round. From music and literary festivals to country pursuits and contemporary arts, there's something to suit all tastes and interests.





Lygon Arms

Broadway
www.lygonarmshotel.co.uk

Luxurious accommodation, spa and cuisine in this beautifully converted historic former coaching inn.



Gloucester Cathedral

Gloucester
www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Charting 1000 years of English history, Gloucester Cathedral is the burial place of royalty and one of the country's finest medieval buildings.

Kings Head

Cirencester
www.kingshead-hotel.co.uk

A stylish, boutique hotel in the heart of beautiful Cirencester with an abundance of period and architectural features as well as modern self-catering apartments.



Sudeley Castle

Winchcombe
www.sudeleycastle.co.uk

Walk in the footsteps of Kings and Queens exploring 1000 years of history and award winning gardens or treat yourself to an exclusive art tour and afternoon tea.



Thornbury Castle

Thornbury
www.thornburycastle.co.uk

Live like royalty in this 16th century castle featuring sumptuous four-poster beds, Tudor features and three dining rooms.



Gloucester

www.visitgloucester.co.uk

A Cathedral city like no other - Gloucester is the most inland port in the country rich in history from Roman and medieval times to the more recent industrial revolution.



Cheltenham

www.visitcheltenham.com

Home to a whole host of amazing festivals and events each year, Cheltenham is the most complete Regency town in the country. Enjoy a day at the racing, incredible dining and excellent shopping!



Stroud Valleys

www.cotswolds.com

Perfect for outdoorsy-types – the Stroud valleys offer stunning countryside views and walks from the famous Cotswold Way to historic landmarks.



Tewkesbury Abbey

Tewkesbury
www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk

Explore this amazing 12th century Benedictine Abbey surrounded by delightful timber-framed houses and narrow alleyways visible from the spectacular Norman tower.



Highgrove

Tetbury
www.highgrovegardens.com

Learn more about England's future king by visiting his beautiful, organic gardens at Highgrove. Don't miss an indulgent afternoon tea in the Orchard Tea Room afterwards or the chance to pick up a souvenir.



Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway

Toddington
www.gwsr.com

Take a ride through time on this heritage steam train journey from Cheltenham to Broadway. Explore the Toddington engine sheds or enjoy a 1950's themed café experience in Winchcombe.

Blenheim Palace

Woodstock
www.blenheimpalace.com

Home to the 12th Duke of Marlborough and birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, Blenheim Palace is a stunning World Heritage Site set in more than 2000 acres of 'Capability' Brown parkland.



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