

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

Walking routes

- The Thames Path
- The Cotswold Way
- The Thames and Severn Path
- The Gloucester & Sharpness Canal





OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COTSWOLDS

WELCOME TO THE COTSWOLDS FOREST OF DEAN AND WYE VALLEY

With lush, green hills criss-crossed by dry stone walls and dotted with picture-perfect towns and villages built of honey-coloured stone, the Cotswolds is rural England at its finest. Under two hours from London, this is the perfect destination for overseas visitors to get a taste of England's countryside.

'Uncover the Cotswolds' enables visitors to combine must-see hotspots with little known, authentic treasures, places not mentioned in the tour guides or not normally open to the public. A wide range of experiences and suggested itineraries cover everything from the area's richly diverse heritage to the cultured Regency town of Cheltenham and the historic city of Gloucester: walks through stunning rural countryside, active adventures in the Forest of Dean or at the Cotswold Water Park; World Heritage Sites or fascinating local museums; the chance to take life slowly at a country spa; taste the fabulous local food; or pop in for a drink to meet the locals in the one of the many pubs in towns or villages that make the Cotswolds what it is today – ready to welcome you.



Burford
A Medieval, historic high street, full of independent shops & cafés, sweeps down towards the River Windrush.



Cirencester
Capital town of the Cotswolds, rich with Roman history and vibrant market square with fascinating parish church.



Fairford
The riverside town's wool church has a complete set of 28 Medieval stained glass windows. Great base for the Cotswold Water Park area.



Cheltenham
Refined elegance and Regency architecture provide the backdrop for fantastic festivals, enviable foodie scene and buzzing nightlife.



Winchcombe
Beautiful market town with timbered inns, a castle, and quality shops, set in stunning countryside, offering beautiful walks.



Broadway
Broadway has strong links to the Arts & Crafts movement and a stunning, long high street full of independent shops, galleries and cafés.



Lechlade
Attractive town, located on the River Thames, with thriving market square full of interesting shops and cafés.



Nailsworth
A lively, artistic market town nestled in a wooded valley, renowned for its selection of award-winning eateries and local vineyard.



Northleach
The ancient market place and streets are rich in architectural interest from half-timbered Tudor houses, to the Old Prison.



Chipping Campden
Elegant town, full of distinctive well preserved buildings. Discover the Arts and Crafts movement in galleries and the museum.



Moreton-in-Marsh
The wide high street is lined with iconic Cotswold stone buildings along with a manor house, and on Tuesdays a retail market fills the centre.



Woodstock
A fine Georgian town with royal heritage, the many attractive period buildings include two museums and the town hall.



Tetbury
Renowned for its Royal connections, this stunning town is full of architectural heritage including the iconic Market House.



Witney
A charming bustling market town with an excellent range of shops and a twice weekly market.



Wotton-under-Edge
Located on the Cotswold Way the town has a great range of independent shops, and historic attractions nearby.



Newent
A charming town, the 17th century Market House is surrounded by 13th century black and white buildings, independent shops and has attractions nearby.



Ross-on-Wye
Historic market town known as the "Gateway to the Wye Valley", with a 17th century Market House at its heart, offering quirky shops and activities nearby.



Chepstow
The border town has an impressive castle, quaint streets to explore and the Forest of Dean over the Wales/England border, via the Old Wye Bridge.

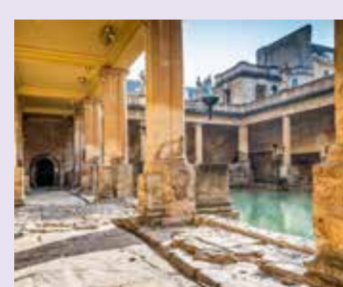


INCLUDING THE FOREST OF DEAN AND WYE VALLEY THE COTSWOLDS UNCOVER



Indulge in unique and truly British experiences

LOVING THE COTSWOLDS



The Roman Baths
Remarkably preserved Roman spa, where the Romans built a magnificent temple and bathing complex using Bath's thermal springs.



Westonbirt Arboretum
One of the finest tree collections in the world, including a walkway through the tree tops offering spectacular views across the picturesque landscape.



Cotswold Water Park
Covering 40 square miles, the Cotswold Water Park has 150 lakes where all outdoor needs are catered for, from peaceful nature reserves to water sports and even rally driving.



Cheltenham Racecourse
Cheltenham Racecourse is the jewel in racing's crown. The racing, setting, tradition and finest hospitality all combine to give everyone an experience they'll never forget.



Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
Travel in style on a steam train along the 29 mile round trip from Broadway to Cheltenham Racecourse with fantastic views.



Sudeley Castle
With Royal connections spanning 1000 years, Sudeley Castle and Gardens has stunning scenery, exhibitions and gardens to explore.



Cotswold Wildlife Park
A memorable experience with 260 species of amazing animals on show, set in 160 acres with beautiful gardens, manor house and even a train.



Slimbridge WWT
Home to an astounding array of wildlife including the world's largest collection of swans, flamingos, geese and ducks - many migrating for the winter.



Blenheim Palace
One of England's finest houses and a World Heritage Site, Blenheim Palace is the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and home to the 12th Duke of Marlborough.



Tewkesbury Abbey
Marvel at the history and architecture of this ancient abbey located in Medieval Tewkesbury.



Hidcote Garden
Hidcote is an Arts & Crafts garden full of colour and intricately designed outdoor 'rooms' that are full of surprises.



Gloucester Docks
Old Victorian port with interesting views, shops and attractions including The National Waterways Museum.



Stroud Farmers' Market
Located in the heart of Stroud, browse the stalls selling local produce and talk with producers at this multi award-winning large popular farmers' market.



Cotswold Farm Park
Home of rare breed conservation, Cotswold Farm Park offers a fun-filled day out where you can interact with the animals and learn about farming past and present.



Birdland
Explore the riverside gardens to discover exotic and rare birds from around the world including King penguins, pelicans and colourful parrots.



Symonds Yat
An internationally renowned viewpoint, from the Rock watch peregrine falcons soar above the River Wye 120m below, or enjoy a drink in a riverside pub.



Puzzlewood
An enchanting, ancient woodland filled with fantastic tree and rock formations. A popular TV & film location, credits include Star Wars.



Film Locations
Why not visit the locations of films such as Star Wars or Harry Potter, or TV series such as Downton Abbey, Poldark or Wolf Hall, you may even spot a film crew!

GETTING HERE

The area is well connected to London with frequent trains and a journey time of less than two hours. With many airports within 1-2 hours' drive of the Cotswolds, onward connecting travel means visiting the area can form part of a wider visit to the UK.

BY CAR

The motorway network provides easy access via the M4 or M40 from London and the South East, the M4, M48 & M50 to & from Wales and the M5 from the North, Midlands and the South West, as well as major main roads.

BY COACH

National Express coaches operate daily services from many parts of the UK to most larger towns in the area. From these destinations, local coach companies operate services to reach other towns and villages.
www.nationalexpress.com

BY TRAIN

Easily accessible by rail, with mainline stations at Bath, Cheltenham, Charlbury, Chepstow, Gloucester, Hanborough, Kemble (for Cirencester), Kingham (for Stow-on-the-Wald), Lydney, Moreton-in-Marsh, Oxford, Ashchurch (for Tewkesbury), Cam & Dursley and Stroud.
National Rail Enquiry line 08457 48 49 50

BY BUS

Local bus companies operate to connect key transport towns to the wider Cotswolds, Forest of Dean and Wye Valley area. The Cotswolds Discoverer One Day Pass is the perfect and hassle-free way to travel in the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty by bus and by train.
www.cotswoldsaoib.org.uk/discoverer
National bus information is at www.bustimes.org

USEFUL TRANSPORT LINKS

AIRPORTS

Bristol Airport: www.bristolairport.co.uk
Birmingham Airport: www.birminghamairport.co.uk
London Heathrow: www.heathrow.com
Gatwick Airport: www.gatwickairport.com
Luton Airport: www.london-luton.co.uk
Cardiff Airport: www.cardiff-airport.com

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

National Rail: www.nationalrail.co.uk
Brit Pass: www.britrail.net/passes/
www.britrail-south-west-pass
Travel Line: www.traveline.info
Further information: www.cotswolds.com/travel
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