

Interesting Places in The Cotswolds

It only takes 1hr 40 minutes' train journey if you're coming from London to the impressively renowned area of the Cotswolds. The area has been named as second largest of the 38 areas of outstanding natural beauty in England and the Cotswolds lives up to its name. The Cotswolds is an impressive mix of gentle rolling hills, chocolate box villages, magnificent stately homes and bustling market towns full of happy faces. The Cotswolds truly is one of the loveliest areas in England.

The Cotswolds has a variety of places that are worth seeing. You could make a daytrip of it and see all the popular places to visit in the area, or come down for the weekend and stay a few nights. There are so many attractions to see and plenty of places to go that not only will you love the atmosphere of British countryside at its best, but you will leave feeling like you could move here! The Cotswolds is a place where passer-by's say hello, where there are strong communities and where nature beckons you to step into the countryside and soak up the air.

Broadway Tower

Broadway Tower is certainly one of England's most amazing viewpoints, standing at 1024 feet above sea level. The tower overlooks the village of Broadway and is the second highest point around the hills of the Cotswold Ridge, described to be a great example of an 18th Century Gothic folly. The tower was designed by James Wyatt, built in 1799 for Lady Coventry who always wanted to know if she could see a lit beacon on these hills in the distance of her home. Lady Coventry paid for the

build and when the tower was finally fully built, she could clearly see it from her house! The impressive views from the construction stretch the Vales of Gloucester and Evesham, and on a good day you can see the Severn Valley and the Welsh mountains. Broadway Tower one of the best places to visit in The Cotswolds.



Blenheim Palace

The beautiful Blenheim Palace in Woodstock was built in the 18th Century to celebrate victory over France in the War of the Spanish Succession. It was given to John Churchill, the 1st Duke of Marlborough and is designated as a World Heritage site. Queen Anne awarded Churchill's family the desolate Royal Manor and Blenheim park, dilapidated and in need of desperate repair. Queen Anne also gave Churchill £240,000 to renovate the house to a high standard to mark this special occasion. Sir Winston Churchill was famously born at the palace in 1874, where he later proposed to his wife Clementine Hozier. Blenheim Palace is one of the most beautiful palaces in England due to its breath-taking views, stunning creation and the impressive 2000 acres of well-kept land. The magnificent palace overlooks woodland, lawns and lakes, and on a summers

day, it's the perfect place for a family picnic.

Chastleton House – Near Chipping Norton

In the village of Chastleton between Chipping Norton and Moreton-in-Marsh, is Chastleton House. Believed to be one of England's finest examples of Jacobean houses, the family home took 5 years to build and was finally completed in 1612 for a lawyer named Walter Jones. The Jones family resided at the house for nearly 400 years, making very few changes because the Civil War had left them poor. The house was passed to The National Trust in 1991 but instead of restoring or rebuilding parts of the house, the Trust have conserved its Jacobean architecture and impressive design. There is a collection of wonderful tapestries, ancient leather chests and a variety of furniture that belonged to the Jones family in the museum of Chastleton House. The majestic house and tailored gardens is one of the best historic places to visit in The Cotswolds, presenting a true impression of what life is like in a Cotswold stately home.



Secret Cottage – Cotswold Tour

If you would like to visit the Cotswolds for the day, then book your place on The Secret Cottage Tour. The tour takes you on a magical trip around the area, showing you the most popular places to visit, some incredible historic sites and some of the most breath-taking sites you will ever see. If you're arriving from London, you will be picked up from the train station in our luxury Mercedes minibus from Moreton-in-Marsh, then dropped back after the tour so you can get your train and be back in London for the evening! During the tour, we take you to our home The Secret Cottage, where you will be given a hot drink and pastry in the morning, then a delicious buffet lunch. We also give you a wonderful traditional Cotswold cream tea in the afternoon to make sure you are well fed for the last bit of the tour! We take you to pretty Cotswold villages, show you some stunning English Heritage sites and take you to some of the most interesting spots in The Cotswolds. Don't miss out on seeing one of England's most beautiful region, accompanied by friendly and informative guides and delicious home cooking. Book your Cotswold Tour today.