

London to The Cotswolds

The pale yellow pale local limestone called Cotswold stone, is famous in the area used for most of the buildings, the cottages, the stately homes and for most of the buildings in the Cotswold market towns. It's no wonder that the Cotswolds have been noted as one of the largest areas of outstanding natural beauty with the stunning countryside, the wild woodland and the beautiful River Windrush. The area of the Cotswolds covers nearly 800 miles and is located in the South-West of England. The region spreads across several counties including Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Wiltshire.

Popular with English Tourism

There are many tourist attractions around the Cotswolds including magnificent palaces and castles, huge stately homes and some wonderful tourist attractions for families. The Cotswolds hills make up most of the countryside and are well-known for their breath-taking landscapes of lush green grass and flocks of Cotswold sheep. Cotswold market towns have a bustling vibrancy and are busy with tourists and visitors all year around. Local villages have pretty thatched cottages and wonderful views across the hills. Some of the larger towns like Tewkesbury, , Stroud, Cirencester, Cheltenham and Oxford have some great shopping experiences. Antique shops, quirky cafes, summer festivals, family-run businesses and boutique gift shops make a friendly buzz throughout the towns and cities. Cotswold villages are famous for their history such as Lower Slaughter for Copse Hill Road which was noted as one of the most romantic streets in England and Bibury for the well-known Arlington Row cottages.



Exploring the Cotswolds

If you're passing through the area, then it's well worth visiting the Cotswolds to see the beautiful countryside and some of the most historical sites in England. If you're planning on coming for a weekend away or you're staying in London and visiting England, then accessing the Cotswolds is very easy. There are family attractions such as the Cotswold Wildlife Park in Burford and Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park near Guiting Power. Blenheim Palace is one of the most beautiful landmarks in Oxfordshire where a magnificent stately home that was once owned by the Churchill family sits amongst 2000 acres of land in Woodstock. Blenheim palace is still owned by the late Duke of Marlborough and Sir Winston Churchill was born and lived there. The Churchill family are buried in a nearby church in the village of Bladon. The Cotswolds are famous for being one of the largest contributors

of the wool trade but when the cloth trade moved to the North of England, the Cotswolds remained unspoilt, peaceful and under-developed.

Close to London

The Cotswolds is only a quick train journey away from London, so if you're planning on staying in London and taking a daytrip to the area, it is very easy. You can get the train from London Paddington and come directly to Moreton-in-Marsh taking just one hour and 40 minutes. The nearest airports are London, Bristol and Birmingham, all of which are within a few hours' drive from the Cotswolds. If you're staying in London on a vacation and have a day to spare, then book a wonderful daytrip on a Cotswold tour. A special day out in the Cotswolds will leave you feeling relaxed and revived as you soak up the beautiful countryside and a taste of true Cotswold life.



The Secret Cottage Tour

You can book a small group tour or a daytrip with the Secret Cottage Tour. We take you to all the stunning attractions in The Cotswolds, showing you some of the quintessential views and giving you a wonderful taste of Cotswold life. You will see charming Cotswold villages, idyllic market towns, magnificent stately homes, trickling streams that run through village gardens and bluebell woods. Many of the beautiful houses are built from the honey-coloured Cotswold stone that is the famous limestone of the area. The Secret Cottage Tour pick you up directly from the Moreton-in-Marsh train station in our luxury Mercedes minibus and return you there after the six-hour tour in time to get back to London for your evening. We take you to our home the Secret Cottage for a delicious buffet lunch and a morning drink and pastry, then return in the afternoon for a traditional Cotswold cream tea. Our experienced guides enjoy every second of showing you the beautiful places in the Cotswolds and will tell you some fascinating history on the tour. Book your Secret Cottage Tour today – don't miss out as we get booked up quickly!