

Special Cotswold Tour

The Cotswolds has plenty of special attractions that are worth seeing. There are many landmarks to visit and places to go that not only will you experience real British countryside at its best, but you will be charmed by the unspoilt beauty of this quintessential region. The Cotswolds is a place where locals say hello and where every village has a strong community to protect the interests of the area.

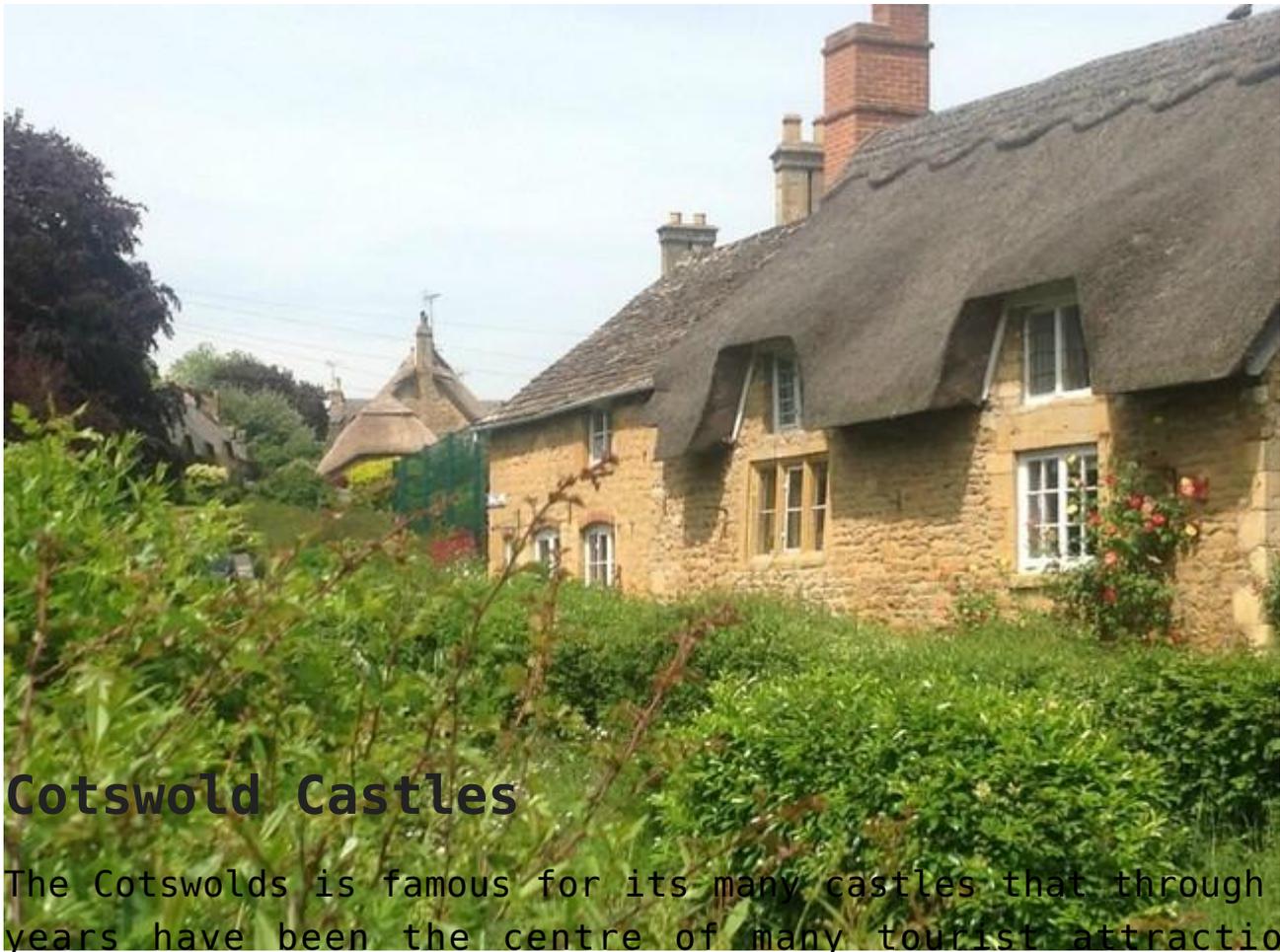
Taking a tour around the Cotswolds is likely to take a good few days. The region is in the south-west of England, stretching across several counties and 800 square miles. The Cotswolds region covers from the edge of Warwickshire, to Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and parts of north-east Somerset. The countryside is well-known for its lush rolling hills, charming, chocolate box villages, magnificent stately homes and pretty market towns. If you want to see breath-taking English countryside, then it truly is one of the most beautiful places to visit in England.



Peaceful Villages & Charming Market Towns

The Cotswolds was once one of the biggest contributors for wool in England, but since the cloth trade moved to the north of England, the area remained unspoilt and idyllic. The Cotswolds has many pretty market towns, all of which were once the centre focal point for sheep farmers when the Cotswolds were a thriving area for the wool trade. The market towns feature impressive market squares where sheep were traded every week as the most well attended markets in the region. Market towns in the Cotswolds include Moreton-in-Marsh, Bourton-on-the-Water, Chipping Norton, Witney, Woodstock and Burford. Villages in the Cotswolds are usually quiet with a friendly village pub and a bustling atmosphere in the summer months. Winters boast the smell of wood-burning stoves filling the air and thatched cottages are dimly lit through the trees. The misty chill gives the villages a somewhat romantic feel too. Many villages in the Cotswolds are famous for their beautiful

buildings next to meandering streams and trickling rivers. Lower Slaughter village has had a street named as the 'most romantic street in England'.



Cotswold Castles

The Cotswolds is famous for its many castles that through the years have been the centre of many tourist attractions. Sudeley Castle near Winchcombe has many royal connections and is well-known for being the only private castle to have a royal queen buried within the castle grounds. The Queens Garden was named after four queens who once lived or visited there – Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth I, Katherine Parr and Lady Jane Grey. Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire is one of Elizabethan's perfect examples of castles in England with an enormous Medieval fortress that has had many connections with Medieval monarchs. It is also famous for telling the royal love story of The Earl of Leicester Robert Dudley and Queen Elizabeth I. Berkeley Castle is the finest example of English heritage and has hosted many royals throughout the centuries including Edward II, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and the late Queen Mother. It is also well-known for being the place where

Edward II was supposedly murdered and also where the last court jester in England died, when he fell from the minstrel's gallery in the Great Hall.

Cotswolds Secret Cottage Tour

The Secret Cottage Tour offers unique tours of the Cotswolds on a 6-hour daytrip around the area. If you're staying in London and would like to see the Cotswolds in a day, then you can get an easy train from London Paddington to Moreton-in-Marsh. Our Secret Cottage Tour takes you around the beautiful sights of the Cotswolds, showing you magnificent stately homes, Cotswold attractions, pretty market towns and charming Cotswold villages. We take you to our home The Secret Cottage in the morning for a hot drink and pastry, then return for a tasty homemade buffet lunch. If you would like to experience a Cotswolds tour with a difference, then we also offer a traditional Cotswold cream tea in the afternoon. After the 6-hour tour, we take you back to the train station in time to get your train back to London for the evening.