

# Days Out & Cotswold Tours

The Cotswolds region has a current population of around 139,000 people living in stunning cities, charming market towns and quaint villages that are hidden amongst the rolling Cotswold hills. If you're thinking of visiting England and may be staying in London, then the Cotswolds is only 1hr 40 minutes on the train that runs directly to all the train stations in the area. If you have never seen the natural beauty of the Cotswolds, then is certainly worth taking the time to visit. The area is situated in the south-west of England, stretching across several counties including Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and north-east Somerset. The approximate size of the Cotswolds is 800 square miles. A day out in the Cotswolds is easy to do from London.

## Picturesque Villages

In springtime, banks of daffodils fill the countryside and bluebells can be found within dense woodland. Whether you visit the Cotswolds in spring, summer, winter or autumn, you will discover a beautiful area typical of English life in the countryside. The views in the Cotswolds are a vision of quintessential heritage and possibly one of the most beautiful places you will see in England. The gentle rolling hills blend beautifully with pretty market towns and tiny villages. Herds of cows, sheep and horses bring nature to our doorstep and is a different scene from before the Industrial Revolution, when the area was a major sheep-farming region. The Cotswolds sheep are known as the 'Cotswold Lions', renowned for their golden long shaggy fleece that is unique to the area. The rivers throughout the Cotswolds include the River Eye, River Thames, the River Coln and the River Windrush. Villages have tributaries where children splash and paddle and larger towns have wider and deeper rivers overhung by beautiful willow trees.



## Towns in The Cotswolds

All of the Cotswold market towns are centred around a market square where wool markets once appeared every week largely when the Cotswolds was one of the main suppliers of wool to the European market. Major cities and towns in the area include Cirencester, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Oxford, Stroud and the City of Bath. Charming Cotswold market towns include Burford, Witney, Chipping Norton, Moreton-in-Marsh, Banbury, Stow-on-the-Wold and Woodstock. Towns, villages and cities in the area are built from Cotswold stone, a pretty honey-coloured limestone that is unique to the region. The blend of the Cotswold rolling hills and stone buildings brings a beautifully typical vision of stunning Cotswold countryside, making it one of the most inspiring places to visit. Cheltenham is also influenced by Edwardian and Victorian architecture, bringing an interesting balance of different

styles, complementing each other in the process.

## **Places to Visit in The Cotswolds**

The Cotswolds offers so many things to do if you're visiting the area. Cotswold tours take you to magical places that you may not necessarily find on your own. There are beautiful famous landmarks such as Blenheim Palace in Woodstock, the Cotswold Wildlife Park in Burford, Batsford Arboretum near Moreton-in-Marsh and the Cotswold Farm Park in Guiting Power. The well-known Cheltenham Racecourse is popular with visitors and tourists, being the birthplace for Cheltenham Gold Cup. The majestic City of Bath is famous for the stunning Roman Baths and has a wealth of interesting and historical places to see.



## Secret Cottage Cotswold Tours

If you are planning a trip to the Cotswolds, then you can experience a unique tour with the Secret Cottage Tour. Our tours have the personal touch with a visit to our pretty cottage in depths of a Cotswolds village. We make sure you see the most beautiful places in the Cotswolds on our 6-hour tour, taking in magnificent views, stunning stately homes, quiet villages and some of the best attractions in the area. Cotswold tours give you a true vision of life in the English countryside and Secret Cottage Tours add a family charm, showing you a typical 500-year old Cotswold cottage that boasts splendour. If you're coming from London, you can catch a direct train to Moreton-in-Marsh train station where we will pick you up in our luxury minibus. We bring our guests to our home for a morning drink and pastry, then return for a delicious homemade buffet lunch. We also treat our guests to a traditional Cotswold cream tea in the afternoon – so you won't go hungry! You will be taken back to the train station to get your train back to London in time for the evening.