

# Daytrips in England

If you're planning a holiday or trip to England, then there's no doubt you will have many places you want to visit. Most visitors who come to England want to stay in London, or visit the capital city for a day. If you're staying in London or the south of England, then daytrips in England to the Cotswolds is a must. The Cotswolds are in the south-east of England and are famous for being an area encompassing beautiful rolling hills, famously known as the Cotswold Hills. The region originates from a bedrock of Jurassic limestone that is the perfect foundation for grassland habitats, rural landscape, historical places, stately homes, charming market towns and pretty Cotswold villages.

The limestone of the area is well-known, producing an attractive honey-coloured stone called Cotswold stone that has been used to build throughout the area from the Cotswold Edge, through the Evesham Vale and amongst the Severn Valley. The Cotswolds is 800 square miles with a population of 139,000 people, spreading across several counties in the area including Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Warwickshire and Wiltshire. The highest point in the Cotswolds is Cleeve Hill and the highest market town is Chipping Norton in North Oxfordshire.



## **Picturesque Countryside**

The Cotswolds are famous in England for being one of the largest areas of outstanding natural beauty and the beauty of the countryside is a true quintessential part of the country, oozing charm, magnetism and magnificence. If you want to see a natural part of England which has stunning countryside, some of the most beautiful buildings and picture-perfect country life, then you should plan a daytrip to the Cotswolds. The Cotswolds region is made up of many market towns, giving picturesque architecture of honey-coloured stone, quirky cottages, majestic town halls and pretty market squares. The market squares were once home to many sheep markets where farmers would trade their sheep every week, when the Cotswolds was a huge sheep farming community. Indeed, before the industrial revolution, the region was one of the largest suppliers to the wool trade in England. Since the cloth trade moved to the north of England, sheep farming reduced and the

Cotswolds avoided industrialisation and remained in idyllic beauty.

## **Cotswold Daytrip**

Daytrips to the Cotswolds will show you some of the most beautiful countryside in England. Drive down narrow country lanes to little villages that have a sprinkling of houses, a local village school, a church and a shop. Cotswold villages include The Slaughters, Broadway, Bourton-on-the-Water and many more. This is typical of the area, a somewhat romantic vision of country life and village communities have a solid foundation, supporting local trades and businesses. Cotswold market towns include Burford, Woodstock, Moreton-in-Marsh, Stow-on-the-Wold, Chipping Norton and Witney and they all have charming character and a good independent trade. Many of the towns have remains of wool mills, such as Bliss Mill in Chipping Norton which was once a significant landmark for the wool trade. Now it has been redeveloped to luxury houses and apartments, still a visible landmark in the rolling valley outside the town.



## Secret Cottage Tour

The Secret Cottage is a 400-year-old thatched cottage, hidden away from village lanes between Chipping Norton and Moreton-in-Marsh. It is the most idyllic home, archetypal of Cotswold life with beautiful gardens, open fires and a large kitchen with an Aga. Secret Cottage tours not only give you a wonderful tour of the 400-year-old family home, but takes you on a magical 6-hour journey around the north Cotswolds in a luxurious 7-seater minibus. If you're staying in London, then you can take a direct train from London Paddington to Moreton-in-Marsh where you will be picked up by the Secret Cottage Tour. We take you to our home for a hot drink and pastry in the morning, then return at lunchtime for a delicious homemade buffet lunch. We also treat our guests to a traditional Cotswold cream tea at our home and in the garden if it's warm. At the end of the day we take you back to the train station so you can catch your train and return to London in time for the evening. A Secret Cottage tour is the best way to visit the

Cotswolds on a daytrip, taking you to all the best places in the area friendly with experienced tour guides and delicious homemade food at our home. Our family-run tours get booking up very quickly, so we advise guests to book your places as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.