

# Top Cotswolds Tour

Private Cotswold tours are often family-run, taking you on a magical journey down winding lanes, through charming Cotswold villages, through hillside hamlets, showing you some of the most beautiful dense woodland with some of England's finest wildlife. Cotswold meadows are full of wildflowers, stunning riverside locations and the rolling Cotswold hills are a vision in this region. It's no surprise that the Cotswolds have been named as the second largest area of outstanding natural beauty in England. If you're coming to England and looking for a top Cotswolds tour, then make sure you book a private Cotswold tour with The Secret Cottage to give you a day tour that you will never forget.

Why not visit the Cotswolds on a Cotswold tour with a difference? Private Cotswold tours will offer the best experience and many local tours are run by local residents who know the Cotswold region inside out. Going on a daytrip to the Cotswolds will give you the most breath-taking views and a strong sense of what it's like to live in the Cotswold area. You may like to visit some of the major attractions like Blenheim Palace, the Cotswold Wildlife Park or the Cotswold Farm Park, but if you want to see the true Cotswolds life in all its tranquil beauty, then book with the Secret Cottage Tour.



## The Cotswolds & Celebrities

The Cotswolds is an area that is well-known for celebrity visits but there are also many famous celebrities and members of the royal family who reside here. HRH Prince Charles lives at Highgrove Estate near Tetbury, an enormous beautiful estate that is famous for its wonderful gardens. The Princess Royal lives at her private country family home at Gatcombe Estate near Minchinhampton and Zara Phillips moved to Gatcombe Park in 2013 with her husband Mike Tindall. There are several celebrities such as Jeremy Clarkson, Amanda Holden, Dom Jolly and Alex James who also live in the north Cotswolds.

## Cotswold Stately Homes

There are many Cotswold homes that boast aristocracy in the region, often located on the edge of Cotswold villages surrounded by beautiful open countryside. There is a medieval manor house of Broughton Castle near Banbury, Hidcote Manor with beautiful gardens that are well worth a trip to see in the summer, Batsford Arboretum near Moreton-in-Marsh with its stunning trees and land and the beautiful Bourton House nearby

with 3 acres of land. Chastleton House in the village of Chastleton also has a wealth of history, now owned by the National Trust and believed to be the place where Roberts Catesby planned the Gunpowder Plot. Blenheim Palace in Woodstock was home to the Churchill family and was the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. It still belongs to the late Duke of Marlborough. Kelmscott Manor near Lechlade is a Grade I listed farmhouse next to the River Thames that once belonged to the English artist, textile designer and writer William Morris between 1871 and 1896.



## **The Secret Cottage Tour**

The Secret Cottage Tour takes our guests on a wonderful tour of the north Cotswolds, passing through pretty villages, tiny hamlets, beautiful Cotswold market towns with large market squares and grand Cotswold stately homes. If you want to

experience an exciting daytrip to the Cotswolds, then book with the privately run Secret Cottage Tour. If you're staying in London, then trains run direct from London Paddington to our nearest train station in Moreton-in-Marsh, taking only 1 hour and 40 minutes. Our tour picks our visitors up from the local station in our 7-seater luxury Mercedes minibus and take you on an exciting tour to show you the hidden gems, secret villages and some of the most breath-taking views you will ever come across. We specialise in making our guests feel welcome, giving you not only a wonderful 6-hour tour of the north Cotswolds, but inviting you into our family home The Secret Cottage. Our cottage is a 400-year-old Cotswold stone thatched cottage and guests relish in discovering how the English have lived in the countryside hundreds of years ago. We provide tea, coffee and a pastry in the morning, then a tasty homemade buffet lunch, followed by a delicious traditional Cotswold cream tea in the afternoon. Our family-run tours guarantee's a wonderful daytrip experience, showing our guests picture-perfect stunning Cotswolds countryside, Cotswold villages and pretty Cotswold market towns. We are proud that we have over 1,000 5-star reviews on Trip Advisor. Book your Secret Cottage Tour today!