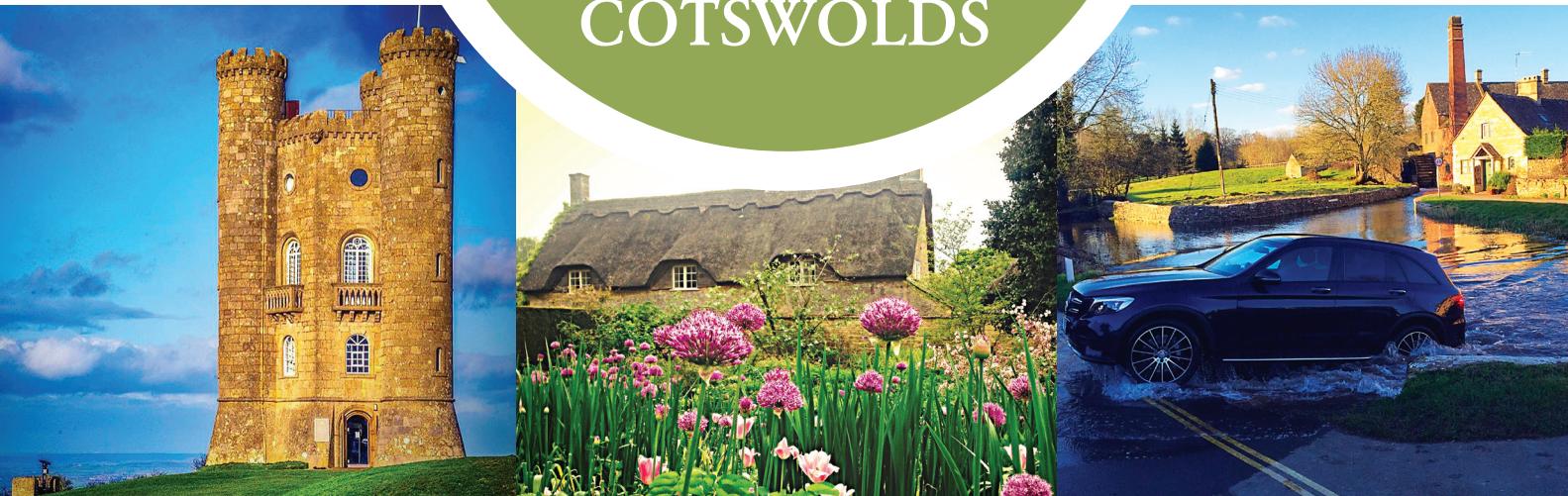




TOP 50

THINGS TO DO IN THE
COTSWOLDS



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1	<p><u>Bespoke Private Guided Driven Tour with North Cotswold Taxis & Tours, Cotswolds</u></p> <p>Looking for the quintessential Cotswold experience to see all those stunning honeycomb thatched cottages and awe inspiring landscapes then look no further than our bespoke guided tours. Our bespoke private guided tours are the best way to experience the Cotswolds. Unlike a bus or tourist map that might take you to the generic popular tourist towns we offer Cotswold tours that allow us to experience secret spots that lie within the breathtaking Cotswold landscape and down country roads that lead to the placidity in quaint Cotswold villages. Our bespoke Cotswold tours are built around yourselves and your interests, and with our expertise we shall create an unforgettable day be it a quick jam packed 3 hour tour or a full relaxed day we can tailor this day to whatever you require.</p>
2	<p><u>Montpellier, Cheltenham</u></p> <p>Montpellier is set at the end of the Promenade in Cheltenham, shopping here is in individually styled shops and boutiques with everything from clothes to homeware that sit side by side the Regency buildings with restaurants and wine bars to give this quarter of the town a real village feeling to the Cheltenham shopping experience.</p>
3	<p><u>Highgrove Gardens, Tetbury</u></p> <p>Highgrove is the private home of Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. Guided individual and group garden tours are available of these stunning gardens with an unforgettable afternoon tea. This must be pre-booked months in advance to attain tickets.</p>
4	<p><u>Silversmiths Workshop, Chipping Campden</u></p> <p>The workshop is the last operating remnant of the Guild of Handicraft which C.R. Ashbee established in 1888. George Hart was a silversmith with the Guild when it moved to Chipping Campden in 1902. From 1912 he took on the running of the workshop, joined in 1930 by his son Henry. This high tradition is now carried on by his grandson David Hart along with Derek Elliott, and William and Julian Hart, watch them at work in the same workshop used since 1888.</p>
5	<p><u>Yellow Hat Tribe Art Gallery, between Stow-on-the-Wold and Burford</u></p> <p>The Yellow Hat Tribe Gallery is bursting with vitality, colour and sunshine paintings created by the artist Irene Tyack who is on site painting new pictures all of the time. Much of her wonderful work features the Yellow Hat Tribe in amusing and crazy situations; dancing, singing, playing music, and turning everyday life into funny, colourful situations and all the characters hide their faces with iconic famous sombrero's which make these painting so unique. The shop is full of her collections to buy and are great gifts to go home with at affordable prices.</p>
6	<p><u>Bourton House Gardens, Bourton-on-the-Hill</u></p> <p>If you are after a beautiful quaint garden off the tourist trail, then visit Bourton House gardens. An award-winning three-acre garden surrounding a fine 18th century Manor House. The garden features luxuriant terraces and wide herbaceous borders with stunning plant, texture and colour combinations.</p>
7	<p><u>Giffords Circus, locations in the Cotswolds</u></p> <p>Great for families and fun adults alike. A travelling country circus from the Cotswolds brings a different twist to the circus theme with lots of animals, music and laughter in a small circus tent, it's a must see if they're in town.</p>
8	<p><u>The Cotswolds Distillery, Stourton</u></p> <p>Nestled in the beautiful Warwickshire countryside, The Cotswolds Distillery is the first of its kind in the area, and the closest working distillery to London. The distillery has been built in traditional Cotswolds stone and set in beautifully landscaped gardens with an excellent stylish shop. They offer daily tours of the distillery with a tasting too for just £10, it is well worth a visit especially on a rainy day or in the winter, private VIP tasting tours can be organized too.</p>
9	<p><u>Whichford Pottery, Whichford</u></p> <p>For you gardeners you can visit Whichford pottery, emerge yourself in the workshop and see the potters making their pots, be inspired by the courtyard garden and grab yourself a stunning gift in the Octagon shop and top it all off by soaking up the rolling Cotswold hills with a steaming brew and a homemade slice of cake.</p>
10	<p><u>Blenheim Palace, Woodstock</u></p> <p>Blenheim Palace is a monumental country house and it is the principal residence of the Duke of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. It is the only non-royal non-episcopal country house in England to hold the title of palace. Blenheim Palace is great for all ages and private tours of the Palace can be arranged too.</p>
11	<p><u>Cotswold Motoring Museum, Bourton-on-the-Water</u></p> <p>For you motor heads visit the Cotswold motoring museum, the museum's collection includes cars, motorcycles, bicycles, caravans and motoring memorabilia of the 20th century and children's television star Brum who used to drive all around the town of Bourton-on-the-Water.</p>
12	<p><u>Sudeley Castle & Gardens, Winchcombe</u></p> <p>Sudeley is a spectacular castle built in the 15th century and is on the site of a 12th-century castle. The castle has a notable garden, which is designed and maintained to a very high standard. The chapel, St. Mary's is the burial place of Queen Catherine Parr the sixth wife of King Henry VIII, and contains her marble tomb here as the Castle was her home for many years.</p>
13	<p><u>Chedworth Roman Villa, Yanworth</u></p> <p>Chedworth Roman Villa was home to some of the richest people in the country during its heyday in the 4th century. Visit the intriguing ruins of one of the largest Romano-British villas in the country. Marvel at some of the amazing inventions brought to this country by the Romans.</p>

14	<p><u>Court Barn Museum, Chipping Campden</u></p> <p>This is a story of the Arts and Crafts movement and its legacy in Chipping Campden. The Museum celebrates talented designers and craftspeople who have worked in Chipping Campden and the north Cotswolds since the beginning of the twentieth century. Find out how a small town became a gathering place for designers and craftspeople of national and international reputation.</p>
15	<p><u>North Cotswold Foxhounds, Broadway</u></p> <p>Visit the North Cotswold foxhounds on the back of Kennel Lane on the high street in Broadway. Touch and see these loving hounds in their kennels going about everyday life and take some rare fascinating pictures.</p>
16	<p><u>Dormy House Hotel, Near Broadway</u></p> <p>Visit this impressive and leading hotel in the area The Dormy House Hotel. There's something for everyone from the award winning spa and impressive new leisure facilities, the tempting homemade cream tea and goodies and the most fabulous rooms and dining too. They also have two other properties on their estate the remarkable private hotel of Foxhill Manor and the more affordable fun hotel The Fish. With stunning views across the Vale of Evesham across the whole estate and tucked away in the countryside it makes for a great relaxing stop.</p>
17	<p><u>Batsford Arboretum, Batsford</u></p> <p>Beautiful Batsford – a wild garden for all seasons. 56 acres of breathtaking woodland garden, Batsford is a world of trees and so much more. Visit the award-winning Gift & Garden Shop, and Café for a little treat after an enjoyable walk around the arboretum.</p>
18	<p><u>Broadway Tower, Broadway</u></p> <p>An iconic landmark on top of the beautiful Cotswolds escarpment. Visitors can relive its history on three museum floors before climbing the rooftop-viewing platform from which up to 16 counties can be seen. Don't fancy the climb then don't worry the views from the bottom are still spectacular and are well worth a visit.</p>
19	<p><u>Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon</u></p> <p>Explore his family homes and fascinating life story. Uncover the stories behind the world's greatest storyteller in Stratford-upon-Avon. Shakespeare's Birthplace, family homes and gardens offer something for everyone. Enjoy tales from fascinating guides, discover his life story through exhibitions, experience live performances, visit beautiful houses and gardens throughout the year.</p>
20	<p><u>Painswick Rococo Garden, Painswick</u></p> <p>Painswick Rococo Gardens are a unique and fascinating insight into early to mid 18th century English garden design. These Rococo gardens combine formal vistas with winding woodland walks and natural planting within the quaint Cotswold village of Painswick.</p>
21	<p><u>Kelmscott Manor, Lechlade</u></p> <p>The country home of William Morris - poet, craftsman and socialist - from 1871 until 1896, this is an essential experience for anyone interested in the Arts and Crafts Movement. Each room has its own personal guide which gives you a great insight into William Morris's life here at the manor.</p>
22	<p><u>Cotswold Wildlife Park & Gardens, Burford</u></p> <p>Get eye-to-eye with giraffes, watch rhinos grazing on the Gothic Manor House lawns or walk with Lemurs. With over 260 different animal species in over 120 acres of beautiful Parkland & gardens, there's plenty of space to relax and get closer to wildlife whilst in the Cotswolds.</p>
23	<p><u>Village of Lacock, Lacock</u></p> <p>A visit to the village is akin to taking a step back in time, owned and managed by the National Trust, it has been beautifully preserved and unchanged since it was a thriving township that traded in wool. Lacock and Lacock Abbey have been the venues for many films such as, Harry Potter, Downton Abbey, Wolf Hall and many more.</p>
24	<p><u>Daylesford Organics, Daylesford</u></p> <p>This iconic farmshop is a brilliant stop off on your travels for any foodies, Daylesford Organics takes full advantage of its location; vegetables, fruit and herbs are picked each morning from the market garden on the organics farm and go a few yards into the shop and to the chefs in their award-winning café. The farmshop has a stunning deli with excellent meats and cheese from the estate too.</p>
25	<p><u>Snowshill Manor & Gardens, Snowshill</u></p> <p>Explore the treasures collected by one man with an eye for the unusual. Be intrigued by the story of Charles Wade, be amazed by his huge and varied collection from around the world and relax in the peaceful hillside garden.</p>
26	<p><u>GWR Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway, Toddington</u></p> <p>Jump on the steam train and ride along the line which has wonderful views of the sleepy hamlets and villages, which runs though the beautiful Cotswold countryside and is a unique fun experience for families and adults alike.</p>
27	<p><u>Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power</u></p> <p>Cotswold Farm Park offers a fun-filled day out. You can interact closely with the animals in the Touch Barn and there's also a wildlife walk, adventure playground and farm safari, it's a great spot for families in the countryside.</p>

28	<u>Horse and Groom, Bourton-on-the-Hill</u> Pop into this glorious pub The Horse and Groom in the charming village of Bourton-on-the-Hill for an unforgettable meal, the pub has recently won the Good Pub's guide pub of the year award for 2016.
29	<u>Mudrun at Freestyle 360, Blockley</u> Want a bit of adventure or a fun outdoor activity for the whole family, then the Mudrun course at the Freestyle 360 Obstacle Course is a must. Over 50 obstacles and lots of mud you are sure to have a good time. No need to be a member they are open to the public.
30	<u>Kiftsgate Court Gardens, Hidcote</u> Kiftsgate Court Gardens are magnificently situated on the edge of the Cotswold escarpment with views towards the Malvern Hills. The beautiful Cotswold stone house overlooks the garden and the different levels in the garden give the garden a very special feeling.
31	<u>Cotswold Falconry Centre, Batsford</u> The Cotswold Falconry Centre is home to over 60 different species of Birds of Prey and offers superb daily showings of these birds of prey in work. Great for all ages and is a short walk from Batsford Arboretum too.
32	<u>Broadway Deli, Broadway</u> If you are in Broadway take a ponder in the Broadway Deli for a fabulous foodie gift to take back from your travels, or taste some of their fabulous foods from their deli and café.
33	<u>Birdland, Bourton-on-the-Water</u> In a natural setting of woodland, river and gardens, in the tourist town of Bourton-on-the Water Birdland is home to over 500 birds of 130 different species and they have the only group of King Penguins in England. It's within walking distance from the town centre and is something different to see on your adventures, who would know there are penguins in the Cotswolds!
36	<u>The Feathered Nest, Nether Westcote</u> If you are in the Cotswolds for a celebration then look no further than the Feathered Nest for a meal out, nestled in the heart of the Cotswolds with marvelous views over the Evenlode Valley, this traditional inn has been refurbished fabulously and offers award winning fine dining food and top levels of service.
37	<u>Bibury Trout Farm, Bibury</u> Bibury Trout Farm is one of Britain's oldest, and certainly most attractive, Trout Farms. A fun activity for all is to walk around and feed the feisty trout whilst looking upon the picture perfect village of Bibury which has been referred to as the 'most beautiful village in England' by William Morris and is well worth a visit.
38	<u>Sezincote House & Gardens, Sezincote</u> Sezincote House is unique. At the heart of a traditional, family-run estate covering 4,500 acres of rolling Cotswold countryside stands a 200-year-old Mogul Indian palace, set in a romantic landscape of temples, grottoes, waterfalls and canals reminiscent of the Taj Mahal it is well worth a visit.
39	<u>Cotswolds Riding, Stanton</u> In the picturesque Cotswold village of Stanton, a few miles from Broadway, Jill Carenza has been offering riding lessons and adventures since 1975. The riding school includes lessons, as well as splendid hacks for all levels of riders with over 100 well-schooled horses. There are also ponies for children and full equipment can be provided.
40	<u>Hidcote Manor Gardens, Hidcote</u> Explore the maze of narrow paved pathways and discover secret gardens, magnificent vistas and plants that burst with colour. It's the perfect place if you're in need of gardening inspiration and to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life.
41	<u>Stow-on-the-Wold Town Centre, Stow-on-the-Wold</u> Explore the quaint market town of Stow-on-the-Wold, walk around the local craft and antiques stores as well as many gift shops, enjoy refreshments in one of its many tearooms, see the fairytale-like Church of St. Edward's, and then have a local ale in one of the many pubs in the town centre. Stow-on-the-Wold is full of charm and a great place for a relaxing day out.
42	<u>St James Church, Chipping Campden</u> One of the most beautiful landmarks of Chipping Campden is the grand early perpendicular wool church of St James. Walk inside and admire this breathtaking architecture.
43	<u>Chastleton House, Chastleton</u> A rare gem of a Jacobean country house, Chastleton House was built between in 1612 by a prosperous wool merchant as an impressive statement of wealth and power. Take a relaxed walk through this fine country house and immerse yourself in the history.
44	<u>Cleeve Hill, Cleeve</u> Also referred to as "Cleeve Cloud" this 1,083 ft. hill is the highest point of the Cotswold hill range, and it's also the perfect place to soak up great views of Gloucestershire and beyond. There are also many walking routes to take and it's a great way to explore the Cotswolds escarpment.

45	<u>Cotswolds Archery, Batsford</u> Cotswold Archery has a dedicated archery range, located at Batsford Arboretum and Garden Centre. A range for all ages and abilities to enjoy this ancient and rewarding Olympic sport, under the guidance of a fully qualified archery coach and experienced archers.
46	<u>Tewkesbury Abbey, Tewkesbury</u> This fine abbey is well worth a visit as it is one of the finest examples of Norman architecture in Britain, and has probably the largest Romanesque crossing tower in Europe, for you historians the Abbey's history is very interesting dating back to 1102.
47	<u>Cheltenham Racecourse, Cheltenham</u> (Selected dates). Cheltenham Racecourse is the home of jump racing located at Prestbury Park, near Cheltenham in Gloucestershire. Its most prestigious meeting is the Cheltenham Festival, held in March but throughout the year you can attend one of the many exciting fixtures which overlooks Cleeve Hill and hopefully bag yourself a winner.
48	<u>Rollright Stones, Long Compton</u> The Rollright Stones are a complex of three Neolithic and Bronze Age megalithic monuments near the village of Long Compton constructed from local oolitic limestone. The stretch of time during which the three monuments were erected bears witness to a continuous tradition of ritual behaviour on sacred ground, from the 4th to the 2nd millennium BCE.
49	<u>Gordon Russell Design Museum, Broadway</u> Located in the original workshop, the Museum celebrates the life and work of Sir Gordon Russell and his company over a period of sixty years in Broadway. Conveniently based in the town centre of Broadway take a stroll through the glorious family owned shops lining the high street as well.
50	<u>Westonbirt Arboretum, Tetbury</u> A remarkable place for people to enjoy and learn about trees, over 15,000 specimens from all over the globe offer the perfect setting to escape, relax or to have an adventure in the countryside.

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REVIEWS

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"Great value for money! Friendly, knowledgeable and a professional service all the way." Molly, Vancouver.

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