



ENGLAND'S GREAT WALKING TRAILS THE COTSWOLD WAY

INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 Nights superior ensuite accommodation with full English Breakfast.
- ✓ The services of friendly local hosts to welcome and brief you, share their local knowledge and look after you.
- ✓ Arrival transfer to Chipping Campden from Moreton in Marsh Station
- ✓ Transfers each day to/from the start/end of your walk to your hotel
- ✓ Luggage transfers between hotels
- ✓ Emergency 24 hour phone number and support
- ✓ Adventure Handbook - packed full of information, history and photos of the area your tour covers
- ✓ Written Route Directions and transfer timings, OS maps with your route marked and guide book



The Cotswold Way

The Cotswolds are defined by rolling hills with magical views, idyllic scarp foot villages and lush valleys dotted with honey coloured stone farms and pretty market towns. This tour has been designed to embrace many of the Cotswold's highlights and includes some well worn Cotswold walks and some lesser known footpaths.

You'll discover innumerable stunning hamlets and visit Winchcombe, Stanton and Chipping Campden.

History and wildlife abound, cosy inns beckon and timeless, glorious landscapes will refresh & renew your senses.

PRICES FROM
£1210
PER PERSON

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HIGHLIGHTS



Chipping Campden

DAY 1

Arrive in **Chipping Campden** and reach your hotel at your leisure. This beautiful Cotswold market town built in golden honey-coloured stone, dates back to the 14th Century; its wealth sourced from the wool trade. Visit the **Market Hall**, the **Woolstaplers' Hall** built in 1340, **Grevel House** and the **Court Barn Museum** displaying the history of the Arts and Crafts Movement.

Depending on your arrival time we suggest an afternoon visit to the nearby gems of **Hidcote** and **Kiftsgate**. For those keen to get walking there is a circular route through shaded woodlands and past breathtaking views. (7.5 miles circular or 4.5 miles with return taxi).

This evening your host will meet you and run through your itinerary, answering any questions that you may have. Enjoy the **Cotswold** views and relax. Spend the evening as you wish

Chipping Campden to Stanton



10 miles (16 km)

DAY 2

Today's walk starts from your hotel as you walk to **Dover's Hill**, site of the original English Olympic Games of 1612, with its view across the **Vale of Evesham**.

Then it's on to **Broadway**, a handsome Cotswold village with almshouses and a twelfth century church admired for centuries by those travelling the Cotswold escarpment.

Head for **Stanton** the beautiful Cotswold village nestled on the slopes of **Shenbarrow Hill**, where your local host will meet you and transfer you to your hotel

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Stanton to Winchcombe



7 miles (12 km)

DAY 3

After breakfast, you will enjoy a short transfer back to the start of your walk and today you pass the elaborate Jacobean gatehouse, gardens and fountains of **Stanway House**, once owned by **Tewkesbury Abbey** today by the Earls of Wemyss and March, before climbing to **Stumps Cross** to walk along ancient Campden Lane to Beckbury Camp and Cromwell's Clump.

Visit the remains of **Hailes Abbey** built in 1251 for Cistercian monks and a place of pilgrimage for three hundred years. The day ends in **Winchcombe**, a town with a noble history stretching back to Offa, King of Mercia, who dedicated a nunnery here in AD 790. You will be met by your local host for a transfer back to your hotel.

Winchcombe to Dowdeswell Reservoir



11 miles (18 km)

DAY 4

Start the day with a transfer into **Winchcombe** and across the fields. See **Sudeley Castle and Gardens**, where four of England's queens, Anne Boleyn, Katherine Parr, Lady Jane Grey and Elizabeth I, have trod the Tudor parterre. Skirt **Wadfield Roman Villa** with its mosaic pavements and **Belas Knap Long Barrow**, a five thousand year old Neolithic burial chamber. Walk across the thousand foot 'high' lands of **Cleeve Common**, admire the rare orchids, a range of butterflies and enjoy the fantastic views on a clear day to the **Malvern Hills** and **Brecon Beacons**. Pass on through a beautiful butterfly reserve and woodland to **Dowdeswell Reservoir** built in the nineteenth century to supply water to the town of **Cheltenham**.

Cheltenham / London

DAY 5

After a leisurely breakfast you will be transferred to **Cheltenham Spa Station** for frequent trains back to **London Paddington**.