



AUTHENTIC WALKING AND HIKING TOURS SINCE 1985

## Best of the Cotswolds

Self Guided



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Chipping Campden
- Sudely Castle
- Broadway
- Easy to Moderate Walking

### TOUR DATES

April to September

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Quaint and Authentic English Inn's and B&B's

### COST INCLUDES

- All Accommodations
- Luggage transfers
- Trail maps and trail notes
- Local emergency contact

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The Cotswolds are a range of hills west of London and Oxford, whose valleys conceal dozens of exquisite gilded stone villages which are among the most beautiful in Europe. Easy to moderate walking, gorgeous scenery and villages, castles and churches, pubs and restaurants, all types of accommodation make possible an excellent walking holiday for all abilities.

**Day 1:** Arrive Moreton-in-Marsh for overnight

**Day 2:** Moreton in Marsh to Stow-on-the-Wold (7 miles/11 kms) Cross the high wolds to Stow-on-the-Wold, complete with village stocks and picturesque square, via the fantastic Mogul manor house at Sezincote and a number of pretty hamlets. Overnight Stow-on-the-Wold.

**Day 3:** Stow-on-the-Wold to Bourton-on-the-Water. (5 miles - (8 kms) Today's route from Stow-on-the-Wold is a leisurely downhill walk across meadows to picturesque Lower Slaughter with its working mill and on to Bourton-on-the-Water, with its many attractions. Overnight Bourton-on-the-Water.

**Day 4:** Bourton-on-the-Water to Guiting Power (7 miles/11 kms) The route follows the River Windrush to the village of Naunton with its ancient dovecote and on to lovely Guiting Power, where the church has a fine Norman arch. Overnight Guiting Power.

**Day 5:** Guiting Power to Winchcombe (6 miles/9.5 kms) Walk through woods and fields before the dramatic descent to the ancient Saxon capital of Winchcombe, close to Sudeley Castle, last resting place of Katherine Parr, Henry VIII's sixth wife. Overnight in Winchcombe, with its fascinating church and local museums.

**Day 6:** Winchcombe to Stanton (7 miles/11 kms) or Broadway (10.5 miles/17 kms) Follow the pilgrims' route to Hailes Abbey, then over the hills to Jacobean Stanway House, with its magnificent gatehouse and medieval tithe barn and on to idyllic Stanton. Stay in the small village of Stanton or the coaching village of Broadway, where an array of fine houses and inns flank the 'broad way'.

**Day 7:** Stanton or Broadway to Chipping Campden (8 miles/13 kms or 4.5 miles/7 kms) Walk up to Broadway Tower, the 18th century folly from where there are fine views across the vale before descending to Chipping Campden, the loveliest of all Cotswold villages, with its covered market place, beautiful 'wool' church, almshouses and silversmith. Overnight in Chipping Campden.

**Day 8:** Chipping Campden to Moreton in Marsh (7 miles/11 kms) Pass through the charming villages of Broad Campden and Blockley and descend to Batsford, where you may visit the arboretum and falconry centre. Finally, a pleasant stroll across meadows to Moreton in Marsh. Overnight Moreton in Marsh.

**Day 9:** Departure after breakfast.