



## **Short Winter Walking Tour in the Cotswolds – Guided**

On our 5-day, 4-night, short guided winter walking tour, we'll lead you to some of the best sights and scenes in the Cotswolds at this time of the year. Enjoy the crisp winter air, the views of rolling hills and the crunch under your walking boots.

Leave the busier summer crowds as we walk through classic English Cotswold countryside, spotting sights unique to this time of year. Marvel at the small honey-stoned villages before enjoying the welcoming ambience of larger market towns. Travel in the run-up to Christmas, you might even catch a seasonal local market.

Walking up to 8 miles per day – with shorter options available daily – this Cotswold winter walking tour promises stunning scenery and comfortable accommodation with plenty of opportunity to relax in front of a fire at a classic British pubs come the day's end.



### **Highlights**

- Enjoy the unique sights, smells and sounds of the Cotswolds in winter
- Gaze at the never-ending views from Broadway Tower
- Take in the sprawling parkland and grand staterooms of Blenheim Palace
- Visit classic Cotswold locations such as Chipping Campden, Bourton-on-the-Water and Bibury



## What to expect

**Tour Duration:** 5 Days, 4 Nights

**Average Daily Mileage:** 8 miles

**Average Walking Time:** 2:00 – 5:00 hours

**Difficulty Rating:** This tour is rated moderate, meaning it's appropriate for guests who enjoy a good walk and can handle an incline or two.

**Terrain:** We cover varied terrain, with rolling hills, wonderful downhills and a few walks which will be slightly more demanding.

**Group size:** 16 maximum



## Joining Details

We meet you at Moreton-in-Marsh railway station at 10.00am where your friendly, local guide will transfer you to Chipping Campden. Your time in the Cotswolds begins with a short walk from Chipping Campden along the Cotswold Way to Broadway Tower and Broadway.

Moreton-in-Marsh is easily accessible via a direct 1.5-hour train journey out of London, Paddington. London Paddington can be easily accessible from Heathrow Airport via the Heathrow Express.

Prior to your start date we will provide you with a pre-tour information pack as well as the name and number of your Active England guide.



## Itinerary

**Day 1:** After meeting your guide at Moreton-in-Marsh at 10:00am, your time in the Cotswolds begins with a short walk from Chipping Campden along the Cotswold Way to Broadway Tower and Broadway. Enjoy excellent coffee and cake at Broadway Tower – along with the excellent views of course – before descending into the idyllic village of Broadway itself – known by some as the 'Jewel of the Cotswolds'.

**8 miles – 340ft elevation**



**Day 2:** After a relaxing, comfortable night in your accommodation, today's itinerary begins with a transfer to the world heritage site at Blenheim Castle, the birthplace of Churchill. Today's 7-mile walk takes in the best of the palace grounds and surrounding villages. There's an opportunity to visit the Palace itself before we return to Moreton-in-Marsh come the evening.

**7 miles – 240ft elevation**

**Day 3:** The highest town in the Cotswolds, Stow-on-the-Wold is our first stop on today's plan. Meander along streets lined with local, independent shops before enjoying the town's excellent market square. From here our walk heads downhill to the Slaughters, arguably the prettiest places in the Cotswolds. Without the summer crowds you can experience Cotswold country life as the locals do. From the Slaughters, we carry on to Bourton-on-the-Water and its many bridges and waterways. Our itinerary allows you plenty of time to explore everything Bourton has to offer, before we transfer to Burford and our accommodation for nights three and four.

**7 miles – 294ft elevation**

**Day 4:** Although your time in the Cotswolds is coming to a close, today's walk has promises aplenty. From the tiny village of Barnsley we amble down the Coln Valley to the equally delightful hamlet at Bibury. The Cotswolds is arguably at its prettiest here, no matter the season. Industrialist Henry Ford agreed with us – he loved Arlington Row in Bibury so much he tried to buy it! After lunch at Bibury Trout Farm, we roll onto Bampton – a village fans of the English Period drama Downton Abbey might recognise from its use as a set for the series. This evening, we return to Burford for our final dinner together.

**7 miles – 160ft elevation**

**Day 5:** Our tour ends following one last hearty breakfast. Our guides will be on hand to help with your onward travel arrangements, though most guests choose to leave by train from Charlbury station where you can find direct trains to London Paddington.



**On going travel:** Charlbury is on a direct trainline to London Paddington, from where there is easy access to London Heathrow via the Heathrow Express. Private transfers from the hotel are also possible. Please email the office at [support@activeenglandtours.com](mailto:support@activeenglandtours.com) should you have any pre trip questions. Otherwise, our guides will be on hand throughout your trip to provide all the help you need.

**Price:** Per person from £1839, Based on double occupancy

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What's Included	What's not Included
All accommodation as indicated on the itinerary	International flights
All breakfasts and x2 dinners (excluding dinner drinks)	Travel and medical insurance
GPS routes, provided via RideWithGPS (app available for Apple or Android)	Items of a personal nature
All special events, iconic points of interests, expert guests and entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary	Gratuities for your local guide(s)
All transportation from rendezvous to farewell locations	Travel to the start point and from the end point of the trip
All baggage transportation	All optional activities as per the itinerary
All gratuities for baggage, porters and hotel service	
Services of a professional local guide	



## Weather

- Average High/Low Temperature (°F)  
May 61°/46°, Jun 64°/52°, Jul 68°/55°, Aug 68°/55°, Sep 63°/52°, Oct 55°/46°
- Average Rainfall (in.)  
May 1.7, Jun 1.7, Jul 1.5, Aug 1.6, Sep 1.8, Oct 2.3



## Carbon Footprint: 48Kg CO2e

Together with ecollective, we've measured the carbon impact of not only every tour we operate but our entire business. We've taken into account greenhouse gas emissions across the business including office, travel, website, vehicles, accommodation, activities, food, suppliers...

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