

## 2020 6-day Self-Guided Bike Tour Itinerary, Cotswolds

*Windsor, Cotswolds, Blenheim Palace, Oxford, Stonehenge, Bath*



**Duration**                      6 days / 5 nights

**Start**                              London (London Paddington Railway station)

**Finish**                             Bath

Our 6-day, 5-night tour will lead you through honey coloured Cotswold villages and busy little market towns, over rolling hills and down country lanes. The Cotswolds is perfect biking country. Taking the quietest roads you will feel transported back into England as it was before mechanisation, where sheep and dry-stone walling were the biggest industries. Relax and enjoy global heritage sites including Windsor, home to the Queen and its majestic Great Park, the university city of Oxford, Churchill's Blenheim Palace, the Neolithic wonder of Stonehenge, and the spa town of Bath.

With stunning views around every corner, excellent accommodation, wonderful pubs and beautiful cuisine, Active England will give you an experience you won't forget.

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## Accommodation



Prestige - 4\* hotel



Country - 3\* hotel

## Itinerary

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**Day 1** We collect you at 8.30 from London at Paddington Station, Platform 1, under the clock and take you by bus Windsor, which is about 1 hours' drive. We visit Windsor Castle, home to the Queen, and Windsor Great Park, where we will fit you with your bikes and ensure you are ready to cycle on the "wrong side" of the road! Taking the bus to your hotel in Moreton-in-Marsh in the North Cotswolds means a nice, gentle start to your holiday with biking for about 10 miles.

### OPTIONS:

 10 miles

 Flat

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**Day 2** Wind your way through the majestic countryside of the Cotswolds, taking in some of the most well-known towns and villages including Chipping Campden, Bourton on the Water, The Slaughters and the majestic Broadway Tower. For lunch, eat in the stunning Hidcote Gardens, returning to Moreton in Marsh in the evening.

### OPTIONS:

 20 miles

 Rolling

 30 miles

 Rolling

 40 miles

 Rolling

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**Day 3** Cycle out from the hotel through the beautiful Cotswolds to Blenheim Palace, where Winston Churchill was born and a World Heritage Site. The morning's ride is around 20 miles, through rolling countryside. At Blenheim guests can eat lunch over-looking the Capability Brown parklands with ample time to explore the historical palace and walk through some of the 3000 acre estate. The ride continues to our hotel in Burford in the evening. Instead of an afternoon self guided guests are welcome to join our guided group, for a small charge, as we travel into Oxford in the evening for a walk through the historical university town and a dinner out in the city.

**OPTIONS:**

 **20 miles**  
 **Rolling**

 **40 miles**  
 **Rolling**

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**Day 4** Ride from Burford towards the stunning White Horse Hill to see the beautiful ancient carving atop the Ridgeway. Cycle to lunch in the White Horse pub in Woolstone. After lunch, self guided guests are again welcome to travel on with our guided group to Avebury (Stonehenge but bigger) and then Stonehenge itself to complete our Neolithic Day. There is the option to finish at lunchtime for a relaxing afternoon in Bath.

**OPTIONS:**

 **25 miles**  
 **Gently Rolling**

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**Day 5** Cycle in the morning around the wonderful canals of Bath and Devises, along tow paths and beside the rivers that lead into this Roman city. In the afternoon you can visit the incredible Roman Baths and walk up to the Royal Crescent overlooking the city. Stay overnight once more in Bath, known for its restaurants, bars, culture and arts!

**OPTIONS:**

 **15 miles**  
 **Flat**

 **25 miles**  
 **Flat**

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**Day 6** Our tour ends in Bath after breakfast, where we help guests with their ongoing travel arrangements, most often from Bath train station, a short walk from the hotel.

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## Level of Activity

This tour is rated 2/5 for difficulty meaning it's appropriate for guests going for a good ride and can handle an incline or two. The terrain we cover is varied. We'll enjoy some rolling hills, with wonderful downhills and a few climbs which will be a bit more demanding. Your holiday, however, will be tailored by your guide to suit your individual preferences. Rewarding views are guaranteed. Daily distances range from 10-40 miles and options for shorter or longer rides are available on all days.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 5 nights accommodation
- All breakfasts
- Transport throughout
- Bikes & equipment
- Route maps, GPS (RWGPS on your mobile phones).

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Cancellation insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Lunches and Dinners
- Dinner drinks
- Entry to iconic points and places of interest: Blenheim Palace, Stonehenge, Hidcote, Broadway Tower, Roman Baths
- Gratuity for your local guide

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