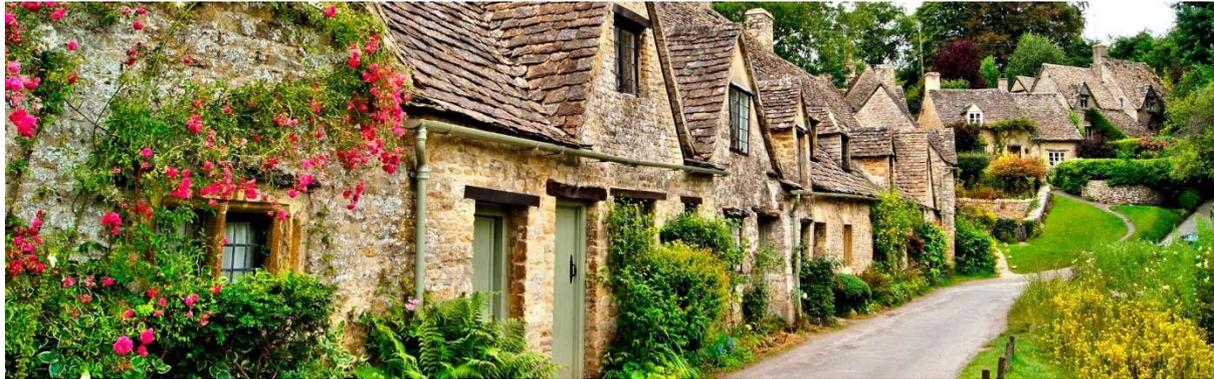


## 2020 5-day Guided Bike Tour Itinerary, Cotswolds

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



**Duration**                      5 days / 4 nights

**Start**                              Moreton in Marsh

**Finish**                             Bath

Our 5-day, 4-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 the university city of Oxford, Churchill's Blenheim Palace, the Neolithic wonder of Stonehenge, and the Roman 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 meet you at 9am at Moreton in Marsh train station, a 1hr30 direct train ride from London. We will set you up with your bikes and set off to wind our 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 we 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 2** We 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 and give you ample time to explore the historical palace and walk through some of the 3000 acre estate. We travel into Oxford in the evening for a walk through the historical university town and a dinner out in the city.

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**Day 3** We travel from Burford towards the stunning White Horse Hill to see the beautiful ancient carving atop the Ridgeway. We cycle to lunch in the White Horse pub in Woolstone. After lunch we travel onto Avebury (Stonehenge but bigger) and then Stonehenge itself to complete our Neolithic Day. There is the option to finish at lunchtime and head straight to our hotel for a relaxing afternoon in Bath.

## OPTIONS:

 25 miles

 Gently Rolling

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**Day 4** In the morning we cycle around the canals of Bath and Devises, along tow paths and beside the rivers that lead into this Roman city. In the afternoon we visit the incredible Roman Baths and take a tour up to the Royal Crescent overlooking the city. We 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 5** 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.

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### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 4 nights accommodation
- All breakfasts & 3 dinners (in the brasserie / bar)
- Entry into all iconic points of interest, Blenheim Palace, Roman Baths, Stonehenge
- Transport throughout
- Professional local guide
- Bikes & equipment

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### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Cancellation insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Dinner drinks
- Dinner in the a-la-carte restaurants (the difference between the bar / brasserie option)
- Gratuity for your local guide

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