

2019 5-day Guided Walking Tour Itinerary

Cotswolds + optional Stratford, Oxford



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| Duration | 5 days / 4 nights |
| Start | Moreton-in-Marsh |
| Finish | Oxford |
| Price From | \$US 2059 |

Our 5-day, 4-night tour will immerse you in England's iconic history and heritage, championing England in all its glory.

From the honey coloured Cotswold villages and busy little market towns you will be transported back into England as it was before mechanisation, where sheep and dry-stone walling were the biggest industries. Our walking routes lead through the heart of the countryside so that you can relax and enjoy the stunning vistas of chocolate box England. Highlights include walking through the Capability Brown landscape right up to the front door of Churchill's Blenheim Palace, visiting Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-Upon-Avon and a walking tour of the famous university city of Oxford.

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

Accommodation



Prestige - 4* hotel



Country - 3* hotel

Itinerary

Day 1 After the train journey from London Paddington to Moreton-in-Marsh (a 1.5 hour journey by train) we head straight into the Cotswolds and visit the iconic Chipping Campden, the beautiful American inspired gardens at Hidcote, then have lunch in the best pub in England (Sunday Times) before heading to the hotel in the afternoon.

For those who want to venture further, we head for Stratford, the birthplace of Shakespeare, and home to the Royal Shakespeare Company and its theatre. If you would like to see a production at the RSC we can organise this for you (bookings need to be made in advance however).

OPTIONS:

 4 miles
 Gently Rolling

 6 miles
 Gently Rolling

Day 2 The tour then winds its way through the picturesque countryside of the Cotswolds, taking in some of the most well-known towns and villages including Chipping Campden, Bourton-on-the-Water, The Slaughters, Snowhill and the majestic Broadway Tower. For lunch we stop at the gardens at Snowhill Manor and then back to the Manor in Moreton in Marsh.

OPTIONS:

 4 miles
 Rolling

 7 miles
 Rolling

Day 3 We visit the country home of Winston Churchill, Blenheim Palace, a World Heritage Site. We walk through the back gate of its 2000 acre estate and stroll through the stunning grounds. On arrival we give guests a sumptuous picnic in the Capability Brown inspired gardens and give you ample time to explore the historical house and beautiful gardens. We then travel to Burford, the Gateway to the Cotswolds.

OPTIONS:

 **4 miles**  **6 miles**
 **Flat**  **Flat**

Day 4. We head through the Cotswolds to the beautiful Cotswold town of Bampton, home to the hit show Downton Abbey (it is the village where all the outside filming is shot) then on to the home of William Morris, founder of the Arts and Crafts movement. There is the option, for a small charge, to take guests to Oxford by bus in the afternoon for a good look round the historical university town, returning to Burford in the evening.

OPTIONS:

 **4 miles**  **7 miles**
 **Flat**  **Flat**

Day 5 We travel from Burford towards the stunning White Horse Hill, the Ridgeway and walk up the hill to one of the most iconic English views with the landscape rolled out like a patchwork quilt. After a side visit to the Neolithic long-barrow at Wayland Smithy we head onto lunch at the White Horse in Woolstone, before transit to a mainline railway station and the end of the tour.

OPTIONS:

 **4 miles**
 **Rolling**

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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 walk and able to handle an incline or two. The terrain we cover is varied. We'll enjoy some gently rolling hills and a few steeper walks 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 4-10 miles and options for shorter or longer walks are available on all days.

• WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 4 nights accommodation
- All breakfasts & 3 dinners (in the brasserie / bar)
- Entry into all iconic points of interest; Blenheim Palace, a walking tour of Oxford, Shakespeare's Birthplace, Hidcote gardens, Broadway Tower
- Transport throughout
- Professional local guide
- Walking Poles

• 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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