



UNCOVER THE COTSWOLDS CHELTENHAM & THE COTSWOLD WAY

Walking to iconic sites and hidden gems, enjoy stunning gardens, gastronomy, heritage and the arts.

DAY 1: CHELTENHAM SPA & WINCHCOMBE

Catching the regular heritage **steam train** from **Cheltenham Racecourse** to **Winchcombe**, explore this iconic town on a **guided walk** or looking around its volunteer-led museum. Make sure you allow plenty of time to visit the magnificent **Sudeley Castle and Gardens**, which has a fascinating history spanning over 1000 years.

If you prefer walking then Winchcombe is a great walking town with excellent walking routes. You could take a morning's walk along the Cotswold Way to the magnificent ruins at **Hailes Abbey** (6 mile loop), stopping for coffee at the **Hailes Fruit Farm and Café** next door for fresh local produce and home cooked snacks.



HIDDEN GEM

Be led on a private guided tour of **Stanway House**, a beautiful Cotswolds manor home to the tallest gravity fountain in the world and home to a Lord.

WALKING OPTIONS

For those keen on walking and exploring Cheltenham's surrounding hills, walk from 'the Pylons' across **Cleeve Hill Common** – the highest point in the Cotswolds at 330m, for the best panoramic views – to **Belas Knap**, an incredible Neolithic long barrow.



DINNER OPTIONS

Cheltenham is a brilliant town to explore in the evening with theatres, cinema and plenty to keep all ages entertained, as well as a wide range of dining options. Check out www.visitcheltenham.com/eating-out



AFTERNOON OPTIONS

Spend the afternoon in Cheltenham, starting with a visit to **Pittville Pump Room**, whose waters give the town its name – Cheltenham Spa. Taste some of this historically medicinal water yourself while walking through the beautiful Pittville Park. You can even hire a rowing boat or pedalo from **The Boat House** at Pittville Lake. For those interested in the Arts, visit the **Chapel Arts** to see their rolling exhibitions, film showings and music performances. Home to the **Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen**, you can also browse and buy unique hand-crafted items, watch demonstrations and join **workshops** for wood turning, pottery making, weaving and more.



DAY 2: COWLEY, CRICKLEY, CHEDWORTH & COTSWOLDS ALPACAS

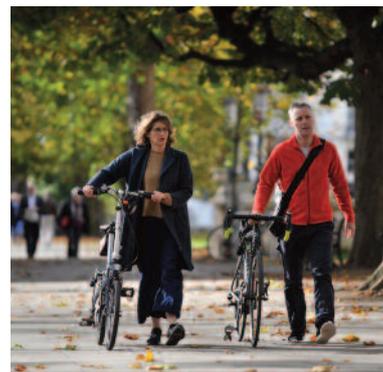
Driving just out of town to Crickley Hill, enjoy a looped walk along the hilltops with stunning views over Cheltenham and all the way to Wales. Extend your walk to include the **National Star College Bistro**, 3 miles from your start, for home cooked delicious coffees, cakes and lunches made with the help from their student aspiring chefs. The **Crickley Hill Café** also serves great snacks, hot drinks and light lunches. The **Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust** run guided group walks throughout the year around Crickley Hill.

HIDDEN GEM

Get up close to animals at the **Cotswold Alpaca Farm** by taking one of these beautiful animals out for a walk in nature before returning to Cheltenham for the evening.

A TOUR FROM THE AIR

Why not take a **Hot Air Balloon Trip**? Flights can be pre-booked from either the **Ellenborough Park Hotel** or **The Racecourse**, for views over Sudeley Castle or the Forest of Dean depending on that day's wind.



BIKE HIRE

Hire bikes for adults, children, choose an e-bike, tagalong or trailer from **Bicycle Hub** and follow the Regency Cheltenham Cycle Trail, exploring on two wheels.

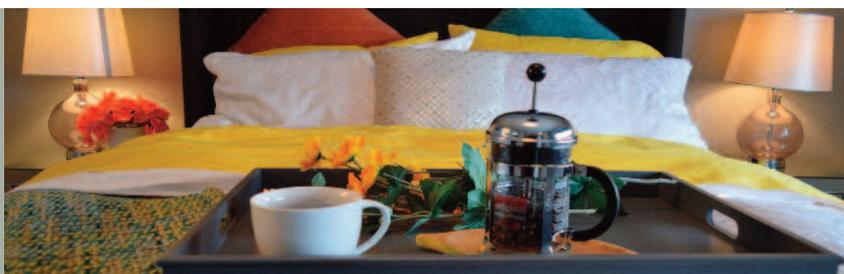


AFTERNOON OPTIONS

Explore **Chedworth Roman Villa**, one of the largest in Britain and containing spectacular mosaics. Nearby is **Cerney House Gardens**, a delightful Victorian walled garden known for the snowdrops, spring bulbs and working kitchen garden. If you prefer, then sit and relax with afternoon tea or dinner at **Cowley Manor**.

ACCOMMODATION IN & NEAR CHELTENHAM

Cheltenham offers a wide range of accommodation from boutique hotels to bed & breakfasts, including **The Queens**, **Cleeve Hill Hotel**, **Holiday Inn Express**, **Crossways Guest House** and **Badger Towers**.





AFTERNOON OPTIONS

Stroud is known as a cultural hub for the arts, you'll be spoilt for choice for galleries, exhibitions, plays, workshops and more. A few favourites to visit along the way are **Stroud Valley Artists (SVA)**, **The Sub Rooms** or **Kingshill House**. At the nearby **Hawkwood College** you can join day courses in everything from blacksmithing to printing or writing, all centred in Stroud.

DAY 3: SOUTH COTSWOLDS WALKS - PAINSWICK, STROUD & THE ARTS

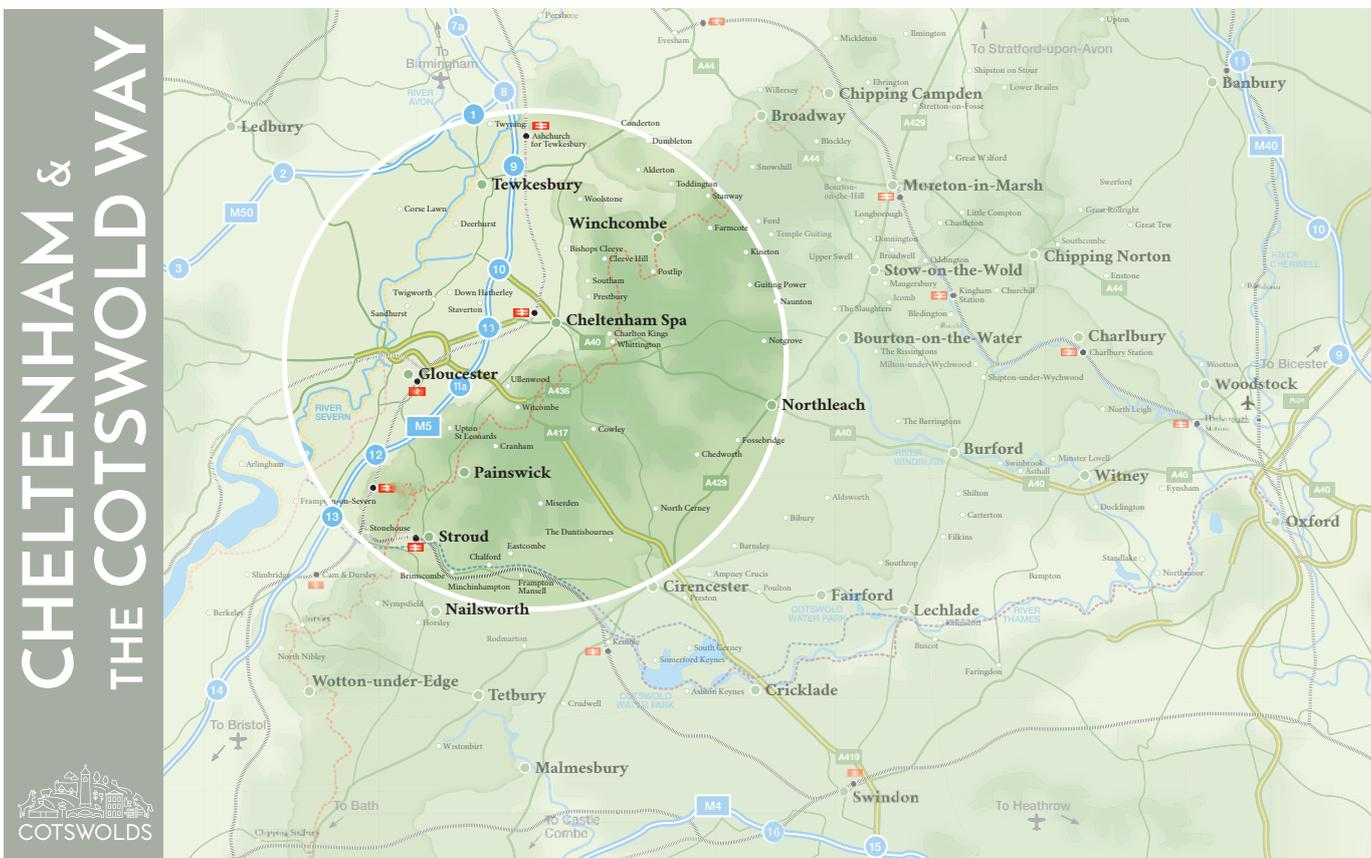
Driving to **Painswick**, begin your day with either a looped walk into the rolling hills or a walk along the valley into **Stroud** and returning by bus. There are many places to visit around Painswick by walking. The **Rococo Garden**, a unique pleasure garden designed in the 1740s with indulgent displays, castle follies, and a welcoming café. **The Woolpack in Slad**, along the **Laurie Lee Poetry Trail**, was one of Laurie Lee's favourite haunts and a true traditional independent pub. In his *Cider With Rosie*, Lee painted a beautiful picture of life in this Cotswolds valley and brought it to iconic status.

Explore Stroud in the afternoon with a bi-weekly **farmers' market** (Saturdays and Wednesdays), the beautiful **Museum in the Park**, complete with a galley and walled garden, and enjoy the fabulous variety of lunch options available in Stroud.

TOP TIP

If you have a dog then why not visit **The Bell Inn at Selsley**, a dog friendly 16th century inn and go on a guided walk with owner and pub dog across the beautiful Selsley Common.

At the days end, travel back to Painswick, continue your ongoing travel, or head on to explore more of the Cotswolds.



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