



## UNCOVER THE COTSWOLDS CIRENCESTER & THE SOUTH COTSWOLDS

An active mini-break, full of cycling, walking, and paddling. Great pubs, polo, glamping, and more!

### DAY 1: CIRENCESTER & COTSWOLD WATER PARK

Beginning at Kemble station, catch the short bus into Cirencester, or, if driving, head straight into the heart of this historic Cotswolds town. Your first stop is the impressive **Corinium Museum** with its exhibits of significant Roman archaeological finds. Spend time exploring the town and be sure to visit **New Brewery Arts**, stroll in **Cirencester Park** and you could take in a guided walk to learn more about this fascinating town. With plenty of lunch options in the town to choose from or a short drive away is **Abbey Home Farm** which offers walks and talks and you can even hire a **Cotswold eBike** from here.



Travel south into the heart of the **Cotswold Water Park**, a range of over 150 lakes, which offer a range of outdoor activities and nature walks. Check out **South Cerney Outdoor Centre**, for a canoe, kayak or Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) lessons or **Head4Heights** or archery at **Old Down Pursuits**.

If the water's not for you, why not hire a **Bainton Bike** from their 24 hour self-service bike hire hub at **Lake 86**, for a picturesque ride through the lakes.



### TOP TIPS

Spend the evening at the award winning **Barn Theatre** and make sure you dine at **Téatro** before the performance.





## HIDDEN GEMS

Take a trip to **Matara Gardens** and parklands for a relaxing wander in the woodlands, flowers and fauna.

In the afternoon enjoy a splash at the nearby lakes around the **Cotswold Country Park and Beach**, to test your skills of balance and daring on the Aquaventure water obstacle course with its **Beach Shack** for snacks.



## DAY 2: SCULPTURES, RIVERS & LAKES

Take an early morning stroll of the **Elemental Sculpture Park**, an outdoor exhibition over 10 acres, the perfect setting for these incredible sculptures. Enjoy a mid-morning coffee at its **Poppin Tearoom** before taking a walk to find the source of the Thames – an unlikely spot, and lunching at **The Thames Head Inn**.



## TOP TIPS

Take time out at **The Spa** at the **De Vere Cotswold Water Park Hotel** or head back to Cirencester to visit **Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool**.

## ACCOMMODATION IN & NEAR CIRENCESTER

Cirencester offers a wide range of accommodation from hotels to bed & breakfasts, including **Corinium Hotel and Restaurant**, **Stratton House Hotel and Spa**, **Cotteswold House B&B**, **Greensleeves B&B**, **Riverside House**, **Well Cottage B&B** and **Log House Holidays**.

## EVENING OPTIONS

Dine at the **De Vere Cotswold Water Park's Old Boat House** or **Brasserie** for lakeside dining views. Or a visit **The Village Pub** at **Barnsley**, a great gastropub experience, a short drive away.





## HIDDEN GEMS

On your Sapperton walk, look out for the disused canal tunnel where boats used to (between 1789 to 1910) 'leg it' to pass through the tunnel.

A 10 minute drive away is **Cirencester Polo Club** where matches are played throughout the Summer on Sundays. Visitors are welcome for a small fee to watch the matches and enjoy the clubhouse bar for a relaxing afternoon of spectating in the sun.

Just outside of Tetbury is the private residence of HRH The Prince of Wales, **Highgrove**, where you can, with a pre-booking, take a **tour of his organic gardens**, followed by afternoon tea – a real royal treat!

Or take the afternoon to enjoy a wander through **Westonbirt Arboretum**, home to 2,500 species of tree, whether a **guided walk** or following their 17 miles of marked paths, including the Tree Top Walkway.

At the days end, spend an extra night in the Cotswolds, or head back by car or train from Kemble station.

## DAY 3: GARDENS, WALKS, ROYALTY & POLO

Enjoy a morning walk through the stunning countryside on a loop from Sapperton, finishing for lunch or coffee at **The Bell at Sapperton** or **The Daneway** en route. Not in the mood for a walk? Head to **Chavenage House** for a pre-booked tour of this family owned Cotswold manor house, filmed as Trenwith House from the TV series *Poldark*!

## TOURS & GUIDES

Wild Carrot Café, Cycling Tours and Cycle Hire, based at Chavenage, are a cycle holiday and touring company, with a great café and cycling guides to take you out for a day or half-day of cycling around the local area. You can even stay overnight in their Glamping tents, Shepherds Hut or Oak Lodge.



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