



UNCOVER TETBURY

Known as the 'southern gateway to the Cotswolds' Tetbury has much to offer in its own right. Centuries of history mirrored in its architecture, royal connections and even a dolphin or two. Add to this an array of individual shops, cafés and inns and you need look no further for your stay in the Cotswolds.

DAY 1

The **Market House** is the centrepiece of Tetbury – physically and historically. The Grade I listed building dates from 1651, and the town was granted a market charter in the Middle Ages. Markets are still held here twice a week. Look one way to glimpse **St Mary's Church** – worth a visit to see the box pews – before exploring all the individual shops in Long Street. Antique shops, fashion boutiques and art galleries all feature, as does HRH Prince Charles's own shop **Highgrove**. There are plenty of teashops and cosy inns to tempt you along the way too!



WHERE TO STAY

The Close combines the best of town and country, being right in the centre but with the bonus of a walled garden. This 16th century townhouse oozes charm and character, as does **The Priory**, also centrally situated and renowned for its wood-fired pizzas and dry-aged steak.

HIDDEN GEMS

Local lore: Dolphins feature on the Market Hall and on the town crest. Legend has it that either a local man was saved by two dolphins, or that the dolphins saved a locally-owned ship from sinking. Whatever the truth, the dolphin is now the symbol of the town. **Feoffees** is not a mis-spelling of coffee, but the term for four residents who bought the Market Hall for the town in 1633. It is still owned by public-spirited locals.

TOP TIP

Walk down **Chipping Street** to the **Goods Shed Art Centre** and **Whistle Stop Café**. The former railway buildings now house a thriving arts centre hosting film nights, exhibitions and craft workshops. The **Rail Lands Park** is ideal for an after-lunch stroll, bike ride or work out.



Tetbury is the second largest town in the Cotswolds. Built on the site of a Saxon hill fort, its prosperity stems from the medieval wool trade. Look up at the steep gables of the wool merchants' houses, and climb the **Chipping Steps** lined with weavers' cottages – architectural heritage in abundance! The town centre is a conservation area and many buildings have graded listing.



HIDDEN GEMS

Chavenage House may seem very familiar to film buffs, as it features as **Trenwith** in **Poldark** and can be spotted in scenes from **Wolf Hall** and **Larkrise to Candleford**.

This atmospheric gem has barely changed since Tudor times. Built much later, but using traditional materials, is the wonderful Arts and Crafts house **Rodmarton Manor**. Both properties are open to the public.



TOP TIP

For a truly relaxing stay head for **Calcot Manor and Spa**, just a few miles from Tetbury. This converted farmhouse is a true rural retreat.

DAY 2

Tetbury is the Cotswold town with the most royal connections. Just outside is HRH Prince Charles's house **Highgrove** – a tour of the remarkable gardens is a must. HRH Princess Anne lives close by at **Gatcombe Park** which hosts the annual festival of eventing. Also nearby is **Westonbirt**, the national Arboretum, with its treetop walk, play trail and some 15,000 trees from across the globe – beautiful in every season.



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