



England Cotswolds Village to Village Walking

A Picturesque Walk Through the English Countryside

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Unique Trip Design

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Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

MT Sobek has been leading guests on spectacular routes through Europe for over 50 years and this well-paced walking journey takes hikers deep into the heart of the English countryside.

REASON 2

In 8 days you will enjoy a memorable tour along the Cotswolds Way, featuring beautiful age-old villages, quaint inns, medieval pubs, ancient churches, and Neolithic and Roman ruins.

REASON 3

Local expert guides lead you from village to village, along spectacular rural paths, giving deep insights into the history of the region and fostering camaraderie along the way.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Easy to moderate hikes through the pretty pastoral landscapes of the Cotswolds, paired with guided tours of historic sites and medieval market towns.



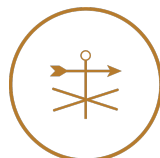
LODGING

Quintessential English inns and charming hotels in ancient buildings, featuring period details, modern amenities, and a welcoming ambience.



CLIMATE

Mornings are cool and misty, while afternoons are clear and warm. Rain is common, but you can expect sunshine, too. Summer months can be quite warm.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

Accommodations

This itinerary stays in small country villages, sleeping in centuries-old inns. Most of our guests find the experience of sleeping in historic English inns to be a charming and authentic part of this trip. However, be advised that guestrooms and en-suite bathrooms are quite small.



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On this delightful Cotswolds walking tour, discover dreamy English countryside — rolling hills, hedgerow-lined fields, and postcard-pretty hamlets. Follow paths from village to village, taking detours to visit iconic sites. Explore the birthplace of Shakespeare with a trip to Stratford-upon-Avon, take in England's grand history at Sudeley Castle, and explore the beautiful town of Cirencester with its strong Roman influence. See story-book thatched cottages and Neolithic tombs, wander beside gently meandering rivers, and enjoy a scenic steam train ride. Enjoy the wonders of the Cotswolds Way!

8 Days

Start: Oxford, England

End: Oxford, England

Departing:

Activities: Hiking & Trekking

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 6-12 Guests

ACTIVITY:



Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

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"The Cotswolds are the epitome of England. Historic churches, quaint villages and gorgeous countryside. Add to that the expert guides and it is the perfect trip."

- Alison T.

The Itinerary

DAY
01

A Classic Walk to Burford

Meeting in Oxford (which is easily reached by train from London), a 45 minute transfer takes you to the tiny village of Swinbrook. Starting from the cricket green, a short leg-stretching walk takes you to Asthall, where you enjoy a traditional Cotswolds pub lunch in a local inn. Afterwards, walk alongside the Windrush River to the tiny St Oswald's Church, which dates back to the 11th century. Continue alongside the river all the way into Burford, ending directly at your hotel and base for the next 2 nights.

ACCOMMODATION: The Lamb Inn, Burford

MEALS: Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private minibus transfer

ACTIVITY: 3 hours/6 miles hiking on rolling & flat terrain

DAY
02

Hike the Monarch's Way North

Today, embark on the first hiking adventure in the Cotswolds. Hike from one enchanting village to another on good trails, through pastoral green countryside. Highlights include the hamlets of Bourton-on-the-Water (known as the 'Venice of the Cotswolds'), and Lower Slaughter (much nicer than its name suggests) before finishing at the equally lovely Stow-on-the-Wold. A short 15 minute transfer leads back to the hotel in Burford.

ACCOMMODATION: The Lamb Inn, Burford

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 3–4 hours/6 miles hiking on rolling & flat terrain

DAY
03

Hike the Cotswold Way

Today starts with a short transfer to the historic market town of Chipping Campden, the official start of the Cotswold Way trail. Set off southward toward the village of Broadway, then up Dover's Hill to take in great views across the region. After checking in to the hotel in Broadway, take an afternoon trip to the medieval market town of Stratford-upon-Avon (30 minutes away), renowned as the 16th-century birthplace of William Shakespeare.

ACCOMMODATION: The Broadway, Broadway

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private minibus transfer

ACTIVITY: 3–4 hours/6 miles hiking on rolling terrain with 650' elevation gain



DAY 04

Head South Along the Cotswold Way

Today continue on the Cotswold Way, hiking directly from the hotel southwards out of Broadway on rolling terrain. Climb up to the site of an Iron Age hill fort before descending again to cross fields and some woodland at the bottom of the escarpment. From here, pass through various pretty villages including a ruined abbey and ancient churches before finishing at the ruins of Hailes Abbey, founded in 1246 by the Earl of Cornwall. A short transfer takes you a little further south to Sudeley Castle, which boasts strong royal connections through its 1,000 year history. Tour the grounds before transferring back to your hotel in Broadway.

ACCOMMODATION: The Broadway, Broadway

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

ACTIVITY: 4–5 hours/8 miles hiking with 1150' elevation gain

DAY 05

The Highest Point of the Cotswold Way

After a short transfer back to Hailes Abbey, rejoin the Cotswold Way and hike south to Cleeve Hill which, at 1,040 feet, is the highest point in the Cotswolds. From the summit, take in breathtaking views of Cheltenham and the surrounding area. Follow a broad ridge which gradually descends to the end point, Gotherington Railway Station. From here, jump on a steam train back to Broadway and your final night in the village.

ACCOMMODATION: The Broadway, Broadway

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private minibus transfer

ACTIVITY: 4–5 hours/10 miles hiking with 1,100' elevation gain



Chedworth Roman Villa To Bibury

Transfer 45 minutes south to the ruins of Chedworth, one of the grandest Roman villas of its time. After exploring the beautiful ruins, enjoy a relaxed hike, following the banks of the River Coln all the way to the next hotel, in the charming village of Bibury, passing through woodland and through small villages on the way. Your hotel is located just yards from Arlington Row, often said to be the prettiest street in England. This row of weavers cottages were created in the 17th century but the original buildings date back to around 1380. Stroll around the village before gathering for dinner.

ACCOMMODATION: The Swan Hotel, Bibury

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 3–4 hours/7.5 miles hiking with 325' elevation gain



River Coln Hike & Cirencester

A brief transfer takes you to Pitham Copse and the trailhead. Enjoy a relaxed hike along the banks of the scenic River Coln, passing through the villages of Quenington and Coln St Aldwyns, before arriving back in Bibury. Freshen up and enjoy a pub lunch before transferring into nearby Cirencester. Known as the capital of the Cotswolds, this historic town has strong Roman influence and you'll spend the afternoon exploring it. Afterwards, transfer back to Bibury for a final night dinner.

ACCOMMODATION: The Swan Hotel, Bibury

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private minibus transfer

ACTIVITY: 2–3 hours/4.5 miles hiking with 165' elevation gain



Return to Oxford

After breakfast, transfer back to Oxford where the trip concludes.

MEALS: Breakfast

TRANSPORTATION: 45-minute private minibus transfer



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

The Lamb Inn

The Lamb Inn is a quintessential English inn with modern day comforts, located on a quiet street in the historic market town of Burford. The 17 en-suite bedrooms have individual decor, featuring a collection of stylish fabrics and antique furnishings, and welcome extras like Nespresso machines. Guests love the quirky style and warmth of this charming traditional hotel.

The Broadway

Tucked away in the Worcestershire village of Broadway, the Broadway Hotel is housed inside timbered buildings dating from the 15th century. Its rooms are spacious and comfortable, and come with an en-suite bathroom, tea and coffee making facilities, and Wi-Fi. The ambience is warm and welcoming, and it is a perfect place to unwind after rambling across the surrounding hills.

The Swan Hotel

Located on the enchanting banks of the Coln River in the idyllic village of Bibury, this former coaching inn is the ultimate haven for a peaceful escape. The 22 spacious, country-style rooms feature antique furnishings and contemporary fabrics and wallpapers. It's a delightful place to end a walk in the Cotswolds.

Departure Dates

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

May 3-10, 2024

May 31-June 7, 2024

June 28-July 5, 2024

July 26-August 2, 2024

September 6-13, 2024

September 27-October 4, 2024

May 9-16, 2025

June 6-13, 2025

July 25-August 1, 2025

August 8-15, 2025

August 22-29, 2025

September 12-19, 2025

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary (excludes dinner on Day 4)
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine with welcome and farewell dinners)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
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