

Stay a little longer...

Suggested Itineraries



Oxfordshire & Oxfordshire Cotswolds

From the picturesque countryside of the Cotswolds to the inspirational architecture of Oxford, the county of Oxfordshire is a magnet for tourists. Explore the bustling market towns, discover world-famous film and literary connections or simply watch the world go by while sipping a drink by the river.

If you're looking for a cultural getaway then Oxford is a must. Renowned for its history and heritage, exquisite architecture, and ancient University, Oxford sits at the very heart of this rural county.

Day 1: Oxford

AM - Take the M23/M25/M4/M40 to Oxford and visit the world famous **Oxford University** and Oxford colleges. Enjoy a **Harry Potter** walking tour or follow in the footsteps of '**Inspector Morse**' with a self guided walk around film locations or book an Official Guided Walking Tour from the Oxford Tourist Information Centre and learn more about the city's past and present.

PM - Explore the city and make sure to see the world-famous collections at the **Ashmolean Museum** and **Bodleian Library**, a collection the rarest, most important and most evocative objects, from ancient papyri through medieval oriental manuscripts to twentieth-century printed books and ephemera.

Old Bodleian Library, Oxford



Day 2: Blenheim Palace & Bicester Village

AM - Visit **Blenheim Palace**, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and a World Heritage Site. Home to the 11th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Blenheim Palace was a gift from Queen Anne and a grateful nation to John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough following his famous victory at the Battle of Blenheim in 1704. Visit the gilded State Rooms, which house one of the finest collections in Europe and the gardens landscaped by Capability Brown.

PM - Visit **Bicester Village**, one of a group of international shopping villages with over 130 designer outlet boutiques. Prices are up to 60% discount off previous seasons designer collections. The site is set around delightful open-air, pedestrianised streets, with a range of dining experiences on offer.



Blenheim Palace, Woodstock

Bicester Village, Bicester



Day 3: Oxfordshire Cotswolds

AM - Visit Burford and discover one of the most picturesque towns in England. Often referred to as 'the gateway to the Cotswolds', Burford is a glorious jumble of houses and shops of all ages and styles, leading down towards the River Windrush. Burford has a great range of 'eateries' from coffee shops and tea rooms to restaurants and pubs.

Alternatively, pay a visit to the **Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens**, an international collection of mammals, birds, reptiles and invertebrates set in 140 acres of parkland.

PM - Within the Cotswolds lies the **Vale of White Horse**. Its enchanting landscape is marked by a mysterious pagan past - the very name comes from the oldest chalk figure in Britain dating back to around 1000 BC.

Visit **Tom Brown's School Museum**. It is housed in the 395 year-old schoolroom that featured in Thomas Hughes' book 'Tom Brown's School Days'. The Museum explains the history and archaeology of the area, including the world-famous Uffington White Horse, and has mementoes of Thomas Hughes and the late poet laureate, Sir John Betjeman, who lived in Uffington.



White Horse Hill, Uffington

Extend your stay

- Visit the **Didcot Railway Centre** to see a unique collection of Great Western Railway steam engines, coaches, wagons, buildings and small relics; and a recreation of Brunel's broad gauge railway.
- Visit **Hook Norton Brewery**, a regional brewery in Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, founded in 1849 whose brewing plant is a traditional Victorian "tower" brewery. See working dray horses and original brewing machinery still in operation.
- Sample local wines at **Bothy Vineyard** and discover the ancient tradition of wine making in the Vale of the White Horse, dating back at least to medieval times
- View the Faringdon Art Collection at **Buscot Park**, a beautiful neo-classical mansion set in stunning grounds
- Take a boat ride along the river to get a picturesque view of the Oxfordshire countryside



Gardens at Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford

Further Information

Where to stay:

www.visitoxfordandoxfordshire.com/accommodation
www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org/accommodation
www.visitsoutheastengland.com/accommodation

Useful websites:

www.aroundgatwick.com
www.visitoxfordandoxfordshire.com
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www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk
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