

Gloucester, Castles & Cathedrals



Departs: Monday 2nd August

Returns: Friday 6th August

Only £449

No Single supplement

As we adventure around Gloucestershire, we feast our eyes on historic buildings and beautiful scenery. We see Tewkesbury Abbey, Sudeley Castle & Gloucester Cathedral and enjoy scenic journeys through pretty villages along the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal.

Itinerary*

Day 1 Departing our local area, we travel to Gloucester and the BW Signature Collection Hotel, our base for the next 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast provided.

Day 2 This morning we have free time to explore Ledbury, which is home to a number of unique timber-framed buildings. Among them, we can admire the striking Market House and the large Ledbury Park house. We can also visit Ledbury Heritage Centre, Butcher Row House Museum and the 16th Century Painted Room featuring Elizabethan wall paintings. We then have time for lunch in Tewkesbury, before heading to Tewkesbury Abbey where we enjoy a 45 minute guided tour of the stunning Abbey, marvelling at the fine medieval architecture.

Day 3 We start our day at Sudeley Castle. With royal connections entwined in its 1,000-year history, the Castle remains the only private castle in England to have a queen buried within its grounds – Catherine Parr, who lived and died here. We enjoy a history of Sudeley talk followed by a soup & sandwich lunch. Our afternoon is spent taking a scenic drive through the Cotswolds. We pass through the charming village of Bourton-on-the-Water, regularly voted one of the prettiest in England, and the market town, Stow-on-the-Wold.

Day 4 We spend this morning at leisure in Gloucester exploring its attractions, including the medieval Cathedral, which was used in most of the Harry Potter films as Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. In the afternoon we visit the Victorian docks and explore the award winning Gloucester Waterways Museum, and take a 45 minute circular boat trip on the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal.

Day 5 After breakfast today we depart for home with suitable comfort stops en-route.

*Itineraries can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances

Look what's included

- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Welcome Tea & Coffee on arrival
- Portage
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Free use of leisure facilities
- Ledbury visit
- Tewkesbury visit
- Guided Tour of Tewkesbury Abbey
- Entry to Sudeley Castle
- History of Sudeley talk followed by soup & sandwiches lunch with tea/coffee
- Cotswolds excursion
- Gloucester visit
- Entrance to the Gloucester Waterways Museum
- Boat trip on the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal

