

Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & the Wye Valley



Departs: Thursday 17th October

Returns: Monday 21st October

Only £489

Single supplement £116
All single rooms are double
or twin for sole use

Itinerary*

Day 1 Departing our local area we travel to the Cheltenham Chase Hotel with its spa area, indoor pool, steam room and spa bath. Here we have 4 night's dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 2 Our excursion today takes us first to the market town of Cirencester on the River Churn. It is the eighth largest settlement in Gloucestershire and the largest town within the Cotswolds. After time spent here we travel to Malmesbury, Wiltshire, with its medieval streets, Market Cross and its 12th century Abbey with its tomb of King Athelstan and the free Athelstan Museum with its Turner watercolour.

Day 3 This morning we have some free time to explore Cheltenham at leisure. This Regency town, made popular as a spa destination by George III, is brimming with history. As we stroll along the promenade, it's easy to see why it became a favourite amongst 18th century aristocrats after its health-giving spa waters were discovered. Cheltenham is also famous for its festival and the Gold Cup, so it is fitting that we head to Cheltenham Racecourse to board the Gloucester-Warwickshire steam train to the nearby town of Broadway, nesting in the Cotswolds. Here, we have time to browse this interesting Cotswold town before returning to our hotel.

Day 4 Our excursion today takes us to Ross-on-Wye where William Gilpin wrote Britain's first travel guide about the Wye Valley in 1782 and sparked a trend for 'picturesque tourism'. Today you can browse independent shops, saunter alongside the town's 19th-century mock-Gothic walls and Gazebo Tower folly before we journey along the Wye Valley and to Chepstow, where you can explore this bustling market border town with its stone castle, built following the Norman Conquest.

Day 5 Departing after breakfast today we retrace our steps to our original joining points with suitable comfort stops en-route.

*Itineraries can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Look what's included

- Executive coach travel
- Welcome Tea/Coffee on arrival
- Dinner, bed & full cooked breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Cirencester visit
- Malmesbury visit
- Cheltenham visit
- Gloucester-Warwickshire steam train journey
- Broadway visit
- Ross on Wye visit
- Wye Valley Scenic excursion
- Chepstow visit

