

Bourton-on-the-Water: 27th - 30th April 2018

Ivel Valley long weekend
to Bourton-on-the-Water



Bourton-on-the-Water

Bourton-on-the-Water is located in a small valley on the river Windrush amongst the gentle rolling hills of the Cotswolds and is a 'must see' for all visitors. It is often referred to as the 'Venice of the Cotswolds' because of the attractive little bridges that cross the gently flowing river which runs through the centre of the village.

There's been a settlement in Bourton since Anglo-Saxon times and is mentioned in the Domesday Book. The word 'Bourton' is a Saxon word, derived from 'burgh' meaning fortification or camp and 'ton' meaning estate, enclosure or village.

In the village – Visit the Birdland Park and Gardens – home to a variety of exotic birds including penguins, flamingos, macaws & birds of prey. Marvel at the detail of the buildings in The Model Village – a 1/9th scale replica of the village centre. The Cotswold Motoring Museum has seven unique galleries housing a collection of vintage cars and a fascinating toy collection. Enter the Model Railway Exhibition and the world of trains with some of the finest operating indoor model railway layouts in the country. The Dragonfly Maze designed by Kit Williams also has a Rebus puzzle to solve to find the secret hiding place of The Golden Dragonfly.

The Cotswolds was designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1966 in recognition of its rich, diverse and high quality landscape. It is the largest of 46 AONBs, covering 790 sq miles and the second largest protected landscape in England after the Lake District National Park. The area surrounding Bourton is a walker's paradise with numerous footpaths, green meadows, escarpments and the unique warmth and richness from its famous limestone buildings.

It is 70 miles to Bourton-on-the-Water from Bedford and will take 2 hours to drive.

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Day 1: Bourton-on-the-Water – Friday 27th April – 1:30pm - 7 mile circular walk

We start the weekend by meeting at the War Memorial on the High Street in the centre of the village, close to the Motor Museum. The walk quickly takes us to one of the finest examples of a Cotswold village - Lower Slaughter. A popular tourist attraction and a place to photograph. We then climb gently to Upper Slaughter following the river Eye before climbing steeply to Colne Saddlery to reach a narrow lane with views over the Cotswolds. Descending to Lower Harford farm, we ford the river Windrush and then follow it back to Bourton-on-the-Water.

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Lower Slaughter

The village name of Lower Slaughter stems from an Old English name for a wet land 'slough' or 'slothre' (Old English for muddy place) upon which it lies. This quaint village sits beside the little Eye stream and is known for its unspoilt limestone cottages in traditional Cotswold style. The stream running through the village is crossed by two small bridges and the local attraction is a converted mill with original water wheel selling craft type products and includes a café. Cope Hill road in the village was voted the most romantic street in Britain, 2016.



Bourton War Memorial

Pay & Display car parks in Bourton-on-the-Water.

Rissington Road: GL54 2AY
Parking is free after 3pm

Station Road: GL54 2AA
Parking: £6.50 All Day

Start at 1:30pm

Meet at the war memorial
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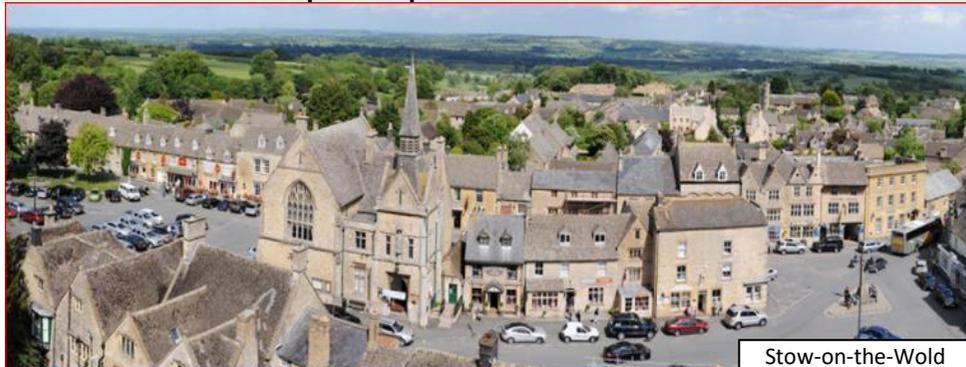
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Day 2: Bourton-on-the-Water – Saturday 28th April – 10am –

7 mile linear (bus return) and 12 mile circular walks to Stow-on-the-Wold

We start both walks, like yesterday, by meeting at the War Memorial on the High Street in the centre of the village, close to the Motor Museum. The walk takes us through the carp farm to Little Rissington church before heading north to Wyck Rissington for a morning coffee break. We then climb up hill to Hill Farm and descend gently into Stow-on-the-Wold for lunch. The short walk ends here, returning by bus service 801 from outside Stow Library (see timetable). The long walk returns to Bourton via Lower Swell & Lower Slaughter on several national trails.

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Stow-on-the-Wold

Stow-on-the-Wold is the highest of the Cotswold towns standing at 800 feet high on Stow Hill at a junction of seven major roads, including the Roman Fosse Way. The town was famous for its wool market where as many as 20,000 sheep were sold at one time. The vast Market Square testifies to the towns' former importance. At one end stands the ancient cross, and at the other end, the town stocks, shaded by an old elm tree. Around the square are elegant town houses and shops. Stow remains an important shopping centre and has many fine Antique shops, Art galleries, Gifts and Crafts and is a centre for walking the Cotswolds countryside.

In March 1646, Stow-on-the-Wold would provide the setting for the last battle of the English Civil War. Fighting in the town ended with the capture of Sir Jacob Astley who was returning to Oxford with royalist soldiers from the hinterland in order to regroup for a counteroffensive.



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Day 3: Winchcombe – Sunday 29th April – 10:30am – 6 or 11 miles – Circulars

Both walks start in Winchcombe at the Back Lane car park, close to the Library and School. The walk heads straight to Sudeley Castle passing by it to take a country lane to Newmeadow Farm. The walk then climbs to Humblebee Cottages and upward to the long barrow of Belas Knap for a coffee break. Both walks continue towards Wontley Farm where the short walk departs back to Winchcombe. The long walk continues along the Cotswold Way onto Cleeve Common and onward to the club house at the golf course for lunch. After lunch we cross the Langley brook valley to reach the Gloucestershire Way which returns us to Winchcombe.

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Sudeley Castle



Belas Knap

Sudeley Castle & Gardens is the only private castle in England to have a queen buried within its grounds – Katherine Parr, the last of Henry VIII's six wives. A castle may have been built on the site during the reign of King Stephen (1135–1154). In 1442, Ralph Boteler, who was created Baron Sudeley by King Henry VI, inherited it and built the current castle using what he had earned fighting in the Hundred Years' War. But, due to his support for the Lancastrian cause, King Edward IV confiscated the castle from Boteler in 1469 and gave it to his brother, Richard, who later became King Richard III. He made Sudeley Castle the property of the crown.

Belas Knap is a particularly fine example of a Neolithic long barrow, with a false entrance and side chambers. Excavated in 1863 & 1865, the remains of 31 people were found in the barrow. It was probably constructed around 3000 BC and was used for successive burials over a period of years until eventually the burial chambers were deliberately blocked.



Winchcombe

Winchcombe is 30 minutes' drive from Bourton using the B4068 through Guiting Power. The car park is best approached from North St rather than Cowl Lane.

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Parking is just £1 All Day

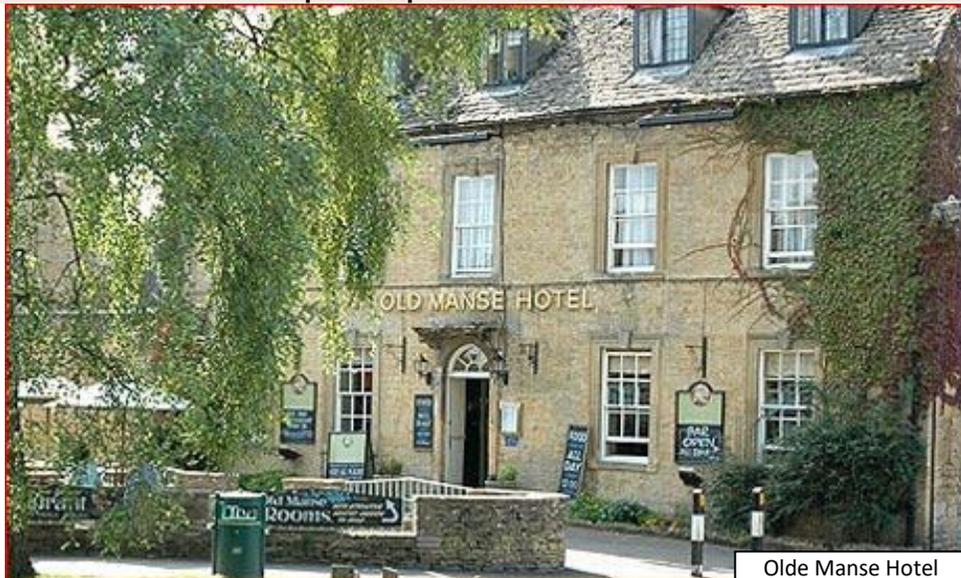
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Day 3: Bourton-on-the-Water – Sunday 29th April – 7:30pm – Evening Meal

Our evening meal has been arranged at the Olde Manse, Victoria Street, Bourton-on-the-water, which is close to the War Memorial we've been using to start some of our walks. It is just over the river on the opposite bank. Pre-order from the menu handed out before the holiday began.

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Olde Manse Hotel

Set against the backdrop of the picturesque village of Bourton-on-the-Water, the handsome Old Manse was a residency built for a Baptist pastor in 1748. It was sold in 1928 and became a country inn and latterly a hotel. The 15 bedrooms are in keeping with the history of a country inn. The restaurant and hotel overlook the river Windrush, presenting charming views of what is known as the Venice of the Cotswolds, where you can enjoy a traditional English menu and a great range of real ales, premium lagers and fine wines.



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Rissington Road: GL54 2AY
Parking is free after 3pm

Arrive at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start

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Day 4: Stow – Monday 30th April – 10:30am – 7 miles – Circular walk

The last day walk starts at the free Fosseway car park, next to the Tesco supermarket car park. The walk goes out to Upper Swell and passed the Donnington Brewery where we hope to stop. It then continues along tracks to the villages of Donnington and Broadwell before returning on the Monarch's Way to Stow-on-the-Wold.

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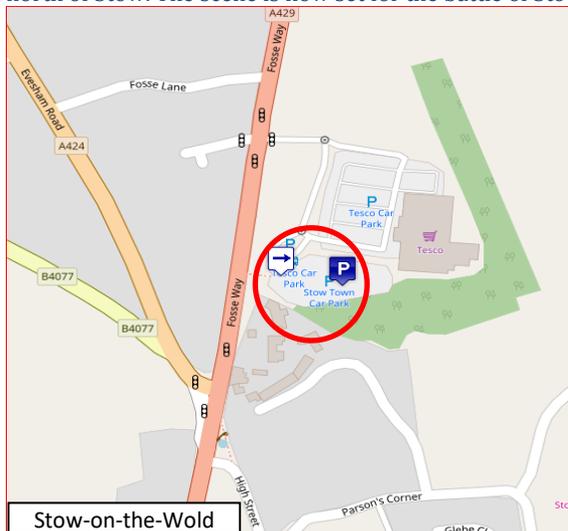
Donnington Brewery



Battle of Stow memorial

Thomas Arkell bought the 13th-century watermill in idyllic countryside in 1827 and it was his grandson Richard Arkell who began brewing on the site in 1865. Today, the mill wheel is still used to drive pumps and machinery to brew beer the same way 150 years on.

By the end of 1645, after three years of civil war, Parliament had finally gained the upper hand after successes on the battlefield. But King Charles I, then placed his hopes in recruiting a new army from the Welsh Marches and West Midlands. He appointed Sir Jacob Astley with the task. Astley mustered a credible force of 700 men, although many were inexperienced soldiers. He was continually pursued in this task by Parliamentary forces led by Sir William Brereton. Eventually Astley was forced to make a stand and sought a strong defensive position on a ridge north of Stow. The scene is now set for the battle of Stow on the morning of 21st March 1646....



Stow-on-the-Wold

Stow-on-the-Wold is just 10 minutes' drive from Bourton. The car park is north of the town on the A429 at Tesco's. Not the Tesco supermarket car park but the one beside it.

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Parking: Free All Day

Start at 10:30am

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BUS SERVICE 801 – TO AND FROM BOURTON (NO SUNDAY SERVICE)

801 (v.1) Monday to Saturday (excluding Bank Holidays) From 14th November 2016

Moreton-in-Marsh - Stow-on-the-Wold - Bourton-on-the-Water - Northleach - Andoversford - Cheltenham													
	M-F		M-S										
Moreton Fire College Houses Turning Circle 			06:50	07:55	09:15	10:45	12:15	13:45	15:00	16:30	17:40	18:45	19:50
Moreton-in-Marsh Railway Station 			06:55	08:00	09:20	10:50	12:20	13:50	15:05	16:35	17:45	18:50	19:55
Moreton-in-Marsh Corn Exchange			07:00	08:05	09:25	10:55	12:25	13:55	15:10	16:40	17:50	18:55	20:00
Moreton-in-Marsh Surgery / Hospital			07:01	08:06	09:26	10:56	12:26	13:56	15:11	16:41	17:51	18:56	20:01
Ivy Lodge X Roads			07:05	08:10	09:30	11:00	12:30	14:00	15:15	16:45	17:55	19:00	20:05
Stow-on-the-Wold Market Square			07:10	08:20	09:40	11:10	12:40	14:10	15:25	16:55	18:05	19:05	20:10
Stow-on-the-Wold King Georges Field			~	08:25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Bourton on the Water Cotswold School	06:45		07:17	08:35	09:50	11:20	12:50	14:20	15:35	17:05	18:15	19:12	20:17
Bourton-on-the-Water Surgery / Hospital	06:46		07:18	08:36	09:51	11:21	12:51	14:21	15:36	17:06	18:16	19:13	20:18
Bourton-on-the-Water High St, arr	06:47		07:19	08:37	09:52	11:22	12:52	14:22	15:37	17:07	18:17	19:14	20:19
Bourton on the Water High St dep	06:50		07:20	08:40	09:55	11:30	12:55	14:30	15:40	17:10			
Notgrove X Roads	06:55		~	~	10:00	~	13:00	14:35	~	~			
Northleach (Easington Road Junction)	~		07:35	08:55	~	11:45	~	~	~	15:55	17:25		
Northleach Market Square arr	~		07:37	08:57	~	11:47	~	~	~	15:57	17:27		
Northleach Market Square dep	~		07:40	09:00	~	11:50	~	~	~	16:00	17:30		
Andoversford (Templefields)	07:08		07:55	09:15	10:13	12:05	13:13	14:48	16:15	17:45			
Andoversford (Station Road Bus Stop)	07:10		07:57	09:17	10:15	12:07	13:15	14:50	16:17	17:47			
East End	07:17		08:04	09:24	10:22	12:14	13:22	14:57	16:24	17:54			
Charlton Kings Six Ways	07:19		08:06	09:26	10:24	12:16	13:24	14:59	16:26	17:56			
Cheltenham - College Road opp General Hospital	07:25		08:12	09:32	10:30	12:22	13:30	15:05	16:32	18:02			
Cheltenham Royal Well Bus Stn, Stand E	07:33		08:20	09:40	10:38	12:30	13:38	15:13	16:40	18:10			

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M-S - Monday to Saturday
S - Saturday only

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Cheltenham - Andoversford - Northleach - Bourton-on-the-Water - Stow-on-the-Wold - Moreton-in-Marsh													
	M-S	M-S	M-F	S	M-S	M-S							
Cheltenham Royal Well Bus Stn, Stand E Depart			07:40		08:40	10:10	11:40	13:10	14:40	16:10	17:10	18:30	
Cheltenham - College Road General Hospital			07:48		08:48	10:18	11:48	13:18	14:48	16:18	17:18	18:38	
Charlton Kings - Six Ways			07:53		08:53	10:23	11:53	13:23	14:53	16:23	17:23	18:43	
East End			07:55		08:55	10:25	11:55	13:25	14:55	16:25	17:25	18:45	
Andoversford (Station Road Bus Stop)			08:02		09:02	10:32	12:02	13:32	15:02	16:32	17:32	18:52	
Andoversford (Templefields)			08:03		09:03	10:33	12:03	13:33	15:03	16:33	17:33	18:53	
Northleach (Easington Road Junction)			08:18		09:18	10:48	~	13:48	~	~	17:48	~	
Northleach Market Square, arr.			08:20		09:20	10:50	~	13:50	~	~	17:50	~	
Northleach Market Square, dep			08:22		09:22	10:52	~	13:52	~	~	17:52	~	
Notgrove X Roads			~		~	~	12:15	~	15:15	16:45	~	19:05	
Bourton on the Water High St, arr.			08:35		09:35	11:05	12:20	14:05	15:20	16:50	18:05	19:10	
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Bourton-on-the-Water Surgery / Hospital	06:16	07:26	08:41	08:41	09:41	11:11	12:31	14:11	15:31	16:56	18:11	19:16	
Bourton on the Water Cotswold School	06:17	07:27	08:42	08:42	09:42	11:12	12:32	14:12	15:32	16:57	18:12	19:17	
Stow-on-the-Wold Market Square	06:25	07:35	08:55	08:55	09:55	11:25	12:45	14:25	15:45	17:10	18:25	19:30	
Ivy Lodge X Roads	06:30	07:40	09:00	09:00	10:00	11:30	12:50	14:30	15:50	17:15	18:30	19:35	
Moreton-in-Marsh Surgery / Hospital	06:34	07:44	09:04	09:04	10:04	11:34	12:54	14:34	15:54	17:19	18:34	19:39	
Moreton-in-Marsh High St, opp Corn Exchange	06:35	07:45	09:05	09:05	10:05	11:35	12:55	14:35	15:55	17:20	18:35	19:40	
Moreton-in-Marsh Railway Station 	06:37	07:47	09:07	09:07	10:07	11:37	12:57	14:37	15:57	17:22	18:37	19:42	
Moreton Fire College Houses Turning Circle 	06:42	07:52	09:12	09:12	10:12	11:42	13:02	14:42	16:02	17:27	18:42	19:47	

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Parking information in The Cotolds

Location	Standard spaces	Disabled spaces	1/2 hr	1 hr	2 hrs	3 hrs	4 hrs	5 hrs	10hrs	Sunday
Trinity Road - Cirencester GL7 1PX (weekends and bank holidays only 7am to 7pm)	70	2	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Brewery- Cirencester GL7 1HN: credit and debit card machines	298	6	50p	£1.30	£2.30	£3.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	All day = £1.50 1/2 hr = 50p 1 hr = £1.30 10am - 3pm
Forum-Cirencester, GL7 1LJ credit and debit card machines	191	12	50p	£1.30	£2.30	£3.00	£3.50	N/A	N/A	Free
Leisure Centre-Cirencester GL7 1US credit and debit card machines	122	4	50p	£1.30	£2.30	£3.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	Free
Abbey Grounds, Cirencester GL7 2DA credit and debit card machines	97	2	50p	£1.30	£2.30	£3.00	N/A	£3.90	£6.50	Free
Old Station Cirencester GL7 1US credit and debit card machines	149	2	50p	£1.30	£2.30	£3.00	N/A	£3.90	£6.50	Free
Sheep Street-Cirencester GL7 1QW credit and debit card machines	77	2	50p	£1.30	£2.30	£3.00	N/A	£3.90	£6.50	Free
Waterloo- Cirencester GL7 2PY credit and debit card enabled machines	233	2	50p	£1.30	£2.30	£3.00	N/A	£3.90	£6.50	Free
Beeches**-Cirencester GL7 1BW credit and debit card machines	144	3	50p	£1.30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£2.00	Free
Queen Street-Cirencester GL7 1HB	15	None	Free	Free	Free	Free	N/A	Free	Free	Free
Rissington Road-Bourton-on-the-Water GL54 2BN credit and debit card machines	229	2	50p	£1.30	£2.30	£3.00	N/A	£3.90	£6.50	Hourly charges apply 10am - 3pm
Old Market Way-Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 0JY	52	3	50p	70p	£1.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	£2.00	Free
Market Square*-Chipping Campden GL55 6AW charges apply 7am to 7pm every day credit and debit card machine	30	None	1st 20 mins free	50p	£1.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hourly charges apply 7am - 7pm
Maugersbury Road-Stow-on-the-Wold GL54 1HH credit and debit machine	65	2	50p	£1.30	£2.30	£3.00	N/A	£3.90	£6.50	Hourly charges apply 10am - 3pm
Fosseway-Stow-on-the-Wold GL54 1BX	100	3	Free	Free	Free	Free	N/A	Free	Free	Free
Church Street-Tetbury GL8 8LL credit and debit card machine	35	None	50p	70p	£1.50	£2.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	Free
West Street-Tetbury GL8 8LL credit and debit card machine	50	None	50p	70p	£1.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	£2.00	Free
The Chipping-Tetbury GL8 8EU credit and debit card machines	66	2	N/A	50p	£1.30	£1.90	N/A	N/A	N/A	Free
Old Railyard-Tetbury GL8 8EY	80	6	Free	Free	Free	Free	N/A	Free	Free	Free