

Cheltenham & The Cotswolds

8 – 12 October

The enchanting Cotswolds with their outstanding landscape of captivating villages of honey coloured stone walls and thatch buildings, gentle rolling hills, beech woods, streams and lush valleys are recognised as one of the most beautiful areas of England. On this tour, we take a ride on the newly extended GWSR, visit Sudeley Castle and the Cotswold Wildlife Park.



£474.00 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £88.00

What's Included

- ✓ 4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ All bedrooms are en-suite with TV, telephone & hospitality tray.
- ✓ Time to explore Cheltenham, Moreton-in-Marsh, Stroud & Cirencester
- ✓ Scenic tour of the Cotswolds
- ✓ Ride on the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway
- ✓ Entry to Sudeley Castle
- ✓ Entry to Cotswold Wildlife Park

CHELTENHAM CHASE HOTEL

Set in 15 acres of private grounds on the edge of the beautiful and picturesque Cotswold hills, this luxurious hotel has a deluxe 14m swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and steam room. Free WiFi throughout the hotel.

Monday 8 October

Departing Oxted we make our way to Cheltenham Spa, England's most complete Regency town. Most of the town centre lies in a conservation area with Regency town houses, the historic promenade, squares



and terraces. With award-winning gardens, an impressive range of stylish shops and restaurants, Cheltenham has a cosmopolitan ambience to impress all. Mid afternoon we transfer the short distance to our hotel on the outskirts of the town.

Tuesday 9 October

We take a scenic tour of the northern Cotswolds today, including Bourton-on-the-Water, where the babbling little River Windrush runs through the Village High Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, the highest of the Cotswold towns and Moreton-in-Marsh, where today is market day. Later we continue on through Broadway and Winchcombe making our way back to our hotel, where we shall have time to enjoy the leisure facilities before dinner.

Wednesday 10 October

This morning we take our seats on the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway for a steam train journey through the beautiful Cotswolds countryside from Cheltenham Racecourse Station. Our journey will take us through some of the most spectacular scenery in the Cotswolds with panoramic views across the Severn Vale to the Malvern Hills and on to the Black Mountains in Wales. We will pass through Greet Tunnel and over the spectacular 15-arch Stanway Viaduct as we make our way along the newly extended line to

Broadway. Here we re-join the coach for the drive to Sudeley Castle and Gardens, the only private castle in England to have a queen buried within its grounds – Katherine Parr, the last of Henry VIII's six wives. The castle is surrounded by a breathtaking 1,200 acre estate and ten award-winning gardens. The centrepiece is the Queens Garden, so named because four of England's queens – Anne Boleyn, Katherine Parr, Lady Jane Grey and Elizabeth I – once walked upon the original Tudor Parterre.

Thursday 11 October

After breakfast we make our way to the Cotswold Wildlife Park, home to more than 250 species of animals and 160 acres of beautiful parkland. Watch Rhinos graze on the lawns in front of the Gothic Manor House, walk up the Giraffe walkway and get eye-to-eye with these amazing creatures or explore the Old Walled Garden's Tropical House with free roaming sloths, birds and bats. Following our visit we take a scenic route through the southern Cotswolds as we return to our hotel.

Friday 12 October

After a leisurely breakfast we drive to Stroud, where we shall have some time to find morning coffee and a look around before continuing on to Cirencester. There will be time to explore the historic town with its buildings of Cotswold Stone before we make our way home to Oxted, arriving early evening.

