

# PLACES TO VISIT

## GUITING POWER

*(by car 2.8 miles, head south out of the gate and turn right at the first crossroads)*

This typical Cotswold village lies on a tributary of the river Windrush, its russet coloured houses clustered round a sloping green. The buildings are restored by a self-help housing trust, initially set up for twelve cottages in 1934. The cottages, shops and pubs are all beautifully cared for. This is where you will find the Farmers Arms in the village and the Hollow Bottom Pub on the road leading to Winchcombe. These form welcome breaks on a number of glorious walks that can be taken in the area; North Westwards to Guiting Woods, south eastwards down the Windrush Valley to Naunton, or south westwards to Hawling. Guiting Power is a perfect example of how the English village can seem to have been carved from the earth it is built on.



## SNOWSHILL MANOR AND GARDEN

*(by car 5 miles, head north towards the B4077 and then turn onto Buckle Street. Then you will pick up the signs for Snowhill)*

This place is a little gem, from arriving at the front door you are given directions for your visit.

The variety and scope of the over 20,000 exhibits are amazing.

The Samurai exhibition is exceptional, and there is a room with the most exotic collection of musical instruments. Other rooms contain strange and well crafted objects. This is truly an unusual National Trust location. The tea room complements the establishment, selling hot drinks and snacks.



## BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER

*(by car 6 miles, turn right out of the gate, over the crossroads and follow the signs)*

This small village has been described as the “Little Venice” of the Cotswolds and is one of the most popular tourist spots in the region being serviced by the many shops, cafés, and attractions. Our favourite is the Cornish Bakery, they have the most amazing pastries and coffee. Some of our guests have recommended the Duke of Wellington for good food, although it is advisable to book.



Bourton has a range of attractions to suit everyone.

- Birdland – Is an authentic zoo for birds, with a remarkable collection of penguins.
- Model Village – Excellent miniature of Bourton.
- The Cotswolds perfumery shop & factory – Has made personalised scents for the Queen herself.
- Model Railway Exhibition – Some of the finest operating indoor model railway layouts in the country, covering over 500 feet of track.
- Cotswold Motoring Museum & Toy Collection and the Dragonfly Maze

## LOWER AND UPPER SLAUGHTER

*(by car 6.4 mile, turn right out of the gate and follow the signs)*

Lower Slaughter is a quaint village beside the little Eye stream and is known for its unspoilt limestone cottages in the 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; it now sells craft type products and includes a café. You can stroll along the river to the village of upper slaughter several walking minutes away.



## STOW-ON-THE-WOLD

*(by car 6.5 mile, head out of the gate and turn left and follow the B4068)*

Stow is the highest of the Cotswold towns, standing exposed on 800 feet high Stow Hill. It lies on a junction of seven major roads, including the Roman Fosse Way. The vast Market Square testifies to the town's former importance. At one end stands the ancient cross, and the other the town stocks.

Stow is an important shopping centre with many fine antique shops, art galleries, gifts and crafts and is a centre for walking the Cotswolds. There is a wonderful choice of restaurants, bistros and tea shops; we can highly recommend Lucy's Tearoom.



## SUDELEY CASTLE, WINCHCOMBE

*(by car 7.5 mile, via the B4077)*

Very nice castle and gardens to visit, with a planned route to make things easy. Very good exhibits and the self guided tours of the family rooms are a bonus. Excellent gardens and a visit to Catherine Parr's grave in the church is a must. They also have the largest collection of live pheasants in the country. One of the best places to visit and highly recommended to all who enjoy learning about our history. There is also a lovely tea room in which to recharge your batteries!



## BROADWAY & BROADWAY TOWER

*(by car 7.8 miles, head north towards the B4077)*

The Cotswolds village of Broadway is often referred to as the "Jewel of the Cotswolds" and the show village of England. Broadway has one of the longest high streets in England, and boasts a variety of art galleries, gift and clothes shops, tea shops, three inns and a wonderful Fish & Chip restaurant and take-away.

Broadway Tower is 1.5 miles South East of Broadway. The Tower, at 1,024 feet above sea level, is the second highest point in the Cotswolds. Once you are at the top, it has one of England's finest viewpoints with 14 English counties to be seen on a clear day. The park affords picnics and a good restaurant.



## MORETON-IN-MARSH

*(by car 10 mile, head left out of the gate follow the A44)*

This is one of the principal market towns in the northern Cotswolds and there is still a busy Tuesday market with about 200 stalls attracting many visitors. Moreton has been a traveller's town for at least 1,700 years and was used as a coaching station before the coming of the Oxford to Worcester railway in 1853. There are several pubs, inns, tea shops and restaurants in the immediate vicinity. The White Hart (Royal Hotel) was used by King Charles I as shelter during the English Civil War following the battle of Marston Moor.



## CIRENCESTER

*(by car 20 miles via the A429)*

The town's shining glory is its cathedral-like parish church of St John the Baptist, built on the wealth of the wool trade in the 15/16th centuries. Its mellow gold and grey stonework is elaborately carved and topped with splendid pinnacles, above which rises a spectacular 120-foot square tower with massive supporting buttresses.



The centre of Cirencester is a maze of fascinating streets, lined with quaint old houses, workmen's cottages, almshouses and 17th century bow fronted shops. In particular, the town centre (around Market Place, Dyer St and Castle St) contains some of the finest 17/18th century buildings, constructed of richly coloured time-mellowed stonework, making Cirencester a complete joy to amble around, for both the historian and layman alike.

