

Gloucester and The Cotswolds - 2 day suggested itinerary

Gloucester is the Cathedral city of The Cotswolds and is considered to be one of England's top ten historic destinations. With over 2000 years of history, there are numerous places to visit that tell the story of Gloucester's past. The historic Cathedral and Victorian Docks are an absolute must for any visitor to the city. The perfectly restored lofty warehouses which line the waterfront provide an evocative picture of how Gloucester Docks would have looked in Victorian times. The Cotswolds is an area of outstanding natural beauty and is well-known for its rolling hills and picturesque villages. This itinerary includes the pretty village of Bourton-on-the-Water and the historic market town of Stow-on-the-Wold.

DAY ONE

AM – Gloucester Cathedral

Welcome to Gloucester which is dominated by the great tower of Gloucester Cathedral. Ancient, spectacular and a beautifully serene place to visit, the Cathedral is one of the most magnificent Gothic buildings in the world. Gloucester Cathedral is where Henry III was crowned, where Edward II was buried and where pilgrims have flocked for centuries. It's also where Harry Potter fans visit to see the stunning cloisters that double up as Hogwarts in the film series. Take a guided tour to discover the fascinating history of this unique building. <http://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/>

Stroll along College Court to see Beatrix Potter's Tailor of Gloucester Museum & shop which is located close to the cathedral. The museum is housed in the building which provided the inspiration for Beatrix Potter to write and illustrate her book, The Tailor of Gloucester, published in 1903. <http://www.tailor-of-gloucester.org.uk/>

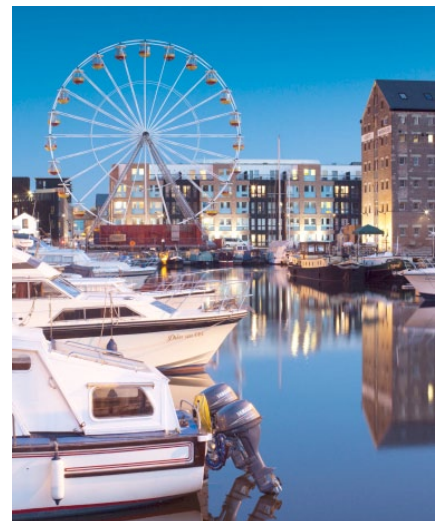
Lily's Restaurant & Tea Rooms opposite the Tailor of Gloucester Museum is a great place to stop off for lunch. <http://www.lilysrestaurant.co.uk/>

PM – Gloucester Docks

The historic Victorian Docks are a unique destination, described by Charles Dickens as 'extraordinary', and granted port status by Queen Elizabeth I in 1580. Gloucester is the most inland port in Britain, dominated by towering warehouses which line the water's edge as a testament to the area's maritime heritage.

Today the Gloucester Quays Leisure Quarter is a popular tourist destination, with an attractive mix of waterside museums, cafés, bars, restaurants, outlet shopping plus beautiful communal areas, pedestrian walkways and inspiring public art. <http://www.gloucesterquays.co.uk/>

A visit to Gloucester Waterways Museum tells the story of the country's canals and waterways. Visitors can climb aboard historic boats, enjoy interactive displays and browse galleries rich in canal heritage. The museum also offers boat trips along the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal and River Severn. <http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/gloucester-waterways-museum>



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AM – Bourton-on-the-Water

Often referred to as the Venice of The Cotswolds, Bourton-on-the-Water is regularly voted one of the prettiest villages in England. The tranquil River Windrush meanders peacefully through the centre of Bourton-on-the-Water, criss-crossed by beautiful bridges at regular intervals. Tourist attractions include Birdland: a park and garden containing over 500 birds, Cotswold Motor Museum and a Model Village featuring a one-ninth scale replica in local stone of Bourton-on-the-Water.

<http://www.bourtoninfo.com>



PM – Stow-on-the-Wold

Stow-on-the-Wold is a delightful market town located 800 feet above sea level making it the highest town in The Cotswolds. At the height of the Cotswolds wool industry, Stow was famous for its large annual fairs where, according to local legend, over 20,000 sheep changed hands at one fair in the 19th Century. Stow features a vast Market Square, grand manors, quaint cottages and sleepy backwaters surrounded by rolling hills. With numerous shops, pubs and tea rooms, visitors will have plenty to keep them entertained. <http://www.go-stow.co.uk>

Daylesford Organic Farm is a great place to stop off with a quality farm shop, unusual gifts and a café serving delicious food.

<http://daylesford.com>



Restaurant/pub options

Terre a Terre: This award-winning vegetarian restaurant will convert even the most devoted carnivore with their clever use of ingredients, textures and flavours. Telephone: +44 (0)1788 54661

□ www.terreaterre.com

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Tiger's Eye Fusion Restaurant at The Old Bell, 9A Southgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1TG

□ <http://www.theoldbell-tigerseye.co.uk> Tel: 01452 332993 (Capacity 46)

Lily's Tea Rooms & Restaurant, 5a College Court, off Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2NJ

□ <http://www.lilysrestaurant.co.uk> Tel: 01452 307060 (Capacity 44)

The Barge Restaurant, Gloucester Docks, Gloucester GL1 2DN

□ www.bargerestaurant.co.uk Tel: 01452 506779 (Capacity 30)

Portivo Lounge, Unit 106-107 Gloucester Quays Outlet, Gloucester GL1 5SH

<http://www.thelounges.co.uk/portivo-lounge> Tel: 01452 300881 (Capacity 140)

The Tara Restaurant at Hatton Court Hotel, Upton Hill, Upton St Leonards, Gloucester GL4 8DE

<http://hatton-court.co.uk> Tel: 01452 617412 (Capacity 100)

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Daylesford Organic Café, Daylesford, Near Kingham, Gloucestershire GL56 0YG

□ <http://daylesford.com> Tel: 01608 731700 (Capacity 60)

The Grapevine, Sheep Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire GL54 1AU

□ <http://www.thegrapevinehotel.com> Tel: 01451 830344 (Capacity 50)

The Croft Restaurant at Chester House Hotel, Victoria Street, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire GL54 2BU

□ www.chesterhousehotel.com/dining Tel: 01451 821132 (Capacity 54)