



Cotswolds - The Wonderful Way

The elegant Regency spa town of Cheltenham is a lively and pleasant base from which to explore some of the best of the Cotswold Way. Hilltop grassland, shady woods, and the dramatic slopes of the escarpment include many specially protected habitats that shelter a variety of rare flora and fauna as well as relics of the area's inhabitants from prehistory to the beginnings of the Industrial Revolution. From the top of the escarpment wide views stretch across the Severn Vale, Malvern Hills, Royal Forest of Dean and, beyond that, the Welsh mountains.

This tour is based in Cheltenham and involves one walk per day as follows:

2 days, 1 night

Walk 1 – Cheltenham Town Trail. A tour of this delightful regency town, taking in interesting buildings as well as exploring the town's history and the fascinating stories of some of the famous people who have lived here.

Walk 2 – A circular walk visiting Leckhampton Hill, The Devil's Chimney, Coberly and Seven Springs. Visit historical sites and enjoy stunning views from the Cotswold Way as you travel up Leckhampton Hill. Travel along the valley to the Seven Springs and relax in this beautiful countryside.

B&B Price: £104.00

Hotel Price: £111.00

3 days, 2 nights

This tour runs as above, with the following walk on day 3:

Walk 3 – A linear walk including visits to Prinknash, Cranham, Birdlip, Barrow Wake and Crickley Hill. Cranham stands at the head of the valley of the River Frome and is famous because the composer Gustav Holst wrote 'In the Deep Midwinter' here. You'll go from here down the Cotswold escarpment and back to Cheltenham.

B&B Price: £167.00

Hotel Price: £189.00

4 days, 3 nights

This tour runs as above, with the following walk on day 4:

Walk 4 – A linear walk visiting Winchcombe, Belas Knap, Cleeve Hill and Prestbury before returning to Cheltenham. You'll begin in Winchcombe visiting the historic Sudeley Castle before crossing the open grassland of Cleeve Common back to Cheltenham. On the way, you'll witness some stunning views and visit a number of historic sites.

B&B Price: £246.00

Hotel Price: £262.00

(Prices are per person, based on two people sharing).

Local Attractions:

- Belas Knap
- Long Barrow
- Crickley Hill Fort
- Sudeley Castle
- Cleeve Hill
- Leckhampton Hill
- Cranham Woods
- GWR Steam Railway
- Holst Museum
- Cheltenham Museum.

Walk info:

9-12 miles a day, moderate to energetic.

Great views in the clear air of Winter and Spring with wonderful Autumn colours.