



Cotswolds - Wanders of the Wolds

Bourton-on-the-Water is the best known and one of the most picturesque villages in the Cotswolds with the River Windrush running through the centre and crossed by several pretty bridges. These walks will quickly take you out into peaceful, unspoilt countryside. A rich, rolling patchwork of pasture, crops, woods and meadows full of rare wildlife await. Discover winding river valleys with 'lost' mediaeval villages, handsome farms and manor houses and of course other delightful villages of honey-coloured stone cottages.

2 days, 1 night

Walk 1 – A very pleasant Cotswold country walk with fine views over beguiling countryside, contrasting the hilltop village of Cold Aston with the sheltered valley setting of Naunton. You will pass the sparkling River Windrush in several places where you will see wild watercress, a sign of pure clear water. Finish the walk by following the beautiful river valley back to Bourton, one of the most loved villages in the Cotswolds.

Walk 2 – A varied walk as you wander along several ancient bridleways and glimpse the lovely old villages of Great and Little Rissington. Visit over 140 acres of ancient water meadows, originally created around 1844, and now being restored. These are very fertile areas and the warming waters promote plenty of fresh new grass for animal feeding. Wading birds such as curlew, redshank and snipe can sometimes be seen, as can an abundance of dragonflies and other water species.

B&B Price: £76.00

Hotel Price: £91.00

3 days, 2 nights

This tour includes the following circular walk on the last day.

Walk 3 – A walk today over lush Cotswold pasture land crossing the Rivers Dikler and Eye with the chance to visit the pretty Cotswold villages of Upper and Lower Slaughter. The name Slaughter sounds rather bloodthirsty but actually originates from the Olde English for slough meaning marshy ground. The villages are picturesque with little bridges, cottages and a water mill.

B&B Price: £132.00

Hotel Price: £162.00

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

Local Attractions:

- Bourton Model Village
- Birdland
- Dragonfly Maze
- Cotswold Pottery
- Motor and Toy Museum
- Cotswold Perfumery
- The Slaughters
- Old Mill Museum.

Walk info:

6-11 miles a day, moderate.

Come in the spring and early summer for hedgerows and meadows full of wild flowers.