

# Your Guide To

## Moreton-in-Marsh



# Moreton-in-Marsh, a thriving market town that's been welcoming visitors for 1700 years.

Sitting at the head of the pretty Evenlode Valley, Moreton-in-Marsh has been a thriving Cotswold market town since the 13th century and still hosts a bustling open-air street market every Tuesday. Straddling the Fosse Way, a Roman road built during the first and second centuries, Moreton-in-Marsh has long been a honeypot for travellers and was an important staging post before the opening of the railway in 1853. The charming high street is lined with elegant 17th and 18th century buildings which now house art galleries, antique emporiums and welcoming tea rooms and provide a graceful backdrop to the daily hustle and bustle.

The White Hart Royal is a former manor house that gave shelter to King Charles I during the Civil War, whilst just outside of town is the Four Shire Stone, the former old meeting point of four counties, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire. The stone is believed to be the inspiration behind the 'Three-Farthing Stone' in Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*, and the Bell Inn, his blueprint for Middle Earth's 'Prancing Pony' pub.

Excellent transport links, including a direct rail link to London and Oxford, make Moreton-in-Marsh an easily accessible and charming part of the Cotswolds to explore.

*We hope you enjoy your stay in this much-loved part of the Cotswolds!*

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# Quintessentially Cotswolds:

## Batsford Arboretum, Batsford

This stunning Arboretum is a wonderful spot to let off steam. Follow the woodland trails through the beautiful estate surrounded by clouds of wildflowers, trees, and plants. Batsford is always beautiful, but it really comes into its own during the spectacular autumn months.

## Bourton House Garden, Bourton-on-the-Hill

Bourton House Garden has been a labour of love since 1983 when the then owners of Bourton House set about transforming a neglected wilderness into the stunning garden you see today. Over the years the garden has evolved, and visitors can now enjoy rare, unusual, and exotic plants, inspired planting, and vivid combinations of texture and colour.

## Broadway Tower, Broadway

This iconic landmark can be spotted from miles around. It's the highest point in the Cotswolds, and on a clear day you can see as far as Wales and the views are truly spectacular. E-bikes are available for hire or simply take your time exploring the 50-acre estate including a resident herd of red deer.

## Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power



Set high in the Cotswolds, overlooking the Windrush Valley, this is a fabulous day out for the whole family and much loved by locals and visitors alike. See rare breeds, spot new arrivals in the animal barn, follow the wildlife trails and spend time in the glorious countryside.

## Stow-on-the-Wold

Stow-on-the-Wold sits on one of the highest points in the Cotswolds and is located on the Roman Fosse Way. The large market square is surrounded by Cotswold stone houses, independent shops, and antique emporiums. The Porch House pub is reputed to be one of the oldest in England, with parts of the building dating back to the year 947.

## Rollright Stones, Little Rollright

This ancient site lies on the Oxfordshire and Warwickshire border and consists of three Neolithic and Bronze Age megalithic monuments. Traditionally a monarch and his courtiers turned to stone by a witch, the Rollright Stones consist of three groups. The Kings Men stone circle, the Whispering Knights burial chamber, and the single Kings Stone.

## Upton Wold Garden, Blockley

Upton Wold is a real hidden garden in an outstanding Cotswold landscape. Filled with trees, shrubs, and plants as well as woodland, herbaceous borders, and roses.

Find our tailored collection of services, available at your cottage in our Experiences section on our website!

## Connect with Culture:

### Moreton-in-Marsh Show, Moreton-in-Marsh

Enjoy Cotswold life at its best with a fun-filled day out for the whole family at the Moreton Show. The showground is packed with things to see, do, and buy with everything from wellington boots to combine harvesters! See livestock displays and show jumping along with 'best in' flower, vegetable, and flower displays.

### The Moreton Gallery, Moreton-in-Marsh

Established in 2010, the Moreton Gallery aims to introduce new and developing artists to the public. The work showcased is diverse, appealing, and affordable. The gallery is Arts Council approved and is part of the Own Art scheme.

### Chipping Campden Music Festival, Chipping Campden

Widely recognised as one of Great Britain's leading music festivals, the appeal is far reaching, attracting visitors and musicians from across the globe. Performances take place in the glorious setting of St. James' Church and showcase a programme of superb breadth and diversity and hosts a line up featuring some of the world's most exciting artists.

### Fosse Gallery for Contemporary British Art, Stow-on-the-Wold

Founded in 1980, the Fosse Gallery regularly showcases some of the most contemporary British art and is often referred to as one of the most important art galleries in the UK. The owner is well-known throughout the art world for her keen eye and commitment to her artists.

### Festival Opera, Longborough

The beautiful setting of the Longborough opera house, which has two bars, a choice of dining venues and picnic options, shows acclaimed performances during their annual season. Even if you are not an opera aficionado, this is an experience not to be missed.

## Broadway Arts Festival, Broadway

The Broadway Arts Festival is a biennial event that celebrates the unique, artistic heritage of the village, forged by the famous colony of American writers and artists who found inspiration here during the late 19th century. Encompassing different locations throughout the village, you'll find workshops, outdoor theatre, exhibitions, talks, live music, and garden tours.

## Big Feastival, Kingham

This fabulous three-day festival just outside Kingham brings together Michelin star chefs, award-winning food producers with street food, supper clubs and unique pop ups, plus fabulous family activities and some of the biggest music artists in the UK. Set on Alex James' farm in the heart of the Cotswolds, enjoy the best food and music against a memorable backdrop.



# Wine and Dine:

## Restaurant Henne, Moreton-in-Marsh

Perfect for: dinner, special occasions

Henne is a small, intimate dining space for just 14 guests at any one time. The experience features multiple savoury courses, desserts, and petit fours with a focus on high quality local produce. Expect modern seasonal British cuisine.

## Otis & Belle, Moreton-in-Marsh

Perfect for: super coffee and delicious bakery items

An artisan sourdough bakery and patisserie, with goods baked fresh every day by Le Cordon Bleu trained pastry chef and owner Will Alexander. Everything is baked with love and care and the shop is named after his two children.

## White Hart Hotel, Moreton-in-Marsh

Perfect for: lunch and dinner

This 17th century coaching inn offers seasonal menus using locally sourced ingredients. You can dine in the atmospheric bar, warmed by a roaring log fire during the winter months or the charming restaurant, ideal for family and friends. There's also a breezy courtyard for warm summer evenings.

## Moreton Wine Merchants, Moreton-in-Marsh

Perfect for: wine tasting and sharing platters

An independent wine merchant and wine bar where you can purchase from their impressive range of wines or enjoy a glass or two accompanied by one of the weekly-changing cheese and charcuterie boards.

## Blockley Cafe, Blockley

Perfect for: brunch, lunch and dinner

This exceptional café is fully licensed, offering great coffee, breakfast, lunch, and some truly delectable cakes. From Wednesday to Saturday the cafe is also open for evening meals – bookings for dinner are recommended.

## Daylesford Organic, Daylesford

Perfect for: brunch, lunch, dinner

The Trough Café is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and is the main dining room with high ceilings and an open kitchen. The Old Spot is open for breakfast and lunch. Menus are filled with home-grown, organically sourced produce. The Legbar is a relaxed and convivial space for drinks, nibbles and small plates and is open into the evening.

## The Fox Inn, Broadwell

Perfect for: lunch, dinner

The Fox Inn is a welcoming, dog-friendly country pub on the green in the village of Broadwell. The pub serves real ale, good pub food and has a large outdoor beer garden with outdoor dining as well.

## Kingham Plough, Kingham

Perfect for: lunch and dinner

The Kingham Plough is a delightful Cotswold stone pub in the heart of the Evenlode Valley. The pub is renowned for championing local produce and suppliers and the daily changing menu features fresh, seasonal ingredients.

## Cotswold Barn, Longborough

Perfect for: breakfast, lunch, and cakes

The Cotswold Barn is a delightful destination experience with a farm shop and café. The menu features an abundance of local produce including free-range eggs, salad and homemade quiche and sandwiches.

## Michaels Mediterranean Restaurant, Chipping Campden

Perfect for: brunch, light lunches, and dinner

A friendly Mediterranean restaurant with a pretty terrace for alfresco dining when the weather is kind. The menu is a mix of traditional and modern Mediterranean and includes sharing mezze platters. Booking is recommended for dinner.



## Cotswold Explorers:

### Chastleton House, Chastleton

Thought to date back to 1607, Chastleton is a Jacobean country house and a time capsule of the last 400 years. The house remained within the same family for much of its existence and with little intrusion from the modern era. You truly feel like you are walking back through time.

### Sezincote House & Garden, Sezincote

This traditional, family run estate sits in 3,500 acres of beautiful Cotswold countryside but at its heart you'll find a 200-year-old Mogul-inspired Indian palace topped with a Verdigris-hued onion dome. Romantic gardens are filled with temples, waterfalls, and grottos, evocative of a Moghul paradise garden.

### Snowhill Manor and Garden, Snowhill

Managed by the National Trust, Snowhill is the eclectic home of Charles Wade. He was an architect and artist with a passion for the unusual. His collections are quirky and avant-garde and as you wander through the atmospheric rooms, you'll find thousands of objects from the tiniest of toys to genuine Samurai armour.

### Hidcote Manor Garden, Hidcote

This Arts and Craft-inspired garden, is part of the National Trust and full of surprises. There is plenty for both young and old to explore with a maze of narrow pathways, secret gardens, and wilderness areas. There are some tranquil spots too and you might spot woodpeckers and buzzards soaring high overhead.

## Bourton-on-the-Water

This picture-postcard village lies offers a wealth of attractions including Birdland Park and Gardens, the Model Village, Dragonfly Maze, and the Cotswold Motoring Museum. Wander alongside the riverside walk, as the River Windrush flows through the centre of the village, before refuelling with a cream tea in one of the lovely independent cafes.

## Wellington Aviation Museum

An independent museum that is an invaluable record of how WWII impacted this small, market town. The extensive collection is the result of one man's passion and pride at having served in the Royal Air Force and is a treasure trove of RAF memorabilia and aviation art.

Over the August bank holiday don't be alarmed if you see a game of football taking place in the middle of the river in Bourton-on-the-Water!

# Ultimate Days Out for the Family:

## Fairytale Farm, Chipping Norton

Divided into six zones, including Huff and Puff, Enchanted Walk, and Fairy Dell, Fairytale Farm has something to keep the whole family entertained. With animals including pigs, goats, ponies, lambs, chickens, rabbits, and alpacas, as well as an adventure playground, Fairytale Farm has enough to do to keep children occupied for hours. What's more, because they're having so much fun, it won't feel like learning at all!

## Crocodiles of the World, Burford

Dedicated to the conservation of these much-maligned creatures, you'll be able to see 17 of the 24 species currently found in the world including fresh and saltwater crocodiles, caiman, and alligators. For those who want to get even closer, there are wild keeper experiences for children and grownups alike.

## All Things Wild, Honeybourne

With a myriad of indoor and outdoor activities there is plenty to keep your little ones entertained. Meet the farm animals, go bug hunting, and ride the Dino Land Train, back to a land that time forgot where you can see Diplodocus, Triceratops, T-Rex, Stegosaurus and more in the Dino Field.

## Birdland Park & Gardens, Burford

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## Cotswold Falconry Centre, Batsford

Next door to Batsford you'll find the Cotswold Falconry Centre. Home to over 130 birds of 60 different species including vultures, falcons, eagles, and owls, it's also common to see the native birds in flight and there is always something different to see. There are daily flying displays and aviaries to explore.

## Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway, Toddington

The Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway (GWSR) is a steam and diesel heritage railway. Since 1981, the volunteers have restored over 10 miles of line, together with platforms, buildings, steam, and diesel locomotives and rolling stock. In addition to a scheduled service, GWR hosts a number of galas and enthusiasts' events throughout the year, including the ever-popular Santa Specials.

### **Did you know?**

The 16<sup>th</sup> century Curfew Tower was used to lock up local drunks. The bell was sound each night until the 1860s to remind people of the risk of fire at night!

## Relax and Revive:

### Bamford Wellness Spa, Kingham

Set on the Daylesford organic farm, Bamford Spa offers a holistic approach to relaxation and healing. A range of treatments use both modern and ancient techniques to fully relax the body and let the mind quiet. Classes are available and you can purchase access to The Spring wet spa.

### C-Side Spa, Cowley

The magnificent surroundings of Cowley Manor make the C-Side Spa a luxurious escape. After enjoying a treatment of your choice and a swim in the indoor or outdoor pool, wander the grounds where you will find natural springs and lakes.

### Dormy House Spa, Broadway

An award-winning spa just outside the heart of Broadway, a picturesque Cotswold location. You will find a menu of treatments, relaxed spa café and fitness suites alongside the candlelit infinity pool.

### Hatherley Manor Spa, Cheltenham

Take some time for yourself at Hatherley Manor Spa. A thermal suite lets you choose your favourite way to rejuvenate, or meditate in their tranquil relaxation room. Visit for a treatment and spend some time in the pool for a break away from life's stresses.

### Cotswold House Spa, Chipping Campden

Open for spa days or treatments, Cotswold House Spa also has a hair salon and nail bar on site. Found in the centre of Chipping Campden, combine your spa day with a stroll around the town.

## Ellenborough Park Spa, Cheltenham

The luxurious Ellenborough Park will not disappoint. Surrounded by countryside on the outskirts of Cheltenham you can enjoy the grounds after your favourite treatment or treat yourself to afternoon tea.

## The Elan Spa at The Greenway, Cheltenham

This oasis of calm is an ideal retreat to relax and unwind while on holiday in the Cotswolds. With a choice of day packages and mini spa days you will find something that will fit your needs perfectly.

## The Lygon Arms Spa, Broadway

The Lygon Arms on the main street in Broadway is a wonderful place to while away a few hours with a treatment before spending time relaxing and enjoying the peace and quiet on a lounge. The Lygon is also home to the James Martin Grill for a delicious meal.

## The Garden Spa at Minster Mill, Minster Lovell

Choose how you want to spend your time by booking either a spa day, a treatment, or add on use of the pool facilities. This space only allows eight users at a time, making it a truly relaxing experience.

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