

TOP 25 THINGS TO DO WITHIN 25 MINUTES OF COTSWOLD HOUSE



Cotswold House
Hotel & Spa

1. THE SPA AT COTSWOLD HOUSE

Estimated Travel Time – 1 minute (walk)!

Winner of the Laterooms Best Kept Secrets Award 2013 for Best Spa - the perfect place to unwind, relax and let the rest of the world slip away.

Admission: Free for residents at Cotswold House
Opening times: 8.30am-6.30pm Monday - Friday

2. WALK THE COTSWOLD WAY (OR PART OF IT!)

Starting Point – Opposite the tourist information centre

This delightful short walk leads you through the charmingly English market town of Chipping Campden, around shaded woodlands and past breathtaking views. A wonderful introduction to the Cotswolds, and a perfect start to the Cotswold Way.

3. THE OLD SILK MILL

Estimated Travel Time – 2 minutes

The Old Silk Mill is well known as the home of C. R. Ashbee's world renowned Guild of Handicraft which occupied the property from 1902 to 1908. Indeed, the Guild is still represented at the Old Silk Mill through Hart Goldsmiths and Silversmiths

Admission: Free of charge
Opening times: 10am to 5pm

4. VISIT ST JAMES CHURCH

Estimated Travel Time – 3 minutes

One of the most beautiful landmarks of Chipping Campden is the grand early perpendicular wool church of St James.

Admission: Free Entry
Opening times: Various – please check with reception

5. COURT BARN MUSEUM

Estimated Travel Time – 3 minutes

Talented artists, designers and craftspeople have worked in and around Chipping Campden and the north Cotswolds since the time of the Arts and Crafts movement in the early 20th century. The Museum celebrates their lives and skills.

Admission: £4.00 per adult
Opening times: April - September - Tues - Sun 10am – 5pm
October – March - Tues - Sun 10am – 4pm

6. HIDCOTE MANOR AND GARDENS

Estimated Travel Time – 10 minutes

Relax and unwind in one of the country's great gardens and experience for yourself the fulfilment of a quiet American's English fantasy.

Admission: £9.50 per adult
Opening times: Various – please check with reception

7. BROADWAY TOWER COUNTRY PARK

Estimated Travel Time – 10 minutes

A unique Capability Brown Folly Tower open to visitors wanting to experience great English heritage in an inspiring location.

Admission: £4.80 per adult
Opening times: 10am-5pm daily

8. MILL DENE GARDENS

Estimated Travel Time – 10 minutes

An English Country Garden full of fun and surprises which tells a romantic story of a young couple falling in love with each other and a beautiful Cotswold stone water mill.

Admission: £10.40 per adult for manor and gardens
Opening times: April - September, Wednesday to Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturday – 9pm - 2pm. Open specific dates in July and August only. Closed on Sundays and Mondays

9. KIFTSGATE COURT GARDENS

Estimated Travel Time – 11 minutes

The creation of three generations of women gardeners – these spectacular gardens are a must see in the spring and summer months in the Cotswolds.

Admission: £7.50 per adult
Opening times: April - September – generally open daily between 2pm and 6pm – closed Thursdays and Fridays

10. BOURTON HOUSE GARDEN

Estimated Travel Time – 12 minutes

Beautiful Cotswold stone buildings accompanied by beautifully restored Cotswold gardens, Bourton House Garden is known as one of the Cotswolds Best Kept Secrets!

Admission: £6.00 per adult
Opening times: April - October, Wednesdays Thursday and Fridays only 10am - 5pm

11. COTSWOLD FALCONRY CENTRE

Estimated Travel Time – 12 minutes

Witness the fantastic demonstrations and the many free flying birds of prey soaring overhead. Different displays throughout the whole day.

Admission: £8.00 per adult
Opening times: Daily from 10.30am

12. SNOWHILL MANOR AND GARDENS

Estimated Travel Time – 14 minutes

A beautiful Cotswold manor set in hillside gardens; a fanciful world filled with unlikely treasures.

Admission: £10.40 per adult for manor and gardens
Opening times: April - September – generally open daily between 12pm - 5pm – closed Tuesdays

13. BATSFORD ARBORETUM

Estimated Travel Time – 16 minutes

Batsford Arboretum is a 55-acre Victorian arboretum and botanical garden which is great to visit at any time of the year but best in Spring and Autumn.

Admission: £7.00 per adult
Opening times: 10am - 4.45pm daily

14. SEZINCOTE HOUSE AND GARDENS

Estimated Travel Time – 17 minutes

Sezincote is a unique and extraordinary Indian house set amidst the Cotswold Hills. The house is set within a romantic water garden – a fine example of the picturesque style – with pools, waterfalls, a grotto and a temple to the Hindu Sun God.

Admission: £10.40 per adult for manor and gardens
Opening times: Garden - January – November, Thursdays, Fridays and Bank Holidays Mondays 2pm - 6pm

House – May – September – Thursdays, Fridays and Bank Holidays Mondays 2.30pm - 5.30pm on Sundays and Mondays

15. REGAL CINEMA EVESHAM

Estimated Travel Time – 19 minutes

The closest cinema to Chipping Campden, the restored art-deco style building is not like a normal cinema - watch films sat at candlelit tables on the ground floor or snuggle up in the double love seats, regular seats or one of the four Royal Boxes in the circle.

Admission: From £10 per adult
Opening times: Various – please check with reception

16. TAKE A CRUISE ON THE RIVER IN STRATFORD UPON AVON

Estimated Travel Time – 21 minutes

Sit back and relax as you enjoy the glorious Warwickshire countryside from a wide-beam open cruiser or heated modern cruiser or try the restaurant cruiser the 'Countess of Evesham' or hire a rowing boat and travel at your leisure.

Prices & availability: Various – please check with reception

17. STRATFORD BUTTERFLY FARM

Estimated Travel Time – 21 minutes

Enjoy the unique pleasure of watching hundreds of the world's most spectacular and colourful butterflies flying all around. You can see them feeding and flying in a wonderful tropical environment.

Admission: £6.25 per adult
Opening Times: 10am - 5pm daily except Christmas Day

18. COTSWOLD FARM PARK

Estimated Travel Time – 21 minutes

A delightful Cotswold experience – founded 40 years ago to help protect some of the rare and valuable historic farming breeds, here there is something for everyone.

Admission: £8.50 per adult
Opening times: March - December 10.30am - 4pm daily

19. VISIT SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE IN STRATFORD UPON AVON

Estimated Travel Time – 22 minutes

This is where the Shakespeare story began. Shakespeare's Birthplace has been welcoming visitors for over 250 years. William Shakespeare was born, grew up and he played here. For millions of Shakespeare enthusiasts worldwide, the house is a shrine.

Admission: From £14.95 per adult
Opening times: November - March – 10am – 4pm daily, April - October – 9am - 5pm daily

20. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE

Estimated Travel Time – 22 minutes

RSC is one of the world's best known theatre companies, connecting people with Shakespeare and producing bold, ambitious work with living writers, actors and artists.

Admission: Various prices dependant on show
Opening Times: Various show times

21. CHASTLETON HOUSE

Estimated Travel Time – 23 minutes

A rare gem of a Jacobean country house, Chastleton House was built between 1607 and 1612 by a prosperous wool merchant as an impressive statement of wealth and power.

Admission: £8.50 per adult for house and garden
Opening Times: April - October – generally open daily between 1pm and 5pm – closed Mondays and Tuesdays

22. ANN HATHAWAY'S COTTAGE AND GARDENS

Estimated Travel Time – 24 minutes

Discover where the young William Shakespeare courted his future bride Anne Hathaway at her picturesque family home.

Admission: £9.00 per adult
Opening Times: November - March – 10am – 4pm daily, April-October – 9am - 5pm daily

23. BIRDLAND PARK AND GARDENS

Estimated Travel Time – 24 minutes

Birdland Park and Gardens is a beautiful setting in the Cotswold Village of Bourton on the Water. Discover a world of birds, a riot of colour and beautiful riverside walks, gardens and nature reserve.

Admission: £8.95 per adult
Opening Times: 10am - 4pm daily. Open until 6pm from Easter to October

24. COTSWOLD MOTORING MUSEUM

Estimated Travel Time – 24 minutes

The Motoring Museum is overflowing with vintage car collections, classic cars and motorcycles, caravans, original enamel signs and an intriguing collection of motoring curiosities. It is a genuinely captivating experience and a fun day out at Bourton on the Water in the Cotswolds.

Admission: £4.75 per adult
Opening Times: February – October 10am – 6pm daily

25. THE MODEL VILLAGE BOURTON ON THE WATER

Estimated Travel Time – 25 minutes

The Model Village is a one-ninth scale replica of the heart of the beautiful Cotswold village of Bourton-on-the-Water, containing all the buildings from the Old Water Mill (now the Car Museum) down to the Old New Inn and the ford.

Admission: £3.60 per adult
Opening Times: Summer 10am to 6pm, Winter 10am to 4pm

*Estimated Travel Time is by car only and may vary