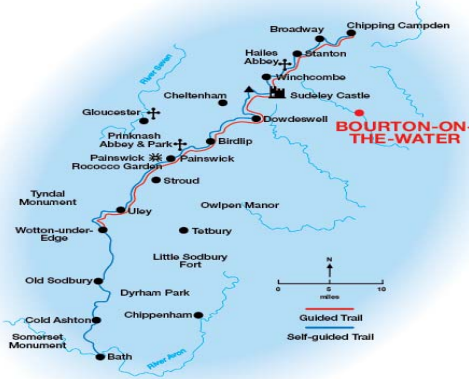


## ENGLAND – THE COTSWOLD WAY

7-day / 6-night or 12-days / 11-nights easy to moderate inn-to-inn trail, self guided walking



**The Cotswold Way** provides the heart of England's most pastoral rural scenery with medieval churches, country manor houses and estates, sites of antiquity and Roman forts and villas. This is quintessential England, with carefully preserved traditional stone cottages, handsome country homes, hills and cornfields, woods and valleys.

Our self guided walking holidays here are perfect for beginners and serious walkers alike, allowing you to discover this most English of landscapes. There are village-to-village walks as well as delightful paths through woodlands, beside farm pastures and grazing meadows and across the Cotswold plateau. Walk through lush green meadows, past hills and along ancient trails, traditional pubs and market towns. Explore the Cotswold Way National Trail.

We offer a 12-day / 11-night self guided walk from Chipping Campden, wandering along the western escarpment of the Cotswolds to the historical city of Bath. For those with limited time we also offer The Cotswold Way in two halves – North and South.

Departure dates for 2012 – Available all year round	No. of nights	Price Per person (twin share)
<b>Complete Trail:</b> The Cotswolds Way – Chipping Campden to Bath	11	<b>AU\$1550</b>
<b>North Trail:</b> Chipping Campden to Painswick	6	<b>AU\$845</b>
<b>South Trail:</b> Painswick to Bath	6	<b>AU\$940</b>

Single supplements are on request – limited availability on this walk

### Holiday highlights:

- Enchanting Cotswold villages and market towns; unique in their appearance
- Visit nearby Chipping Campden, Stow-on-the-Wold and Broadway, all built from golden Cotswold stone
- Only two hours from London; easy to reach from most centres
- Far reaching views across the Severn Valley from the Cotswold escarpment
- Picture-postcard village of Painswick
- Visit the elegant city of Bath and stop at many sites of interest including Rococco Gardens, Prinknash Abbey, Dyrham Park and Studeley Castle

**Tour includes:** 7-nights in comfortable guesthouses or hotels on or near the route with breakfast daily, route notes & maps, luggage transfers & local transport on walking days.

**Walking Grade:** Easy to moderate walking for 7-12½ miles and up to 1,600ft of ascent in a day. Walks follow good paths and tracks. Walking experience isn't necessary but some walks, particularly in hillier areas, may have sections over rough or steeper terrain.

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**North Trail** – Chipping Campden to Painswick - walking days 2 to 6

**South Trail** – Painswick to Bath - walking days 7 to 12

**Suggested 12-day / 11-night itinerary:**

**Day 1: Arrival day**

Make your own way to your first night's accommodation by mid-afternoon.

**Day 2: Chipping Campden to Stanton**

10 miles, 1400ft ascent and 1550ft descent

Today's walk offers panoramic views, passing Broadway Tower, and the pretty village of Broadway. Explore before continuing to the equally charming village of Stanton, where you will be picked up by taxi and taken to your accommodation.

**Day 3: Stanton to Winchcombe**

8 miles, 720ft ascent and 830ft descent

Return to Stanton to continue your walk. This part of the Cotswold Way takes you past Stanway House, famous for its late-renaissance architecture. Stop and explore the historic ruins of Hailes Abbey enroute, before continuing to Winchcombe, where you can visit the impressive Norman fortress of Sudley Castle.

**Day 4: Winchcombe to Dowdeswell Reservoir**

12.5 miles, 1550ft ascent and 1480ft descent

The trail continues through pretty countryside to the 4000-year-old burial mound of Belas Knapp Long Barrow. Enjoy the pleasant scenery and walk to Dowdeswell Reservoir, from where you will be picked up and taken to your accommodation.

**Day 5: Dowdeswell Reservoir to Birdlip**

9.5 miles, 1400ft ascent and 800ft descent

From Dowdeswell Reservoir continue past the Devil's Chimney, admiring distant views of Gloucester. Relax, with a break at the Air Balloon pub, before completing today's walk at Birdlip.

**Day 6: Birdlip to Painswick**

7 miles, 1100ft ascent and 1450ft descent

Entering Wincombe Wood, pass the remains of a Roman Villa and carry on to Cooper's Hill. Stop and enjoy the view before continuing towards Prinknash Abbey and Bird Park, and the idyllic village of Painswick.

**Day 7: Painswick to Uley Bury**

12 miles, 1750ft ascent

Begin today with a walk through the woods, and distant views of Gloucester Cathedral. Pass Stanley Woollen Mills, a reminder of the Cotswolds' wool making history, before reaching the remains of the Iron Age fort at Uley Bury.

**Day 8: Uley Bury to Wotton-under-Edge**

9.5 miles, 1515ft ascent

A few steep ascents and descents are rewarded by panoramic views. Walking through the village of Dursley, past the memorial built to honour the martyr William Tyndale, our walk finishes in the pretty village of Wotton-under-Edge.

**Day 9: Wotton-under-Edge to Old Sodbury**

12 miles, 1440ft ascent, 1270ft descent

Today's walk passes interesting Cotswold houses such as Horton Court, thought to be the oldest house along the trail. Continue along the Cotswold Way to another hill fort, before arriving at Old Sodbury.

**Day 10: Old Sodbury to Cold Ashton**

10.5 miles, 650ft ascent, 450ft descent

Walk through Doddington Park and on to Tormarton, where you can take a well-earned break in the traditional tea-room. Pass the impressive house and grounds of Dyrham Park, before ending the day in Cold Ashton.

### Day 11: Cold Ashton to Bath

10 miles, 510ft ascent, 1140ft descent

The last section of the Cotswold Way takes in some fantastic views and takes you over an English Civil War battleground. Your arrival in the stunning city of Bath marks the end of the Cotswold Way. Take a stroll around what has to be one of the most beautiful cities in Britain, and toast your success upon completing the trail.

### Day 12: Departure Day

Tour ends after breakfast

**Where you'll stay** - comfortable hotels, inns and guesthouses on or near the route. All accommodation includes breakfast. Locations may include Chipping Campden, Painswick, Wotton-under-Edge, Cold Ashton and Bath.

We offer en-suite rooms. On rare occasions when en-suite is not available, you will be consulted in advance. You may stay for one night or spend several nights at one guesthouse, and where necessary we will provide a pick up and drop off service for your day's walk.

Please note: due to bespoke nature of our self-guided trails, your accommodation is booked specifically to meet your holiday requirements. As a result, this may differ from the accommodation outlined below, but the pictures below will give you a good idea of the standards you should expect.

A full list of the hotels used on the holiday will be sent to you a couple of weeks prior to your holiday – here are some that we typically use – but of course they may change:



**Other walking holidays** – guided in small groups or self-guided (with inn-to-inn luggage transfers & meals) are available in many parts of the UK Ireland & Europe including the **Coast-to-Coast** trail, **St Cuthbert's Way** from Scotland into England; walks in the **Lake District**, Ireland's **Ring of Kerry**, the Dordogne or Provence in France or walks in Austria, Spain or Italy.

We also offer pilgrimage walks such as the **Way of St James** or **Camino De Santiago**, from Le Puy to Santiago, France to Spain or the **Via Francigena** – the pilgrims Road to Rome.

Contact **Outdoor Travel** or your travel agent for more details, travel brochures and reservations:

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