



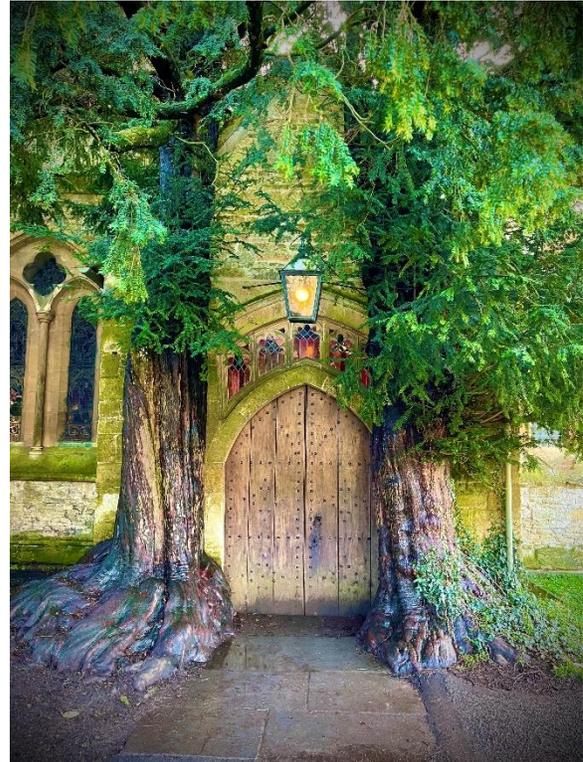
**Radiant-Moments LLC
Cotswolds 2023
A Fairy-Tale Adventure
September 6th thru September 15th 2023**

This fairy-tale adventure will take us to an area famed for its rolling hills and sweeping vistas. This beautiful corner of England has been brought to life on canvas by artists such as Gainsborough, Constable, and Turner, provided a backdrop for the fictional worlds of The Brontë Sisters and Jane Austen and even inspired the great poet, William Blake. Little wonder, then, that it is home to some of the prettiest towns and villages in the UK.

No matter where you are in the Cotswolds' villages, there's a distinct feeling time has stood still, with the landscape remaining unchanged for hundreds of years.

We will explore quintessentially English villages of honey-colored stone; take in splendid lively market towns; visit some of the country's greatest palaces, castles and country houses; marvel at the natural world in acclaimed reserves and at some of the most famous arboreta in Britain; walk through breath-taking landscapes along historic trails and frequent historic inns.

One of the delights of visiting the Cotswolds is exploring the different areas, each with its own identity, yet all with those defining Cotswold features: golden stone and rolling hills, the 'wolds'.





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Our journey will take us to the northern village of Chipping Campden via the Venice of the Cotswold's, Bourton on the Water, with the gently flowing River Windrush running through the center of the village and crossed by attractive little bridges.

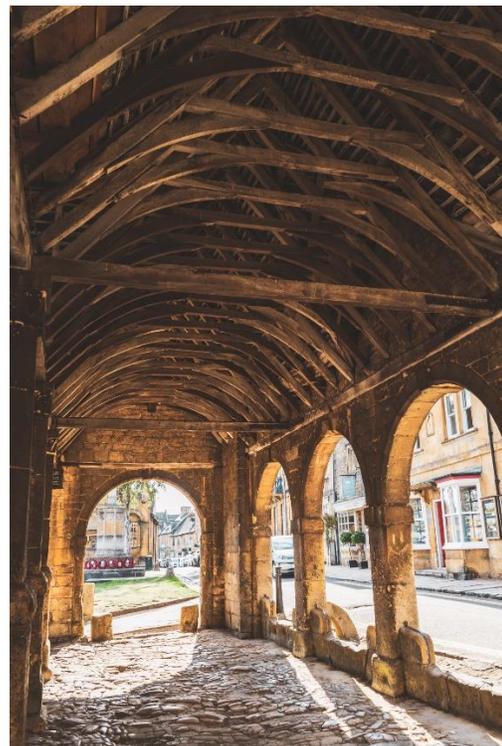


The beautiful village of Burford with its famous High Street sweeps downhill towards the River Windrush. Its three-arched medieval bridge and its impressive church, both sides of the street are flanked by an unbroken line of ancient houses and shops.



Upon arrival at our 16th century Coaching Inn, you will be able to explore Chipping Campden situated at the start of the national Cotswold's Trail. Chipping Campden is the quintessential Cotswold town with its buildings and old-time ambience having been preserved. No messy telegraph and power cables sully the attractiveness of the high street here.

Another of Chipping Campden's quirks (and attractions) is the huge variety of architectural styles that have endured through the centuries - from the 1627 National Trust Market Hall that looks like an Italian Renaissance loggia (but with Cotswold-style gables), to the dramatic Jacobean gatehouse to Campden Manor, also known as Old Campden House.





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From here we will explore all that the northern Cotswolds and, slightly beyond, have to offer including the home of William Shakespeare and one of the finest medieval castles anywhere, Warwick.

There's a little something for everyone here: history lovers can geek out over the sprawling history of this quaint market town, which still has its original 17th century market hall intact for nosy perusal.

Shoppers will be delighted to find an elegantly curved High Street in Chipping Campden with a lovely assortment of shops.

We will visit Stratford-Upon-Avon which is steeped in the history of its most famous resident, William Shakespeare. This Warwickshire country town contains the home where Shakespeare was born, the cottage where, his wife, Anne Hathaway, resided before their marriage, and his classroom and the church where the couple is buried.

Imagine, a totally electrifying day out at Britain's ultimate castle. You can immerse yourself in a thousand years of jaw-dropping history – come rain or shine. This is where ancient myths and spell-binding tales set your imagination alight, and your hair on end; where princesses are pampered and maidens are wooed, as winners become true heroes and losers are confined to dark, dank dungeons to be forgotten for eternity. It could only be Warwick Castle.





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The Cotswolds are also home to some of the finest gardens in England, like Cerney House Gardens, Broughton Grange Gardens, and the gardens at Highgrove House, the country home of King Charles.

King Charles has been redeveloping the gardens here since he bought the house in 1980 and the air is now filled with scents of wisteria, honeysuckle, jasmine and thyme. The royal has also created an experimental wildflower meadow of endangered native plants.

Highgrove is the private residence of Their Majesties, King Charles III and the Queen Consort, near Tetbury in Gloucestershire. Since 1980, when His Majesty The King first arrived at Highgrove, he has devoted much energy to transforming the gardens around the house, which are renowned as some of the most inspiring and innovative in the United Kingdom.

Westonbirt Arboretum is a remarkable place for people to enjoy and wander through the trees. Borne of a Victorian passion for plant collecting, around 15,000 trees from all over the globe now offer the perfect setting to escape, relax or have an adventure. Its 240 hectares (600 acres) were planted during an exciting period of plant hunting, when trees and shrubs from all over the globe were introduced to Britain. Unlike other arboretums, the landscape here was laid out aesthetically rather than in a botanical order, meaning Westonbirt Arboretum is truly one of the most beautiful tree gardens to be found anywhere in the world.





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Our magical journey will continue as we head to the “the prettiest village in England”. It's certainly one of the prettiest Cotswolds villages to visit. With no new houses built here since the 1600s, Castle Combe has a decidedly fairy-tale feel - honey-hued houses, a faceless 13th-century clock, a picture-perfect bridge over a babbling river. Little wonder, then, that it's long been used as a location for all manner of movies and TV shows, from Bridgerton and The Wolf Man, to Stardust and War Horse.

As for what to do in crazily quaint Castle Combe, after snapping an obligatory shot of the bridge, head up the street from Market Place and follow the footpath onto the woodland trail, then head back to Market Place to enjoy a well-earned pint in the most picturesque of surroundings. Take your pick from The White Hart or The Castle Inn, both of which also serve great grub.

You'll feel the magic of our home for the next 4 nights, The Manor House, before you even arrive. Feel the tingle of its magnetic energy on the long and winding drive that leads up to the idyllic 14th-century retreat. Wander through the stunning Italian gardens, take to the greens at the breath-taking 18-hole championship golf course, for the rolling landscapes and challenging holes. Or simply curl up with a book in one of our lounges and make your way to The Potting Shed for facials, massage, and blissful relaxation (don't worry, no garden tools are involved).



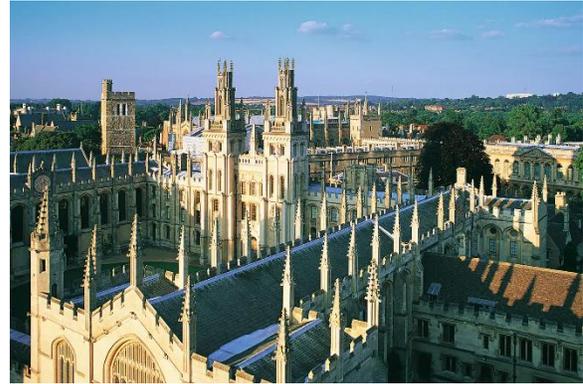


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Our time will include a visit to Oxford, among England’s most famous cities, with its ancient university, beautiful buildings and iconic “Dreaming Spires”. It’s renowned for the friendly and lively atmosphere which pervades every nook and alley of the pedestrianized city center. The parks and surrounding countryside have inspired many great writers, not least of which is Lewis Carroll – creator of *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*.

From the cluster of downtown streets where 600-year-old Universities spire up into the sky, to medieval towers that suddenly appear in the middle of a modern shopping street, and the small winding cobblestone alleyways that take you to hidden bars made for tiny people – history is around every turn!

During the 1930’s a small, unofficial club was formed in the intellectual hub of Oxford University. Every week, a group gathered to drink a few beers and discuss the latest adventures in worlds inhabited by lions, wizards, and hobbits, which were slowly materializing from the fertile imaginations of its most famous members: J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis. Thus the Inklings were formed and met at The Eagle & Child.





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We will also spend some time visiting the glorious city of Bath.

Since Roman times, the lovely Bath, constructed for pleasure and leisure, has been a well-being destination. The waters are still popular, both at the original Roman Baths and at the modern Thermae Bath Spa, which offers Britain's only natural thermal hot springs that may be bathed in. Bath's honey-colored Georgian architecture appears to have been plucked from a Jane Austen novel, with highlights including the iconic Royal Crescent and the magnificent Circus. Bath has an incredible museum and gallery collection. All well worth a visit.

We will take a tour through time and explore the only UK city designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll travel centuries in just a few steps. Visit the Roman Baths dating back to AD43 to see how our former settlers liked to unwind. Wander through the pages of one of Austen's classic novels as you stroll past mellow architectural masterpieces like the Royal Crescent and the Circus, or celebrate Bath's most famous resident at the Jane Austen Centre.

You won't have to look far to find things to do in Bath as the city is famously full of attractions and activities. In many ways, Bath hasn't changed much since the times of Georgian gentleman Ralph Allen and writer Jane Austen, both of whom fell under the spell of this city built for pleasure.





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We will also get the opportunity to explore the really ancient and mystical as we visit Avebury.

The Avebury complex is one of the principal ceremonial sites in Neolithic Britain that we can visit today. It was built and altered over many centuries from around 2850 BC until about 2200 BC and is one of the largest, and undoubtedly the most complex, of Britain's surviving Neolithic henge monuments.

This is a place of great spirituality that you will have the chance to feel as we wander through this wonder of the ancient world.

I know of no other place where we can be with the ancient and have lunch and a pint in a pub inside a stone circle.

All in all, the Cotswolds is also richly rural: more than 3,000 miles of footpaths and bridleways to explore, ancient woodlands and wildflower meadows, and 4,000 miles of historic Cotswold stone walls dividing up the landscape.

Unsurprisingly, this landscape provides a rich harvest of food and drink with local cheeses, meats and drinks appearing prominently on the menus of the gastro pubs, old inns, colorful cafes and fine dining restaurants scattered generously across the region.





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Your trip includes:

All ground transportation

All accommodations

All breakfasts

Guided Hikes

Ancient Sites



Visits to:

Highgrove House

Shakespeare Country

Roman Baths

Avebury Stones

Oxford and her Colleges

Warwick Castle

Westonbirt Arboretum

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