



## PRIVATE GUIDED COTSWOLD DAY WALKS WITH UPLAND ESCAPES

The times given are estimates – you will be dictating the pace - and represent the time spent actually walking – as opposed to visiting a village, admiring a church, picnicking or taking refreshment in a pub – so the total length of the outing will depend on you!

### The Slaughters and Bourton-on-the-Water

**SHORT WALK 1**                      2.2 miles, 1 hour                      Circular – start/end Upper/Lower Slaughter  
A loop linking Lower and Upper Slaughter along the banks of the charming river Eye, and climbing the side of the valley above these most picturesque Cotswold villages.

**SHORT WALK 2**                      5 miles, 2 ½ hours                      Circular – start/end Bourton or the Slaughters  
Visit Lower and Upper Slaughter and Bourton-on-the-Water, walking beside the rivers Eye and Windrush as well as crossing the 'wold' (hill) that divides the valleys.

**WALK 3**                                      6 miles, 3 hours                      Circular – start/end Upper/Lower Slaughter or  
7.6 miles, 3 ¾ hours                      Circular – start/end Bourton or the Slaughters  
From the Slaughters join the young River Windrush at the site of the former medieval village of Harford, and follow it downstream through meadows and woods. Lunch is available at one of the elegant hotels at the Slaughters.

**WALK 4**                                      8.8 miles, 4½ hours                      Circular – start/end Upper/Lower Slaughter or  
10.4 miles, 5 ¼ hours                      Circular – start/end Bourton or the Slaughters  
Classic Cotswold walking, along beautiful river valleys and over gentle hills with long views of woods and fields. We pass through the Slaughters to reach Naunton, with its rare historic dovecote, where lunch is available at the Black Horse pub.

### Stow-on-the-Wold

**SHORT WALK 1**                      A - 4.2 miles, 2 hours                      Circular – start/end Stow or Fosse Manor or  
B - 5.2 miles, 2 ½ hrs                      Circular – start/end Stow or Fosse Manor  
Descend from Stow's hill ('wold') to the pretty village of Upper Swell, then follow the valley of the river Dikler to Lower Swell and a mill beyond, before returning to Stow. Lunch is available at the Golden Ball Inn in Lower Swell. This walk can be extended by visiting charming Mangersbury.

**WALK 2**                                      A - 7.8 miles, 3 ¾ hrs                      Circular – start/end Stow or Fosse Manor or  
B - 10.3 miles, 5 ½ hrs                      Circular – start/end Stow or Fosse Manor  
Head north to Broadwell and Donnington villages, before passing the famous Donnington brewery and joining the Dikler valley to pass through the Swells and return to Stow. Lunch is available at the Golden Ball Inn in Lower Swell, or the Fox in Broadwell. This walk can be extended by visiting the charming villages of Longborough and Mangersbury.

**WALK 3**                                      9.4 miles, 4 ¾ hours                      Circular - start/end Stow or Fosse Manor or Wyck Hill House Hotel  
Walk south from Stow to visit the picturesque villages of Lower and Upper Slaughter on the banks of the river Eye, then climb Icomb Hill before returning to Stow via Mangersbury. Lunch is available at one of the elegant hotels in the Slaughters.

## Burford

SHORT WALK 1      4 miles, 2 ½ hours      Circular – start/end Burford

From Burford pass through Fulbrook before following a hill-top lane across country. A little valley leads down past the isolated church of Widford (the village around the church was wiped out by the Great Plague in the 14thC) to reach the banks of the River Windrush.

WALK 2      6.3 miles, 3 ½ hours      Circular – start/end Burford

This walk includes open fields, the woodland of Widley Copse, and the picturesque village of Swinbrook (where the Mitford girls lived and some are buried), before returning via Widford & the Windrush valley.

WALK 3      8.1 miles, 4 hours      One Way – start Minster Lovell, end Burford - Morning taxi required

This wonderful one way walk along the Windrush Valley begins near Minster Lovell Hall – the mysterious ruins of a 15th Century mansion, then follows the river, meandering to the villages of Asthall - where lunch is available at the Maytime Inn - and Swinbrook before passing the ancient church of Widford and arriving back in Burford.

WALK 4      9.1 miles, 4 ½ hours      Circular – start/end Burford

Follow the Windrush valley to Asthall, via Widford and Swinbrook, and then along the line of Akeman Street, a Roman road, towards Shilton with its village duck pond. For lunch there is the Maytime Inn at Asthall, the Swan at Swinbrook or the Rose & Crown at Shilton.

WALK 5      10.6 miles, 5 ½ hours      Circular – start/end Burford

Head south, passing through the lovely sister villages of Holwell and Westwell to reach Little and then Great Barrington, set either side of the Windrush, before following a tiny lane back along the valley. Lunch is available at the Fox Inn, by the Windrush at the Barringtons.

## Bibury

SHORT WALK 1      4.4 miles, 2 ½ hours      One way – start Calcot, end Bibury - Morning taxi transfer required

A 'one-way' outing, beginning in tiny Calcot and following the Coln river downstream through charming villages to arrive back at Bibury.

WALK 2      6.9 miles, 3 ½ hours      Circular – start/end Bibury

This circuit explores the beautiful Coln valley downstream of Bibury as far as Coln St Aldwyns. The New Inn at Coln offers lunch.

WALK 3      8.1 miles, 4 ½ hours      One way – start Chedworth, end Bibury - Morning taxi transfer required

With a starting point at Chedworth Roman Villa (one of the largest in the country) this 'one-way' walk crosses a wooded hill to descend into Chedworth, then follows a stream to the Coln River and returns on Walk 1 to Bibury. Lunch is available at the Fossebridge Inn.

WALK 4      10.3 miles, 5 ½ hours      Circular – start/end Bibury

This circuit crosses the grasslands of Ablington Downs to join the ancient trade route of the Saltway, following it over open country to Coln St Aldwyns – where the New Inn offers lunch. From there trace the river valley back to Bibury.

## Charlbury

SHORT WALK 1      5.3 miles, 2 ½ hours      Circular – start/end Charlbury village or railway station

Walk along the Evenlode valley to the little church at Shorthampton, with its ancient wall paintings, then cross the river to return on varied paths to Charlbury.

WALK 2      8.5 miles, 4 ½ hours      Circular – start/end Charlbury village or railway station

On this circuit continue beyond Shorthampton to Chilson, before following the banks of the Evenlode downstream. Leave the river to pass through Chadlington village – home of David Cameron - where the Tite Inn offers lunch, before the return to Charlbury.

WALK 3      11.3 miles, 6 hours      Circular – start/end Charlbury village or railway station

Walk through Charlbury to follow an ancient pathway to Stonesfield. Descending into the Evenlode valley we cross the little river before reaching the Roman Villa at North Leigh, then proceed through fields and past farms to the picturesque village of Ramsden, where the Royal Oak pub offers lunch. Return through Cornbury Deer Park.