

Places to Visit

One of the greatest attractions of Broadway is the easiest to get to: the village itself. Follow the footpath from the end of The Manor House gardens, cross Bunchers Brook and head towards St Michael and All Angels' Church. The famous High Street - perhaps the most beautiful in England - is a treasure trove of architectural detail that captures nearly 700 years of local history. Buildings of distinctive honey-coloured and well-weathered Cotswold stone (oolitic limestone) nestle along streets lined with mature horse chestnut trees.

The High Street stretches for almost a mile before rising sharply up Fish Hill towards Broadway Tower. You can browse the shops or simply while away the time admiring the buildings. There are many lovely buildings in the village, including 14th and 15th century ecclesiastical houses and the famous Lygon Arms hotel. Built in the 16th Century, this was once a manor house although it has been an inn or hotel for very many years. The hotel has the distinction of having played host to both Charles I and Oliver Cromwell, although at different times!

Here are some suggestions of places to visit during your stay:

- **The Almonry Heritage Centre**, Abbey Gate, Abbey Road, Evesham WR11 4BG. Tel (01386) 442348. Opening times Mondays to Saturdays 10am - 5pm, Sundays (March to October) 2pm - 5pm. Closed Christmas and New Year.
- **Broadway Tower**, Broadway WR12 7LB. Tel (01386) 852390.
- **Broadway Activity Park**, Broadway behind the Fire Station on the High Street – one of the largest play parks in the country. Ideal for families.
- **Cheltenham Museum & Art Gallery**, Clarence Street, Cheltenham GL50 3JT. Tel (01242) 237431.
- **Batsford Arboretum**, Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 9AB. Feb – Nov open daily from 10am. Last entry 4.45pm gates locked at 6pm. Dec & Jan open every day except Wednesdays and Christmas Day.
- **Blenheim Palace**, Woodstock, Oxfordshire OX20 1PX. Home to 11th Duke of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.
- **Chastleton House (NT)**, Moreton-in-Marsh, Oxfordshire GL56 0SU. Tel (01494) 755560 (Infoline). One of England's finest and most complete Jacobean houses. Restricted opening from Mar – Nov, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat only.
- **Cotswold Farm Park**, nr Guiting Power, Cheltenham GL54 5UG. Tel (01451) 850307.
- **Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens**, Burford OX18 4JW. Tel (01993) 823006. Set in 160 acres of beautiful parkland and gardens. The park is open every day except Christmas Day.
- **Coughton Court (NT)**, Alcester, Warwickshire B49 5JA. Tel (01789) 762435. Elizabethan family home of the Throckmortons, built around a Tudor gatehouse.

- **Court Barn Museum, Chipping Campden.** This Arts and Crafts museum celebrates the talented designers and craftspeople who have worked in Chipping Campden and the north Cotswolds since the beginning of the 20th century.
- **Croome Park (NT)**, Croome D'Abitot, WR8 9DW. Tel (01905) 371006. Magnificent Capability Brown landscaped park being restored to its former glory.
- **Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway**, The Railway Station, Toddington GL54 5DT. Tel (01242) 621405. Preserved steam and diesel heritage railway.
- **Gordon Russell Trust Museum**, Russell Square, Broadway. Tel (01386) 840208.
- **Hailes Abbey (English Heritage)**, Winchcombe, Cheltenham GL54 5PB. Tel (01242) 602398. Founded in 1246 and once a celebrated pilgrimage site, the Cistercian abbey now lies in ruins.
- **Hidcote Manor Garden (NT)**, Hidcote Bartrim, Near Chipping Campden GL55 6LR. Tel (01386) 438333.
- **Kiftsgate Court Gardens**, Chipping Campden GL55 6LN. Tel (01386) 438777.
- **Royal Shakespeare Theatre**, Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6BB. Tel (01789) 403444.
- **Snowhill Lavender**, Hill Barn Farm, Snowhill, Broadway WR12 7JY. Tel (01386) 854821.
- **Snowhill Manor (NT)**, Snowhill, Broadway WR12 7JU. Tel (01386) 852410. Arts & Crafts house home to Charles Paget Wade's extraordinary collection of craftsmanship and design.
- **Stanway House and Water Fountain**, Stanway House, Stanway GL54 5PQ. Tel (01386) 584469. Historic Jacobean manor house and gardens. Highest gravity fed fountain in Britain.
- **Sudeley Castle**, Winchcombe GL54 5JD.
- **Tewkesbury Abbey**, Church Street, Tewkesbury. Open Sundays: 7.30am - 7pm. Weekdays and Saturdays 7.30am - 6pm in the summer and 7.30am - 5.30pm in winter.
- **Warwick Castle**, Warwick CV34 4QU. Tel 0870 442 2371. The Castle is open every day (except Christmas Day). Last admission half an hour before closing. Opening times vary depending on the time of year – please telephone for details.

Day trips to Stratford-upon-Avon, Bath, Oxford, and the Forest of Dean are all worthwhile and London can be reached in around 2 hours by car.

Bus services run from the centre of the village to Cheltenham, Evesham, Stratford-upon-Avon and Moreton-in-Marsh connecting with train services to Oxford, London and Worcester, Malvern and Hereford.

There is a folder of bus timetables in the Laundry Room between Sheldon Cottage and Corner Cottage.