

# The Cotswolds: Exploring English Nature

Exclusive Access to Highlights & Hidden Corners of Britain's Classic Countryside





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### **Trip Details:**

**Days** 8 Days / Apr-Sep

Price From \$10295

Physical Requirements Easy to Moderate

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Sometimes, nature travel is more refined than rugged. That's true of our rural sojourn in the Cotswold Hills—it's filled with wild discoveries, yet decidedly genteel. On walks through ancient beech forest and wildflower meadows, along hedgerows and trout-filled streams, an idyllic tableau of traditional England awaits. Our focus is on native habitats, artisan agriculture and conservation in Britain's largest designated National Landscape. Explore hidden byways and unspoiled villages, with private tours of lavish gardens, an organic farm, gourmet picnics, and pints at local pubs that date back centuries. Enjoy exclusive access to Highgrove House Gardens on the royal estate of King Charles III, where a private tea awaits. In the evenings, Britain's finest country house hotels provide a luxurious retreat, renowned for historic architecture, bucolic settings and sustainable farm-to-table fare.

# **Trip Highlights**

Wander scenic footpaths through Britain's largest National Landscape, protecting ancient habitats, globally significant wetlands and rewilded farmlands

Discover picture-postcard villages and local pubs, and stay at historic luxury inns and manor houses set among peaceful gardens, meadows, brooks and woodlands

Enjoy exclusive experiences at grand estates, including King Charles' Highgrove House, lavish gardens and nature reserves, and falconry and sheep dog and demonstrations







### **Itinerary At A Glance**

#### Day 1

Oxford, United Kingdom—City Tour / Minster Lovell

#### Day 2

Bibury / Chedworth Roman Villa / Bampton / Windrush Valley Walk

#### Day 3

Wytham Woods Nature Reserve / Tetbury / Falconry Experience

#### Day 4

Highgrove House—Private Garden Tour / Westonbirt National Arboretum

#### Day 5

Slimbridge Wetland Center / Canal Cruise / Private Tour of Painswick Rococo Garden / Upper Slaughter

### Day 6

Dawn Chorus Walk / Honeydale Farm / Stow-on-the-Wold / Slaughters Walk

#### Day 7

Sheepdog Demonstration / Classic Cotswolds Walk / Private Tour of Hidcote Gardens

# The Cotswolds: Exploring English Nature Itinerary

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### Day 1: Oxford, United Kingdom—City Tour / Minster Lovell

Our Cotswolds sojourn begins this afternoon in Oxford with a guided walking tour of England's most famous university town. Admire the architecture and heritage of the 15th-century Bodleian Library and several of the colleges that comprise Oxford University, founded by King Henry VIII in 1546. Leaving Oxford, we head west into the heart of the Cotswolds. This rural region, whose name comes from the Old English "cot" for sheep enclosure and "wold," meaning hill —"sheep pens among rolling hills"—spans 800 square miles and is protected as Britain's largest National Landscape. Arrive at Minster Lovell, where a welcome dinner awaits at our inn. This perfectly preserved village of stone cottages with classic thatched roofs enjoys a romantic setting on the River Windrush.







### **Itinerary At A Glance**

Day 8 London / Depart

### Day 2: Bibury / Chedworth Roman Villa / Bampton / Windrush Valley Walk

A scenic drive on country lanes brings us to one of the most picturesque villages in the Cotswolds, Bibury on the River Coln, where we walk along Arlington Row with its stone weavers' cottages built in the 14th century. Continue to Chedworth Roman Villa where a specialist-guided tour reveals some of the most elaborate Roman antiquities in Britain. The site is preserved in the style of a Victorian archeological dig, and we'll see impressive Roman mosaics, bathhouse rooms, remnants of the steam heating system, and the Nymphaeum, still fed by water that filters through ancient Cotswold limestone. The hidden valley where Chedworth is located offers glorious countryside vistas, with fields hemmed by stands of poplar, chestnut, rowan and whitebeam. The area abounds in sheep, as it has for centuries, and numerous wildlife species inhabit the hedgerows. Raptor sightings are common, and we find scores of pheasants in season.

Next, we visit the charming village of Bampton, where many external scenes from Downton Abbey were filmed. Then, it's on to Burford, whose classic cottages sweep down a long hill to the River Windrush. The Windrush Valley is one of the prettiest walking destinations in the Cotswolds, and we follow an easy path leading through the postcard-perfect hamlets of Widford, Swinbrook and Asthall. In contrast to the Cotswolds' more heavily touristed towns, these are unspoiled villages that evoke the England of the imagination. The settings are quintessentially Cotswolds, with medieval churches, thatched cottages, cozy pubs, and stone bridges spanning the river. The scenery is as bucolic as it gets, with the trail skirting pastures filled with grazing sheep enclosed by dry stone walls. Expect abundant wildflowers in spring and summer, a rich palette of warm colors in autumn, and varied bird sightings along the way.





### Day 3: Wytham Woods Nature Reserve / Tetbury / Falconry Experience

Start the morning with a stroll to St. Kenelm's Church and the ruins of Minster Lovell Hall, a 15th-century Oxfordshire manor house along the River Windrush. Then we head to Wytham Woods Nature Reserve, owned and maintained by Oxford University since 1942 as a site for ecological research. We tour the "backyard natural laboratory" of the university with a private conservator who introduces us to its rich collection of flora and fauna, with more than 500 species of plants, 800 species of butterflies and moths, abundant birds and badgers, spring-fed peat fens, and a wealth of woodland habitats including ancient seminatural woodland dating to the last Ice Age and secondary woodland intact since the 17th century. Wytham Woods is among the most-studied woodlands in the world, and we learn about the history of research and conservation efforts during our visit.

After lunch, arrive at Chavenage House, a magnificent Elizabethan manor house built in 1576 and the centerpiece of a Gloucestershire country estate originally owned by Henry VIII. Here, we're met by a falconer for an interactive birds of prey experience. We'll meet several raptors—typically a hawk, owl, falcon and eagle—which we get to handle and watch fly as we learn about the history of British falconry. Afterward, continue to our hotel, a magnificent former 16th-century town house, in nearby Tetbury.

### Day 4: Highgrove House—Private Garden Tour / Westonbirt National Arboretum

This morning, we have a private guided tour of the gardens at Highgrove House, the country residence of HRH King Charles III, who is an ardent supporter of wildlife conservation and rural landscapes in Britain. Such was his love for the landscape, history and people of the Cotswolds that Charles chose to make this 1796 manor house his personal home. The gardens, more than 35 years in the making, reflect great diversity, from the genteel setting of the Sundial Garden to the unstructured beauty of the Wildflower Meadow.

After lunch at Highgrove, continue to Westonbirt National Arboretum, where you have a choice of a guided interpretive tour or free time to wander the woodlands and gardens. A vital location for research and conservation, Westonbirt holds one of the most beautiful and important plant collections in the world. Its more than 2,500 tree species include rare and intriguing flora from the furthest corners of the globe. The magnificent botanical collection got its start in 1829 by wealthy Victorian landowner Robert Holford, whose passion for nature and plants grew in tandem with the expansion of the British Empire, when naturalist explorers were bringing back new and exotic species from far-flung lands. Holford financed plant-collecting expeditions across the planet, and the arboretum still contains many of the original specimens brought back from these trips. Return to Tetbury to spend a second night. *Please note: On occasion, unexpected changes in the King's schedule may force us to alter or cancel our visit to Highgrove House and Gardens today, since it is his personal residence. When that is the case, we will try to go on another date, or we will substitute an alternate activity.* 





# Day 5: Slimbridge Wetland Center / Canal Cruise / Private Tour of Painswick Rococo Garden / Upper Slaughter

Today's visit to a globally important nature reserve offers a rich encounter with conservation leadership in action. Encompassing 650 acres of wetlands along the Severn Estuary, Slimbridge was established in 1946 by Sir Peter Scott, son of Antarctic explorer Captain Robert Scott. Seeking to protect the birds he loved and their habitat, he set up the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT) at Slimbridge as a center for science, conservation and public access to nature. Scott presented the BBC's first live television wildlife programs from Slimbridge, created the IUCN red list that measures whether species are threatened or endangered, and was founding chair of WWF, even drawing the original famous panda logo.

We are inspired by Sir Peter's vision as we explore Slimbridge, which he called the "avian Serengeti," given the vast number of wild birds that frequent this mosaic of reedbed, grazing marsh, ponds, pools and riverside flooded meadow. Migrating birds pass through in spring while hatchlings appear in early summer, including kingfishers and cranes. From summer warblers to autumn waders, the activity is lively no matter when we visit. The center also breeds rare and endangered birds that are later released to the wild in their native habitats. We learn why wetlands are crucial to the planet's survival, why they are endangered, and what we must do to preserve and restore them.

A special lunch is in store as we ply the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal aboard a wooden boat, with a hearty ploughman's picnic provided by the historic Black Shed restaurant. Afterward, enjoy a private horticultural walk through Painswick Rococo Garden, tucked into a hidden valley just off the Cotswold Way footpath that winds through the hills. Designed in the 1740s for the owner of Painswick House, it was restored in the 1980s to evoke its original sense of fanciful whimsy and joie de vivre. "Rococo" refers to a period of art fashionable in Europe in the 18th century, characterized by ornamental decoration. England's upper middle classes loved to show off their wealth by indulging in the flamboyant and frivolous, and gardens like this one were an elaborate entertainment space to delight their guests. Today, it is England's only surviving rococo garden. Highlights of our tour may include heritage roses, fiery day lilies, an orchid-filled wildflower meadow, and a focus on butterfly conservation. Continuing to the tiny hamlet of Upper Slaughter, we reach our luxurious country house hotel where we spend three nights.





### Day 6: Dawn Chorus Walk / Honeydale Farm / Stow-on-the-Wold / Slaughters Walk

Rise early for a "dawn chorus" bird walk with a local naturalist, who helps us identify the songbirds we hear as we greet the morning in one of the Cotswolds' most enchanting settings. The villages of Upper and Lower Slaughter have names that derive from the Saxon word *slothre* or *sloh*, meaning "slough" or "marshy place," rather than any grisly heritage. Connected by a peaceful mile walk along the River Eye, the villages look straight out of a fairytale with their tiny cottages, steepled churches, stone walls, trailing roses and picturesque old mill.

As we weave our way through the bucolic landscape, we'll observe how the traditional rural heritage of the Cotswolds has shaped the region over the centuries. More than 80% of these rolling hills is agricultural land. Nature here has been managed and conserved by the farming community, which continues its commitment to careful stewardship today. At Honeydale Farm, learn about sustainable agriculture in the Cotswolds. Committed to ecological farming and public education, the FarmED program on the 107-acre site seeks to reconnect people to the land in ways that will nourish them and the Earth both. Our private guided walking tour covers the heritage orchard, kitchen garden, meadows and woodland as we learn about natural flood management, regenerative agriculture, the micro dairy, and the heritage wheat the farm grows for artisan bread making.

Continue to Stow-on-the-Wold, the highest of the Cotswold villages, located atop an 800-foot-hill. The large Market Square testifies to the town's former importance as a wool-trading center during the Middle Ages. Surrounded by homes, shops, antique vendors, tea rooms and inns, all built of famous honey-colored local stone, it has been the focus of town life over many centuries. From Stow-on-the Wold, we follow a footpath to the village of Lower Slaughter this afternoon. This evening, enjoy a dinner featuring local farm-to-table fare at an inviting country inn.





# Day 7: Sheepdog Demonstration / Classic Cotswolds Walk / Private Tour of Hidcote Gardens

Start today with a live sheepdog demonstration at Mickleton Farm, where we learn about the communication between the dogs and their handlers and witness the incredible way the sheep respond to the dogs' movements. Next, we take a countryside hike, and our Expedition Leader will choose among several appealing options. We may explore a portion of the Cotswold Way, a 102-mile national long-distance walking trail connecting Chipping Campden to Bath, passing fields of grazing sheep as we go, with lambs frolicking in season or wild lavender growing. Alternatively, we may start at Broadway Tower, rising atop a beacon hill that is one of the highest points in the Cotswolds, with a view into 16 counties. From the tower base we follow an ancient trade route down Fish Hill, where the Cotswold Escarpment drops off into the Vale of Evesham, making our way down to the town of Broadway, known as the Jewel of the Cotswolds and noted for its antique shops, tea rooms and twee cafes.

Then it's on to Hidcote Gardens for a private tour of this National Trust property regarded as one of the finest displays of flora in England. Hidcote's designer, Lawrence Johnstone, sourced plants for the gardens from around the world and donated the site to the National Trust in 1948—making it the first of many significant British gardens the Trust would acquire. This evening, a festive farewell dinner awaits as we gather together one last time.

### Day 8: London / Depart

An early morning transfer is included to London's Heathrow Airport, about a two-hour drive for those who are returning home or headed to other travels. If you choose to remain in the region for further exploration on your own, you can leave any time before checkout from Upper Slaughter—consider a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Blenheim Palace, Sudeley Castle, the Roman city of Bath, and Shakespeare's childhood home of Stratford-upon-Avon—all are nearby.

**Please note:** While all activities listed on our itinerary will be included, some may take place on days or times that are different from what is shown, depending on local schedules.



### **Accommodation Details:**

The Old Swan

The Close Hotel

Lords of the Manor

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/europe/cotswolds-england-nature-tour/accommodations

# The Cotswolds: Exploring English Nature Accommodations

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#### The Old Swan

The epitome of an English country inn, The Old Swan exudes the cozy essence of the Cotswolds, built in 1445 of timber frame and stucco with a steeply pitched slate roof, mullioned windows, and covered in vines.



### The Close Hotel

This wisteria-draped former 16th-century stone townhouse is set on the bustling Long Street among boutique and antique shops, but its walled garden, thick walls and inviting spaces create a quiet refuge that is equal parts country house and modern chic.



### Lords of the Manor

This family-owned 17th-century country house inn offers refined hospitality in one of England's most unspoiled and attractive tiny villages, set among eight acres of gardens along the tranquil River Eye.









# Why Choose Nat Hab for the Cotswolds?

The Cotswold Hills, famous for their natural landscapes interwoven with villages of golden limestone, exuberant gardens, small organic farms and grand country estates, embody a vision of rural England that's rarely realized in contemporary times. While this is nature travel of a different sort from an African safari or an Arctic polar bear adventure, an immersion in a quieter natural beauty is also inspiring—and also at risk—as the reach of the urban world grows ever greater. We've gone to great lengths to share the delights of the Cotswolds in the singular manner you've come to expect from Nat Hab:

### 1 Explore One of Britain's Most Treasured Natural Landscapes in Depth

Though the population of the Cotswolds is small, it's a popular tourist destination. Most visitors come for just a day, often on a coach tour from London or Oxford, racing from one packed town to the next. In contrast, we've created a peaceful, personalized experience. Our wide-ranging itinerary features lesser-known places and interactions that reveal the true natural beauty of the Cotswolds, along with a more private take on famed highlights you wouldn't want to miss.

A Focus on Nature & Conservation

If you're inspired by examples of conserving nature and rural vistas amid human presence (after all, there have been people living, farming and working in the Cotswolds for 6,000 years), this trip is for you. Local families and the national government alike are dedicated to preserving and restoring these irreplaceable landscapes, which we discover on footpaths and scenic byways. In addition to admiring classic architecture and glorious gardens, we explore nature reserves of ancient hardwood forest, wildflower meadows, marshes, streams and hedgerows, occasionally encountering local wildlife whose presence is often subtle. We also witness the wonder of "rewilding," inspired by local efforts to return hard-worked terrain to its natural state.

Private Tours & Exclusive Access for a Personalized Experience

A hallmark of our itinerary is the exceptional number of private experiences we've arranged. You won't be held up in long queues or bumping shoulders with dozens of other visitors at the Cotswolds' most acclaimed sites. Enjoy private tours of Hidcote and Painswick gardens and the royal gardens at Highgrove House; a private conservator-led tour of Wytham Woods, the natural ecology laboratory of Oxford University; a private canal cruise; private falconry experience; and other behind-the-scenes activities featuring private presentations with local experts. We don't think you'll find anywhere near this privileged access on another trip!





A Small Group Allows Access to Less-Visited Destinations

With only 12 travelers (14 in 2025), we can navigate narrow country roads and one-vehicle lanes hemmed by hedgerows, which are off limits to motorcoaches. We thus get to places others can't, including tiny villages that exude all the charm you expect in the Cotswolds, plus local pubs and family farms that can't accommodate bus tours. We're also able to stay in intimate inns with personalized service.

A Dedicated Expedition Leader—Plus Local Experts for Superlative Interpretation

You'll benefit from the exceptional attention and flexibility from start to finish that only a Nat Hab Expedition Leader can provide. Our guides are a font of knowledge about the natural and cultural history of the Cotswolds, including conservation commitments that are central to preserving the landscape and way of life that make this area unique. Local experts also lend detail and insight to augment your experience. From organic farmers and gardeners to bird conservationists and cheese makers, the specialist guides who join us add to your appreciation for the region, its nature and its people.

Country House Hotels Offer Luxury, History & Hospitality

Nature travel isn't necessarily about the accommodations. But in the Cotswolds—on *our* itinerary—they are a highlight! We've selected several of the region's finest country house hotels, with centuries of history and the character to go with it. We stay in the most idyllic Cotswolds settings, with inns set in peaceful stone villages, surrounded by gardens, manicured lawns, rolling countryside and wild nature. All offer elegant guest rooms and amenities, with dining rooms managed by award-winning chefs who tap local purveyors for the finest and freshest ingredients.

Farm-to-Table Food Culture Offers Outstanding Local Fare

There is a big emphasis in the Cotswolds on "field to fork" food: local, organic artisan production of cheese, cream, lamb, pork, trout, berries, honey, cider, ale and more. The inns and pubs where we take our meals source many of their ingredients from known local producers. We also visit a sustainable small farm or two to see how food is produced, including famous Single Gloucester cheese. For nature lovers who are also foodies, this trip won't disappoint!

**Q** Outstanding Naturalist Expedition Leaders

We're known for the quality of our guides, and you'll find that the leadership on this trip is no exception! With a deep knowledge of England's diverse ecosystems, your Expedition Leader enhances your adventure in a way that makes you feel safe, cared for and enlightened. **Read our Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.





Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures a Rewarding Experience

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you get our exclusive guarantee, promising that we will meet the lofty expectations set in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most impressive guarantee made by any adventure travel company. for yourself!

10 Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel as well as the exceptional quality of our worldwide adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!





# **Make It Private with Your Family or Friends**

Travel privately, exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. And when you choose a private departure, you're assured the most exclusive and authentic Cotswolds adventure on offer. Request your private departure by completing the form below.

Please note that on Cotswolds Make It Private departures we require a minimum group size of 6 travelers.

Also, please be aware that your per-person cost on a Make It Private trip will vary depending on the number of travelers in your group and may be as much as 10%-30% higher (ship-based trips may be even higher) than our normal trip cost unless you fill the trip.

This **Make It Private** option is available on nearly every Nat Hab trip for family and friend groups. Call an Adventure Specialist at 800-543-8917 or look for the "Make It Private" icon in the **pricing section** of a trip online at nathab.com to see prices based on your specific group size.



# Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices: From \$10295

**Group Size:** Limited to 14 Travelers

Physical Requirements: Easy to Moderate

# The Cotswolds: Exploring English Nature Dates, Pricing & Info

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### **2025 Departures**

Departure	Return	Notes
May 3, 2025	May 10, 2025	Pair with our Scotland trip*
May 10, 2025	May 17, 2025	
May 17, 2025	May 24, 2025	Pair with our Scotland trip*
May 31, 2025	Jun 7, 2025	Women's Journey   Pair with our Scotland trip*
Jun 14, 2025	Jun 21, 2025	Pair with our Scotland trip*
Jun 28, 2025	Jul 5, 2025	Habitat Club Pricing Available   Pair with our Scotland trip*
Jul 12, 2025	Jul 19, 2025	Pair with our Scotland trip*
Aug 30, 2025	Sep 6, 2025	Habitat Club Pricing Available
Sep 13, 2025	Sep 20, 2025	Pair with our Scotland trip*





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Departure	Return	Notes
Sep 27, 2025	Oct 4, 2025	Pair with our Scotland trip*

### **2026 Departures**

Departure	Return	Notes
Apr 29, 2026	May 6, 2026	Pair with our Scotland trip*
May 6, 2026	May 13, 2026	Pair with our Scotland trip*
May 13, 2026	May 20, 2026	Pair with our Scotland trip*
May 20, 2026	May 27, 2026	Pair with our Scotland trip*
May 27, 2026	Jun 3, 2026	Pair with our Scotland trip*
Jun 3, 2026	Jun 10, 2026	Pair with our Scotland trip*
Jun 10, 2026	Jun 17, 2026	Women's Journey   Pair with our Scotland trip*
Jun 17, 2026	Jun 24, 2026	Pair with our Scotland trip*
Jun 24, 2026	Jul 1, 2026	Pair with our Scotland trip*
Aug 26, 2026	Sep 2, 2026	Pair with our Scotland trip*
Sep 9, 2026	Sep 16, 2026	Pair with our Scotland trip*
Sep 23, 2026	Sep 30, 2026	Pair with our Scotland trip*





### **Pricing**

2025 Prices

Mouse over or tap dates above to view prices for specific departure dates.

> Trip Price \$9995 to \$10295



**Single Occupancy:** For a single room add \$1995. **Click here** to learn how you can avoid the single supplement.

**Deposit:** \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

**Make It Private: View pricing** to take this trip privately with just you and your select travel companions.

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars. **Please read our Payment & Refund Policy here.** 

#### 2026 Prices

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> Trip Price \$10795 to \$11095

**Single Occupancy:** For a single room add \$2495. **Click here** to learn how you can avoid the single supplement.

Deposit: \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

**Make It Private: View pricing** to take this trip privately with just you and your select travel companions.

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### Included

Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s) and local guides, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some gratuities, airport transfer for those arriving by air on Day 1 and on final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

### Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.





### **Physical Requirements**

#### Easy to Moderate

While this is not a hiking trip, country walks are an important feature of the itinerary, connecting our route between small villages with a leisurely paced immersion in nature and the rural countryside. Travelers must be able to walk up to 3 miles at a time and up to 5 miles over the course of day, with some optional opportunities for extended walks beyond these amounts for those interested. Our walks will take place on mostly flat terrain, though we will encounter some rolling hills and uneven ground which may sometimes be wet or soggy. On our walks, we may be required to step up and over a wooden stile—a low barrier that restrains livestock but permits human passage—requiring good knee and hip mobility. We will also be on our feet most of each day with activities that require walking such as hikes in nature and extended tours of gardens, historic estates, nature reserves, organic farms, etc. Days, while not hectic, are long and full, and sustained energy is necessary to participate fully.

On custom or private departures with smaller groups, our ability to accommodate varying levels of physical abilities or interests is limited, since these trips are staffed with a single Expedition Leader who may be assisted, pending availability, by local guides.

## **Important Information About This Trip**

This more refined nature adventure is especially for those who value and appreciate nature of all kinds, both vast wilderness where human presence is absent, and natural landscapes—like the Cotswolds—where humans have been part of the mix for 6,000 years, living in harmony and stewarding the land. For travelers who have a special interest in conservation, land trusts, historic preservation, reintroduction of native species, etc., the Cotswolds are like a living laboratory for observing this commitment in action. Garden aficionados will be in heaven on this trip. The Cotswolds' celebrated gardens, both grand and small-scale, are simply unsurpassed and we will enjoy private garden tours. And for those who appreciate fine food and drink, and distinctive accommodations steeped in history and local character, our trip showcases some of Britain's very best.

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# **Mandatory Insurance**

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.





# **Getting There & Getting Home**

Arrive in London no later than 11 am to arrive in Oxford in time for a 2 pm group orientation and walking tour. You are free to depart from London Heathrow any time after 11 am on the final day.

We can best serve you if our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk makes your reservations, as our staff is intimately familiar with the special requirements of this program and can arrange the most efficient travel. Please call us at 800-543-8917. Note that while we offer you the best possible rates available to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may find special web rates or better fares online.



### **Extension Details:**

Scotland's Wild Highlands & Islands \$11695

# **The Cotswolds: Exploring English Nature Extensions**

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### **Scotland's Wild Highlands & Islands**

Explore ragged coast and rugged mountains from the Outer Hebrides to Highland heights as we discover a land of lochs, whales, seabirds, wildflowers, granite islands and prehistoric cultures.

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