



Weekend in the Cotswolds

with

Bainton Bikes



About Us

Bainton Bikes & Walton Street Cycles

Kevin set up Bainton Bikes back in 2009. Starting out in a garage (on Bainton Road), he started stripping bikes, getting them powder coated and rebuilding them, before turning them into a 'Bainton Bike', made available for hire.

Starting out with 1 bike, then 2, there is now a fleet of over 1,000 hire bikes across Southern England, all of which Kevin has at one point built, or repaired.

A cyclist himself, Kevin has cycled across much of the UK, and has spent many hours poring over a map to work out the best way to connect some of the beautiful sights across the UK.

Alongside Kevin, there is now a small, specialist team, providing cycle holidays across the Cotswolds, southern England and Wales. We have been welcoming guests from around the globe for over ten years, and it is our pleasure to show our visitors the very best of the UK, in the very best way – by bike!

Based in the heart of Oxford, Walton Street Cycles celebrated its 50th year in 2025. From humble beginnings, Walton Street Cycles was born from a love of cycling and a vision to bring quality bikes and expert repairs to a city where two wheels are more than just transport, they're a way of life. As the years rolled by, Walton Street Cycles became more than just a bike shop - it became part of the fabric of Oxford, a trusted partner for riders of all ages and abilities. Now, its workshop of 15 mechanics not only supports local cyclists, but also services and maintains bikes for our holiday guests.





Our *Weekend in the Cotswolds* is the perfect break for those with just a few days, or those looking to try out a cycling holiday for the first time. This two day, three night self-guided trip can be taken any days of the week - it doesn't have to be over a weekend - pick the days you prefer.

Staying in Moreton-in-Marsh, you'll have two unique days of exploring the nearby area, starting and ending from your base in this pretty, Cotswold town.

Your cycling adventure will take you through the beautiful Cotswolds landscape to explore the local area. You'll enjoy glorious views, historical buildings and, of course, a whole host of culinary delights.



Day 1

Heading North



Today we venture north from Moreton-in-Marsh passing through some of the prettiest towns and villages in the Cotswolds. In the morning, you'll enjoy panoramic views as you cycle through Bourton-on-the-Hill, with the opportunity to explore Batsford Arboretum and Sezincote House. Meandering through the quiet countryside, you'll reach Snowhill, where you can stop to visit Snowhill Manor and Gardens.

Next, you head to Broadway, where you can stop to explore the independent shops, enjoy some lunch before we climb to the nearby Broadway Tower, a hilltop folly with breath taking panoramas stretching across 16 counties.

As you continue your journey, there are plenty of places to stop and enjoy a drink and a treat. You'll see some beautiful Cotswolds towns, including Chipping Campden, Broad Campden and Blockley before arriving back into Moreton-in-Marsh for a well-earned drink from the restaurant bar!



Batsford Arboretum



Sezincote House



Snowhill Manor & Gardens



Cotswold Lavender



Broadway village and
Broadway Tower



Chipping Campden

Day 2

Heading South

Today's route heads south exploring the rural side of the Cotswolds.

You'll cycle past the Rollright Stones before heading to the town of Hook Norton, which is home to a Victorian Brewery. Here you can visit and take a guided tour of the brewery and sample the locally made ales. During the visit you may see the famous brewery dray horses as they continue an age old tradition of delivering produce to the nearby taverns. There is the option to miss the detour to the brewery if you'd like a shorter day.

For lunch we arrive in Chipping Norton, known as the 'Gateway to the Cotswolds'. There are plenty of shops, pubs, restaurants and cafes. In the afternoon, we head to the village of Kingham and the award-winning Daylesford Organic, a farm shop, café and deli. We end the day riding off-road through the countryside in Adlestrop Manor grounds and back into Moreton-in-Marsh.



The Rollright Stones



Hook Norton Brewery



Kingham Plough/The Wild Rabbit



Daylesford Organic

Route Overview

3 nights, 2 days cycling,
self-guided

Day 1

Distance: 36 miles/58km

Elevation: 2441 ft/744m

Difficulty: Medium

Day 2

Distance: 27 miles/33 miles /
43/53km

Elevation: 1400/1800 ft /426m
or 548m

Difficulty: Medium

On this trip, you will see some of the very best of the English countryside, winding through a landscape of rolling hills, honey-coloured stone villages and quiet country lanes.

As you pass through Cotswold towns and villages, take a break at a traditional tearooms for a slice of cake or a pot of tea.

Undulating hills lead to stunning views, with plenty of opportunities to pause, explore and enjoy.

Touring, gravel or electric bikes are available for this cycling holiday.

Key Information

Your safety and comfort is our priority. Our fleet of high quality bikes, and our dedicated workshop ensure all bikes are fully serviced.

We take time and care to fit your bikes to you personally, and are always on-hand to help with any queries or adjustments.

Touring bikes are available as standard for this trip. Electric bikes are also available*.

*supplement price for electric bike.

BIKES & EQUIPMENT:

Our standard bikes are lightweight aluminium touring bikes fitted with hydraulic disc brakes, short travel suspension, phone holders, water bottle cages, mudguards, rear rack and lights.

We also provide the following equipment as standard: Ortlieb pannier bags, Altura rack pack (containing basic tool kit with pump, inner tubes etc), and power banks.

ROUTE, ACCOMMODATION & PLANNING:

- Fully serviced bikes
- High standard hotel accommodation - always ensuite and including breakfast
- Safe, secure luggage transfers
- Route and travel guide within dedicated GPS App
- Welcome pack delivered to your hotel with detailed travel information for your route including points of interest, restaurants, cafes etc
- Meet & greet - in-person welcome meeting to fit you to your bikes and ensure you are all set to start your holiday



Booking Information

We would be delighted to welcome you on this cycling trip.

For further information or to book your trip, please email us at holidays@baintonbikes.com. Please include the following information:

- Preferred dates for your trip
- The number of guests, and how you will be allocated across rooms (single, double, twin)
- Your heights - so we can reserve the best bike for you
- Your choice of touring or electric bike

As an independent company, we provide a bespoke service and do our very best to accommodate any preferences our guests have - so please don't hesitate to let us know of any requirements before you book.

BEST TIMES TO VISIT:

All of our holiday routes and self-guided tours have built, tried and tested by our team. While the area is beautiful all year round, the following information might help you decide when is best for your trip:

MARCH - MAY

During spring, the days are getting longer (it is light until around 8pm when British Summer Time begins at the end of March). Spring flowers will be in bloom and temperatures range from an average high of around 12°C (March and April) to around 20°C in May. Weather can be changeable - bring layers and waterproofs.

JUNE - AUGUST

British summer time brings long, warm days (average highs around mid-20s°C). The countryside will be green and summer flowers will be in bloom. Expect blue skies and sunshine - but also be prepared for showers and cooler spells or cooler mornings/evenings.

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

While September can still be summery, mornings and evenings are cooler and the light fades sooner (7pm by the end of the month). Autumn in the Cotswolds is beautiful with leaves changing from green to golden shades of yellows and reds. Bring waterproofs and layers.

