

# **Cotswolds Weekend**

## *From the Water to the Slaughter*

Dates: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Hotel: Number Four at Stow, Fosseway, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, GL54 1JX  
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Bourton-on-the-Water, known as the Venice of the Cotswolds, is famous for its honey-coloured stone architecture and the five arched bridges which span the River Windrush running through the village. The nearby villages of Lower and Upper Slaughter are known for their unspoilt limestone cottages in the traditional Cotswold style. The name Slaughter stems from the Old English name for a wet land 'slough' or 'slothre' (Old English for muddy place).

### **Accommodation**

Bourton-on-the-Water has many small and lovely hotels but unfortunately the prices are far from small or lovely! The Slaughters have a few larger and lovely hotels, but it is difficult to take in the surroundings when your eyes are watering from the prices. So, we are staying a few miles away at an also lovely but less highly priced hotel. Rooms are limited and on a first-come-first-served basis, so it is imperative that you book your accommodation first before booking the weekend programme. Bookings must be for two nights (Friday and Saturday). However, if you prefer to make your own arrangements for accommodation then you can still book on to the weekend programme.

£350 Double/twin room for two people for two nights bed & breakfast  
£326 Double/twin room for one person for two nights bed & breakfast  
£370 Triple room for three people (one on sofa bed) for two nights bed & breakfast

To book the hotel please call 01451 830297 and say you are booking onto the Senate weekend. You will need a credit card to confirm the booking, but payment will not be taken until arrival. Some more accessible rooms are available so please discuss your requirements with the hotel.

### **Travel**

There is parking at the hotel. The nearest train station is just over 5 miles away at Moreton-in-Marsh and we can arrange to pick you up.

### **Programme Cost**

£25 Friday evening Buffet  
£27 Saturday daytime - Coach, Motor Museum & Light Lunch  
£60 Saturday evening reception, three-course dinner with wine  
£26 Two-course Sunday Lunch

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Arrive any time after 3pm. A buffet will be served from 7-9pm Please let us know if you expect to arrive later or need a lift from Moreton-in-Marsh train station.

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

When the railway was built to connect Cheltenham to the Midlands, a Mr. Pulham used a horse-drawn charabanc service to bring Midlanders over the hills from Cheltenham to Bourton-on-the-Water. On Saturday morning a Pulham's coach will transport us to Bourton-on-the Water. We will visit the Cotswold Motor Museum and have a light pub lunch. In the afternoon we can go to the Model village, a short stroll away. There will be plenty of time to look around Bourton-on-the Water, be tempted by the shops and get extra refreshment in the many cafés and pubs before the coach takes us back to the hotel.

That evening we will have a prosecco and orange juice reception followed by a three-course dinner with wine in the hotel. The dress code will be smart but not black-tie or lounge suits.

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

We will drive to Bourton-on-the-Water for a Sunday Lunch at the Old New Inn. Before lunch you can walk 40 minutes to Lower Slaughter, drive to Upper/Lower Slaughter or go back into Bourton-on-the-Water and finally succumb to a purchase. Parking is available at the Old New Inn for a small (if you live in Reading) charge.