

Tour
Information



Arts and Crafts Houses & Gardens





The tour commences and concludes at the **Jury's Inn Cheltenham**.

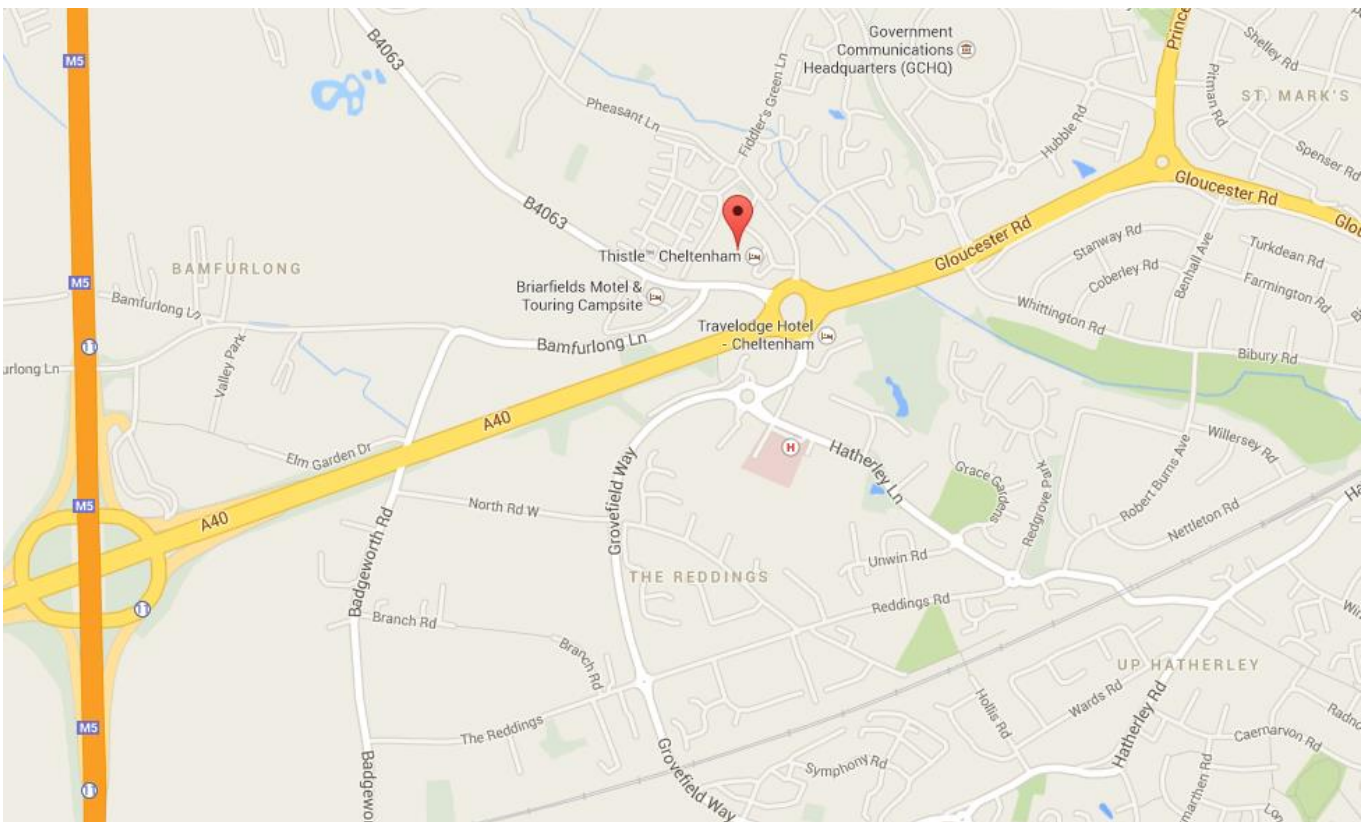
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Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

If you are travelling by car: Leave the M5 at junction 11 and take the A40 towards Cheltenham. At the next roundabout take the second exit; Thistle Cheltenham is immediately on the left. We have 220 parking spaces available on-site for a small additional charge for all overnight guests. To programme your sat-nav, please use the postcode GL51 0TS

If you are travelling by train: Cheltenham railway station is 1.5 miles from the hotel.



Accommodation

Jury's Inn Cheltenham Hotel

Located in the Cotswolds, close to the historic town of Cheltenham, and set within its own landscaped gardens the four-star Thistle Cheltenham offers a restaurant, bar, indoor pool and health club. Bedrooms are en-suite with bath/shower, TV, telephone, wifi, safe, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Complimentary car parking is available on-site at the hotel.

More information can be found via the hotel's website:

http://www.thistle.com/en/hotels/united_kingdom/cheltenham/thistle_cheltenham/index.html

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 14.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day, the tour will not finish at approximately 17.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 12:00.

Dining

On the first and second night, dinner is provided at the hotel and included in the price of the tour. Breakfast on all days of your stay is included. Meals other than these stated are not included.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.



Places Visited

Gordon Russell Museum

Located in the original workshop, the Museum celebrates the life and work of Gordon Russell and his Company over a period of sixty years in Broadway, Worcestershire. Its unique collection of furniture embraces a range of styles spanning this rich period of design: from the Arts and Crafts to 30s streamline Modernism; Utility Furniture to 1980s luxury post modernism. To complement this collection the Museum has an extensive archive of original drawings, notebooks, catalogues and correspondence, as well as access to the firm's original reference library.

<http://www.gordonrusselldesignmuseum.org/museum/>

Stanway House & Fountain

Stanway is an outstandingly beautiful example of a Jacobean manor house, owned by Tewkesbury Abbey for 800 years then for 500 years by the Tracy family and their descendants, the Earls of Wemyss who still live there. The house, it's fascinating furniture, the jewel-like Gatehouse, the church and 14th-century Tithe Barn, the 18th-century water-garden, the specimen trees and avenues, the surrounding villages, farms, parkland and woodland all subtly combine to create an enclave of very English and almost magical harmony. Thanks to its location, at the foot of the Cotswold escarpment, Stanway has been protected from many changes of the 20th century. Recently it has seen the gradual restoration of the 18th century watergarden, probably designed by the greatest of British landscape gardeners, Charles Bridgeman. The formal Canal, on a terrace above the house, the striking Pyramid and eight ponds have been reinstated, and a single-jet fountain, at 300 feet the highest fountain in Britain and the highest gravity fountain in the world, has been added.

<http://www.stanwayfountain.co.uk/>

Court Barn Museum

Court Barn Museum celebrates the talented designers and craftspeople who have worked in Chipping Campden and the north Cotswolds since the beginning of the twentieth century. This is a story of the Arts and Crafts movement and its legacy, a story of how a small town in a beautiful setting became a gathering place for designers and craftspeople of national and international reputation. The permanent displays focus on nine individuals or workshops including C.R. Ashbee, Katharine Adams, F.L. Griggs, Gordon Russell, Hart Silversmiths and Robert Welch.

<http://courtbarn.org.uk/>

Hidcote Manor

The Hidcote Manor Garden is situated in the beautiful Cotswold countryside amongst hills, rolling valleys, and drystone walls.

Hidcote comprises of a series of small gardens within a garden, but also with long avenues bordered by different plantings. The garden is famous for rare shrubs and trees as well as its outstanding design features. There are water features, wild flower areas and pools with plenty of places to sit and take in the atmosphere. See the long herbaceous borders which gives a great splash of colour from July and walk amongst the old scented roses along the walkway and small garden houses.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hidcote>

Your Guide

Your guide, **Prof Anne Anderson**, is a NADFAS lecturer who has published many academic papers in highly regarded journals, is an expert on Arts and Crafts.

Anne will give the following talks during the tour:

'Good Citizen Furniture from Ashbee to Gordon Russell'.

'The Arts and Crafts: C.R. Ashbee and the Guild of Handicraft'.



Practical Information






Tour manager - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping –To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services.

Walking Content – This tour has been graded a 3 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key below for an explanation of the footprint symbols:

Very little walking involved	
Relaxed easy pace, mainly walking from coach to site	
Some walking between sites, good, flat walking surfaces	
Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewings	
On your feet all day, uneven terrain (cobblestones etc)	



Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



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