

Tour
Information



Arts & Crafts in the Cotswolds



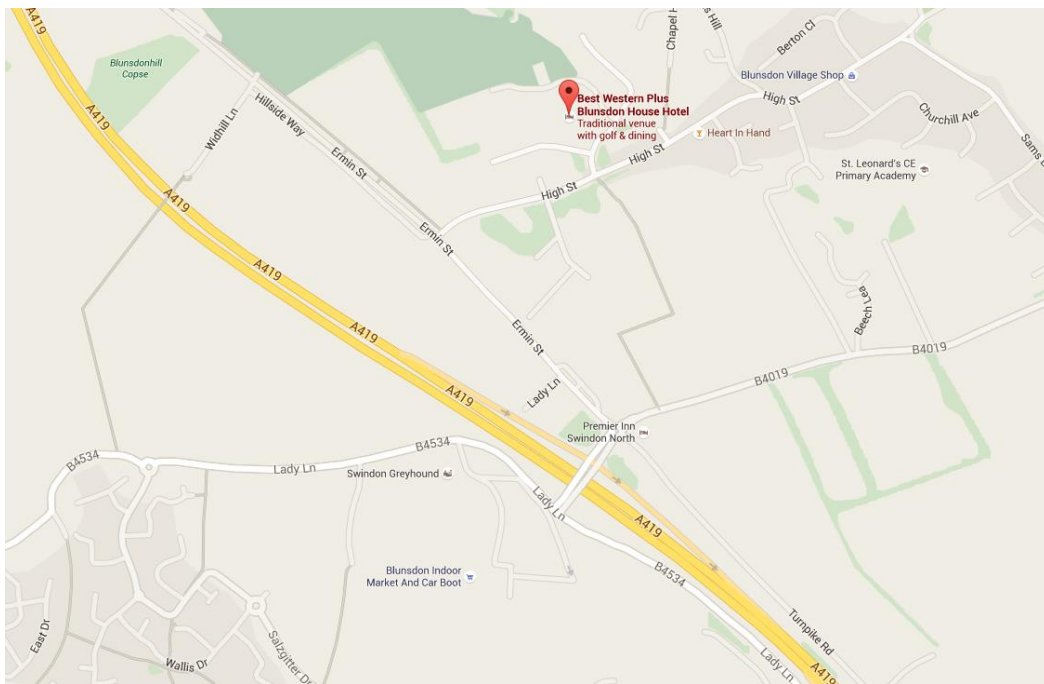


The tour commences and concludes at the **Blunsdon House Hotel, Swindon**.

Blunsdon
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN26 7AS
England

Tel: 0844 387 6035

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



Transport

If you are travelling by car:

From the South: Leave the M4 at junction 15 and take the A419 north for approx. 6 miles. Leave the A419 at Turnpike junction and turn right at the traffic lights signposted Highworth / Blunsdon (B4019). After 300 yards turn right at the lights signposted B4019 and continue over the bridge. At the mini roundabout turn left for Blunsdon, then right into the village. The hotel is situated on the left just off the High Street.

From the North: Leave the M5 at junction 11a and follow the A417 / A419 for Cirencester / Swindon. Continue along the dual carriageway and after approx. 26 miles leave the A419 signposted for Swindon N & W. Turn left at the top of the slip road and then left at the mini roundabout for Blunsdon, then right into the village. The hotel is situated on the left just off the High Street.

From Oxford: Take the second exit off the roundabout after 'Sainsbury's' onto the A419 heading for Cirencester. Leave the A419 at Turnpike junction and continue directions 'From the South'.

If you are travelling by train: The nearest train station is Swindon – 5 miles away



Accommodation

Blunsdon House Hotel

Located on the edge of the Cotswolds in the village of Broad Blunsdon near Swindon, the four-star family owned Blunsdon House Hotel offers comfortable, individually decorated and tastefully furnished bedrooms with en-suite bathroom, TV, mini bar, safe and tea & coffee making facilities in the room. Other facilities at the hotel include two restaurants, bar, and a health and leisure club including gym and swimming pool. Complimentary on-site parking is available at the hotel.

More information can be found via the hotel's website: <http://www.blunsdonhouse.co.uk/>

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 until 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 11:00.

Dining

On the first night, dinner with wine is provided at the hotel and included in the price of the tour. For the second evening, dinner will be provided in the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on all days of your stay is included in the price and one light lunch, but 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

The Wilson, Cheltenham

The first visit of the tour is to the brand new and very impressive The Wilson, Cheltenham's Art Gallery and Museum which houses a superb arts and crafts collection.

<http://www.cheltenhammuseum.org.uk/>

Cotswold Farm

Your visit to privately-owned Cotswold Farm starts with a light lunch. Then owner, Iona Birchill, will guide you around her beautiful arts & crafts home and gardens, which was extended by architect Sidney Barnsley.

Rodmarton Manor

Owner Simon Biddulph will guide you round his Arts and Crafts manor house, Rodmarton Manor. Completed in 1929, it was one of the last great country houses to be built using traditional methods of construction – one of the Arts and Crafts movements' ideals. A light lunch is included here.

<http://www.rodmarton-manor.co.uk/>

All Saints, Selsley & Sapperton Church

All Saints in Selsley is a church designed by GF Bodley. Whilst here we will have a short talk on the Gothic Revival style of the church and a look at its remarkable stained glass windows that were supplied by Morris, Marshall, Faulkner and Co., the predecessor of Morris and Co. in the 1860s. We will also visit nearby Sapperton Church, burial place of many leading Arts & Crafts protagonists.

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

Your Guide

Prof. Anne Anderson is a recognised authority on the Arts & Crafts movement and is Hon Research Fellow, Exeter University and the Huntington. A writer and broadcaster Anne was a senior lecturer on the Fine Arts Valuation degree courses at Southampton Solent University specialising in the Aesthetic Movement, Arts and Crafts and Art Nouveau. She is a NADFAS lecturer and some of her academic papers have appeared in the Journal of the William Morris Society, Journal of the Pre-Raphaelite Society and many others. Her recent projects include reconstructing the original interiors of Lord Leighton's studio-home and her television credits include BBC's Flog It!



Anne will give the following talks during the tour:

“Arts and Crafts in the Cotswolds”


“Inventing the Cotswold Style: Gimson and the Barnsleys”

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 4 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 (cobble 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.

Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

07841 023807 or

020 7987 5910 or

07831 133079 or

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