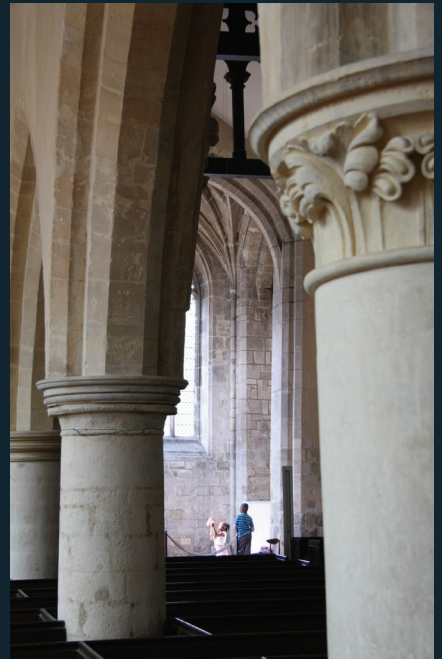




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Group Tours



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Monarchs, Merchants & Memorials

Bristol and the Cotswolds

Our premier tour is a two-day journey encountering the splendour of England's medieval architecture. Highlights include the last gateway to the medieval city of Bristol and its vaulted crypt below, the simplicity of the Norman Church of St Nicholas of Myra in a picturesque Cotswolds setting and the medieval magnificence of Gloucester Cathedral. Enjoy a night in the sumptuous Thornbury Castle, following in the footsteps of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn.

St John on the Wall, Bristol → Bristol Cathedral → Drinks reception and circus entertainment at St Paul's, Bristol → St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol → Thornbury Castle → St Nicholas of Myra, Ozleworth → St Nicholas', Gloucester → Gloucester Cathedral

Tour price includes:

- Exclusive drinks reception and circus entertainment with Circomedia at St Paul's Bristol
- Private dining experience in the dungeon of Thornbury Castle
- Lecture and tour of Thornbury Castle
- Overnight accommodation and breakfast in Thornbury Castle
- Lunch on both days of the tour
- Tickets to all attractions
- Coach travel from pick-up point



Arts & Crafts

The Cotswolds

A two-day tour celebrating the pioneering Arts & Crafts Movement, which found inspiration in the Cotswolds. On this tour we will explore historic buildings with Arts and Crafts connections, encountering spectacular views and the former home of the movement's leader, William Morris.

St Nicholas', Saintbury → St Kenelm's, Sapperton → Broadway Tower → Chipping Campden → St John the Baptist, Inglesham → Kelmscott Manor

Tour price includes:

- Day 1 – lunch and dinner
- Overnight accommodation
- Day 2 – breakfast and lunch
- Tickets to all attractions
- Coach travel from pick-up point



A Celebration of Shakespeare: 400 years since his death

Warwickshire

Walk in the steps of William Shakespeare 400 years after his death. On this two-day tour we visit his birthplace, the church in Billesley where he reputedly was married and his final resting place. We also get up close and personal with his work at the RSC and enjoy a stay in a 16th-century manor house.

All Saints', Billesley → Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon → Billesley Manor → Shakespeare's Birthplace → Royal Shakespeare Company

Tour price includes:

- Dinner, overnight accommodation and breakfast at Billesley Manor, a beautiful 16th Century manor house
- Lunch on both days of the tour
- Tickets to a RSC performance
- Tickets to all attractions
- Coach travel from pick-up point

The Landscape of Capability Brown

On these one-day tours we celebrate 300 years since the birth of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, considered the 'Shakespeare of gardening'. We discover some of England's most alluring landscapes, visiting captivating churches, follies and historic houses whilst taking in breathtaking views.

Tour 1: Worcestershire

St Mary Magdalene, Croome ➔ *National Trust's Croome Park* ➔ *All Saints', Spetchley* ➔ *Spetchley Park Gardens*

Tour 2: Oxfordshire

St Bartholomew's, Lower Basildon ➔ *National Trust's Basildon Park* ➔ *All Saints', Nuneham Courtenay* ➔ *Nuneham Park*

Tour price includes:

- Lunch, coach travel from pick-up point and tickets to all attractions



Remembering the Somme

Somerset

Intended to be a decisive breakthrough, the Battle of the Somme became a byword for futile and indiscriminate slaughter. To mark the centenary of the battle our one-day tour meanders through historic Somerset villages and churches encountering the touching stories of local men involved in the battle, told through memorials erected by their families and communities.

St Thomas', Thurlbear ➔ *St Mary's, Stocklinch Ottersey* ➔ *All Saints', Langport*

Tour price includes:

- Lunch, coach travel from pick-up point and tickets to all attractions



The Art of Graffiti: Medieval Wallpaintings to Banksy

Bristol, Somerset and Wiltshire

This two-day tour celebrates British art from medieval wallpaintings to the world-famous street artist, Banksy. We explore over 700 years of wallpaintings in some of England's most stunning churches whilst tracing the origins of Banksy's street art in his home city of Bristol.

St John on the Wall, Bristol ➔ *Banksy walking tour of Bristol* ➔ *St James', Cameley* ➔ *St Michael's, Clapton-in-Gordano*

Tour price includes:

- Day 1 – lunch and dinner
- Overnight accommodation
- Day 2 – breakfast and lunch
- Tickets to all attractions
- Coach travel from pick-up point



The Churches Conservation Trust is the national charity protecting historic churches at risk and have an international award-winning reputation in heritage conservation and regeneration.

Our collection of 347 churches includes irreplaceable examples of architecture, archaeology and art from 1,000 years of English history and attracts almost two million visitors a year

We have nearly 50 years experience protecting these beautiful buildings and our tours will give you a real insight into the history and stories of England. Our tour guides are all leaders in their fields and the itineraries have been developed to give you an understanding of the wider tour subject as well as the specific churches we visit along the way. We have personally selected all of the food, accommodation and transport providers to meet our high standards of quality.

As well as our selection of one and two day tours in this booklet, we offer bespoke itineraries on request. On certain conservation projects we can offer behind the scenes access.

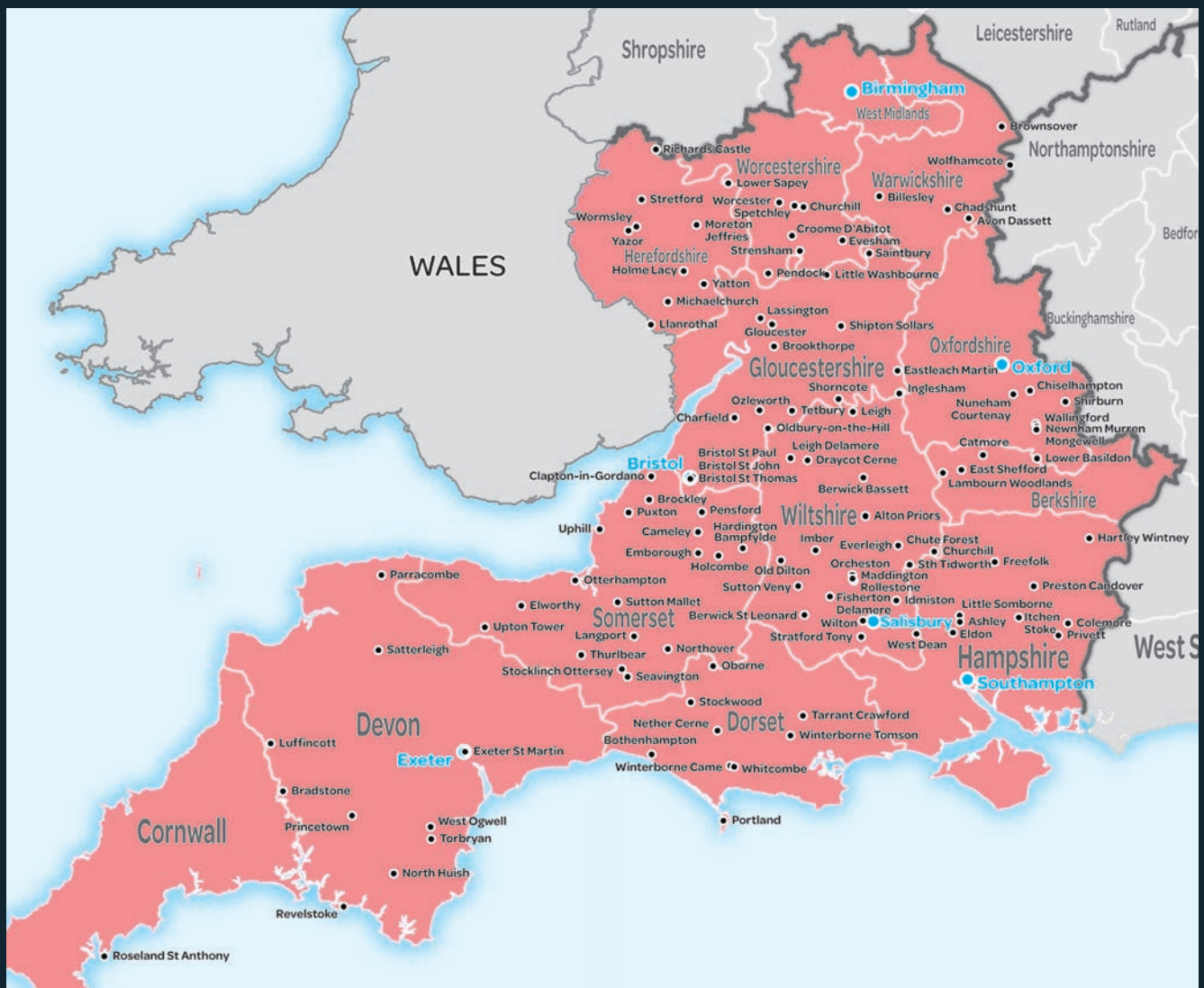
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