

England: The Cotswolds

Pre-Trip-Extension - Stratford-Upon-Avon

2 Nights from \$395 per person, double occupancy

- 2 nights at the Arden Hotel
- Daily English breakfast
- City Information
- Airport transfers

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

DAY 1: Depart from home / Fly overnight to London

Depart from home for England. The particulars of your arrival overseas are detailed with your flight itinerary.

DAY 2: Arrive in London / Begin your Trip Extension

Arrive at London Heathrow Airport, England. Once in the arrival terminal, you will be met by a VBT representative holding a VBT sign. He or she will be located just outside of customs and will assist you with your transfer by taxi to the hotel. From the airport, you'll transfer (approximately 1 hour 45 minutes) with our transfer company to your centrally located hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon.

The rest of the day is free to discover and dine on your own, using your VBT City Information as your guide.

If you are going to be delayed for more than 15 minutes at the Lost & Found desk due to delayed or lost luggage, please let our transfer company know by calling Airport Pickups London +44 20 8688 7744 (for a fee). You may also contact our One Call travel assistance to advise of your delay, and they will contact our transfer service (M&G). An M&G representative will be in the arrivals area one hour after the flight has landed. If you exit earlier, please remain in the arrivals area and look for the representative carrying a VBT sign.

Please note: Your hotel room may not be available until 2:00 p.m. If you arrive early, you may store your luggage with the reception desk.

VBT transfer times and departure points are finalized in advance and cannot be modified for individual guests. If you fly in before the scheduled program dates, transportation from the airport will be at your own expense.

Hotel: Arden Hotel

DAY 3: Exploration of Stratford-upon-Avon

Today, explore Stratford-upon-Avon to your heart's delight. The three houses in town associated with Shakespeare are within walking distance of your hotel. Visit Shakespeare's birthplace; Hall's Croft, home to his daughter; and Nash's House and New Place, where the bard spent the final years of his life. You may board a touring bus to Anne Hathaway's Cottage, family home of Shakespeare's wife, and to Mary Arden's House, childhood home of the bard's mother.

For more insight into the playwright's life, stop by the Schoolroom and Guildhall, where you can sit in the very room where Shakespeare sat as a young pupil. Directly opposite your hotel, enjoy a guided tour of the famous Royal Shakespeare Company. Browse a free exhibition, visit the top of the Theatre Tower, and take in views from the rooftop restaurant. We recommend you book in advance if you want to see a performance.

Alternately, you may simply stroll along the banks of the River Avon and perhaps mingle with the resident swans.

Hotel: Arden Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4: Transfer to Royal Leamington Spa

Check out of your hotel, meet your driver in the hotel reception area at 10:30 a.m., and transfer by coach to Royal Leamington Spa (about 40 minutes). After checking into your Royal Leamington Spa hotel, the remainder of the day is free. Please note: Your hotel room may not be available until 2:00 p.m. If you arrive early in the day, you may store your luggage with the reception desk.

You may wish to wander down the wide boulevards lined with stunning architecture or visit one of the lovely parks in this Regency town.

With a town center of around a third of a mile square, getting around Royal Leamington Spa couldn't be easier. You can reach all of the town center easily by foot within ten minutes, admiring the stunning Regency architecture along the way. There are many tours and trails to help you pursue what interests you most, whether art, architecture, or horticulture.

VBT Air Package guests will arrive throughout the day.

Hotel: The Angel Hotel

Meals: Breakfast