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Newark Park

Cotswold Sculpture Park

Art set in the great outdoors

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THE COTSWOLDS

WELCOME TO EXPLORE

Rangeford Villages create stunning homes exclusively for the over 60s, set within exciting and contemporary communities. With an abundance of lifestyle and wellbeing activities, along with exceptional support and care services if needed, our villages are an idyllic setting to live life to the full.

We're really lucky to live in this part of the world. There are so many interesting and beautiful places to see. And being in the heart of the Cotswolds, it's the perfect base to immerse yourself in your surroundings.

From charming villages and bustling towns to museums and historic buildings. Not forgetting an abundance of gardens, parks, stately homes and castles. We're spoilt for choice!

We've put this handy guide together so you can see what's in your local area and further afield. We hope you find it useful in planning your days out and discovering new places to visit.

The Siddington Park Team

Timings are approximate driving times from Siddington Park.

WITHIN 30 MINUTES

1 CIRENCESTER, 5 MINS

Cirencester is a lively, Roman and medieval market town with a unique mix of independent and national shops and one of the largest parish churches in England.

2 CORINIUM MUSEUM, 5 MINS

Museum of archaeology of the Cotswolds since prehistoric times with one of the finest and most extensive Roman collections in the country.

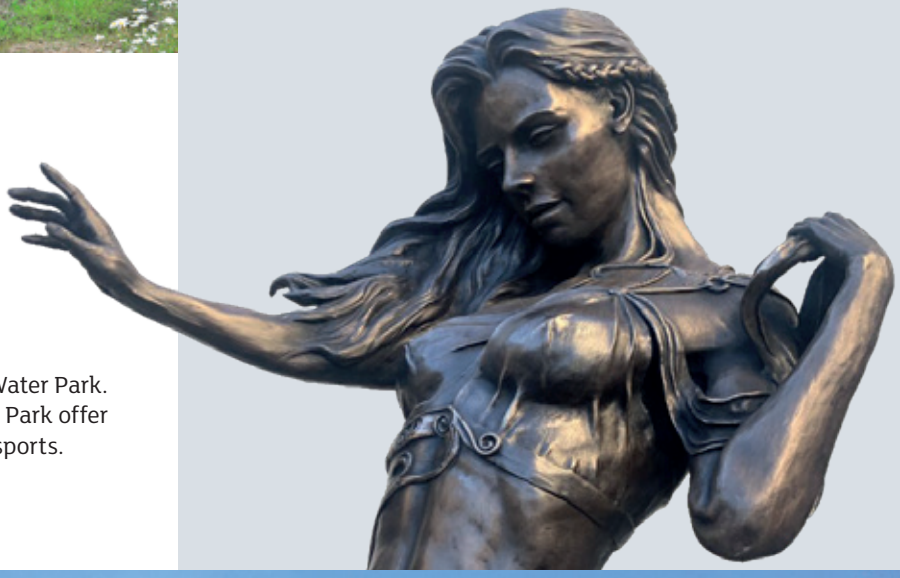
www.coriniummuseum.org

4 COTSWOLD SCULPTURE PARK, 10 MINS

Over 170 sculptures from local and international artists, displayed in 10 acres of private grounds. Visit the quaint 'Poppin Tearoom' for coffee and a cake.

www.cotswoldsculpturepark.co.uk

Image courtesy of the Cotswold Sculpture Park



3 SOUTH CERNEY, 10 MINS

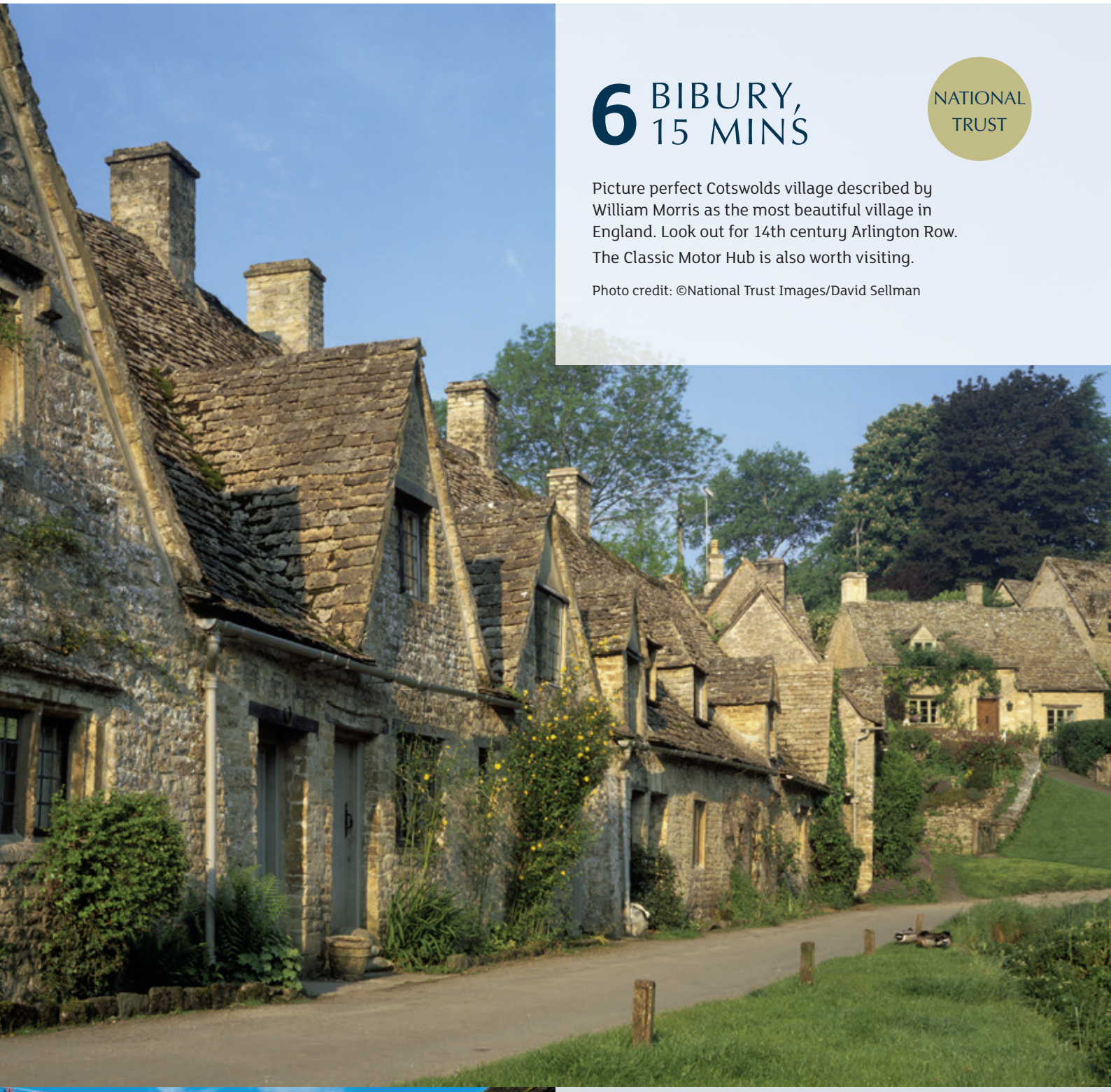
Historic village at the heart of the Cotswold Water Park. Made up of over 150 lakes, many parts of the Park offer leisure activities including fishing and watersports.

5 RODMARTON MANOR, 15 MINS

One of the last country houses to be built in the Arts and Crafts style, the Manor and 8 acre gardens were originally built 1909-1929. During WWII the site was used as an evacuation point for the Sisters of Marie-Auxiliatrice, with over 150 children living there.

Image courtesy of Rodmarton Manor

www.rodmarton-manor.co.uk



6 BIBURY, 15 MINS

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Picture perfect Cotswolds village described by William Morris as the most beautiful village in England. Look out for 14th century Arlington Row. The Classic Motor Hub is also worth visiting.

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/David Sellman

7 TETBURY, 20 MINS

Charming Elizabethan market town. Highgrove and Gatcombe Park and other stately homes are nearby. Known for high quality antiques shops and 17th century Market House.

8 MALMESBURY, 20 MINS

Once the capital of England, this charming market town is England's oldest borough and is worth visiting for the 12th century abbey, the Athelstan Museum and Abbey House Gardens.

9 CHAVENAGE HOUSE, 25 MINS

Historic Elizabethan manor house that has changed little in 400 years and will look familiar to viewers of Poldark.

www.chavenage.com

10 CHEDWORTH ROMAN VILLA, 25 MINS

One of the grandest Roman villas in Britain, with beautiful mosaics, providing a unique insight into life during the Roman period.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk
- search 'Chedworth Roman Villa'

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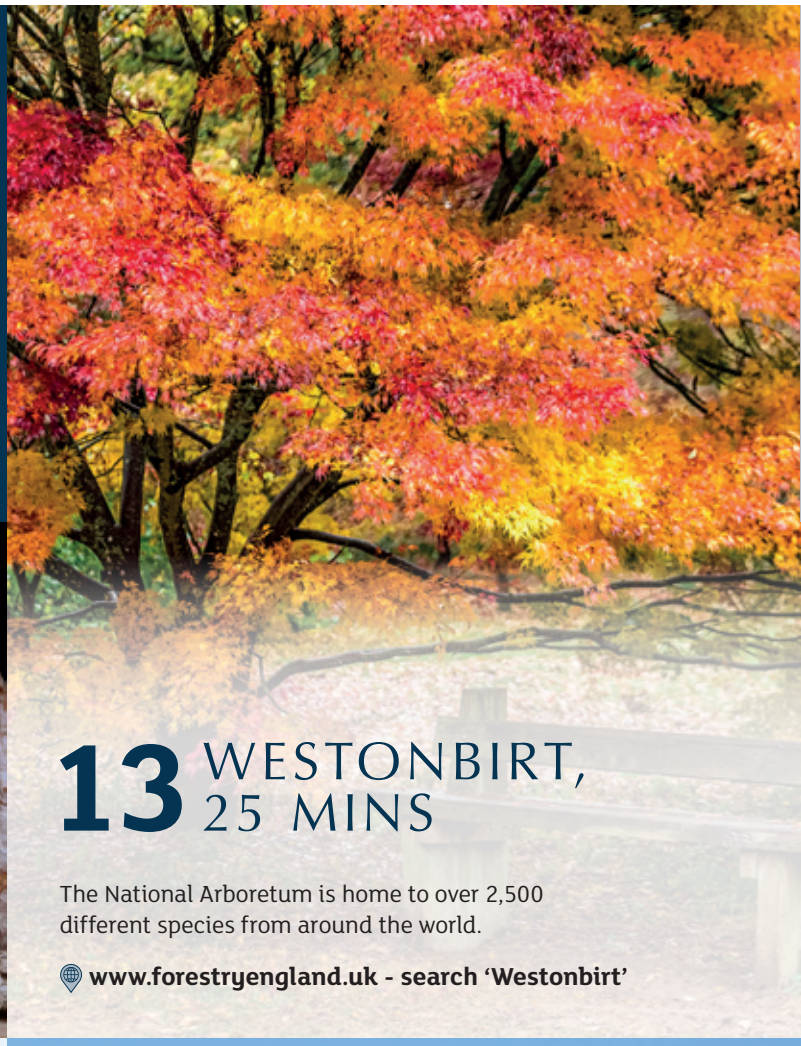
11 NAILSWORTH, 25 MINS

Thriving small town with a good variety of shops and eateries.

12 STROUD, 25 MINS

A mixture of independent shops and galleries, and an excellent Farmers Market.



13 WESTONBIRT, 25 MINS

The National Arboretum is home to over 2,500 different species from around the world.

www.forestryengland.uk - search 'Westonbirt'

14 CHELTENHAM, 30 MINS

Spa town, known to be the most complete regency town in England. Home of Cheltenham Races and many annual festivals, including the Jazz Festival and the Literature Festival.

Visit the Pittville Pump Room - the grandest of the former spa buildings. The close-by Holst Birthplace Museum, the house where Gustav Holst was born in 1874, is a 19th century time capsule.

15 PAINSWICK, 30 MINS

Take a walk through this attractive town's little streets and charming shops. Enjoy far-reaching views from Painswick Beacon, and visit St Mary's Church, famous for its 99 yew trees which can be found in the churchyard. Painswick Roccoco Gardens and Prinknash Abbey are nearby.

16 KELMSCOTT MANOR, 30 MINS

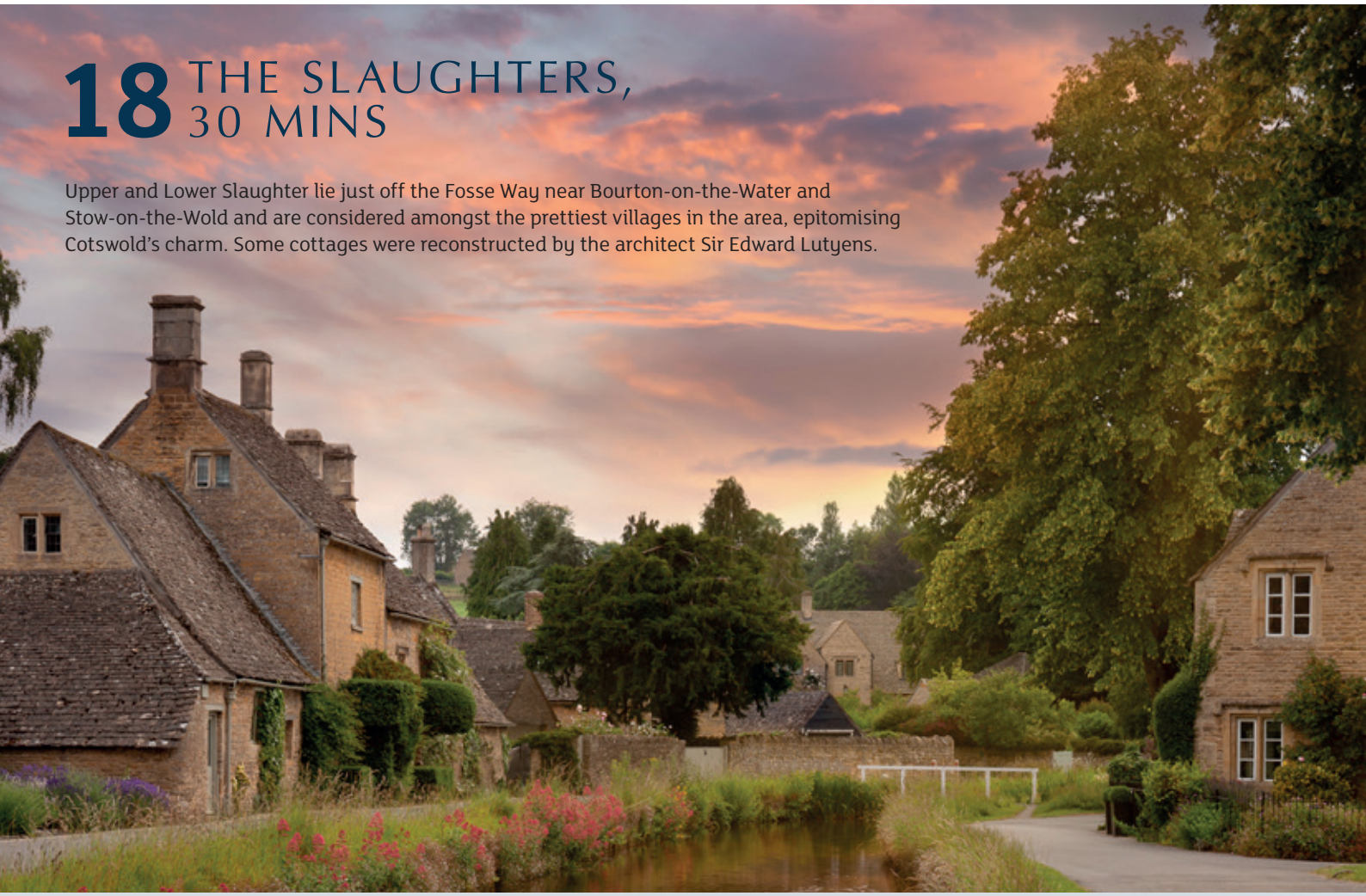
Inspirational retreat of William Morris with a superb collection of his possessions and works.

www.sal.org.uk - search 'Kelmscott Manor'

Photo credit: ©Image courtesy of Kelmscott Manor

17 STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, 30 MINS

The highest of the Cotswolds towns, sitting at nearly 800ft, this market town is known for its impressive, large Market Square. Visit its independent shops, antique centres, cosy cafes and inns, all built in local stone.



18 THE SLAUGHTERS, 30 MINS

Upper and Lower Slaughter lie just off the Fosse Way near Bourton-on-the-Water and Stow-on-the-Wold and are considered amongst the prettiest villages in the area, epitomising Cotswold's charm. Some cottages were reconstructed by the architect Sir Edward Lutyens.

19 STEAM MUSEUM, SWINDON, 30 MINS

Museum of the Great Western Railway, housed in a beautifully restored Grade II railway building. It tells the story of the men and women who built, operated and travelled on the Great Western Railway. The pioneering vision and engineering genius of Isambard Kingdom Brunel led to the GWR network becoming regarded as the most advanced in the world.

www.steam-museum.org.uk

20 BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, 30 MINS

A pretty Cotswolds village with an eclectic mixture of shops, on a river crossed by several small bridges.

Attractions include the Model Village, the Cotswold Motoring Museum, Birdland, Model Railway Exhibition and the Dragonfly Maze.

21 REME MUSEUM, LYNEHAM, 30 MINS

An award-winning interactive museum displaying the proud history of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. With seven galleries and lots of events, there's plenty to explore.

www.rememuseum.org.uk

Photo courtesy of the REME Museum

22 COTSWOLD FARM PARK, 30 MINS

Established by Adam Henson's family in the 1960s, this is a working farm committed to the survival of rare livestock.

www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk

23 COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK AND GARDENS, 30 MINS

One of the country's largest zoological collections with attractive, large gardens.

www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk

WITHIN 1 HOUR

24 OWLPEN MANOR, 35 MINS

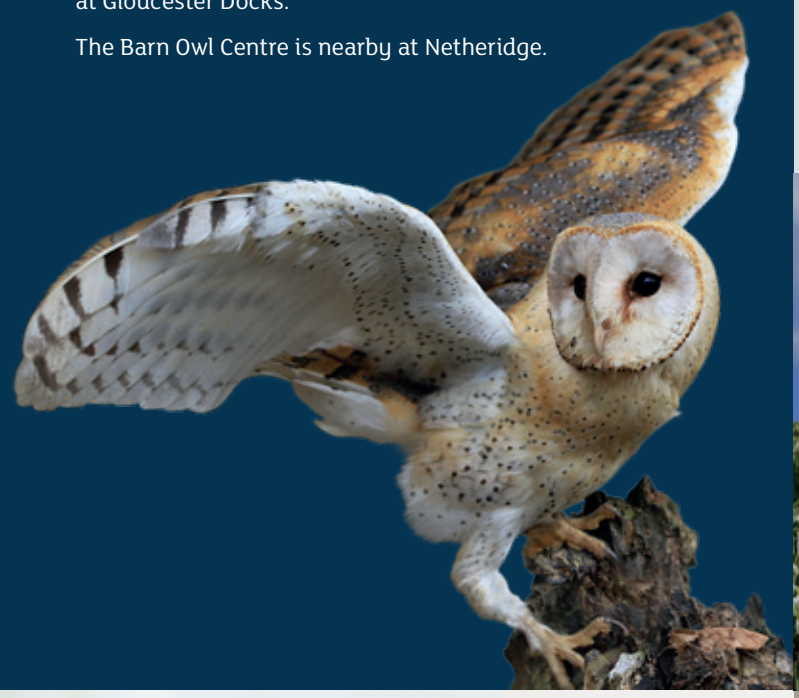
One of the most romantic Tudor manor houses in southern England, set in a picturesque valley, with formal terraced gardens.

www.owlpen.com

25 GLOUCESTER, 35 MINS

Cathedral city and Britain's most inland port, with several attractions and museums. The National Waterways Museum is at Gloucester Docks.

The Barn Owl Centre is nearby at Netheridge.



26 NEWARK PARK, 35 MINS

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Restored Tudor manor house with gardens and a large estate to explore.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Newark Park'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/James Dobson

27 MARLBOROUGH, 35 MINS

A small town with one of the widest high streets in the UK, lined with characterful buildings, a good array of shops and a market each Wednesday and Saturday. Visit The Polly Tearooms on the high street for a step back in time.

To extend your stay, venture nearby to the Savernake Forest and West Woods, or take a trip to Crofton Beam Engines, showcasing the oldest working steam engines in the world.

28 SUDELEY CASTLE, 40 MINS

One of the most beautiful castles in England with a 1,000 year history, and home to Katherine Parr, last wife of Henry VIII. Beautiful gardens and a large collection of rare and endangered pheasants from around the world.

www.sudeleycastle.co.uk

29 MORETON-IN-MARSH, 40 MINS

Attractive, small ancient market town, claimed to have inspired the works of J R R Tolkien. 'The Prancing Pony', Middle Earth's most famous pub in the book 'Lord of the Rings', is claimed to have been inspired by 'The Bell Inn', which can be found on the High Street.

30 AVEBURY, 40 MINS

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The world's largest prehistoric stone circle surrounding a pretty village, along with a museum and manor house. Mysterious Silbury Hill and West Kennet Long Barrow are a short drive away.

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31 WOODCHESTER MANSION AND PARK, 40 MINS

Explore this fascinating, unfinished gothic revival house, first constructed in the mid 1850s. A colony of up to 1,000 greater and lesser horseshoe bats reside within the attic of the mansion and can be viewed on state-of-the-art cameras in the bat observatory.

www.woodchestermansion.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Woodchester Park'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/ Andrew Butler

32 STANWAY HOUSE, 40 MINS

Jacobean manor house, occupied by the same family since the 16th century. Stanway House also includes the tallest fountain in Britain, found in the canal of their water gardens.

www.stanwayfountain.co.uk

33 SNOWSHILL MANOR AND GARDEN, 40 MINS

Unconventional home of the eccentric Charles Wade, an architect and artist with a passion for collecting.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Snowshill Manor'

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34 DYRHAM PARK, 45 MINS

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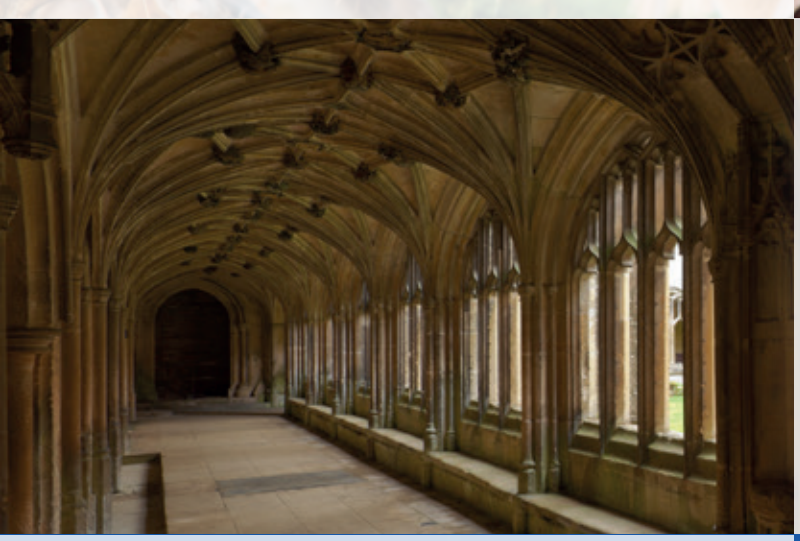
Spectacular late 17th century baroque mansion, garden, 270 acre parkland and ancient deer park.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Dyrham Park'



35 LACOCK, 45 MINS

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Probably the most beautifully preserved village in the Cotswolds, dating from the 13th century, and a popular filming location. Visit Lacock Abbey and Fox Talbot Museum.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Lacock'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Chris Lacey

36 BOWOOD, 45 MINS

Stately home hosting a wealth of unique art, antiques and historical treasures, set within 100 acres of beautiful gardens and parkland.

www.bowood.org

37 BERKELEY CASTLE, 45 MINS

A 12th century historic fortress, originally one of the March Castles built by the English to keep out the Welsh, home of the Berkeley family for 850 years. The castle has links with many English monarchs and historic events.

www.berkeley-castle.com

38 CASTLE COMBE, 45 MINS

A contender for one of the prettiest villages in England, often used as a filming location. See the former weavers' cottages, the 14th century market cross and take tea at the Manor House Hotel.

www.visitwiltshire.co.uk - search 'Castle Combe'

39 TEWKESBURY, 45 MINS

Historic town situated where the Rivers Severn and Avon meet, with many fine half-timbered buildings. Visit the beautiful Norman Abbey.

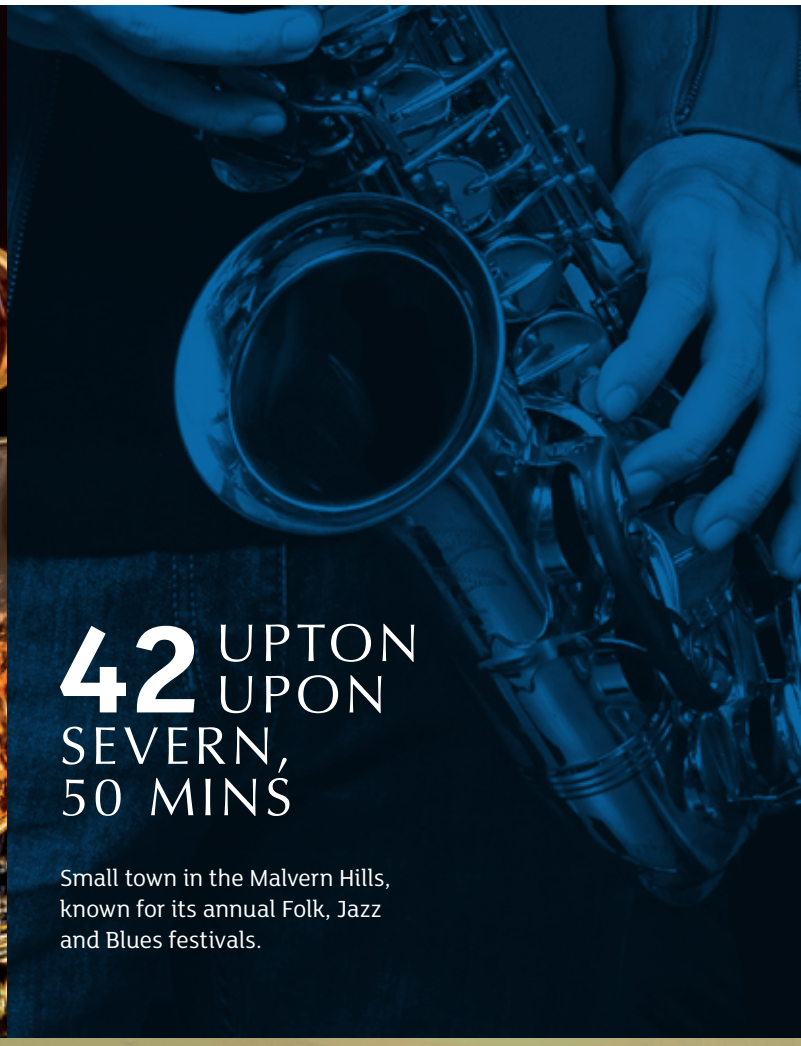
40 CHIPPING CAMPDEN, 45 MINS

A lovely small town notable for its long and broad High Street, St James Church, ancient Market Hall and Almshouses. The 104 mile Cotswold Way starts here.

41 COTSWOLDS DISTILLERY, 50 MINS

Offering tours and tastings of their range of whiskies, gins and liqueurs crafted in the Cotswolds.

www.cotswoldsdistillery.com



42 UPTON UPON SEVERN, 50 MINS

Small town in the Malvern Hills, known for its annual Folk, Jazz and Blues festivals.

43 WADSWICK GREEN, 50 MINS

Rangeford's flagship retirement village in Corsham.

WILDFOWL & WETLANDS TRUST

44 SLIMBRIDGE, 1 HR

120 acres wetland centre with a large collection of swans, geese, ducks and flamingos.

www.wwt.org.uk - search 'Slimbridge'

45 HIDCOTE, 1 HR

NATIONAL TRUST

Arts and crafts-inspired garden with colourful outdoor 'rooms' full of surprises.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Hidcote"

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Sarah Davis

46 THE ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN, 1 HR

In this ancient forest and the beautiful Wye Valley, there is so much to do, from gentle walks to a wide range of activities and attractions, including the Dean Heritage Centre, sculpture trail, Dean Forest Railway, Puzzlewood and Clearwell Caves.

47 BATH, 1 HR

A compact Georgian city with superb Roman ruins, excellent museums and masses of independent shops means you can easily spend a day exploring the city centre. Top attractions include the Roman Baths, the Royal Crescent, the Circus, Bath Abbey, Pulteney Bridge and Prior Park Gardens.

48 CROOME COURT, 1 HR

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Magnificent, grand 16th century house with a fascinating history, beautiful grounds by Capability Brown, and superb views over the Malvern Hills. The RAF Defford Museum is also worth a visit, just 5 minutes drive from here.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Croome Court'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/John Hubble

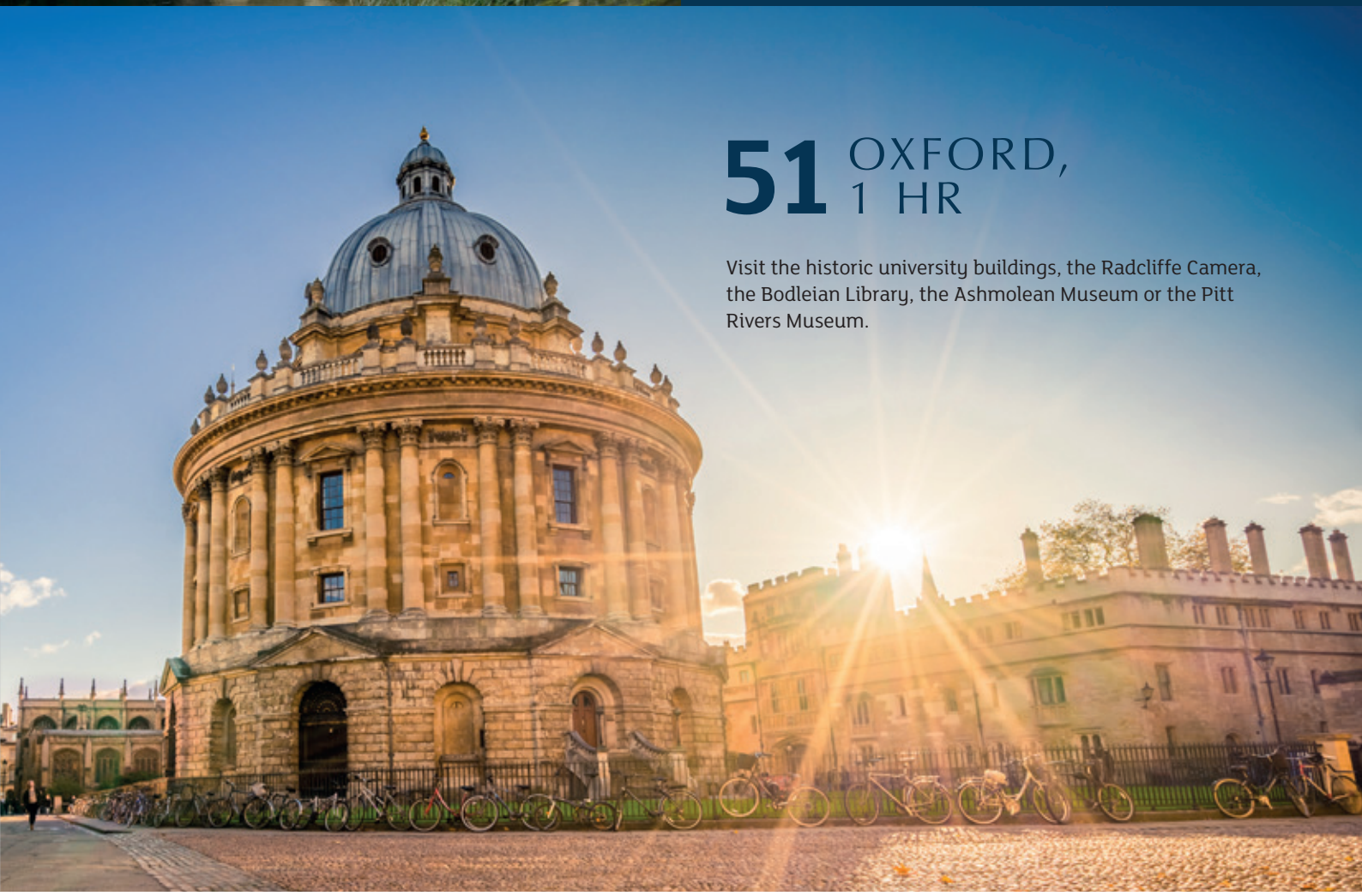
49 DIDCOT RAILWAY CENTRE, 1 HR

A unique collection of steam locomotives, carriages, wagons, buildings and artefacts, and the original 1932 engine shed. Visit one of their 'Steam Days' to benefit from unlimited steam train rides!

www.didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk

50 BRADFORD-ON-AVON, 1 HR

Ancient wool town at the southern edge of the Cotswolds with independent shops and a great variety of pubs and restaurants. Note the old town bridge with former pilgrim's chapel, later converted to a 'lock-up'. Visit the medieval Tithe Barn (English Heritage).



51 OXFORD, 1 HR

Visit the historic university buildings, the Radcliffe Camera, the Bodleian Library, the Ashmolean Museum or the Pitt Rivers Museum.

52 DEVIZES, 1 HR

Meander through this delightful market town, with numerous small family-run outlets and a Market on Thursdays.

The Caen Hill locks, the longest continuous flight of locks in the country, with 29 locks over 2 miles, are nearby.

53 WORCESTER, 1 HR

Beautiful Cathedral and University City with a fascinating history, located in the heart of the West Midlands on the banks of the River Severn with a wealth of interesting architecture.

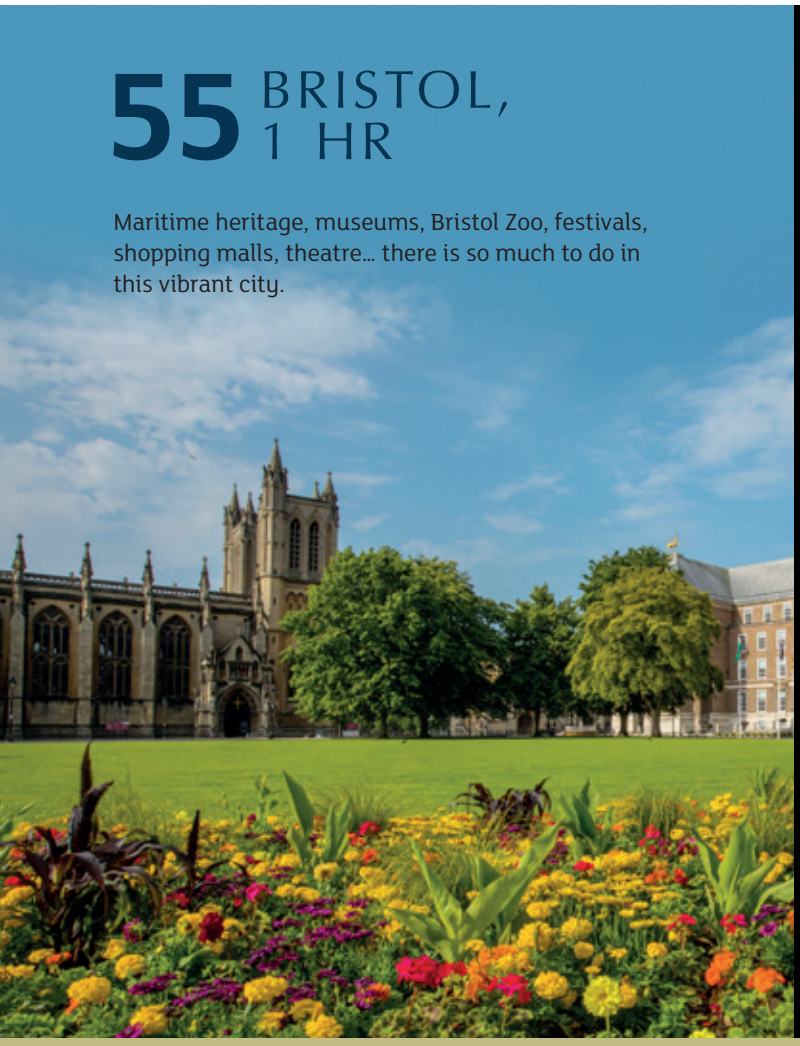
54 CHEPSTOW CASTLE, 1 HR

Beautifully preserved, this is the oldest post-Roman stone fortification in Britain, perched above the banks of the River Wye.

www.visitwales.com - search 'Chepstow Castle'

55 BRISTOL, 1 HR

Maritime heritage, museums, Bristol Zoo, festivals, shopping malls, theatre... there is so much to do in this vibrant city.



56 AEROSPACE BRISTOL, 1 HR

Starting in the earliest days of powered flight, Aerospace Bristol will whisk you away on an immersive journey through more than a century of incredible aviation achievements and fascinating tales of human endeavour. Exhibits include aeroplanes, helicopters, missiles, satellites, engines and more. The stunning centrepiece is Concorde Alpha Foxtrot: the last of the iconic supersonic passenger jets to be built and the last to fly.

www.aerospacebristol.org

WITHIN 2 HOURS

57 SS GREAT BRITAIN, 1 HR 5 MINS

Brunel's SS Great Britain is one of the most important historic ships in the world. When she was launched in 1843 she was called 'the greatest experiment since the Creation'. By combining size, power and innovative technology, Brunel created a ship that changed history. His vision for the SS Great Britain made her the great-great-grandmother for all modern ships. Visit the ship sitting on her glass 'sea', the Dockyard and the Dockyard Museum.

www.ssgreatbritain.org

58 STRATFORD UPON AVON, 1 HR 10 MINS

Explore Shakespeare's birthplace and see a show by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

59 HANBURY HALL, 1 HR 10 MINS

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William and Mary-style house and garden, a country retreat in the heart of Worcestershire.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Hanbury Hall'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Annapurna Mellor

60 TINTERN ABBEY, 1 HR 10 MINS

Sitting on the banks of the River Wye are the remains of this Gothic masterpiece founded by Cisterican monks in the 12th century. You may recognise its name from William Wordsworth's famous poem 'Lines Composed a Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey'.

www.visitwales.com - search 'Tintern Abbey'

61 TYNTESFIELD, 1 HR 10 MINS

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Spectacular Victorian Gothic revival house with gardens and parkland, built as a family home. Once hidden and inaccessible, the ordinary and extraordinary lives and possessions of four generations of the Gibbs family are ready for discovery.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Tyntesfield'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Bob Fowler

62 SYMONDS YAT, WYE VALLEY, NR ROSS ON WYE, 1 HR 10 MINS

East and West villages on either side of the beautiful River Wye, connected by passenger ferry. Views over the river from Yat Rock.

63 AMERICAN MUSEUM, BATH, 1 HR 10 MINS

The only museum of decorative and folk art outside of the United States, the American Museum takes you on a journey through the history of America.

www.americanmuseum.org

64 STONEHENGE, 1 HR 15 MINS

ENGLISH HERITAGE

World famous prehistoric monument, approximately 5,000 years old.

www.english-heritage.org.uk - search 'Stonehenge'

Photo credit: English Heritage

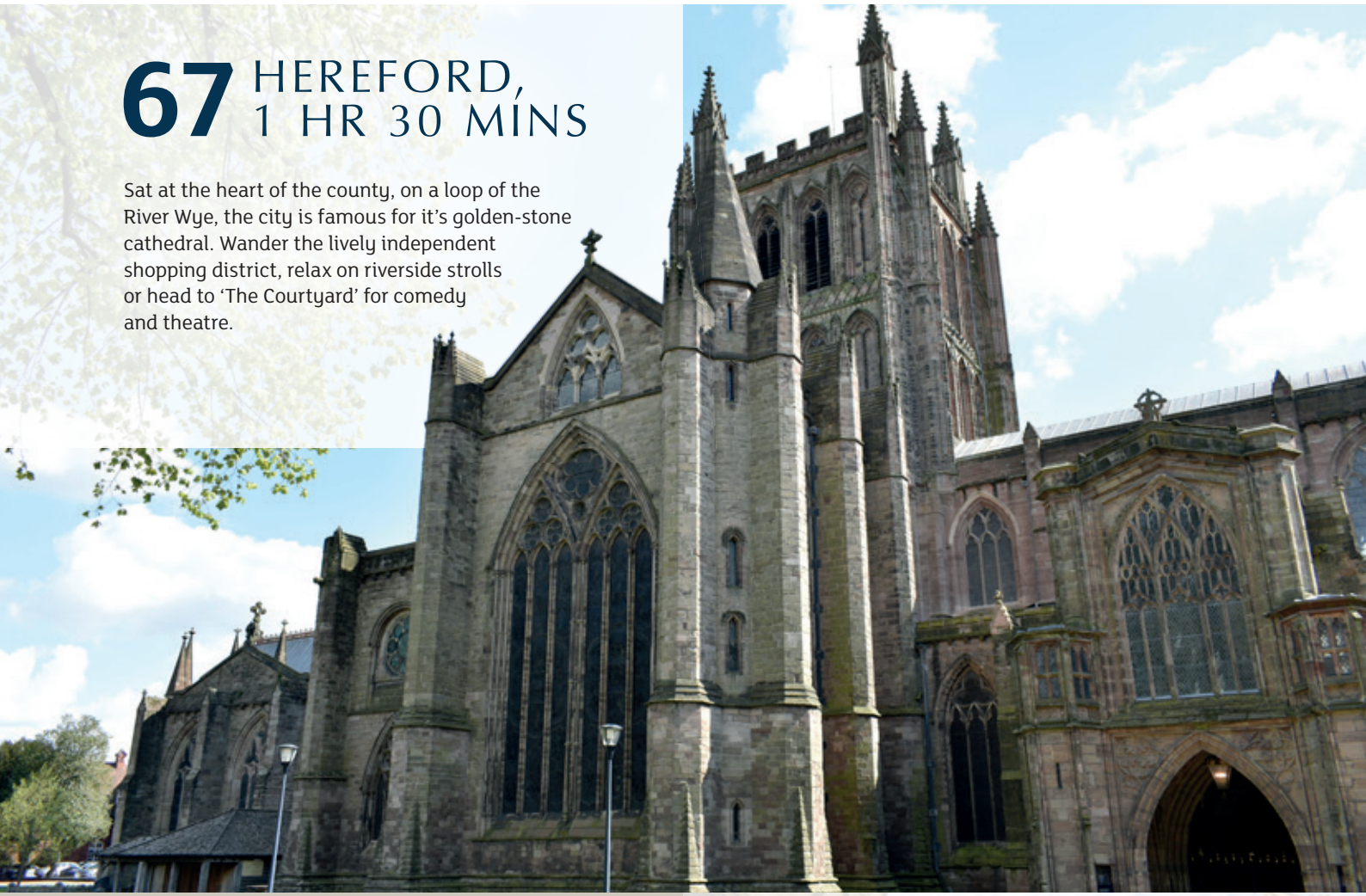
65 FROME, 1 HR 20 MINS

Historic buildings, independent shops and The Frome Independent Market on the first Sunday of the month.

66 LONGLEAT, 1 HR 20 MINS

Stunning Elizabethan stately home and ancestral seat of the Marquis of Bath with a world famous safari park.

www.longleat.co.uk



67 HEREFORD, 1 HR 30 MINS

Sat at the heart of the county, on a loop of the River Wye, the city is famous for it's golden-stone cathedral. Wander the lively independent shopping district, relax on riverside strolls or head to 'The Courtyard' for comedy and theatre.

68 STOURHEAD, 1 HR 30 MINS

Beautiful 18th century landscape garden with lakeside walks, grottoes and classical temples. Stourhead House is a Palladian mansion with a fantastic regency library and beautiful art collection.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Stourhead'

Photo credit ©National Trust Images/Arnhel de Serra

69 SALISBURY, 1 HR 30 MINS

Modern medieval city with historic streets and buildings, independent shops, museums, Salisbury Cathedral (home to an original Magna Carta) and Mompesson House (NT).

70 WELLS, 1 HR 40 MINS

As the smallest city in England, Wells has much to offer with its compact, cobbled streets, medieval architecture, a market square, Wells Cathedral and the Bishops Palace.

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