

Where
to stay

Take a break from exploring in the Cotswolds' finest lodgings



The Ormond at Tetbury

Tetbury GL8 8AA

☎ 01666 505690

www.theormondattetbury.co.uk

From £69 per double room and breakfast

The Ormond at Tetbury sits snug and discreet in the town's most charming street, right opposite Prince Charles's Highgrove Shop. A pleasing sense of quiet, relaxed style pervades the whole hotel. Rooms are done out individually, and range from a four-poster bed to Scandinavian-style simplicity.

The Ormond recently won a Cotswold Life Food & Drinks Award 2008, and this seal of approval tells you all you need to know about the catering standards here. The menu is long on beef from the prince's organic farm via the local butcher, local duck and game, Cotswold cheeses, and bread made with locally ground organic flour. Add pleasant, polite staff and a good range of locally brewed beers, and you'd search in vain to find a better Cotswold bolt-hole.



BUDGET BREAK

Old Farm

Dorn GL56 9NS

☎ 01608 650394

www.oldfarmdorn.co.uk

Tents or caravans from £7, B&B from £65

This farm won't get packed as it can only take up to five caravans and five tents at a time. You can cook up a storm with the farm shop's very local produce, and there's a small B&B on site if you don't fancy a night outdoors.



BLOW OUT

Lords of the Manor

Upper Slaughter GL54 2JD

☎ 01451 820243

www.lordsofthemanor.com

From £191 per double room and breakfast

Situated in a stunning village, this honey-coloured former rectory boasts beautiful landscaped gardens and rolling parkland. It's the perfect place to escape and enjoy some peace, quiet and luxury.

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“The Romans poured out cash on building villas like the splendid specimen at Chedworth”

Above: Chedworth Roman Villa is around 1,700 years old and is one of the largest of its kind in Britain; **Left:** Aside from the tower and spire, the medieval church on the site of St Mary's in Tetbury was demolished in 1777 and the present building was opened four years later

Tudor manor house of Owlpen and the eerie abandoned shell of the huge Gothic pile of Woodchester Mansion.

Rivers rush through the narrow valleys, and it was the power of these swift streams that turned the waterwheels and power looms of great mills, palaces of industry sited in the Golden Valley and other clefts near the industrial centre of Stroud. Some of the mills, such as Longford Mill, near Nailsworth, have been converted at vast expense into complexes of houses and flats; others stand magnificent and empty among the ferns and mosses of their damp, dark valleys.

Market town gem

Up above these hidden valleys the rich brown fields of the south Cotswold landscape can appear almost flat. Here stands the market town of Tetbury, one of the true gems of the area, its wheel of streets revolving around the hub of the old Market House. Long Street in particular is a delight, lined with