

The Cotswolds

ITINERARY 1 :

Sudeley Castle and Hailes Abbey the historic Cotswolds

A day in which to enjoy the fascinating history spanning one thousand years of Sudeley Castle, a host to at least six Kings or Queens of England. Explore the Castle's magnificent gardens, including the celebrated rose Garden. Check the website for special events.

The itinerary continues with a visit to the romantic ruins of Hailes Abbey, set amongst peaceful wooded pasture. Hailes was one of the great abbeys of medieval England and famous for its precious possession, a vessel believed to contain the blood of Christ. The day also presents an opportunity to enjoy some lovely Cotswold villages and countryside.

AT A GLANCE :

Highlights: Sudeley Castle, home of Queen Katherine Parr, the romantic ruins of Hailes Abbey and a visit to the village of Broadway, provide the focus for a gentle day out in the Cotswold hills.

Timing: A 10.30am start at Sudeley Castle allows time to complete the tour by 4.30pm at Broadway.

Miles: 11m from a start at Sudeley Castle and completing the tour with a visit to the beautiful village of Broadway.



Sudeley Castle



Situated 8 miles northeast of Cheltenham on the B4632. Signposted from nearby Winchcombe. On leaving the Castle rejoin the B4632 and head north, shortly turning right at the sign for Hailes Abbey.

t. 01242 602308
www.sudeleycastle.co.uk

Hailes Abbey



After visiting the once magnificent Hailes Abbey, cross the road and see 12c Hailes Church with its remarkable medieval wall paintings, where pilgrims would pray before going to the abbey. After your visit, rejoin the B4632 heading north. At the roundabout continue on the B4632 to the famous village of Broadway.

t. 01242 602398
www.english-heritage.org.uk/hailes

Broadway



The coach/car park/toilets, can be found on entering the village. Here in this popular and attractive Cotswold village enjoy a selection of shops, art galleries and tea rooms offering among other delights, cream teas to complete the day.