

Trips and Visits

Art and History in the Cotswolds

Wednesday 13th May 2020

Price: £39 pp / £34 pp for FRWA members

Our day in the Cotswolds provides the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of **Chavenage House** at Beverston (cost included), **visit the Friends of the R.W.A. exhibition in Tetbury** and explore the market town of **Cirencester**.

Chavenage House is an elegant late Elizabethan Manor. Constructed from Cotswold stone and tiles, it contains rooms housing tapestries, fine furniture, pictures and relics of the Cromwellian period. Of particular interest are the Great Hall, where a contemporary screen forms a minstrel's gallery, and the two tapestry rooms where Cromwell is rumoured to have slept. Privately owned by the Lowesly-Williams family, the house is a favourite venue for film and television productions, most notably *Poldark*, *Wolf Hall* and *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*. A member of the family will be leading a tour of the house (included in the price of the visit).

In the Middle Ages **Tetbury** was important for the Cotswolds wool trade. Its centre is still dominated by the impressive pilloried Market House built in 1655. Today it is well known for its many antique shops. We visit the **Goods Shed Art Centre** (free admission) to view the exhibition of 2D work by the Friends of the RWA. Lunch is available in the cafe here or in Tetbury, where there is a wide choice of places to eat.

Cirencester, often referred to as the Capital of the Cotswolds, was the second largest town in Britain during Roman times (Corinium Dobunorum). Its market town status was mentioned in the Domesday book of 1086. The town contains many interesting buildings spanning several centuries. Centrally placed is the **church of St. John Baptist**, one of the most notable of the 'wool churches', built on the wealth of the medieval wool trade. It is renowned for its perpendicular porch, fan vaults and merchants' tombs. The nearby **Corinium Museum** has a fine collection of Roman antiquities and significant local finds. The **New Brewery Arts** (free admission) is a contemporary art gallery offering the chance to see where craft is made and to buy directly from the maker.

Itinerary

First stop: Chavenage House for tea or coffee and a guided tour (included). A short drive takes us to Tetbury to visit the FRWA exhibition at the Goods Shed Art Centre, and a lunch break. The final stop is Cirencester where you can explore at will and maybe stop for tea. We aim to return to Bristol by 6.45.

The price of this visit includes executive coach travel, driver's gratuity, tea/coffee and biscuits and a guided tour of Chavenage House. Please note: access in Chavenage House may be difficult for anyone with mobility problems, restricting them to the ground floor only. Entry to the Corinium Museum (£5.80/£4.95 for those aged over 65; Free to Art Fund members) is not included in the price of the visit.



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Please reserve _____ place(s) at £39 pp

Name(s) - please show all names below _____

Please reserve _____ place(s) at £34 pp
(FRWA members only)

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to
Friends of the RWA.

Address _____

Please send the completed form, together with your
cheque, by April 29th to:

**Priscilla Sorapure, Ground Floor Flat, 205 Redland
Road, Bristol, BS6 6YS**

_____ post code _____

If you do not have an email address, please include a SAE
so that we can acknowledge receipt of your cheque.

Tel _____

Mob _____

CANCELLATION: Any cancellation after April 29th will not be
refunded unless the place(s) are resold.

Email _____

PLEASE NOTE: Persons who come on this visit do so at their
own risk. Please notify us if you have any difficulty walking.

Please state if you have any special needs requirements

The FRWA public liability insurance covers all RWA Friends
up to the age of 85.

I/we would like to be picked up at (please tick as
appropriate)

Prince Street, outside The Bristol Hotel
(formerly Jurys) - 8.00am

Clifton Down Shopping Centre
near Boots- 8.20am

Parry's Lane slip road - 8.30am

Cribbs Causway, Coach Park 'H' near Marks
and Spencer - 9am

PLEASE NOTE:

The FRWA will hold your booking data in order to process payment and book travel.

Please tick this box if you are happy for your data to be used in this way. Your personal data will not be shared with any third party.

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