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Enjoying your stay at Bookers Cottage

Everything you need to get the most out of your stay

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Arrival

Where We Are

Property Name: Bookers Cottage
Address: Bruern Cottages, Chipping Norton
County: Oxfordshire
Postcode: OX7 6QA

Nearest Train station and distance: Kingham, (3 miles away)
The nearest airport is: London Oxford

Check in and check out

Check in time: 4pm (please collect the keys from the office)
Contact name for check in: Jessica
Contact number for check in: Office phone number: 01993 830415
Contact name for emergency or problem: Jessica

Check out time for 2 night weekend booking: 10am Sunday
Check out time for 3 night weekend booking: 10am Monday
Check out time for 7 night week bookings: 10am Friday

Taxi service

ETC Taxis, 1 Oriel Grove, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, GL56 0ED

Tel: 01608 650343

Mob: 07800 957646

This taxi firm is a professional, local firm that knows the Cotswolds well. Please note that taxis get booked up far in advance and are in short supply in the area so please book before your visit or as early as possible during your stay here.

Getting to Us

Directions:

The best postcode to use with Satnav is: OX7 6QA

From the North

From the M40 (southbound): take the exit at junction 15. You'll want to take the A429 to Cirencester. After 20 miles traveling down the A429, you'll arrive in Morteton-in-Marsh. Once you're on the High Street in Moreton, take the 1st exit on the mini roundabout onto the A44/Oxford St. Oxford St will become London Rd. Travel down the A44 for 5 miles until you reach a turning for Stow, on the A436. Go down the A436 for 1 mile, and on your 2nd left turn onto Church St and travel into Kingham, keeping a slight left to go onto Station Road/the B4450. Take a right after around 1 mile, then take the 2nd right. Continue down this lane, go across the railway bridge and you'll be in a small. Look out for a plaque on your right which says 'Bruen Stable Cottages', where Weir House is waiting for you!

From the South/West

From the M5 (northbound): take the exit at junction 11A. You'll want to be going down the A436. Stay on this road and after about 12 miles. After traveling down the A436 you'll reach a junction. Turn right onto the A40 and travel down this road for about 6 miles. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto the A429 and travel down this road for around 7 miles. After about seven miles you'll want to take a right to go on the A424 towards Burford. Take this road, and drive for 6 miles until you reach a sign on the left that will say 'Bruen: 2.5 miles'. Take this road, and after about 0.5 miles you'll need to take a right, and then after about 100ft a left. Continue down this road for about 2 miles and take a left at the plaque where it says 'Bruern Stable Cottages'. You have arrived!

From the East

From the M40 (northbound): take the exit at junction 8 onto the A40 that goes towards Oxford or Cheltenham. Continue on the A40 for about 24 miles, and then you need to be taking the exit towards Burford. When you get to the roundabout, take the 4th exit onto the A361 that will take you through Burford. After about a mile on the A361 take a left towards Stow on the A424 then hang a right to continue going to Stow. After about 1 mile take a right exit towards Milton-under-Wychwood, that's 3 miles away. Go through the small village of Milton, and when you reach the junction take a left onto Church Rd. Continue on Church Rd and it will blend into Bruen Rd, which will, after 1.5 miles will get you to the cottage. Look out for the plaque that says 'Bruen Stable Cottages', where Weir House will be waiting for you!

Cooking & dining - chef services

You'll find our top recommendations below. If you do discover any other gems please do let us know and we will share them with other guests visiting the property.

Benson's Catering Ltd, 5 Park Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL1 1LH

Tel: 01452306187

Mob: 07807 453308

email: info@bensonscateringltd.co.uk

web: www.bensonscateringltd.co.uk

Highly recommended by our guests, James Benson is a former Claridge's and Lygon Arms chef who uses fresh Cotswolds produce. To add an extra special touch to your break, James can be your chef for a night, cooking a three course meal or provide you with superb, ready-to-go meals or barbecue dishes dropped off for your convenience. If you require James, please book as soon as possible as he is in popular demand – he is always happy to discuss your catering needs with you!

Calcot Kitchens, Calcot Kitchens, Near Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8YJ

Tel: 01666 891240

email: catering@calcotmanor.co.uk

web: www.calcotkitchens.co.uk

The Calcot kitchens provide sterling assistance for any event, be it small cocktail gatherings or large corporate and wedding events – they even do the washing up! Booking in advance is advised.

Gluts & Gluttony

Email Kathy: kathy@glutsandgluttony.com, Tel: 07805 262667

Email Mandy: mandy@glutsandgluttony.com, Tel: 07789 988984

www.glutsandgluttony.com

Armed with enough ingredients and gadgetry to fuel a small army, culinary extraordinaires Kathy and Mandy can swoop into your holiday home and cook up a feast that's perfect for your special celebrations. Every menu is different and designed specifically to your requirements, using the best seasonal produce from around the Cotswolds. Kathy and Mandy also offer bespoke private cookery classes for those wanting to sharpen their skills; lessons can range from teaching children about healthy, tasty cooking to making the perfect afternoon tea. On top of that, Gluts & Gluttony can deliver pre-prepared homely meals that can be stored in the freezer and taken out whenever you get peckish! Be sure to contact them well in advance as they are a popular choice.

Love Bites

www.lovebites.events

Kelly: 07774 725187

Rachel 07979 690163

indulge@lovebites.events

An excellent catering company that provide adventurous, tasty canapés for any event, be it a small family gathering or birthday party. Contact them soon as they also get booked up quickly.

Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

Local produce that the area is renowned for

As we're sure you're well aware, the Cotswolds is a foodie's paradise: literally everything and anything is grown and raised on these vast, green expanses. The buying and selling of organic foods has long been a tradition within these villages, and the successes of the Cotswolds farmers markets has now led to a national trend in 'localised ethical shopping', a movement spearheaded by the Prince of Wales, who has his own market shop in Tetbury, and firmly believes strong local markets creates a strong local economy and a vibrant society.

Be sure to check our 'Top Places to Visit' section to find some examples of places that produce some of the UK's best food.

Nearest pub

The Wild Rabbit, Church Street, Kingham, Oxfordshire, OX76YA

3 miles away/7 minute drive

Tel: 01608658389

A recently renovated 18th century inn which has been given the country-chic makeover; this endearing stone-walled pub, with comfortable country furniture and enormous hearths is full of character. The brasserie-style dining area offers artisan cooking which reflects the seasons, as the food is sourced locally and, where possible, picked from the garden out-back.

Pubs

Kingham Plough, The Green, Kingham, Oxfordshire, OX76YD

3.3 miles away/8 minute drive

Tel: 01608658327

Nestled in the heart of Kingham Village stands this absolute gem of a pub. Winner of the Oxford Dining Pub of the Year by the Good Pub Guide 2015, ranked in the top 25 best Country Pubs for Food by The Times, and with a menu from multi-award winning chef/owner Emily Watkins, this pub-come-restaurant grants visitors a perfect blend of fine dining in a warm, rural setting.

Kings Head, The Green, Bledington, Oxfordshire, OX7 6XQ

3.7 miles away/9 minutes drive

Tel: 01608 658365

Originally a cider house way back in the 16th century, the Kings Head has recently been renovated and now serves everything from the best of European wines to locally sourced ales from the Wye Valley and Oxfordshire breweries. The food is excellent and from the area - the Aberdeen Angus beef is actually from the family farm!

The Lamb Inn, High Street, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, OX7 6DQ

3.9 miles away/9 minute drive

Tel: 01993 830465

This Cotswold pub is a classic choice for anyone wanting to enjoy a perfect pint. Co-owner Paul has recently been awarded the 'Cask Marque' for his services to ale lovers across the land - he keeps his casks and pumps in

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top condition and takes pride in the wide range of real ales he has on offer. Fine wines from around the world are also sold, whilst good beers and cider are on tap, so there is something for everyone. The food is seasonal, honest and tasty, ranging from Pan Fried Pork sandwiches for lunch to Cottage Pie (made with Guinness) for dinner.

Restaurants

Tatty Bunting, Kingham, Oxfordshire, OX7 6UJ

2.1 miles away/5 minute drive

Tel: 01608 6599462

This family-friendly restaurant serves authentic Italian cuisine that's reasonably priced. A wide-range of pizzas, steaks and other seasonal food are on offer.

The Mill, Station Road, Kingham, Oxfordshire, OX7 6UH

2.7 miles away/6 minute drive

Tel: 01608 658188

A cosy restaurant in Kingham run by a team of hard-working, friendly staff. You can pop in for quick coffee, or stay for the gorgeous roast dinner that's served for Sunday lunch. With extensive outdoor seating and a river that runs through the grounds, there is plenty of time to be spent lazing away here.

Wild Thyme, 10 New Street, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 5LJ

6 miles away/12 minute drive

Tel: 01608 645060

Slightly further afield lies this fabulous restaurant. Highly regarded by critics and locals alike, owners Nick and Sally have created a wonderful place that serves high quality cuisine that excites the palate: the food served can be anything from locally caught wild rabbit, venison from the local Wychwood forest, to crispy fried risotto balls. The décor is a classic blend of rustic beams and clean, contemporary furnishing. Booking in advance is recommended.

The Croft, Chester House Hotel, Victoria Street, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, GL54 2BS

8.8 miles away/18 minute drive

Tel: 01451 821132 (to enquire)

Tel: 01451 820286 (to book)

In the picturesque village of Bourton-on-the-Water, where the river Windrush veins its way through numerous arched stone bridges, lies The Croft, another family-friendly restaurant that serves tasty, honest food. Expect things like bangers and mash, beef and wine lasagne and pies and puds. The service is excellent here and the staff's attentiveness to your needs that will make your experience very enjoyable.

Best Takeaways

Closest takeaways are in Chipping Norton:

Italian: Marios, 7 Middle Row, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 5NH, Tel: 01608 641818, 6 miles away/13 minute drive

Indian: Spice of India, 6 West Street, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 5AA, Tel: 01608 238573, 6 miles away/13 minute drive

Cooking & Dining - Shopping for Food

Best local supermarket

Kingham Village Store, Church Street, Kingham, Oxfordshire, OX7 6YA
3 miles/7 minute drive away
Tel: 01608 658235

Londis, Church Street, Kingham, Oxfordshire, OX7 6YA
3 miles away/7 minute drive
Tel: 01608 810660

Supermarkets

Sainsbury's, 12-14 Market Pl. Chipping Norton, OX7 5NA
6 miles away/13 minute drive
Tel: 01608 642579
online shopping: www.sainsburys.co.uk

Co-operative Food, High St. Chipping Norton, OX7 5AB
6 miles away/12 minute drive
Tel: 01608 642672

Waitrose, 25 Woolgate Shopping Centre/Market Square, Witney, OX28 6AR
14 miles away/28 minute drive
Tel: 01993 778411
online shopping: www.waitrose.com

Butchers

Beadle Butchers, 1 Market St, Chipping Norton, OX7 5NQ
6 miles away/13 minute drive
Tel: 01608 642629

Love My Cow, Tagmoor Farm, Bourton on the Water, Gloucestershire, GL54 2LF
9 miles away/20 minute drive
Tel: 01451810198
web: www.lovemycow.com

Wine Merchant

Oxford Wine Merchant, 165-167 Botley Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX2 0PB, 01865 249500, 24 miles away/43 minute drive.

Things to do - activities and pampering

Our top recommendations for activities and pampering are below.

Golf

Chipping Norton Golf Club, Southcombe, Chipping Norton, Oxon, OX7 5QH

7.4 miles away/16 minute drive

Tel: 01608 642383

web: www.cotswoldsclub.co.uk/golf

A large, undulating course at 6,316 yard long, comprised of tree-lined fairways, and maintained to a very high standard. Chipping Norton Golf Course is ranked among the top three courses in Oxfordshire by the National Club Golfer Magazine.

The Wychwood Golf Club, Lyneham, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 6QQ

1 mile away/4 minute drive

Tel: 01993 831841

web: www.thewychwood.com

Situated just down the road, this course is a wonderful 18-holer. As a large course that's on 170 acres of land, and at 6844 yards long, parts can be tricky.

Cycling

The undulating hills that surround the area, make the terrain perfect for cycling. The long, winding lanes can take you to crumbling gold stone churches, peaceful villages and bustling market towns. The Cotswold Way is a 102 mile long route that is a beautiful stretch that starts from Chipping Campden to Bath. Check the website for more information: www.nationaltrail.co.uk/cotswold-way

Cycle Hire

Cycle Cotswolds, Volunteer Inn, Lower High Street, Chipping Campden, Oxfordshire, GL55 6DY

17.7 miles away/32 minute drive

Mob: 07549 620597

Mob: 07933 368074

web: www.cyclecotswolds.co.uk

Offers good quality bike hire in Chipping Campden, with Trek hybrids available for rental. They can also deliver cycles to your starting location and then collect them at the end of the rental period.

Hot Air Ballooning

Ballooning in the Cotswolds, <http://www.ballooninginthecotswolds.co.uk/>, Tel: 01453 753221

With a balloon launch site not far away in the picturesque village of Bourton-on-the-water, this journey will take you east across the enchanting Cotswolds hills, and towards the close-by Milton-under-Wychwood. This journey gives you the perfect panoramic viewpoints of the hidden hamlets, forested vales and rolling meadows that make up the quintessence of the Cotswolds.

Things to do - activities and pampering

Horse riding

The Cotswolds has some sterling equestrian centres that offer first-rate lessons and tours. Below are some of the best in the area.

Overdale Equestrian Centre, Nether Westcote, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX76SD

5.2 miles away/11 minute drive

Tel: 01993 832 520

web: www.overdale-equestrian.co.uk

For those wanting to learn how to ride, or perfect their technique, Overdale is the perfect place to ride a horse. Situated down the road, the centre also offers popular hacks (riding in the countryside).

Bourton Vale Equestrian Centre, College Farm, Fosseway, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, GL54 2HN

10 miles away/17 minute drive

Tel: 01451 821101

web: www.bourtonvaleequestrian.co.uk

Lessons are available for beginners to advanced riders. They also offer 'tourist hacks' and 'hen hacks' for big groups looking to grab a big slice of the Cotswold countryside.

Cotswolds Riding, Washpool Equestrian Centre, Stanton, Worcestershire WR12 7NE

21 miles away/37 minute drive

Tel: 01386 584250

web: www.cotswoldsridding.co.uk

With over thirty five years of teaching experience, and with over fifty horses and ponies that can suit any level, equestrian Jill Carenza's centre for horse riding offers beginner, intermediate and advanced lessons and hacks, and also offers the service of hirelings for hunting and fun rides.

Fishing

Lyneham Lake, Churchill Heath, Kingham, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 6UJ

2.1 miles away/5 minute drive

Tel: 01608 658491

This lake is for coarse fishing.

Salford Trout Lakes, Rectory Farm, Salford, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 5YY

6.5 miles away/18 minute drive

Tel: 01608 643209

Mob: 07531 073813

Two spring fed lakes that total 8 acres of water allow for the fly-fishing of brown and rainbow trout. Day and evening tickets available. Season from 1st April – 31st October.

Things to do - activities and pampering

Adventure activities

Rob Ireland, Country Crafts & Leisure, Morton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, GL56 9LQ

14 miles away/30 minute drive

Tel: 01608 650413

web: www.robireland.co.uk

This centre offers a wide range of activities, for children and adults alike. Activities such as quad biking, archery, paintballing, clay pigeon shooting, and, for the more adventurous, helicopter treasure hunts and tractor and trailer slalom will keep you alive and kicking all day. Events here are suitable for all ages – bookings are advised to be made in advance.

Pampering

Cotswold House Hotel & Spa, The Square, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, GL55 6AN

Tel: 01386 840330

19.4 miles away/34 minute drive

web: www.cotswoldhouse.com

Chill out in seven treatment rooms, from a hydrotherapy pool to the only Turkish Hamman in the area. The wonderful therapists can give you anything from holistic treatments, massages, facials, pedicures to aromatherapy, and will make sure that as soon as you arrive you will be spoilt from start to finish.

For pampering in the comfort of your property, there is a range of treatments available from a local therapist including massage, pedicure, manicure, etc. Please book well in advance.

Please enquire via My Personal Sanctuary (www.mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk) via telephone number 01625 540 557 or email enquiries@mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk.

Top things to do with children

Our top recommendations for outings with children are below.

Bourton-on-the-Water

About 9 miles/20 minute drive away, the picturesque village of Bourton-on-the-Water is an outstanding place of natural beauty. Pretty houses flank the river Windrush, which winds its way through the centre, and is shallow enough for your children to splash around in. Although a village, there is plenty to see and do, so you can be sure that everyone will be kept busy. Attractions include a model village (www.themodelvillage.com), the Cotswold Birdland Park (www.birdland.co.uk), The Dragonfly Maze (next to the Birdland Park) and the Cotswold Motor Museum, home to Brum!

Woodstock and Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire OX20 1PP

Tel: 01993 810530

web: www.blenheimpalace.com

Around 16 miles away/30 minute drive lies the beautiful grounds of Blenheim Palace, where you can lose yourself in the estate's vast and beautiful park gardens. As well as discovering all the interesting things inside the palace, outside there is also an adventure playground, a maze, a butterfly farm and a miniature train. Check for limited opening hours in the winter months. In Woodstock there are lots of shops to explore and there is the local Oxfordshire museum on the high street – worth a quick visit to enjoy a coffee and cake in the airy glass-fronted café.

Cotswold Wildlife Park, Bradwell Grove, Burford, Oxfordshire OX18 4JP

Tel: 01993 823006

web: www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk

Around 9 miles away/20 minute drive is the nearby town of Burford, where a fantastic parkland awaits for you and your family. There is an adventure playground, café, and of course, lions, zebras, hippos, penguins, fruit bats and monkeys (to name just a few).

Cotswold Farm Park, Bemborough Farm, Kineton, Cheltenham, GL54 5UG

Tel: 01451 850307

web: www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk

Around 16 miles away/30 minute drive is the famous farm owned by Adam Henson, TV presenter off of BBC's Countryfile. The farm is designed to introduce little ones to farm animals and rearing. With milking and shearing demonstrations, an adventure playground and a nature walk, Cotswold Farm Park is a wonderful day out.

Top places to visit and shop nearby

Moreton-in-Marsh

11.6 miles away/22 minute drive

A wonderful market town that offers lots to do in the way of quality food and drink. Be sure to check out Warner's Budgens on the High Street and The Cotswold Cheese Shop, voted as Britain's best New Deli, which sell a wide range of breads and delicatessen food. On Tuesdays there is a wonderful market that sells local produce and other artisan crafts, and, if you're here in September, don't miss the Moreton Show, a one-day countryside event that attracts around 20,000 visitors - check their website to find out more: www.moretonshow.co.uk. Also, find the time to have a drink at The Bell Inn, where many locals believe it to be the inspiration behind The Prancing Pony, the famous pub in J R R Tolkien's Lord of the Rings books.

Stow-on-the-Wold

9.4 miles away/17 minute drive

Another of the Cotswolds famous market towns, Stow has been one since the 12th century. There are many good restaurants, pubs and cafés to visit. Stow is also an important centre for fine antiques shops, art galleries and craft shops. A superb farmers' market is held in the town's square on the second Thursday of each month, between 9am-1pm.

Chipping Norton

6.1 miles away/13 minute drive

web: www.chippingnortontheatre.co.uk

Fondly known as 'Chippy' to the locals, Chipping Norton houses some good shops for all those seeking some retail therapy. Unusually, as the town is so small, there is a running theatre which is excellent. The theatre regularly shows contemporary plays and screens the best of art house and Hollywood cinema.

Daylesford Organic Farmshop, near Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, GL56 0YG

4.6 miles away/10 minute drive

Tel: 01608 731700

web: www.daylesford.com/kingham

This farm contains not only a butchers, bakery, and fishmonger, but also a creamery, grocer, homeware shop, garden shop and café. The fruits, vegetables and herbs are picked each morning from the market garden, and the organic animals can be seen roaming on the surrounding pastures.

The Hook Norton Brewery, Brewery Lane, Hook Norton, Oxon, OX15 5NY

11 miles away/25 minute drive

Tel: 01608737210

web: www.hooky.co.uk

An independent family business since 1849, the brewery offers tours which takes you through the history and making of some of the country's best real ales such as the award winning 'Hooky' and 'Double Stout'. With over ten thousand visitors a year, Hook Norton is very much at the heart of Cotswold life.

Farmers' Markets

Farmers' markets are a common occurrence in the Cotswolds, and they are held throughout the year at different venues. For more information on where and when these markets are, visit www.cotswolds.com.

Useful information

Bookers Cottage at a glance

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

- Sleeps up to six
- Three bedrooms, one of which has an ensuite
- One double, two twin beds and a four poster bed

Cooking and Dining

- Chef available for a special meal or throughout the weekend
- Drop of meals available
- Barbecue
- Great bars and pubs, less than 10 minute's walk
- Good dining nearby
- Online deliveries

Children Welcome

- Toys and books for children
- Outdoor play area
- Shared Two-storey playhouse
- Pedal cars and bicycles
- Cots and highchairs available
- Baby monitor available
- Children's cutlery is available

Where We Are

- The postcode is OX7 6QA
- The nearest towns are Chipping Norton and Burford, both just over 6 miles away
- The nearest station is Kingham, a six minute drive away
- The nearest airport is London Oxford
- Taxis available
- Ample off-road parking
- Babysitting service available

Things to Do Inside

- TV with Sky
- CD Player
- DVD Player
- Wi-fi
- Books, CDs and board games
- Shared games room
- Shared indoor pool
- Shared spa facilities

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Things to Do Outside

- Extensive shared gardens
- Outdoor play area
- Shared tennis court

Activities

- Clay pigeon shooting
- Bike hire
- Paintballing
- Balloon trips
- On-site spa

Top Things to Do for Children

- Birdland Park and Gardens
- Bourton Model Railway
- Cotswold Wildlife Park

Payment Process

- We take a one third deposit at the time of booking
- The balance is due three months before the date booked

Cautionary Deposit

- £500 refundable deposit

Arrival and Departure

- Check in 4pm
- Check out 10am

House Restrictions

- No pets allowed
- Noise policy in place
- Not suitable for hen and stag parties

What's Included

- Linen
- Towels
- Bathrobes
- Welcome Hamper with champagne
- Toiletries by Aromatherapy Associates
- Essentials
- Utilities
- Extra housekeeping available on request

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What's included

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Towels

Bathrobes

Welcome Hamper with Champagne

Toiletries by Aromatherapy Associates

Essentials

Utilities

Extra housekeeping available on request

Guest Reviews

"We loved this cute little hideaway! Perfect weekend spent in the Cotswolds." - **Susanne**

"Many thanks for all your hard work, it's been a truly memorable holiday." - **Geoff**