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Sadly for them, most visitors to Woodstock never actually see the historic town centre, tucked away off the busy main road, as they're heading to Woodstock's grand and glorious neighbour, Blenheim Palace.

Woodstock is more than worthy of a visit in its own right. The town's fine Georgian façades disguise far older buildings that house all manner of fascinating hotels and cafés, shops and galleries. There are two excellent museums – The Oxfordshire Museum and the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum – and don't miss the town's church with its fine collection of embroidered kneelers and a musical clock, which plays a different tune each day.

Woodstock is definitely a place for leisurely browsing and a place to make discoveries – whether it's a unique gift in one of the many intriguing shops or just another fascinating snippet of history.

The real insider's tip is to stay in Woodstock: there are great places to stay and to eat; you'll have time to explore the town and all the delights it has to offer; but you'll also discover the best way to visit Blenheim Palace, on foot! Stroll down through the old town, turn the corner and suddenly you're at the Town Gate – enjoy the wonderful view, across the lake to the Grand Bridge and Blenheim Palace behind and spare a thought for those poor visitors that missed both Woodstock and the best view of Blenheim!

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Blenheim Palace

Woodstock OX20 1PP
 Tel 01993 810530
www.blenheimpalace.com
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Blenheim Palace is the home of the 12th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. This National Treasure houses some of the finest antique collections in Europe and boasts over 300 years of history to discover.

Explore this World Heritage Site set in more than 2,000 acres of 'Capability' Brown landscaped parkland. On your next visit, discover a major new exhibition bringing the world of Winston Churchill and his connections to Blenheim Palace to life. In addition, discover an immersive and interactive experience, in the Palace's historic stable block, showcasing the importance of horses at Blenheim down through the centuries.



Combe Mill

Combe, Long Hanborough OX29 8ET
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www.combemill.org
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Combe Mill Museum is the original 'workshop' of the old Blenheim Estate and is a working museum offering visitors a fascinating insight into the working conditions of our Victorian ancestors.

You get a feel for the past as you enter this un-restored building where you can talk with Society members operating the machinery and demonstrating lost skills.

Enjoy watching our steam beam engine power the line shafting that drives the woodworking machinery.

Refreshments are available and there is also a riverside picnic area.



Oxford Bus Museum

Long Hanborough OX29 8LA
Tel 01993 883617
www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk



Two exhibition halls telling the story of road transport in Oxfordshire from the end of the nineteenth century to the present day. In a separate workshop block restoration work can be seen in progress.

A family-friendly museum with a children's activity area.

Free vintage bus rides on selected dates; visit the website for details. Car park, shop and café.



The Oxfordshire Museum

Woodstock OX20 1SN
Tel 01993 814106
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshiremuseum



An 18th century house is home to the county's collections. Eleven galleries featuring archaeology, art, local and natural history, allow you to explore Oxfordshire's story from the Jurassic period through to Anglo-Saxons and Victorians. Relax in the beautiful walled garden, perfect for picnics, and don't miss the life-size Magalosaur that roamed Oxfordshire in the Dinosaur garden. It's as big as a bus!

All proceeds from the Garden Café and gift shop support the museum services.





Blenheim Tours

Woodstock OX20 1SL
Tel 07766 743084
www.blenheimtours.co.uk
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Based in Woodstock, home to Blenheim Palace, near to Oxford and ideally located for circular trips around the beautiful north Cotswolds. Tailored to your interests and any 'must-see' destinations on your list, we will even recommend the perfect

stop for lunch or afternoon tea. We also offer themed days out e.g. Cotswolds Food & Drink, Midsomer Murders, Downton Abbey & Winston Churchill, city trips including Bath, Salisbury and Gloucester, visits to Stonehenge, Stratford-upon-Avon, Bicester Village and lots more.



The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

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Discover the military history of the region and its people. Climb the recreated Great War trench. Delve into the world of spies and secret agents. Hear the stories of the county's heroes past and present. Jump on the glider and prepare for D-Day.

The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum is an independent museum and relies on admission income to look after the collections for future generations.



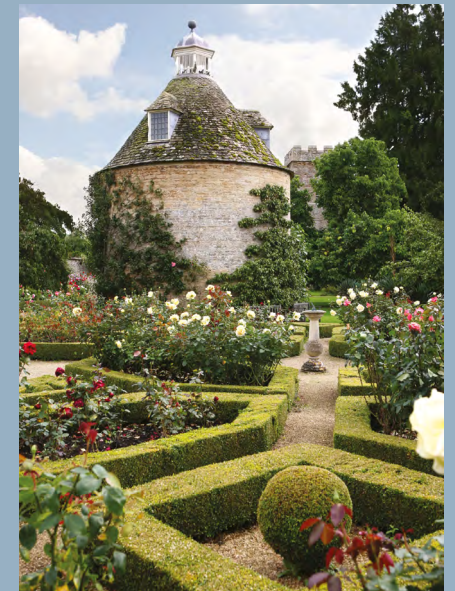
Rousham

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Rousham is one of Britain's most unspoilt and undiscovered landscape gardens and was named by garden writer and broadcaster Monty Don as one of his favourite gardens in the country. Designed by William Kent in the 18th century, Rousham represents the first phase of English landscape design and remains largely unaltered since its conception. The gardens are dotted with classical features and delightfully situated statues and temples.

Don't miss the pretty walled garden with its herbaceous borders, small parterre, pigeon house and espalier apple trees.

Rousham's non-commercial nature means there is no tearoom or shop, but bring a picnic and enjoy the peace and tranquillity. (Please note: no children under 15, no dogs)





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