

Experiences

Ideally located in the Malvern Hills, The Cottage in the Wood offers easy access to and unforgettable views of the Cotswolds, Vale of Evesham and Severn Valley. Step outside to explore nine miles of stunning hills rising dramatically from the flats of the Severn valley forming a natural border between Worcestershire and Herefordshire, discover the pretty towns and villages or visit local museums and theatre.







MALVERN THEATRE (2 MILES)

Nestling at the foot of the Malvern Hills, Malvern Theatres is a major centre for the arts in the West Midlands. Malvern Theatres boasts one of the most diverse selection of plays, music, comedy, dance, film and education work to be found under a single roof anywhere in the country.

MORGAN MOTOR COMPANY & FACTORY TOURS (4 MILES)

For over 100 years the Morgan Motor Company have been making exciting sports cars in the beautiful spa town of Malvern. Morgan cars are famous for their unique blend of charisma, quality materials, craftsmanship & performance.

THREE COUNTIES SHOW GROUND (2 MILES)

The Three Counties is home to a host of events all year round including both corporate and leisure events.

Key events include: RHS Malvern Spring Festival, Royal Three Counties Show, and Malvern Autumn Show.







CYCLING

Around the Hills themselves a network of country lanes pass through a variety of different landscapes from steep wooded hills to gently rolling farmland. Choose your route to take you through the local villages and towns and explore the culture, history and culinary delights on your way.

LAND ROVER EXPERIENCE CENTRE (6.5 MILES)

The 43 miles of track set within the grounds of the enchanting Eastnor Castle, present spectacular views, picturesque woodlands and an impressive array of wildlife including Buzzards, Red Kites and Muntjac Deer.

TOWNS & VILLAGES

Discover the pretty towns and villages of The Malverns including the Victorian spa town of Malvern, home to Edward Elgar, the historic market town of Ledbury and the riverside town of Upton upon Severn.

Or explore the Black & White Villages of North-West Herefordshire containing hundreds of timber framed buildings of great age. Drive tour guides available at reception.











CHASE DISTILLERY TOURS

Visit the Single-Estate distillery in Herefordshire (20 miles away). The tour and tasting experience unlocks some of the secrets and skills that go into creating this award-winning range of spirits. Your expert guide will talk you through everything from our traditional mashing, fermenting and distilling processes, to how bottles are finished by hand. After the tour, enjoy a tutored tasting of the Chase range of award-winning products.

Croome Court, National Trust (11 Miles)

Croome Court is a mid-18th century Neo-Palladian mansion. Once home to the Earls of Coventry, today artists and craftspeople tell the story of its eclectic past. A secret wartime airbase is now a visitor centre. Outside the landscape was 'Capability' Brown's masterful first commission, with commanding views over the Malverns.

The Elgar birthplace museum (10 miles) and resting place (1 mile)

The Elgar birthplace museum displays internationally acclaimed collections that follow the story of Elgar's musical development and inspirations; his early struggle for recognition and his rise to fame. From there you can follow The Elgar route: a driving tour around Elgar's Worcestershire. Elgar's resting place is at Saint Wulstan's Church.

Malvern Gas Lamps, Wells & Springs

Malvern is the only town left in the UK with Victorian Gas lamps. The gas lamps are famous for their rural location and as the iconic image of The Chronicles of Narnia. You will find them on the grounds at The Cottage in the Wood and the surrounding area. The area is also famous for its water that filters down from the hills to the many springs and wells below. The water is believed to have healing properties. In Victorian times people came in their droves for the water cure. Victorian and Edwardian houses built at this time still stand today.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

The Malvern Hill paths vary from reasonably well drained and level tarmac paths to rough, rocky and quite steep paths. You'll need to be confident in your brakes and experience for the latter. The southern end of the hills generally has fewer people around, but also less tracks.



EASTNOR CASTLE (6.5 MILES)

Eastnor Castle is an award winning tourist attraction nestled in the Malvern Hills. This historic house is full of medieval armour and fine art and in the beautiful grounds visitors will find an arboretum and a lake with many spectacular walks, trails and views.



Horse riding (7 miles)

Experience the joys of horse-riding whether you are an experienced rider looking for an adventure or a beginner wanting to try it. Local riding experiences offer riding in their outdoor arena and hacking out. The arena offers a safe environment to learn to ride and have fun.



Royal Worcester museum (11 miles)

The Museum of Royal Worcester is a ceramics museum located amidst the old Victorian buildings that used to be home to the Royal Worcester porcelain factory. The Georgian will take you on a journey through time and our informative audio tour features the factory's history and its remarkable workforce.