
Includes seven of Oxfordshire’s most beautiful historic houses and gardens and a guide to special events and seasonal highlights.

January:
Greys Court and Cotswold Wildlife Park Gardens are open and can be enjoyed year-round.

February:
Blenheim Palace is open from 13th February, the Regatta for the 300th anniversary of the birth of Capability Brown in Oxfordshire.

March:
Nuffield Place reopen ready for the Easter Holidays where there is always something interesting going on, from talks to visiting cars.

April:
Kelleys Manor opens with family activities and crystal on the banks, while at Stonor Park, Jonathan Moseley hosts Tulip & Spring Flower Festival (21st April – 2nd May).

May:
The Walling Gardens at Buscot Park look exceptional in late spring while the ‘Wisteria Walk’ at Greys Court is an early summer spectacle and highlight for many visitors.

June:
The ever-popular Blenheim Palace Flower Show returns for its fourth year from 17th to 19th June 2016. The Grand Floral Pavilion will be full of the UK’s finest nurseries and growers on hand with expert advice and ideas for your garden.

July:
Buscot Park’s hidden treat of a 60-seat theatre comes to life with performances of The Furies by Lord Berners, telling the story of society hostesses Sybil Colefax and Emerald Cunard.

August:
BBC Countryfile, Britain’s most watched factual television show will be brought to life in a major new live countryside event at Blenheim Palace from 4th – 7th August.

September:
Don’t miss the late summer planting at Cotswold Wildlife Park Gardens, RHS members get in free between 1st September to 31st October.

October:
Follow the spooky Halloween Trail for prizes at Stonor Park, 22nd – 30th October and it’s the last chance to enjoy Kelleys Manor and Blenheim Palace before they close for the Winter.

November:
Activities are within full swing at Cotswold Wildlife Park and Blenheim Palace.

December:
Winter walks in the woodland at Greys Court are a must for the Christmas holidays.

For more information on Country Houses and Gardens in Oxfordshire, visit www.experienceoxfordshire.org

How to find Oxfordshire’s Country Houses and Gardens

- Blenheim Palace
  Sat Nav OX20 1PP
  Located only 8 miles from Oxford with the Stagecoach S3 bus service running every half hour.

- Kelleys Manor
  Sat Nav OX20 1PP
  Located 3 miles from Oxford, looking for Capability Brown’s flagship for the 300th anniversary of the birth of Capability Brown in Oxfordshire.

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- Greys Court
  Sat Nav OX18 4JP
  Located in the Cotswolds, 5 miles from Burford, 20 miles from Oxford and 22 miles from Cheltenham.

- Buscot Park
  Sat Nav SN7 8BU
  Located between Lechlade and Faringdon on the A417.

- Stonor Park
  Sat Nav RG9 6HF
  Located 10 minutes’ drive from Henley-on-Thames and 40 minutes’ drive from Oxford.

- Cotswold Wildlife Park
  Sat Nav OX18 4JP
  Located 2 miles from Burford, 20 miles from Oxford and 22 miles from Cheltenham.

- Oxford Garden
  Sat Nav OX18 4JP
  Located in the Cotswolds, 5 miles from Burford, 20 miles from Oxford and 22 miles from Cheltenham.
**Oxfordshire’s Country Houses and Gardens**

Defence is blessed with a wonderful array of country houses and gardens. From the award-winning Blenheim Palace to the award-winning Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens to the elegant Stonor Park in the Chiltern Hills.

2016 is a particularly special year for Defenrath’s country houses and gardens. Blenheim Palace will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of the birth of Capability Brown with talks and tours exploring the park and gardens that he designed. Wholefied is also promoting 2016 as the “Year of the English Garden”, a year long celebration of the beauty of the Oxfordshire’s landscape.

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