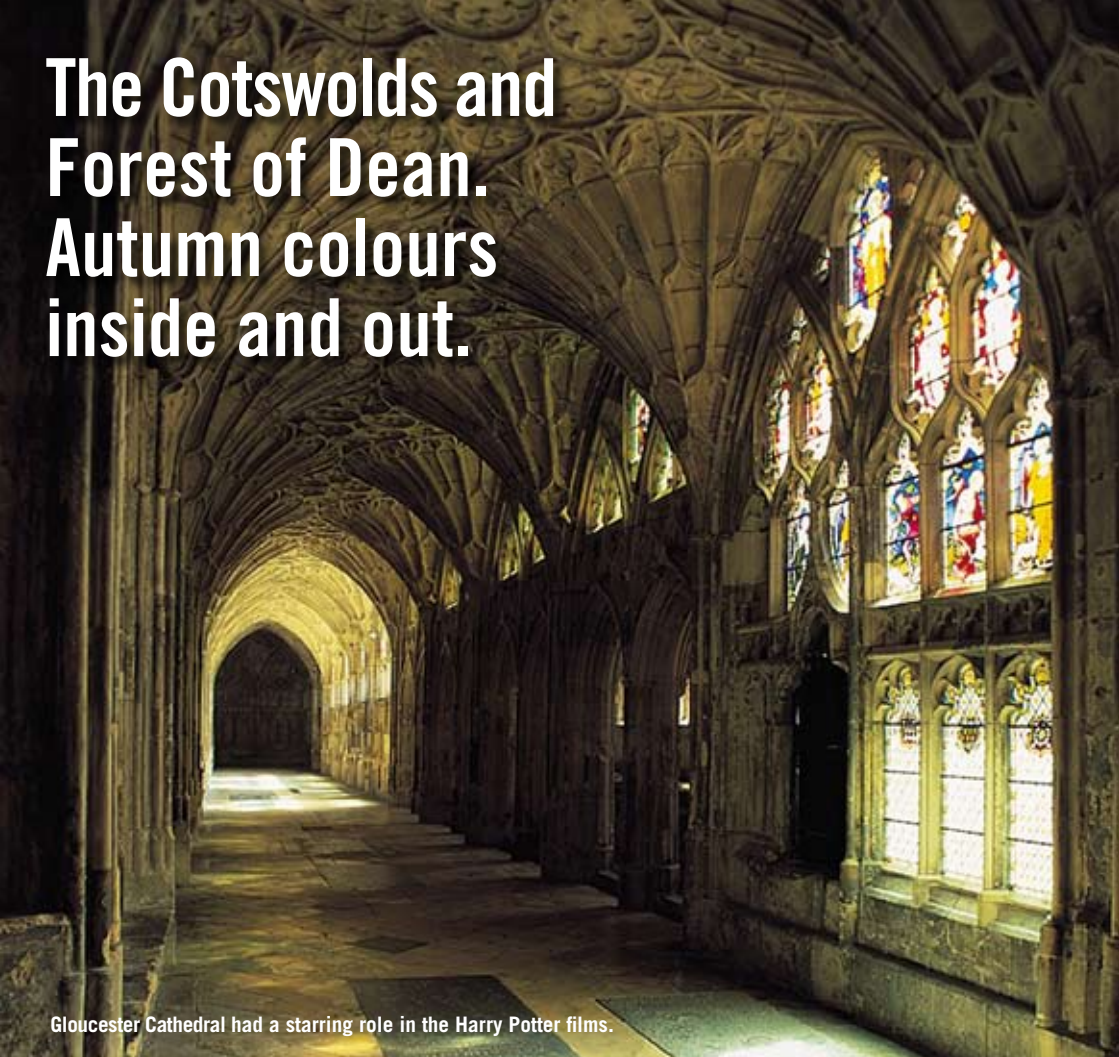


# The Cotswolds and Forest of Dean. Autumn colours inside and out.



Gloucester Cathedral had a starring role in the Harry Potter films.



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## COLOUR THERAPY

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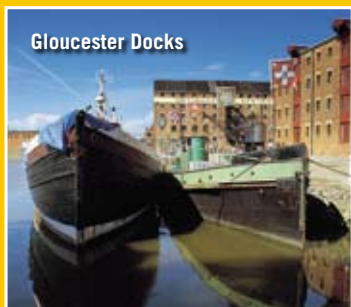
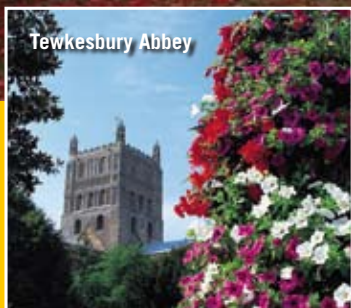
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Websites include tourist information centre details - call for advice and bookings.

“After the rainiest spring and summer on record, we could be in for the finest autumn colours on record.”

Tony Russell – BBC Garden writer and broadcaster.



## Every cloud has a silver lining

It's been an exceptionally wet spring and summer. But the good news is that all the rain has done wonders for the trees across the Cotswolds and Forest of Dean.

In the coming weeks, the Cotswolds, our arboreta, natural spaces and Forest will burst into a dazzling display of autumn colour that looks set to be a once in a lifetime experience.

Between now and Christmas we're staging more festivals and events than ever before. Our historic towns of Tewkesbury, Cheltenham and the City of Gloucester make great touring bases.

**There's never been a better time to visit.**

## Events with a difference

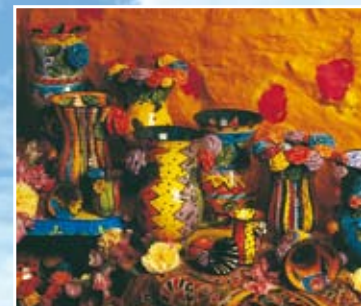
The **Tewkesbury Mop Fair** offers all the entertainment of a traditional fun fair, with plenty of rides, stalls and games. The **Newent Onion Fair** is a fantastic, fun event, with music, great food and drink. In complete contrast, take a gentle stroll in the fascinating **Batsford Arboretum** on an organised mushroom exploration.



## Arts and literature

Things get moving at the beginning of September, when the **Stroud Festival** opens for a week, featuring a host of exciting live music and arts performances.

There's also the **Cheltenham Festival of Literature** that runs for ten days. With 400 writers and 350 events it's a chance to expand your horizons and fire the imagination.



## Food and drink

The **Forest of Dean Food Festival** is the place to sample the very best in local produce, as well as our **Michelin Starred restaurants** and **award-winning pubs** and **tea rooms**.



## Christmas celebration

Put the fun back into Christmas shopping in our independent and designer shops and see the Christmas lights in **Cheltenham**, **Gloucester** and **Tewkesbury**. **Gloucester's outdoor ice rink** is also worth a visit. If you're feeling romantic or adventurous, experience the Medieval splendour of **Berkeley Castle** by candlelight, or have an 'Enchanted Christmas' at **Westonbirt Arboretum** to see the trees lit up with breathtaking effects.

**Check our websites for even more ideas.**



This autumn there's so much to see and do, visit [www.cotswolds.com](http://www.cotswolds.com) & [www.visitforestofdean.co.uk](http://www.visitforestofdean.co.uk)