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Cotswolds style

Stay in a stylish boutique hotel and restaurant in the market town of **Shipston-on-Stour**, with easy access to the beauty of the Cotswolds



Shipston-on-Stour is a small market town in south Warwickshire, near the north Cotswolds and Stratford-upon-Avon. It's a charming and lively town, right in the middle of which sits an attractive 18th-century, recently refurbished coaching house. The George Townhouse offers stylish, boutique en-suite accommodation, good food and a friendly atmosphere, perfect if you fancy exploring the area, around an hour from Birmingham.

Bedrooms in The George boast king-size beds, cool, contemporary interiors, luxurious bathrooms with rainfall showers and gorgeous Temple Spa toiletries, Nespresso machines and quirky touches including retro telephones and smart, vintage-inspired furnishings.



There is a variety of room sizes to choose from, from Classic and Superior to Deluxe and Super Deluxe, with the penthouse suite at the top of the building offering a sumptuous space complete with beams, great views over the town and a bathroom featuring a freestanding bath as well as a huge walk-in shower.

In the bar and restaurant downstairs, there's a great atmosphere – The George is obviously a popular destination with locals for both food and drink. The menu is modern British

and includes classics such as beer-battered haddock with triple-cooked chips and The Townhouse beef burger, with lighter options such as a superfood salad and the veggie-pleasing grilled halloumi burger with spiced aubergine, slow-roasted tomato and fries.

Sample local produce such as the Todenham Farm rump steak, coming from a farm just four miles away, outside Moreton-in-Marsh, and drink beer from Brakspear, some 40 minutes away in Witney. There's also the Cotswold Gold rapeseed oil and Blackman's artisan bread – great examples of The George being a place that's very proud of its location. The team is made up of friendly locals who are happy to chat about the area and they are bound to make you feel welcome.

In the morning, enjoy breakfast in the bright, modern dining room, with classics such as a full English with sausages from Todenham Farm, and eggs from the local Hazelwood Manor Farm in all the guises you'd hope for – Eggs Benedict, Royale and Florentine – ideal for setting you up for a day of Cotswolds adventures. Nearby, you'll find the Cotswold Distillery, in the village of Stourton, where world-class spirits are created using local ingredients. Meanwhile, art lovers will enjoy Compton Verney gallery, set in a beautiful Capability Brown landscape.

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