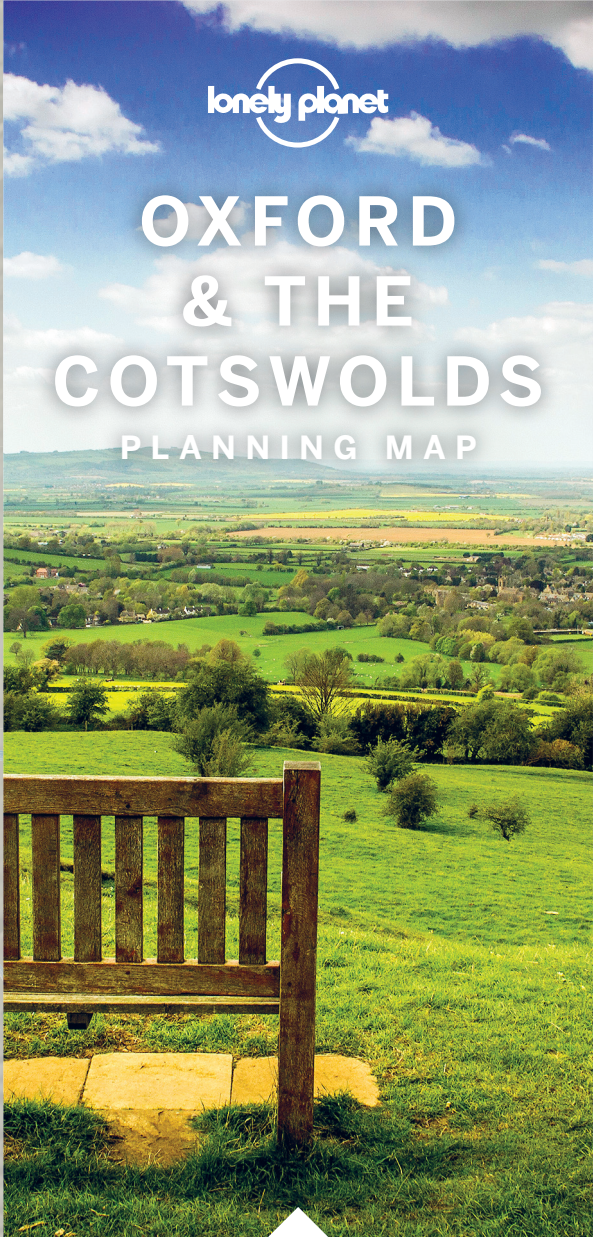
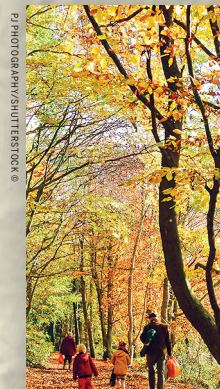


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# OXFORD & THE COTSWOLDS PLANNING MAP

Discover the top sights, activities  
and experiences in Oxford and the Cotswolds



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## When to Go

**High Season** Jun–Aug  
Prime tourist season, with daily highs exceeding 20°C. The Cotswolds are crowded, while Oxford empties of students.

**Shoulder Season** Mar–May, Sep–Nov  
Spring and autumn are great for strolling or hiking in the Cotswolds. In autumn, Oxford



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Cottages in Bibury

## CENTRAL COTSWOLDS

The Central Cotswolds is home to many quintessential-ly quaint villages, with histories going back centuries to medieval times. Many of the stone cottages and churches from that time still remain.

### BURFORD C3

Burford has hardly changed since its medieval glory days. Small and picturesque, it holds an appealing mix of stone cottages, gold-tinged town houses, antique shops, chintzy tearooms and delightful hotels and restaurants.

### NORTHLEACH C3

Northleach has been a market town since 1227. Late-medieval cottages, imposing merchants' stores and half-timbered Tudor houses jostle for position around Market Sq, while the Church of St Peter & St Paul is a masterpiece of the Cotswold Perpendicular style.

### BIBURY C3

Memorably described as 'England's most beautiful village' by no less an authority than William Morris, Bibury epitomises the Cotswolds at its most picturesque. With its cluster of perfect cottages and tangle of narrow flower-lined lanes, it's a major stop on large-group Cotswold tours.



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Swan Theatre

### STRATFORD-UPON-AVON C1

William Shakespeare was born in this Tudor town, 40 miles northwest of Oxford, in 1564, and died here in 1616. Pay your respects at his modest grave, catch a performance by the Royal Shakespeare Company, and have a cream tea in a Bard-themed tearoom.

**Shakespeare's Birthplace**  
Birthplace of the author of the most quoted lines in the English language.

## STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

**Badgers Hall**  
The perfect Cotswolds tearoom offers wonderful fresh-baked delights.

**Eight Bells Inn**  
This is a delightfully updated 14th-century inn with flagstone floors and warm service.

## BROADWAY

**Broadway Museum**  
Broadway's village museum showcases changing, top-quality displays of artistic and historical treasures.

**Crown & Trumpet**  
Local real ales and ciders flow in abundance in this welcoming inn.

## WINCHCOMBE

**5 North St**  
Gourmet-France-meets-the-Cotswolds tasting menus, with plenty of vegetarian choices on offer.

**Sudeley Castle**  
This superb castle has an amazing royal history: four Tudor queens strolled its rose garden.

**Rollright Stones**  
These ancient stones originally encircled a Neolithic ceremonial site.

**King's Head Inn**  
This 16th-century cider house with a lovely garden is 4 miles southeast of Stow.

**Wheatsheaf**  
The seasonal menus at Northleach's ivy-clad coaching inn deserve their sky-high reputation.

## NORTHLEACH

**Chedworth Roman Villa**  
New discoveries are still being unearthed at this dramatic ancient home.

**Church of St Peter & St Paul**  
This church is a consummate expression of the distinct Perpendicular Gothic style.

## PAINSWICK

**Woolpack Inn**  
This lively rural pub was a favourite watering hole of local

**CENTRAL COTSWOLDS**

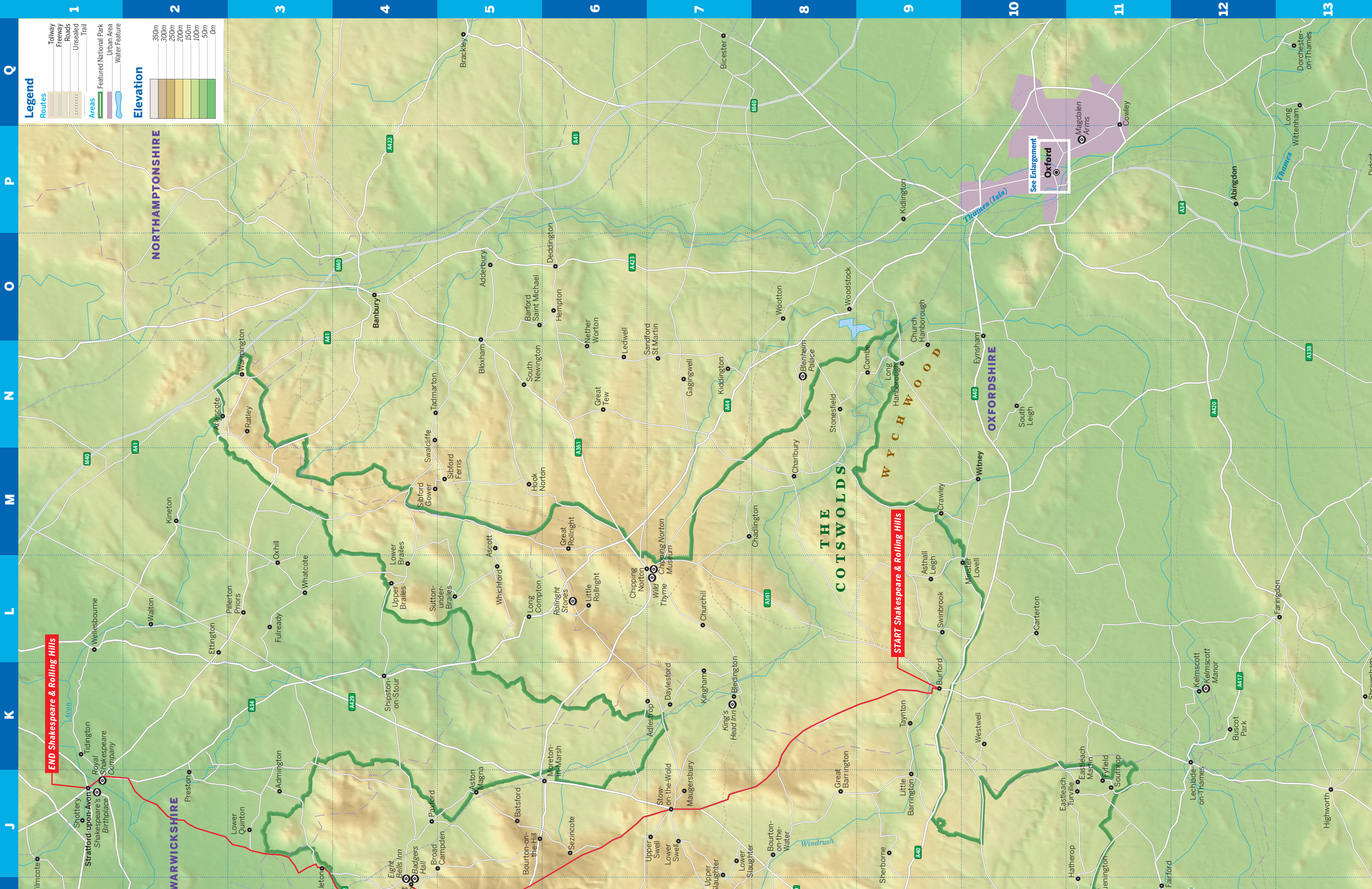
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START Shakespeare & Rolling Hills

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