

# Cotswolds in top 10 staycation destinations

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Blackpool, Brighton and Bournemouth were the top UK holiday destinations for Britons this summer with the Cotswolds coming in fifth, it was revealed today.

More than 12 million Britons took breaks in their own country in the summer, according to a survey by travelsupermarket.com.

Around three million decided on a “staycation” after ditching plans for a foreign holiday, while 43% of those having a summer break at home had a better or much better experience than they expected.

Other popular spots for holidaying Britons this summer were Newquay in Cornwall, the Cotswolds and the Lake District.

Bob Atkinson, of travelsupermarket.com, said: “It’s great that Britons have started to rediscover the great British Isles as a holiday destination. Yes, we might not get the guaranteed good weather of foreign climes, but the range of choice, activities and family entertainment are excellent.”

Councillor Maxine Callow, portfolio holder for tourism and regeneration in Blackpool, said: “Blackpool had 10 million visitors in 2008. In 2009, the resort is enjoying a huge upsurge in popularity and is forecasting to show a 25% increase in visitor numbers by the end of this year.”

A spokesman from Visit Brighton said: “August this year was the busiest month in four years for people going to our visitor information centre and online bookings in July and August were the highest we’ve had for at least two years.”

These were the top UK holiday destinations of summer 2009:

1. Blackpool
2. Brighton
3. Bournemouth
4. Newquay and Cornwall in general
5. Cotswolds
6. Lake District
7. Scottish Highlands
8. Western Isles
9. London
10. Llyn Peninsula, North Wales

<http://www.thisisgloucestershire.co.uk/cotswolds/cotswoldsnews/Cotswolds-10-staycation-destinations/article-1390140-detail/article.html>