

# Welcome to Cheltenham



## Cheltenham, Centre for the Cotswolds

Experience Cheltenham's beautiful setting, nestled between the surrounding Cotswold villages, it is the perfect place to visit.

There is plenty to see and do for all ages and tastes, you will not be bored.

In this short guide you can find out all about Cheltenham, the places to visit, places to eat or drink, and how to make the most of the beautiful town.

## More to see in Cheltenham

After visiting Cheltenham's museums, take a look at Cheltenham's many regency buildings in the town centre. Pittville Pump Room, is a popular building, often hosting music performances or dances. The building dates from 1825 and sits within Cheltenham's Pittville Park, another interesting tourist destination. The Montpellier district of Cheltenham, also has many beautiful buildings along with the Imperial Gardens.

## Museums and Galleries in Cheltenham

Cheltenham's history is displayed in detail at the Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum, and with free entry there is no excuse not to visit this place. The museum spans 3000 years of history, from Roman, Egyptian and Greek artefacts, to those from Victorian times.

The gallery part of the building is home to a regularly updated collection of artwork and sculptures, spanning five centuries, many of which being local artists.

The Gustav Holst Museum is another important attraction within Cheltenham Spa. This locally-born figure and composer of *The Planets* plays an important part within music history and is a popular local attraction. Here, you can not only learn about the famous composer, but about the Victorian period in which he lived, with an authentic Victorian kitchen and laundry room.

On the outskirts of

Cheltenham is a small Village named Winchcombe, a popular Cotswold village and home to The Railway Museum and Garden, and the Folk and Police Museum. In the Folk and Police Museum you can learn about the history of Winchcombe and its people, along with British and international police memorabilia.



**Gustav Holst, Cheltenham's locally born Composer**

## Music and Theatre in Cheltenham

Cheltenham's main theatre opened in 1891, The Everyman, is a extremely popular destination for the local people of Cheltenham, and its tourists. The theatre offers a range of productions from pantomime to ballet, and drama to musicals. Productions available all year round for a variety of tastes and ages.

The Playhouse theatre is another of Cheltenham's

Theatres. Although smaller than the Everyman, this town centre theatre still has much to offer, including a wide range of performances. Another theatre is the Bacon Theatre. Completed in 1991 in the grounds of Dean Close School, is the newest theatre in Cheltenham and offers jazz, ballet, rock, panto and even celebrity speakers.

Furthermore, Cheltenham's Town Hall seems to be the

centre of entertainment for Cheltenham. It plays host to many of Cheltenham's annual festivals, such as the literature festival, dance festival, folk festival and many more, as well as celebrity speakers, bands and singers. Situated perfectly in the centre of Cheltenham the town hall is of a beautiful classical style, built at the very beginning the 20th Century.

## Cheltenham Festivals

Not only is Cheltenham home to a good football team, a spa, a variety of shops and beautiful regency buildings, Cheltenham is famous for its Racecourse, and the annual National Hunt Festival. Visit Cheltenham to experience this celebrated festival, or one of the many others on offer, such as the Literature Festival, Science Festival, Folk Festival, Jazz Festival and more..

## Explore Cheltenham's Surroundings

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The Cotswolds surround Cheltenham, and provide a beautiful backdrop to the popular Spa Town. Popular with tourists and locals alike, the Cotswolds have everything you need. What provides the Cotswold area with such a flawless reputation is primarily the honey coloured limestone used to build the majority of its buildings. In addition to this, the untampered land and trickling streams are perfect for a summer's day out.

Favourites appear to be small villages such as Bourton-on-the-Water and Broadway, which offer activities for all ages. Not only this, but the boutique shops and traditional pubs and sweet shops, give these villages something different from inner city areas. You can escape the hustle and bustle but still have everything you need within your grasp.

## Sports and Leisure in Cheltenham



Whether you want to work up a sweat or just watch, there are plenty of options in Cheltenham.

Cheltenham offers plenty of gyms, a swimming pool, parks for running and a leisure centre. Cheltenham's Pittville Park offers outdoor tennis, a skate park and boats for hire, whilst the Cheltenham Leisure Centre ([Leisure@Cheltenham](mailto:Leisure@Cheltenham)) provides many other activities.

Cheltenham's Prince of Wales Stadium hosts all kinds of local activities, such as athletic competitions, but can also be used by the general public if you enjoy running on the track.

The area is also well known for its football team Cheltenham Town Football Club. The football grounds are on the outskirts of the town centre in Whaddon, and this is a popular activity for locals and tourists.

## Eating Out in Cheltenham

Whether you prefer a walk in the great outdoors or a cup of tea in a cosy café, there is plenty of options in Cheltenham.

Cheltenham has many beautiful places to walk, such as Pittville Park, Sandford Park, Imperial Gardens and even around the town to look at the beautiful regency buildings.

If all the walking makes you hungry visit a café for afternoon tea or relax with some popcorn at Cineworld Cinema.

Whichever you prefer, Cheltenham has something for everybody.

When it comes to eating out in Cheltenham, you will never run out of places to go. With a collection of different cuisines, there is something for everyone.

Cheltenham is not short of traditional pubs, serving customary British grub, such as pies, fish and chips, scampi and steak, not to mention a traditional Sunday

Roast.

As well as the necessary Roast Dinner, afternoon tea is a must. Have tea and cake at one of Cheltenham's many tea rooms and you will not be disappointed.

In addition to these British favourites Cheltenham also has its

fair share of different cuisines. With a great deal of Indian restaurants, many with exceptional service, this is a great choice for a meal out.

Alternatively if you prefer Chinese, there are also many to choose from, along with Italian, American, and Mexican, among others.

## Some useful sites..

<http://www.cheltenhamtownfc.premiumtv.co.uk/page/Welcome>

<http://www.allaboutcheltenham.com/index.htm>

<http://www.cheltweb.co.uk/sights.htm>

<http://www.everymantheatre.org.uk/>



**Eat out at one of Cheltenham's many restaurants.**