



ROMAN TO ROYAL...

Stay a night or two in Cirencester and spend 48 hours exploring the Cotswold towns of Cirencester and Tetbury. But don't feel limited to just 48 hours; we'd love you to stay longer.

DAY 1

Take time to visit the magnificent **St John Baptist Church** located in the beautiful market square. On certain days, it is possible to climb the tower for panoramic views over the town and **Cirencester Park**. Allow several hours to unearth the town's amazing history in the **Corinium Museum** with its interesting exhibits and Roman mosaics, including the famous hare. **New Brewery Arts** allows visitors to see artisan craft makers in their studios and the café makes a great lunch stop. Just outside the town, the **Cotswold Water Park** is a lovely place for a stroll around the lakes or getting active – from rallying to water sports.



WHERE TO STAY

Choose from a range of hotels and B&Bs in and around Cirencester including the luxury **Kings Head Hotel**, the **Corinium Hotel**, **Stratton House Hotel** with its new spa, or even a youth hostel located at **The Barrel Store** at New Brewery Arts.



HIDDEN GEMS

Visit the organic cafe at **Abbey Home Farm** and treat yourself to some home grown produce in their farm shop. Pack a picnic and head to the now grassed over **Cirencester Amphitheatre**, which was one of the largest Roman amphitheatres in the country. Make a splash at **Cirencester Open Air Pool** – great fun for children in the summer.

TOP TIP

Join a local **guided walk** to unearth the fascinating history and beautiful architecture of **Cirencester**.



Cirencester is a thriving market town in the heart of the Cotswolds. One of the most important places in Roman Britain, it now mixes old with new, including a vibrant arts centre, the innovative **Barn Theatre**, as well as an amazing selection of independent shops and restaurants. **Tetbury** boasts a wealth of architectural heritage, including the iconic 17th century Market House at its centre. The town holds many events throughout the year and is famous for its royal connections.



HIDDEN GEMS

Westonbirt House Gardens is run by volunteers and open April to October for tours. Nearby you will find **Rodmarton Manor & Gardens** where the snowdrops provide a great show in spring.

TOP TIP

While **Westonbirt Arboretum** is famously spectacular in autumn, it is also a beautiful place to visit year round for spring blooms, live music in summer and Christmas lights. Gain a birds'-eye view from the treetop walkway to explore from above.



DAY 2

Head south and follow in royal footsteps to the market town of **Tetbury**. There are some lovely shops to explore, including antiques and the **Highgrove Shop**. There is a small **Police Museum**, an arts centre and café in the restored **Tetbury Goods Shed** and a beautiful **market hall** in the centre of the town. Plan ahead and visit HRH the Prince of Wales' gardens at **Highgrove** (seasonal opening) or wander through the trees at **Westonbirt Arboretum** – glorious all year round. **Chavenage House** is nearby, where many films and TV programmes have been filmed. The **Wild Carrot Café** is also based on the Chavenage Estate and is a perfect spot for cyclists.



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