

Visit Tetbury



about Tetbury

This quintessential Cotswold town has elegant merchant houses, honey coloured cosy cottages and architectural heritage in abundance, including the iconic Market House in the centre of the town. Designed for the sale of wool and yarn it is still used for markets today. The streets are picturesque proof of Tetbury's prosperity past and present. Take time to wander and you will find a fascinating mix of fashion, art, antiques and boutiques all nestled between cafes, pubs and restaurants.



5 things to see & do in Tetbury

- 1 Visit the Grade I listed 1655 Market House, still used for markets all year round.
- 2 Admire the beauty of St Mary's Church which houses 'The History of Tetbury' exhibition, and St Saviour's Church, both open daily.
- 3 Explore the Police Museum with courtroom, original cells and historic artefacts.
- 4 Climb the medieval cobbled Chipping Steps, passing weavers' cottages to the Chipping.
- 5 Walk along part of the former Tetbury to Kemble rail line & visit the old GWR Goods Shed Art Centre.

events & festivals

The Tetbury Woolsack Festival, held on the second May Bank Holiday, traces its roots back to the 17th Century. Runners tackle the town's steepest hill - Gumstool Hill - carrying a heavy wool-sack. With packed streets full of stalls, festivity and fun, the event, which has featured in the Guinness Book of records, also raises money for local charities.



Other town events include the summer show, music festival and open gardens - please go to the 'Visit Tetbury' website for more details.



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www.visittetbury.co.uk



walks around the town

Around the town and surrounding countryside, there are many scenic walks. The Visitor Information Centre, sited in Church Street, can provide information and leaflets and an extensive range of local maps and guide books. See the 'Visit Tetbury' website or call 01666 503552 for more information.

historic & royal connections

The town came to life due to the growth of both the wool and brewing trade, and celebrates over 1,300 years of recorded history. You will see the town boasts a wealth of architectural heritage including the iconic Market House, medieval cobbled Chipping Steps and Gothic revival style church.

Tetbury is world renowned for its Royal connections, with Highgrove being the nearby home of HRH Prince of Wales and the Highgrove shop centrally located in the town. The grounds at Highgrove have been transformed over the years using sustainable methods and while you must book a garden tour, a visit is a must. HRH Princess Anne also lives nearby and her Gatcombe Estate is used to host International Horse Trials.

green spaces

The Tetbury Memorial Recreation Ground was established in 1922 to commemorate Tetburians who fought in the Great War. It is home to several notable events in the Tetbury Calendar, such as the Summer Show.

The Rail Lands Park at the Goods Shed is another area given over to green space which affords pleasant views and walks, although very close to the centre of town, and great for a picnic.

attractions

Tetbury Goods Shed is a creative and ambitious arts centre, converted from a Victorian GWR railway building in 2017. Within walking distance of the town centre, it offers locals and tourists alike a chance to watch live music and theatre in a stunning setting. www.shed-arts.co.uk

Nearby attractions include Westonbirt Arboretum, Highgrove Gardens, Chavenage House, Rodmarton Manor and Westonbirt House Gardens.



shopping and eating



Tetbury has many varied independent traders enabling the visitor to purchase something special and unique. Alongside the traditional establishments of a town of its type, Tetbury is fortunate to have many antique shops, something for which it is renowned.

The Highgrove shop is popular, stocking items personally selected by HRH Prince Charles. Many eateries and drinking establishments are based in the town to suit all tastes.

other areas to explore



Tetbury is ideally located at the southern gateway to the Cotswolds, and the charming surrounding villages are favoured for residence by a number of well known personalities, including members of the Royal Family.

The nationally renowned Westonbirt Arboretum is a few miles away in a southerly direction towards Bath which is in easy reach for a day visit. Other places of interest include Hookhouse Pottery, Newark Park and Rodmarton Manor.

The Roman town of Cirencester lies ten miles to the north-east where you can visit the Corinium Museum and New Brewery Arts Centre. Other market towns in easy reach are Malmesbury to the east and Nailsworth to the west.



Visitor map of Tetbury



make sure you visit

St Mary's Church

St Marys' Church was built in the Gothic Revival style by Francis Hiorn in 1781. It has an imposing spire and original box pews. Extensive renovation work has restored the interior to its original 18th century splendour and the building, which houses the Tetbury Heritage Display, is open to visitors daily.

Tetbury Police Museum

This small museum on Long Street is free and open on weekdays from 10 am to 3 pm excluding Bank Holidays. It includes many interesting attractions such as the original cells, the Velocette "Noddy" police motorcycle, files of past "Cold Case" histories, and an impressive collection of handcuffs.









visitor information centre

The Tourist Information Centre, sited in Church Street opposite St Mary's Church, can provide local maps, guide books, information and leaflets to help your visit. It operates an accommodation booking service and has up-to-date information on local events.

points of interest

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