A weekend with walks in Cheltenham

The Spa town of Cheltenham

Fabulous festivals and events - Cheltenham is internationally renowned for its breathtaking festival programme, blending history and heritage brilliantly with the modern day. As the cultural centre for the Cotswolds, Cheltenham offers something for everyone, from cutting edge jazz, classical and folk music, to horse racing, family music festivals, cricket and literature.

Regency past - the town’s real origins lie in the discovery of spa water in the 18th century. Praised for its medicinal properties, a visit by George III led to the creation of this fashionable spa town. A walking tour will show you the classical terraces, stylish villas in landscaped estates and wide promenades.

Shop and relax - The Promenade offers some of the finest shopping in the country. Cath Kidston, the vintage inspired fashion house has a store here and smaller, distinctive shops make up the ‘village’ feel of Montpellier and the Suffols.

Following a major re-build, Cheltenham Art Gallery has re-opened as The Wilson. Four new floors include two superb temporary galleries for national and international touring exhibitions. Cheltenham’s internationally renowned Arts and Crafts Movement collection has been significantly been re-displayed.

Walking in and around Cheltenham:

Short walks - all of these routes are available at Cheltenham Visitor Information Centre, based at The Wilson.

Walking Tours of Regency Cheltenham

These lovely walks take place throughout the summer, starting from The Wilson Museum and Visitor Information Centre. Explore this famous Regency Spa town accompanied by a knowledgeable, registered guide. Get off the beaten track, discover Cheltenham’s architectural highlights, the stories behind the buildings and hear about famous connections with the town. Learn about Cheltenham as it was
Cheltenham Spa town

during its Spa heyday and explore the most attractive parts of the town at a leisurely pace. Cost - £5 adult, £3 child and can be booked in advance. Saturday mornings at 11am April - October. Sunday mornings at 11am July - August

Friends of Gloucestershire Guided Walks

Garden & Park Route - taking you on a 2 hour tour of the parks and gardens of Regency Cheltenham passing some lovely architecture along the route. Every Wednesday at 2pm, starting from The Wilson Art Gallery & Museum.

Montpellier Walk & Pitville Walk - short, self-guided walks around the prettiest parts of the town. 50p

Longer walks:

Cheltenham is also near to the following longer distance routes:

The Gloucestershire Way - runs for 100 miles through the contrasting areas of Gloucestershire, including the Forest of Dean, Severn Vale and the Cotswolds. En-route, you will get fantastic views, river valleys and beautiful towns. The Cotswold Way connects to Cheltenham at nearby Winchcombe.

The Cotswold Way - 97½ miles of Cotswold countryside following the escarpment in a linear walk with panoramic views of the Severn Vale. The Cotswold Way connects with Cheltenham nearby at Crickley Hill.

Visitor Information Centre
+44(0) 1242 522878

Things to do in Cheltenham

- A year round events programme including: The Literature, Music, and Jazz Festivals.
- Lovely parks & gardens.
- Cheltenham Racecourse.
- Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway.
- Sudeley Castle in nearby Winchcombe.

Cheltenham Science Festival

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