

# CHEL TENHAM

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## Getting to CHEL TENHAM

"A fashionable 18th century hang-out, still living up to its billing 200 years later."



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### BY CAR

**Parking:** Car parks in and around Cheltenham can be located on the map overleaf.

**Park & Ride:** **Able Court Park & Ride** (GL51 6SY) is just off Junction 11 of the M5. An express service to Montpellier and the centre runs every 10 minutes, Monday to Saturday. **Racecourse Park & Ride** (GL50 4SH). An express service to the centre runs every 15 minutes, Monday to Saturday, excluding The Festival week in March (Gold Cup week).

### BY TRAIN

Cheltenham Spa train station is approximately 1 mile from the town centre, and local buses depart into Cheltenham every few minutes – use Service D or E.

A taxi service is also available day and night.

### BY BUS

National Express run services to Cheltenham's Royal Well bus station. Stagecoach, Marchants, Pulhams and Swanbrook operate regular services locally and from nearby towns and villages. Visit [nationalexpress.com](http://nationalexpress.com), [stagecoachbus.com](http://stagecoachbus.com), [marchants-coaches.com](http://marchants-coaches.com), [pulhamscoaches.com](http://pulhamscoaches.com) and [swanbrook.co.uk](http://swanbrook.co.uk)

### COACHES

There are four free coach bays at Royal Well bus station (GL50 3PB) available on a first-come, first-served basis. Otherwise, coaches can park at the Racecourse Park & Ride (except on race days). Cheltenham Tourist Information Centre provides a complimentary Meet & Greet service and also guided tours of the town.

Go to [visitcheltenham.com/groups](http://visitcheltenham.com/groups) to find out more.



## FOR FOODIES

### CHEL TENHAM; FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Cheltenham should be THE destination for food fanatics everywhere, with our matchless blend of High Street and Street Food, independent and award-winning. Topping the bill is of course the Michelin Star restaurant **Le Champignon Sauvage** found in The Suffolks, offering an ever-changing, premier menu for the discerning diner. Harden's, The Good Food Guide and The Michelin Guide lavish praise on innumerable Cheltenham restaurants, from **The White Spoon**, led by former Fat Duck protégée Chris White offering seasonal-produce-led food, or "Japanese Grazing" no-sushi restaurant **Koj** launched by Andrew Koj, Masterchef Finalist. Our ambrosia is completed by independents including **Lumiere**, **L'Artisan** (French), **Purslane** (fish), **KIBOUSushi** (Japanese), the restaurant at **Ellenborough Park** (British), **Prithvi** voted by TripAdvisor travellers as the sixth best restaurant in the country (Indian), **The Curry Corner** described by Gordon Ramsay as "exquisite flavours better than in India" (Indian) and many more. They have this year been joined by the notable **Ivy Brasserie**, which has lovingly restored the Rotunda building at the top of Montpellier and already offers a buzzing atmosphere.

Not to be outdone, Cheltenham is also home to a number of notable food experiences which are perfect on-the-go, or with a smaller budget. **Falafel King** made the perfect pit stop for Bill Bailey while in town, **Paparritos** offer a noteworthy burrito, **The County Kitchen** produce excellent British grub, and **Bar & Wok** noodle bar has been a firm local favourite for over a decade. **The Coconut Tree** is a short walk from the town centre and offers Sri Lankan style street food with small dishes that delight, while local, artisan chains such as **The Ox** (Steakhouse) and **Fat Toni's** (pizza) are niche done well.

No food guide can be complete without afternoon tea, and **Huffkins**, **The Enchanted Tea Room** and **Well Walk Café** are all highly acclaimed. Nor should we overlook the plethora of bars and pubs in the town, from the likes of the **Sandford Park Alehouse** CAMRA pub of the year 2015, **The Tavern** owned by Cheltenham's local boutique brand **The Lucky Onion**, to **Wild Beer**, the first Gloucestershire bar outlet for this micro-brewery.

See [visitcheltenham.com](http://visitcheltenham.com) for more foodie fanfare.



## GETTING AROUND

### BY BUS

Stagecoach operates local bus services across the town and offer Day Rider tickets allowing you to make as many journeys as you like for one day. Buses depart to many popular destinations and locations including Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Winchcombe.

**Pittville:** Buses D & E – use these services for Pittville Park, Pittville Pump Rooms and Cheltenham Racecourse  
**The Suffolks, Tivoli and Bath Road:** Bus 66 – use this service for The Suffolks, Cheltenham Hospital and Bath Road

**Cheltenham Spa Train Station:** Bus D & E – use this service for the train station.

Find out more at [stagecoachbus.com](http://stagecoachbus.com)

### BY TAXI

Cheltenham has a wealth of taxi firms and a number of ranks that operate during the day and night time. See map for rank locations.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Cheltenham welcomes all visitors and the map overleaf details disabled parking and toilet facilities. The town's Shopmobility is located at 30 St George's Place GL50 3JZ. There is also a detailed information pack available to pick up from the Tourist Information Centre.

## WHERE TO STAY

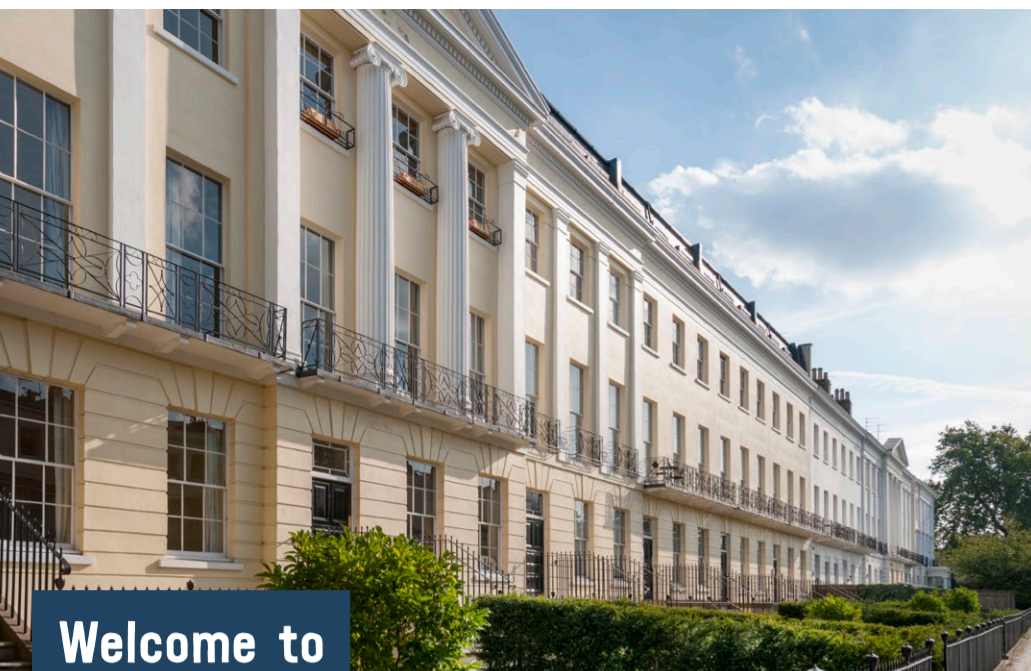
Check out [visitcheltenham.com/accommodation](http://visitcheltenham.com/accommodation) for more details or contact the Tourist Information Centre if you're looking for some help.



For more information  
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**Tourist Information Centre**  
The Wilson, Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum, Clarence Street, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 3JT

telephone 01242 387492  
email [info@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk)



# Welcome to CHEL TENHAM

Refined elegance and Regency terraces provide the backdrop for great events, restaurants and nightlife. Known for its horse racing, festivals and first-class schools (not to mention spy base GCHQ), Cheltenham has a year-round event programme along with a great shopping and lifestyle offer.

It was a fashionable 18th century hang-out after its famous spa waters were found by pigeons and the enterprising Henry Skillicorne. After a visit by George III, Cheltenham became one of the finest inland holiday destinations for the wealthy to escape the excesses and smog of London life. It is still living up to its billing 200 years later.



For dates and loads more events  
[VisitCheltenham.com](http://VisitCheltenham.com)

## WHAT'S ON 2018-19

### APRIL

Gangsta Granny (theatre)  
The Cheltenham Wine Festival  
Prescott Bike Festival  
April Meeting (horseracing)  
Cheltenham Poetry Festival  
Cheltenham Beauty Week  
Fresh: Art Fair

### MAY

Cheltenham Jazz Festival  
Hunters Chase Evening (horseracing)  
PDSA PetLife Festival '18  
Cheltenham Cocktail Week  
La Vie en Bleu (classic car racing)  
Summer of Steps concert featuring Blue  
Cotswold Festival of Steam (railway)  
Suffolk Street Fair  
Cheese Rolling  
Hairspray (theatre)

### JUNE

Wychwood Music Festival 2018  
Cheltenham Chilli Fiesta  
Cheltenham Science Festival  
Cheltenham Food and Drink Festival  
Bake Back in Time

### JULY

Cheltenham Music Festival  
Staverton Airport Open day  
2000trees Music Festival  
Cheltenham Cricket Festival  
Cotswold Beer Festival  
Midsummer Fiesta  
Exhibition: Gustav Holst's WW1: With the Salonika Forces (runs until December)

### AUGUST

World Youth Guitar Festival  
Bands in the Park  
Cheese & Chilli Festival  
David Walliam's Awful Auntie (theatre)  
Let it Be (theatre)

### SEPTEMBER

Cheltenham Half Marathon  
Cheltenham Paint Festival  
Cheltenham Festival of Cycling  
Heritage Open Days  
Cheltenham & Gloucester Beer Week  
SKIN presented by 201 (dance)  
The Full Monty (theatre)

### OCTOBER

The Times & Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival  
Prescott Autumn Classic Race (car racing)  
Cheltenham Races - The Showcase  
Dracula (theatre)  
The Comedy about a Bank Robbery (theatre)

### NOVEMBER

Cheltenham Races - The November Meeting  
Suffolk Street Fair  
Cheltenham Fireworks  
Aladdin Pantomime (theatre)  
Christmas Lights Switch-On

### DECEMBER

Christmas Markets  
Cheltenham Races - The International Carols in the Park  
Christmas swim - Sandford Park Lido

### JANUARY

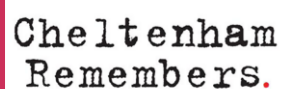
Cheltenham Races - Festival Trials Day  
Independents Sale

### FEBRUARY

Cheltenham Masters Darts Tournament  
Festival of Puppetry

### MARCH

Cheltenham Festival (horseracing)  
Bake Back in Time



Cheltenham Remembers commemorates the 100 year anniversary of World War One in Cheltenham. 2018 includes a jam-packed events programme including exhibitions, talks, remembrance services and even a re-enactment. For events, dates and times [visitcheltenham.com](http://visitcheltenham.com)



Cheltenham Jazz Festival



Cheltenham Races



Cheltenham Science Festival

Cheltenham born composer Gustav Holst's world famous The Planets is 100 years old in 2018.



Cheltenham Science Festival



MooMoos



Montpellier Caryatids



The Comedy about a Bank Robbery



The Boathouse at Pittville Lake

Brian Jones, founder member and original leader of the Rolling Stones, was born in Cheltenham in 1942. Jones died on 3rd July 1969 and his grave is in the grounds of Cheltenham Cemetery.



The Brewery Quarter



Bottle of Sauce

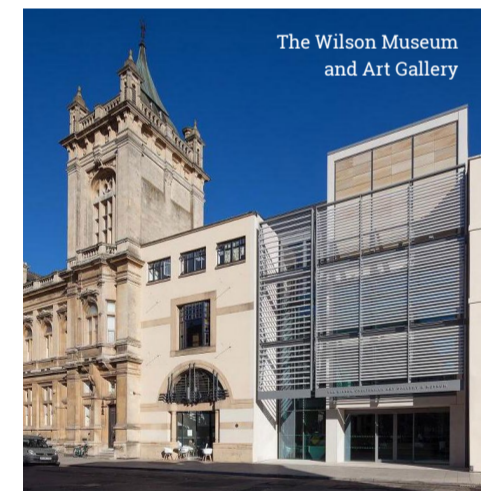


## HIGH STREET

Cheltenham's High Street is the best place in the Cotswolds for your favourite national brands including M&S, Boots, Monsoon and Next. On neighbouring Clarence Street, you'll also find **Superdry**, the international fashion brand born in Cheltenham.

Off the High Street is Cheltenham's premier shopping centre **Regent Arcade**, home to great names like Topshop, H&M, HMV and Tiger. Children will love the arcade's **Wishing Fish Clock**, created by Kit Williams, with its music and bubbles on the strike of each hour.

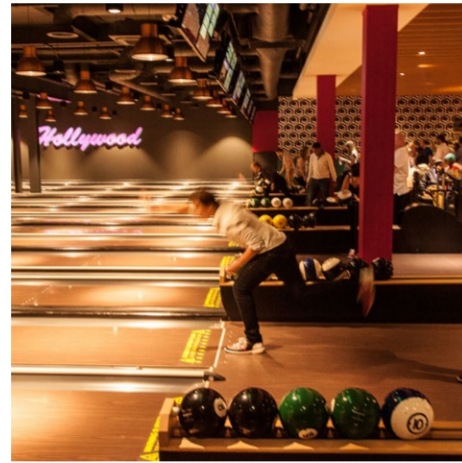
To further cement Cheltenham's position as a great shopping destination, 2018 will see the opening of a new flagship **John Lewis** store, on the site of the former Beechwood Shopping Centre. In and around the High Street there are many great cafes and restaurants including Wagamama. Don't miss **Cambray Place**, where there are some great bars and restaurants and the occasional festival stage, and the eclectic mix in Winchcombe Street and Pittville Street.



## THE SUFFOLKS, TIVOLI & BATH ROAD

This area has some great independent shops, pubs and restaurants. The pretty Regency area takes its name from the Earl of Suffolk, who owned much of the land in the early 19th century. Suffolk Parade, Suffolk Road and Great Norwood Street offer a profusion of small independent shops as well as cafés and some fabulous pubs.

"A wonderful place to indulge in a real slice of Cheltenham life"



Dotted around this area you will find some great pubs selling craft beer and cider. They often have live music from local bands or DJs playing late into the night. **The Frog and Fiddle** is a favourite live music venue with students.

Cheltenham's premier destination for eating out, leisure and retail is **The Brewery Quarter** where you can shop, dine, stay and play. It's a great place to have a drink or a bite to eat and entertain the family. Home to **Cineworld** with IMAX, and luxury film experience at **The Screening Rooms**, together with many well-known restaurants including Nando's, Frankie and Benny's and the recently opened hip bar and restaurant **The Cosy Club**. There's ten-pin bowling at the **Hollywood Bowl**, **Lost World Golf** (indoor) and soft play at the **Play Farm** for the little ones.

The area is home to **St Mary's Minster**, Cheltenham's oldest church dating back to the 12th century, as well as Cheltenham's museum and art gallery **The Wilson**. The Wilson has a large variety of internationally important collections including the Designated Arts and Crafts Movement collection, the fascinating archives relating to Antarctic explorer **Edward A. Wilson** and a regular exhibition programme. The Wilson is also home to the **Tourist Information Centre**.

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The Suffolks and Tivoli have become popular for antiques, homewares and individual specialist shops. It has unique restaurants housed in unusual venues like **Zizzi's** in a former church and **The Daffodil** in an art deco cinema. Here you'll also find the Michelin-starred **Le Champignon Sauvage** restaurant. The Suffolks community have regular events, closing the streets for food markets and live music.

A short walk from the Suffolks is the **Bath Road**, a haven of independent shops, cafes and great pubs. Kept a secret by locals, this is a wonderful place to indulge in a real slice of Cheltenham life.



# CHELTENHAM

## ...DOWN TO A T

If you think of the main visitor area in the shape of a 't' you won't go far wrong. Take a look at the map which highlights the different areas of Cheltenham.



## PITTVILLE

This relaxed suburb is home to **Pittville Park**, the largest ornamental park in Cheltenham, featuring the magnificent **Pittville Pump Room**, which is the only place in Cheltenham where you can still try the spa waters that made Cheltenham famous in the 18th Century.

Pittville Pump Room sits alongside a new £550,000 children's play area, which includes water features, climbing frames, a zipline, tyre swings and a pirate ship. To the west of Evesham Road lies the much larger Western Park with a natural woodland feel. Here you can hire rowing boats from the shore of the park's lower lake. There is also a smaller children's play area along with tennis courts, a pitch and putt golf course and a skate park.

Where can I find the best Regency ambience and architecture?

Cheltenham has the most complete 19th Century town plan in England, together with the historic parks, squares and tree lined avenues. Cheltenham is home to 2,600 listed buildings, of which five are Grade I listed, and seven conservation areas. If you fancy a stroll around some of the best central areas to soak up Cheltenham's Regency ambience, head to those streets marked with this icon.



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Pittville is a great place to stroll around some of the finest examples of Regency and Victorian housing in the town. Planned as a 'new town' in the 1820s by Joseph Pitt, it was specifically designed on a scale to rival the established spas formerly located in the High Street and Montpellier areas.

On Clarence Road you can find one of Cheltenham's treasures, **The Holst Museum** – the Victorian birth place of composer Gustav Holst. See the piano on which Holst composed *The Planets*, in a house that is an interesting example of Victorian (and Regency) life in Cheltenham.

## THE PROMENADE AND MONTPELLIER

During the day, this area has a Continental feel, with independent and upmarket shopping and cafés that spill out on to the pavements. In the evening you will find a vibrant atmosphere with bars, restaurants and night clubs.

The Promenade is a beautiful tree-lined shopping street that leads from High Street to the areas of Montpellier. The Prom, as it is known by the locals, is home to **House of Fraser** at **Cavendish House**, along with shops such as **Jo Malone**, **Cath Kidston** and **LK Bennett**. It is regarded as one of the finest shopping boulevards in the country. Cheltenham Borough Council has its home here in the grand **Regency Municipal Offices**, which look onto the iconic **Neptune's Fountain** and the colourful **Long Gardens**.

"Independent fashion, antiques and lifestyle boutiques sit alongside cafés and wine bars"



## The Gardens

Imperial and Montpellier Gardens are two formal gardens which form an important part of Cheltenham's Regency landscape and host Cheltenham's festivals.

Montpellier Gardens has tennis courts, a children's play area and skate park along with a quieter area for relaxing, which features a small arboretum.

Imperial Gardens stand next to the Town Hall. Relax in the Garden Bar across the summer months and discover the oasis that is **Skillicome Gardens**.

For further information about gardens and parks visit [cheltenham.com](http://cheltenham.com)



Running parallel to the Promenade is **Regent Street**, which has numerous bars, restaurants and nightclubs and the wonderful **Everyman Theatre**. Historic **Montpellier** is a destination area where fashion, antiques and lifestyle boutiques sit alongside cafés and wine bars. Last year saw the opening of **The Ivy** in the stunning Grade I Listed Rotunda. Spot the **Caryatids** – stone sculptures modelled on the Acropolis in Athens, which add to the deliciously continental feel of the area.

Just off the Promenade you will find Cheltenham's main entertainment venue **The Town Hall**. Its packed programme of live music, theatre, dance and comedy is unrivalled in Gloucestershire.



## SANDFORD PARKS LIDO

A stone's throw from the town centre, the iconic Sandford Parks Lido is loads of family fun whatever the weather, featuring a 50-metre heated outdoor pool with slides, two children's heated pools, a sauna, play areas and a cafe.

