

## Facts About Chester

- Chester has the most complete city walls of any city in Britain
- The Rows are unique in Britain as two-tiered medieval shopping streets
- Eastgate Clock is probably the second the most photographed clock in the World after Big Ben
- Chester boasts the largest stone-built Roman Amphitheatre in Britain
- Chester offers its visitors the widest range of city tours of any UK city outside London
- Chester Racecourse is the oldest racecourse in Britain, with horse racing going back to 1539
- Chester is home to the oldest rowing competition in the World, The Chester Regatta
- The city boasts Chester Zoo, the UK's best zoo with over 20,000 animals and over 500 different species
- There are amazing underground remains of a Roman bathhouse under one of the city's restaurants – "Spud-u-like" in Bridge Street
- Chester Cathedral has the finest medieval quire stalls in the United Kingdom, dating back to 1380
- The cathedral also has the most complete Monastic Cloisters in England
- Chester is the only place in Britain to have maintained the tradition of regular midday proclamations (Tuesday-Saturday, May to August, at noon) at the High Cross where proclamations have been made since the Middle Ages. Chester's Town Criers, David and Julie Mitchell, are the World's first husband and wife Town Crier partnership
- The Roodee Racecourse was once the site of a massive Roman harbour

- The best surviving Roman Fortress Wall in Northern Europe is in Chester (near Northgate)
- Chester Weir is Britain's oldest-surviving mill dam
- The Three Arches, on Lower Bridge Street, are believed to have the oldest surviving shop front in Britain (c. 1200)
- Chester is home to the Duke of Westminster, one of Britain's richest people
- The Duke owns The Chester Grosvenor, the only 5 red-star hotel in Northern England