

Free Things to Do In Chester

Chester effortlessly combines history and heritage with modern and contemporary, meaning that there is plenty to explore and it's not always the paid for things to do that offer the best experience!

City Walls

Chester has the most complete city walls in Britain and a walk around the two mile circuit takes you past some of the city's best and most famous landmarks and is one of the best ways to see the city.

Around the circuit you will find information panels telling you about the fascinating history of the walls, see where King Charles I stood to watch the battle of Rowton Moor, walk under the famous Eastgate Clock which was unveiled in 1899 to celebrate Queen Victoria's 80th birthday, stand on what was once the harbour walls for the Port of Chester which is now Chester Racecourse and you can even try your luck on the Wishing Steps.

Chester Cathedral

Sitting majestically in the heart of the city, Chester Cathedral is stunning both inside and out. Originally built as a Saxon Minster, then rebuilt as a Benedictine Abbey, it offers visitors so much to explore. On a dry day you can stroll around the peaceful grounds before stepping through the doors where you'll find everything from Norman arches to spectacular stained glass. See the only surviving ecclesiastical courtroom in the country, the shrine of St Werburgh and if you look closely enough you might even be able to see the carving of the devil in chains at the corner of a window which was put there to scare off evil spirits.

For a small charge you can join a Cathedral at Height Tour which takes you behind the scenes of the cathedral, peering down on the quire stalls and organ, walking along the galleries and enjoying some of the best views of the city from the roof, or visit the Falconry and Nature Gardens.

River Dee

The River Dee has helped to make Chester the thriving city that it is today and a visit to the city is not complete without a visit to the river. Enjoy a walk along the river banks. Cross over Queen's Park pedestrian bridge and you can enjoy a walk through the meadows. Cross over the Old Dee Bridge and you'll find yourself in Handbridge where you can visit the shrine of St Minerva, a Roman goddess in Edgar's Field or sit on one of the benches along the river bank and relax as you watch the world go by.

Grosvenor Museum

The Grosvenor Museum brings Chester to life with a great range of displays and exhibitions showing the history of the city. Exhibitions include the Roman history; an art collection with pieces spanning five centuries that tell the story of art in and around Chester including some pieces from the Duke of Westminster's collection; a collection of silver; costume gallery and Period House which has rooms dedicated to significant periods in history. For anyone visiting the city or interested in local history it really is a fascinating place to go.

Grosvenor Park

With large sweeping lawns, ornamental flower beds, statues and tree lined avenues Grosvenor Park is a stunning green space enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Just a few minutes' walk from the main shopping streets of the city and close to the banks of the River Dee, it's the perfect place to escape the hustle and bustle of the city centre.