

## **Romantic Weekend in Chester Suggested itinerary**

### **Day 1**

#### **Walk the Walls**

Take a gentle stroll around the most complete city walls in Britain. Along the way you will see the Eastgate Clock, the amphitheatre and racecourse, as well as some of the best views of the city, making it a perfect way to get your bearings and see the city.

#### **Explore 'The Rows' and enjoy some retail therapy**

Lining the main shopping streets in the city and famous the world over, Chester's medieval two-tiered galleries are home to some of the city's most fascinating shops. The iconic black and white shops provide a picturesque setting for some retail therapy with a great mix of independent gems and high street favourites to browse.

Just off The Rows you'll find the Grosvenor Shopping Centre where you'll find plenty of high street favourites as well as designer brands. Enter along St Michael's Row and you'll be transported back in time with beautiful shop fronts and traditional wooden signs.

#### **Enjoy a romantic meal**

Chester has a fantastic selection of bars and restaurants so you're spoilt for choice when it comes to somewhere to eat. Whether you want a traditional English pub or Michelin starred restaurant Chester has it all. There's also a great variety of bars to enjoy pre or post dinner cocktails in.

### **Day 2**

#### **Head down to the river**

Flowing through the heart of the city, the River Dee provides a beautiful setting for a relaxing stroll, delicious picnic or fun boat adventure.

Take a walk along the river banks admiring the scenery or sit and relax on one of the benches that line the river and watch as the world passes you by.

Cross over Queen's Park Bridge from the city centre and you'll find 'The Meadows', green fields which are perfect for a picnic.

If a boat trip takes your fancy then hop aboard one of the ChesterBoat river cruises and set sail down the river towards the Eaton Estate, home to the Duke of Westminster. If you fancy a boat trip just

for two then hire a rowing boat or pedalo and make your own way down the river admiring the scenic views.

### **Explore Grosvenor Park**

With tree lined avenues, pretty flowerbeds and plenty of grassed areas, Grosvenor Park provides a tranquil and relaxing oasis away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Originally given to the city by Richard Grosvenor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marquess of Westminster it is regarded as one of the finest examples of Victorian parks in the UK.

### **Enjoy Afternoon Tea**

Why not sit back and relax in one of Chester's cafés or hotels and enjoy a romantic Afternoon Tea for two. Sip champagne as you're treated to a taste sensation of sandwiches, scones, cakes and more. The Chester Grosvenor, Macdonald New Blossoms Hotel and Mad Hatter's Tea Rooms are just a few examples of where you could go.

### **Further afield, other suggestions**

#### **Visit a Garden of Distinction**

Cheshire is home to some of the finest gardens in the country, which provide the perfect backdrop for a romantic walk. From stately homes to secret gardens, Cheshire's Gardens of Distinction have it all.

#### **Beaches, mountains and rolling countryside**

Chester is ideally placed for exploring Cheshire and further afield. Head out to the Wirral Peninsula to find stunning beaches or travel towards the east of Cheshire and discover picturesque towns and villages, boutiques and country pubs serving delicious food. If you're feeling more adventurous then North Wales is on your doorstep, so get out and explore the stunning countryside and mountains.

#### **Shopping**

If retail therapy is on the menu and you've exhausted Chester then Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet is just 15 minutes' drive away from the city centre and has 145 shops selling luxury and high street brands at up to 60% less than on the high street. If that doesn't take your fancy you can always hop on a train to Liverpool or Manchester, where there's plenty of shopping and attractions to explore.