

Chester on a budget in 48 hours Suggested itinerary

Day 1

Walk the walls

Take a gentle 2.2 mile stroll around the most complete city walls in Britain. From the city walls you'll get views of the towers and Eastgate Clock, the amphitheatre and racecourse, a perfect way to see the city.

Stop off at the famous Roman amphitheatre, pose for a picture by the Eastgate Clock and take in the stunning views over the oldest racecourse in the country.

Visit 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 getting some of the best views of the city from the roof, or visit the Falconry and Nature Gardens.

Explore 'The Rows' and enjoy some retail therapy

Famous the world over, Chester's Medieval two-tiered galleries or 'The Rows' as they're known, are home to some of the city's most fascinating shops including what is thought to be the oldest shop front in England which can be found on Lower Bridge Street.

Day 2

Visit Grosvenor Museum

Bringing Chester to life with something for everyone; Chester's Grosvenor Museum is free to visit and great for all ages.

Discover all about Chester's Roman Heritage, natural and social history of the area, costume and fine decorative art. The museum also offers an exciting programme of special exhibitions, activities and events throughout the year.

Watch the Town Crier Proclamation

Chester is the only place in Britain to have retained the historic tradition of regular midday proclamations from a fixed point. It's free, fun and totally unforgettable.

Proclamations take place Tuesday to Saturday at 12noon (11am on Chester race days) June to August.

Head down to the river

Flowing through the heart of the city, the River Dee is ideal for relaxing strolls, delicious picnics and fun boat adventures.

Cross over Queen's Park Bridge or Old Dee Bridge from the city centre and you'll be in Handbridge where you'll find some delightful pubs; the shrine of St Minerva, a Roman goddess in Edgar's Field and 'The Meadows', green open space perfect for walks and picnics.

If you fancy a boat trip and your budget will allow, hop aboard ChesterBoat for one of their River Cruises or hire a rowing boat or pedalo.

The river has a selection of bars, cafés, pubs and eateries lining its banks, so you're sure to find somewhere for a drink, meal or snack.

Explore Grosvenor Park

Grosvenor Park was given to the city by Richard Grosvenor, 2nd Marquess of Westminster and is regarded as one of the finest examples of Victorian Parks in the UK.

The Park has tree lined avenues to explore, as well as benches and grass to sit on and relax or enjoy fun games. It is also home to Grosvenor Park Miniature Railway, built in 1996 to commemorate the centenary of the Duke of Westminster's railway at nearby Eaton Hall. Open some weekends and during school holidays, Grosvenor Park Miniature Railway is loved by people of all ages.

During the summer, the fabulous Grosvenor Park Open Air Theatre brings the park to life with wonderful performances in a purpose built setting. If you're visiting during July and August you should definitely get tickets for a performance.

Further afield, other suggestions

The Ice Cream Farm

Choose from over 50 irresistible real dairy ice creams and sorbets made in Cheshire. There's plenty to keep kids entertained too with Honeycomb Canyon, an indoor sand and water play area; Daisy's Garden, an outdoor play area, meet the animals at Fudge Farm and much more.

Beeston Castle

Standing majestically on a sheer rocky crag, Beeston Castle offers perhaps the most stunning views of any castle in England. Discover 4,000 years of history and explore over 40 acres of woodland walks, perfect for a family day out.

National Waterways Museum

Discover how waterways helped to drive the UK's astonishing industrial revolution. Take a boat trip, visit the museum blacksmith and explore traditional narrowboats through the ages, complete with cottage gardens.

Tatton Park

One of the UK's most impressive historic estates with 2,000 acres of deer park, a stunning neo-classical mansion, 1930's rare breed farm, Tudor old hall, 250 year old gardens, adventure playground, speciality shops and a restaurant, there's plenty for everyone to enjoy.