

Bath - A hot spring in your step

Bath's elegant terraces, parades, crescents and squares, with the amazing remains of the Roman town of Aquae Sulis and the hot baths just below, make this Britain's finest Georgian city. Bath really is amongst the most beautiful cities in Europe. Today it is a vibrant and cosmopolitan location with a wide range of cultural events and entertainment. It offers some great shopping experiences while remaining compact, intimate and with everything within walking distance. The surrounding green hills, which are never far from sight, offer some idyllic walking opportunities with fine views across the city. Bath offers the walker a wealth of interest from the Iron Age to the Georgians.

2 days, 1 night

This tour includes two circular walks starting and ending in Bath.

Walk 1 – Leave town through Batheaston passing the splendid facade on the house of the Woods family who were largely responsible for putting the town on the map in the 18th century. Climb to the Iron Age fort on Solsbury Hill, immortalised in the famous song by Peter Gabriel. Cross the valley of the Lam Brook through the villages of Upper Swainswick and Woolley, then climb to Beckfords Tower (it's 156 steps!) for the most spectacular view. Return to the hotel through Lansdown, one of the cities finest suburbs clustered with grand houses and excellent views, passing the Building of Bath Museum.

Walk 2 – Walk across the Downs and through the woods above Bathampton taking in views east across the Avon valley. At Claverton Manor you can visit the American Museum with its 18th and 19th century room settings and a wonderful collection of quilts. The little valley village of Monkton Combe provides the more rural aspect to this walk before heading back into the city past Prior Park, a beautiful landscaped garden and the inspiration for Squire Allworthy's estate in Henry Fieldings bawdy novel 'Tom Jones'.

B&B Price: £90.00

Hotel Price: £128.00

Local Attractions:

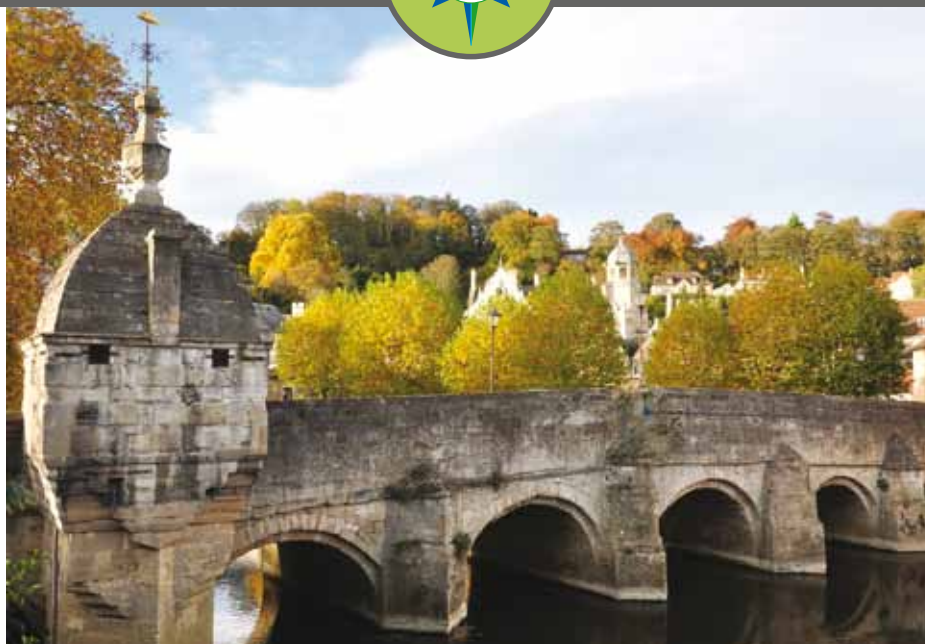
- Costume and Building museums
- Bath Abbey
- Boat trips on the river Avon
- 18th century aqueducts and pumping station
- Solsbury Hill
- Beckford Tower.

Walk info:

5 – 10 miles per day, moderate to energetic.

Good all year with lots to see and do whatever the weather.

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3 days, 2 nights

This tour will include both of the walks above, but will also include a third circular walk on the last day.

Walk 3 – The sights of the city are well known and almost too numerous to mention but here is a sample to give you a flavour. Below the streets of the present city you can see the remains of its Roman predecessor and the famous Baths while just above, the Abbey church tells of the very different mediaeval times. There are many grand Georgian buildings from the city's great boom time as a Spa town with the Royal Crescent, the Circus and the Pulteney Bridge being among the finest.

B&B Price: £165.00

Hotel Price: £236.00

(Prices are per person, based on two people sharing).