



48 HOUR GUIDE

Chichester for Families

Chichester is a wonderful city for families to visit with children of all ages, from teenagers to toddlers.

Our **short guide on Chichester for Families** is followed by a handy itinerary to help you make the most of your visit to this historic, family friendly city.

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Exploring & Discovering Chichester

Chichester has a wonderfully rich and fascinating heritage to discover and plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Start with a stroll around the city walls which were built by the Romans, who founded the city back in 3 AD. Finish your walk in **Priory Park**, which is home to three historic monuments as well as a fantastic playground with zip wire, sandpit, jungle gym and more.

As you wander around Chichester, be sure to get the kids to look out for the quirky Street Art hidden away down some of the side streets and Pallants. There are also several statues of prominent historical characters dotted around the city. A stroll up North Street towards the famous **Chichester Festival Theatre** will lead you to discover the theatre's own sculptures as well as the wide-open spaces of **Oaklands Park**. Head South and you will find yourself at the **Canal Basin** where you can enjoy a canal boat trip, hire a rowing boat or even participate in a paddle boarding lesson.



Bishops Palace Gardens



Experiencing Chichester

As a city famous for its performing arts, Chichester is undoubtedly a city of experiences. **The Festival Theatre** has year-round seasonal performances and events suitable for families with children of all ages while **The Novium Museum** hosts fascinating and interactive exhibitions that tell the story of Chichester's past.

The award-winning **Pallant House Gallery** welcomes families with special trails, exhibitions and activities for all ages to enjoy.

Finally, no trip to Chichester is complete without visiting **Chichester Cathedral** and its beautiful grounds and gardens.

Shopping

Chichester's wide pedestrianised streets make shopping here a true pleasure. The main paved streets and historic paths are home to many shops – from high-street favourites to independent homeware, gift, book, toy and clothing stores.



Eating & Drinking

Chichester has a fantastic selection of family friendly eateries with excellent children's menus. On South Street alone you can choose from household favourites including **Pizza Express**, **Wildwood**, **Prezzo** and **Zizzi**. **Bill's** can be found on North Street with **ASK**, **Carluccio's** and **Brasserie Blanc** located in the Eastern Quarter of the city.

Chichester also has a number of independent cafes and restaurants if you're looking for a unique and truly local experience. **The Buttery** at the Crypt and **Crumbs & Cream**, both on South Street, serve mouth-watering bakes and cream teas and **Crispins Café** on East Street has a great kids menu with plenty of space inside and out for families to enjoy. Not forgetting family owned **Fenwicks Café** which is located within Priory Park. For vegetarians, **Café Paradiso**, a locally owned café with its own walled garden and family friendly menu can be found at the top of North Street.



Itinerary - Day One



Chichester's Roman Walls



Priory Park

Morning

Park at **North Gate Car Park** and pop into **Café Paradiso** for a delicious breakfast muffin or pastry before setting off for a lovely stroll around the historic walls which start at **North Walls**. Your 1.5 mile circuit will end at **Priory Park** where the kids can have a fantastic time playing in the adventure playground and you can all enjoy a family lunch at **Fenwicks Café**, located in the grounds of the park.

Afternoon

After lunch it is time to hit the shops and then if you are all beginning to flag, why not treat yourself and the kids to an Ice Cream Sundae at **Rainbows Parlour** on Crane Street. Walk off your indulgences with a stroll around **Chichester Cathedral** (guided tours are available to book) and the stunning **Bishops Palace Gardens**.

On exiting the Gardens, head down Canon Lane onto South Street and choose one of the many eateries for an enjoyable family meal before either heading home to rest up for the day or perhaps consider catching a family movie at **The New Park Cinema**.

Chichester Cathedral



Itinerary - Day Two

Morning

Park at the **Cattle Market Car Park** and enjoy a slap-up cooked breakfast at **Charlie Harpers Brasserie**. Stroll through town to Tower Street, to learn more about Chichester's Roman history with a visit to **The Novium Museum** (closed on Sundays). Entry is free and inside you will discover several interactive exhibitions set across three stories. After immersing yourself in the past, why not pop into **Bill's** on North Street for a family lunch.



The Novium Museum



Chichester Canal Basin



Street Art



Draper's Yard

Afternoon

After lunch have fun exploring more of the shops including the fabulous hub of independent stalls at **Draper's Yard** and **Almshouse Arcade** in The Hornet as well as looking out for **Chichester's Street Art** (see Art Trail on LoyalFree App). Then head south towards the **Canal Basin** to discover what's happening down on the water including plenty of wildlife and the opportunity to take part in a boat trip or watersports. You can later refuel with a delicious **Turner's Pie** to take home or pop into **Carluccio's**, **Brasseries Blanc** or **ASK** which are all a short walk back to the car park.