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48 HOUR GUIDE

Chichester for Couples

A historic cathedral city, loved by artists, actors and poets throughout the centuries, Chichester is the perfect romantic city break destination. **Our short guide to Chichester for Couples** is followed by a handy itinerary to help you make the most of your visit to this vibrant city.

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Explore Chichester

A romantic stroll, weaving your way around the narrow Pallants and historic cobbled paths of Chichester, is the perfect way to get your bearings.

Breathe in the elegant architecture including the spectacular **Chichester Cathedral** and discover more about the famous places and people from the past who have a special connection with Chichester by following the trail of blue plaques and statues within the city.

A blue plaque and sculpture dedicated to the English Romantic Poet John Keats can be found at **Eastgate Square**. Chichester is believed to have inspired Keats' epic work, *The Eve of St Agnes*, a poem which tells the story of young lovers driven apart by feuding families.

On your walk, enjoy discovering the many beautiful parks and gardens nestled within Chichester's city walls, including **Bishops Palace Gardens** and **Priory Park**.



Chichester Cathedral

Experience Chichester

What better way to spend time together than gazing at the breath-taking art and sculptures housed in one of the UK's leading modern British art museums, **Pallant House Gallery**. If art is what your heart desires, be sure to also visit the Grade II listed art hub, **The Oxmarket Gallery**.

No visit to Chichester is complete without going to the iconic **Festival Theatre**. Its first artistic director was none other than the famously romantic and revered actor, Sir Lawrence Olivier. With an international reputation for producing work of the highest quality, you will not be disappointed.

If adventure is what you seek, visit the **Canal Basin** where you will discover a buzz of activity including rowboat hire, canal boat trips, paddleboarding, wildlife, cafes and more.



Bishops Palace Gardens

Shopping in Chichester

The city has a wonderfully eclectic mix of high street shops and vibrant independents that will appeal to all tastes. The mainly pedestrianised shopping streets are all close together with plenty of pit stops in between.



North Street Shopping



Eating and Drinking

For pre-dinner drinks, **Purchases**, **The Escapist** and **Fernleigh** are excellent choices in the northern quarter of the city and if you keep walking south past the Market Cross into the southern quarter you will discover more bars including **Room 12**, **The Rocking Horse**, **Trents** and **The Foundry**..

Well known restaurants in Chichester include **The Giggling Squid**, **Cote Brasserie**, **Brasserie Blanc**, **The Ivy** and **Piccolino** to name a few.

If you would like to experience a more indie vibe head to **The Ghost of the Feast** for fantastic street food, craft beer, cocktails and more, **Purchases** for a fine dining experience or **Reina Kitchen** for Turkish cuisine.



Chichester has a great selection of bars and restaurants to choose from

Where to rest your head

The Chichester Harbour Hotel is a wonderfully romantic place from which to explore the city. Set in an immaculately restored Grade II-listed property right in the centre of Chichester, its contemporary interiors complement the building's stunning Georgian and Regency period features.

Independently owned and run **East Walls Hotel**, **Purchases** and **The Nags Head** also boast beautiful boutique accommodation set in the heart of the city.

Other accommodation options within the city walls include a **Travel Lodge** and various **Air B&Bs**.



The Chichester Harbour Hotel



Itinerary - Day One

Morning

Begin your morning with a romantic brunch at **The Barn**, followed by a stroll through the city where you will get a feel for the wonderful mix of high street chains such as **H&M** and **TK Maxx** and independent retail stores including **The Bazaar** and **Little London Boutique**.

Continue along East Street before turning left down North Pallant to **The Pallant House Gallery**, hailed by The Guardian as second only to the Tate for modern British art. Immerse yourself in the latest exhibitions and when you are ready for lunch simply head to the **Pallant Café** to enjoy a delicious, freshly prepared meal in the café's tranquil walled courtyard.



Afternoon

After lunch, wander the historic **Pallants** between East Street and South Street, coming out onto South Street. From here enjoy a spot of shopping for jewellery, artwork, gifts or clothing and be sure to continue beyond **The Cross** into North Street and East Street to enjoy Chichester's full retail experience.

If you need a pit stop why not pop into **Purchases** on North Street for a glass of locally made Tinwood English Sparkling Wine or a cocktail. Choose to book a table here for dinner later or decide on one of the many other dining experiences Chichester has to offer within the city walls (see suggestions above). To help you work-up an appetite why not take a romantic pre-dinner stroll around the stunning **Cathedral** with its beautiful architecture that dates back to 1075.



Discover Chichester's winding, historic Pallants





Itinerary - Day Two

Morning

Stroll down North Street where you are spoilt for choice for breakfast eateries including **Café Paradiso**, **Luckes** and **The Real Eating Company**. They all offer delicious, freshly made breakfast menus that will set you up nicely for a 1.5 mile walk around the historic city walls (start at North Wall) that will end at **Priory Park**, a stunning green space with its own rich heritage.



The Ivy



Priory Park is steeped in history

For lunch why not stay in the park for a spot of people watching from **Fenwicks Café**, head to **The Ghost At The Feast** for some delicious street food or enjoy an authentic Italian experience at **Piccolino**.

Afternoon

The choice is yours this afternoon, continue the art and culture theme by taking in the **Oxmarket Gallery** and **Novium Museum** or head south towards the **Canal Basin** for a romantic boat trip. You can hire a rowing boat or simply walk along the well maintained tow path, enjoying the vibrant wildlife and stunning butterfly sculptures along the way.

As you stroll back from the canal up South Street why not pop into **Trents** or **The Fountain** for pre-dinner or even pre-theatre drinks. Or if afternoon tea is on your agenda **Joanna's Boutique Tearoom**, **The Buttery**, **Pallant Café**, **St Martin's Organic Coffee House**, **The Ivy** or **Crispins Café** all offer delicious options. Just off South Street walk down **Canon Lane** and follow signs for **Bishops Palace Gardens**, the perfect place to end another romantic day in Chichester.