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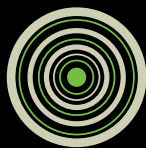
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## WELCOME



British 'Caer Glow', Roman 'Glevum' or Saxon 'Glowecestra'; Gloucester has stood proud at the crossroads of history for more than 2000 years. Boasting a wealth of fine, ancient buildings and monuments that have borne witness to countless defining moments in British history, Gloucester can truly be regarded as a great English city.

Such a rich heritage has given the city the confidence to look to the future, with an increasingly inspiring selection of visitor attractions, festivals, shopping, sport and entertainment on offer to meet the demands of a 21st century audience. Gloucester is built on historic foundations, but is marching forward in style.

Iconic and awe-inspiring ambassadors such as the mighty **900 year old Cathedral**, the stunning **Victorian Docks** and the courageous and noble **Cherry and White rugby team** are simply the beginning of the Gloucester story. Start your journey among these pages and explore the city itself to find out much, much more...

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# HISTORY

There are Roman ruins, medieval cities, Tudor towns and remnants of Saxon settlements and Norman conquests all across England, but few places offer the range of historic buildings and sites that Gloucester displays. It will come as little surprise, then, that the city is considered to be one of England's top ten historic destinations with more than 500 listed buildings.



## GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

Dominating the skyline is the spiritual and physical focus of the city; the great tower of Gloucester Cathedral. Ancient, spectacular and a beautifully serene place to visit, the Cathedral is one of the most magnificent gothic buildings in the world.

This is where William the Conqueror held his Winter Court and ordered the writing of the Domesday Book in 1085, where Henry III was crowned in 1216 (the only Coronation to take place outside London since the Norman Conquests), where Edward II was buried and where pilgrims have flocked for centuries. It's also where Harry Potter fans worldwide now visit, keen to walk beneath the stunning cloisters that double up as Hogwarts in the smash hit movies.

## GLOUCESTER QUAYS AND HISTORIC VICTORIAN DOCKS

The historic Victorian docks are a unique and inspiring destination, described by Charles Dickens himself as 'extraordinary', and granted port status by Queen Elizabeth I in 1580. Gloucester is the most inland port in Britain, and the docks are dominated by towering warehouses which stand proud along the water's edge. Visitors can see skilled shipwrights and riggers repairing, restoring and building traditional ships and rigging all year round in Tommi Nielsen's dry dock on the West Quay.

The wider Gloucester Quays area is a favourite for visitors and locals alike, with a great mix of waterside museums, bars, cafes, restaurants and Designer Outlet shopping plus beautiful new communal squares, walkways and dramatic public art, all nestling comfortably alongside the docks' maritime heritage.



### FIND OUT MORE

#### HISTORY OF GLOUCESTER

[www.livinggloucester.co.uk](http://www.livinggloucester.co.uk)

#### GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

[www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

#### HISTORIC DOCKS

[www.gloucesterdocks.me.uk](http://www.gloucesterdocks.me.uk)

## PRIORIES, FRIARIES AND CHURCHES

There's an old saying, 'as sure as God's in Gloucester', whose origins surely lie in the wealth of religious history and buildings in the city. Christianity was adopted in Britain in AD 170 under King Lucius, who according to local legend built **St Mary de Lode**, Gloucester's oldest church, in St Mary's Square.

To the rear of the church is the site where the martyred Bishop John Hooper was burnt at the stake before a huge crowd in 1555. **Bishop Hooper's Monument** stands there to this day, a testament to the man who refused to accept Catholicism under the rule of Queen Mary.

**St Oswald's Priory** in Priory Street dates back to the ninth century. It was reduced to a parish church after Henry VIII dissolved all monasteries, and was largely destroyed by Royalist cannon during the 1643 Siege of Gloucester in the English Civil War; and yet tantalising arches remain to this day.

The leaning spire of **St Nicholas Church** dominates the view down Westgate Street. St Nicholas is patron saint of sailors, and back in the 12th century the church was attached to a bridge that crossed the River Severn.



The 13th century **Blackfriars Priory**, located off Ladybellegate Street, is one of the most complete collection of medieval Dominican buildings in England. Built with the help of Henry III, the Priory boasts an array of monastic buildings built around a beautiful Cloister courtyard. The Scriptorium at the Priory was a setting for medieval monastic learning and has an original scissor brace timber roof and study booths, one of which was 'defaced' with friar graffiti 500 years ago!



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**Greyfriars Friary**, off Southgate Street, dates back to the 13th century and was built with timber given by Henry III. Like a number of other historic Gloucester sites, the friary was largely destroyed during the English Civil War, and yet high-arched sections still remain today.

**St Mary de Crypt Church** in Southgate Street boasts an impressive and varied history. George Whitefield, the most famous religious figure of the 18th century, preached his first sermon here, before going on to spread the Gospel to more than ten million people worldwide. Jemmy Wood, a notoriously tight-fisted banker who could well be the first British commoner to have become a millionaire, is buried at the church. He was the influence for Dicken's Scrooge and his profile was the inspiration for that most famous English drinking vessel, the Toby Jug.

**Robert Raikes**, pioneer of the Sunday School movement, was baptised at St Mary de Crypt and his family home (now a splendidly restored pub) stands opposite the church in Southgate Street.

Just a step away from the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal close to the docks stands **Llanthony Secunda Priory**. Henry III held court here, Edward II is thought to have been imprisoned here before being taken away and murdered at the nearby Berkeley Castle, and Royalist forces occupied the priory while besieging Gloucester during the English Civil War.

### ROMAN REMAINS

Gloucester owes its name, location and much of its layout to many centuries of Roman occupation. The first settlement was a military fortress at Kingsholm (it's no small irony that the Cherry and White rugby team defends the city's honour on the same spot to this day). Little visible evidence of



the mighty Roman city 'Glevum' remains above ground today, but stretches of wall and numerous finds are displayed at the **City Museum and Art Gallery** in Brunswick Road, while the **Eastgate Viewing Chamber** in Eastgate Street offers a tantalising glimpse of the old fortified city wall and East Gate defensive tower.

### FIND OUT MORE

**GLOUCESTER CITY MUSEUM  
AND ART GALLERY**

[www.gloucester.gov.uk/citymuseum](http://www.gloucester.gov.uk/citymuseum)

### THE NEW INN

The New Inn in Northgate Street is one of the finest medieval galleried coaching inns in Britain. Venture into its timber-framed courtyard and be instantly transported back to the 15th century, where pilgrims stayed while visiting the tomb of Edward II and where Shakespearean plays were performed.

### BISHOP HOOPER'S LODGINGS

Bishop Hooper's Lodgings in Westgate Street are better known today as the city's **Folk Museum**. The magnificent 16th century timber-framed building is reputed to be the last lodging of the martyred Bishop Hooper. The charred remains of the stake he was strapped to and burned stands in the museum still, a slightly grisly reminder of his terrible end.

### HISTORY ALIVE

With so much history to take in, visitors and locals alike should make a beeline for **St Michael's Tower** at the Cross, the very centre of the city. An impressive building in its own right, the tower is also the home of **Gloucester Civic Trust**, a team of passionate and tireless volunteers who act as proud guardians of the city's heritage.

The trust offer enthusiastic information and advice, maps and leaflets, audio visual displays and plan special events all year round to keep history alive in Gloucester. Historic city tours take place every day except Sundays from April to September, docks tours take place every weekend in July and August, while self guided tours (using headphones and interactive audio technology) and even static tours for those with limited mobility are also available.

Brave souls can also discover more about ghosts, ghouls and grisly Gloucester tales by taking part in **Ghost Walks**, independently organised evening tours of the city that'll send shivers up your spine!

### FIND OUT MORE

**GLOUCESTER CIVIC TRUST AND GUIDED TOURS**

[www.gloucestercivictrust.org.uk](http://www.gloucestercivictrust.org.uk)

**GLOUCESTER GHOST WALK**

[www.gloucesterghostwalks.co.uk](http://www.gloucesterghostwalks.co.uk)

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# SHOPPING

Shopping in Gloucester offers a huge range of options. Big name high street stores, delightful independents, speciality markets, modern shopping centres and a waterside designer outlet are all within easy browsing distance of each other.



Still the relative newcomer to the city, **Gloucester Quays Outlet Shopping Centre** has an outstanding mix of high street and designer labels at up to 70% off recommended retail prices. More than 50 stores are on offer including high street favorites M & S Outlet, Next Clearance, Gap Outlet, Nike Factory Store and designer brands including The White Company, Calvin Klein, LK Bennett, Le Creuset and Osprey London.

Visitors can now enjoy the stroll between Gloucester Quays and the centre of the city, passing along beautiful new contemporary walkways punctuated with impressive public art installations. The centre boasts two covered shopping areas, **Kings Walk Shopping** and **The Eastgate**, with a collective range of stores including H&M, Republic, River Island, Animal and HMV, with high street favourites such as BHS, Marks and Spencer and Debenhams all close by. The city also boasts a distinctive and quirky independent quarter in and around Westgate

Street, College Court, College Street and Bell Lane. Fashion, food and drink, music and specialist shops can all be found, just a step away from the mighty Cathedral. Gloucester Folk Museum is even getting a piece of the action with its '**Folk Boutique**'. This unlikely venue now sells an eclectic range of kitsch and retro gifts, vintage and shabby chic household goods, local crafts and jewellery, cards, wrapping, gift boxes and more.

## FIND OUT MORE

### GLOUCESTER QUAYS OUTLET SHOPPING CENTRE

[www.gloucesterquays.co.uk](http://www.gloucesterquays.co.uk)

### KINGS WALK SHOPPING

[www.kingswalk.co.uk](http://www.kingswalk.co.uk)

### THE EASTGATE [www.intoeastgate.co.uk](http://www.intoeastgate.co.uk)

### FOLK BOUTIQUE AT GLOUCESTER FOLK MUSEUM

[www.gloucester.gov.uk/folkmuseum](http://www.gloucester.gov.uk/folkmuseum)

## MARKETS

Markets have always been big in Gloucester. The **Eastgate Indoor Market** offers up a wide range of goods and produce all year round, while the **Cherry and White Market** in Kings Square visits every Friday and Saturday throughout the year. A popular Farmer's Market trades every Friday around the Cross, and specialist markets pop up throughout

the year, and particularly in the run up to Christmas. Just out of town, **Over Farm Market** offers great produce from Gloucestershire suppliers all year round, and also hosts great seasonal events.



## ANTIQUES AND ARTS & CRAFTS

If antiques are your thing, head to Gloucester Quays and the historic docks. **Gloucester Antiques Centre** offers three floors of period antique furniture and upholstery, jewellery and vintage watches, antique clocks and lighting, silver, books, prints and paintings and much more. There's even a delightful cafe that welcomes weary browsers! At the opposite side of the historic docks stands the fantastic **Gloucestershire Arts and Crafts Centre**. Operated by local craftspeople and artists, the centre features exhibitions, studios, shop and a great cafe, all built around local and sustainable produce, and offers a great alternative to the high street offer. Nestled just behind the arts and crafts centre in Severn Road is **Upstairs Downstairs Antiques**, which specialises in clocks, furniture and lighting.

## FIND OUT MORE

### MARKETS IN GLOUCESTER

[www.gloucester.gov.uk/markets](http://www.gloucester.gov.uk/markets)

### OVER FARM MARKET

[www.over-farm-market.co.uk](http://www.over-farm-market.co.uk)

### GLOUCESTER ANTIQUES CENTRE

[www.gacl.co.uk](http://www.gacl.co.uk)

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTRE

[www.gloucestershireartsandcraftscentre.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershireartsandcraftscentre.co.uk)

# FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Gloucester enjoys a great annual programme of festivals and events for all ages and tastes; not to mention ongoing exhibitions, sports, kid's activities and live music and entertainment all year round.



Special event highlights for 2011 will include:

## GLORIOUS GLOUCESTERSHIRE FLOWER FESTIVAL - JULY 13 – 16

Gloucester Cathedral hosts a spectacular display of floral arrangements celebrating all things great about Gloucestershire. A magnificent floral carpet stretching the length of the Nave will be the centrepiece of the event, which will also feature stalls, talks, demonstrations and music.

[www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

## GLOUCESTER QUAYS FOOD FESTIVAL - JULY 22 – 24

A brand new major event for the city, featuring top TV chefs Gino D'Acampo and James Martin hosting cooking demos, food and drink masterclasses, fresh local produce, tasting areas and stands and live entertainment.

[www.gloucesterquaysfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.gloucesterquaysfoodfestival.co.uk)

## SUMMER IN GLOUCESTER CELEBRATIONS - JULY 23 – AUG 6

Gloucester's traditional carnival procession kicks off two weeks of fun in the city, including funfair, beach and spectacular fireworks in Gloucester Park.

[www.thecityofgloucester.co.uk](http://www.thecityofgloucester.co.uk)

## GLOUCESTER RHYTHM AND BLUES FESTIVAL - JULY 23 – 31

Gloucester's blues festival has become something of a summer institution for blues and live music aficionados. The festival offers up free gigs in venues, bars and open air spaces around the city and culminates with a free, huge weekend of bands at Cafe Rene.

[www.gloucesterblues.co.uk](http://www.gloucesterblues.co.uk)



## GLOUCESTER TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL - AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY 26 – 28

The city's award-winning Tall Ships Festival returns! Combining stunning Tall Ships, a flotilla of smaller boats and watercraft, live music and entertainment, kids activities, exotic market stalls, funfair attractions and great food and drink, the festival is a favourite with visitors and locals alike.

[www.gloucestertallships.co.uk](http://www.gloucestertallships.co.uk)

## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS - SEPTEMBER 8 – 11

Gloucester plays its part in nationwide Heritage Open Days celebrations and in doing so offers up one of the biggest free heritage events in England. Don't miss this chance to explore historic buildings in the city, discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities.

[www.thecityofgloucester.co.uk](http://www.thecityofgloucester.co.uk)

## UNDERGROUND FESTIVAL 2011 - SEPTEMBER 24 + 25

The city's Guildhall hosts the Underground Festival, featuring the best new bands from all over the UK and beyond. Acts set to perform include the hotly-tipped Morning Parade and Francesqa.

[www.undergroundfestival.co.uk](http://www.undergroundfestival.co.uk) and [www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk](http://www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk)

## CHRISTMAS IN GLOUCESTER NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

The magic of Christmas comes to life all across the city, with a spectacular lantern parade to switch on the city's Christmas lights, Father Christmas, special seasonal markets and lots more.

[www.thecityofgloucester.co.uk](http://www.thecityofgloucester.co.uk)

## VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET - NOVEMBER 24 – 27

Taking place across Gloucester Quays Outlet Shopping Centre and in the Victorian Historic Docks, this Dickensian feast offers up a traditional market with stalls selling high quality Christmas gifts, food and drink, plus music, characters in costume, old fashioned carousel and more.

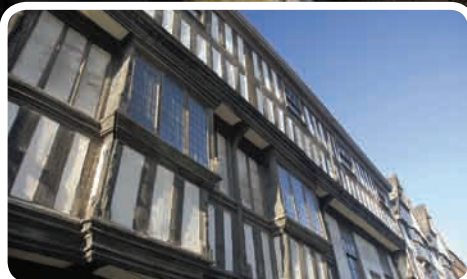
[www.gloucesterquays.co.uk](http://www.gloucesterquays.co.uk)

## ENTERTAINMENT ALL YEAR ROUND

There's a wealth of live entertainment on offer across the city all year round, including floating 'showboat' nights featuring jazz, blues and show bands and performers on board the **Oliver Cromwell Paddle Steamer** moored in Gloucester Docks, music, comedy, film, workshops and exhibitions at **Gloucester Guildhall**, theatre at the **Picturedrome** and **Kings Theatre** and live music at **Cafe Rene**, **Pig Inn The City**, the **Cross Keys**, **Sloanes** and more.

# MUSEUMS & ATTRACTIONS

Gloucester has a broad range of museums and attractions to suit visitors of all ages.



The city's **Folk Museum** in Westgate Street has recently enjoyed something of a makeover, adding a fantastic 'country kitchen meets vintage chic' tea room and Folk Boutique gift and curiosity shop, and still boasts an amazing collection of displays and tells the story of Gloucester's social history over many floors in a delightfully crooked, timber framed old building.

[www.gloucester.gov.uk/folkmuseum](http://www.gloucester.gov.uk/folkmuseum)

The **City Museum and Art Gallery** in Brunswick Road has also been undergoing a transformation courtesy of the Heritage Lottery Fund and is due to re-open in August 2011 with new displays and interactive elements including a Roman kitchen and medieval street scene, plus new cafe.

[www.gloucester.gov.uk/citymuseum](http://www.gloucester.gov.uk/citymuseum)



The **Tailor of Gloucester Beatrix Potter Museum and Shop** in College Court is based in the original building used by Beatrix Potter in her wonderful story, and brings her magical world to life with displays, illustrations, unique gifts and lots more – and entry is free.

[www.tailor-of-gloucester.org.uk](http://www.tailor-of-gloucester.org.uk)

The **Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum** on the historic docks tells the story of the lives of Gloucestershire soldiers and their families over the past 300 years, with interactive displays, magnificent medals, decorative uniforms, weapons and much more.

[www.glost.org.uk](http://www.glost.org.uk)



Housed in one of the fine Victorian warehouses in the docks, **Gloucester Waterways Museum** tells the story of our wonderful canals and rivers. Visitors can climb aboard historic boats, enjoy hands-on fun, watch archive films and browse galleries rich in canal heritage and stories. The museum also offers boat trips along the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal and River Severn, with historic commentary along the way.

[www.gloucesterwaterwaysmuseum.org.uk](http://www.gloucesterwaterwaysmuseum.org.uk)

Just across the canal on West Quay floats the unique and beautiful **Sula Lightship**. Described most simply as 'a lighthouse on board a ship', Sula is more than 50 years old and was decommissioned in 1985, before finally coming to rest here in Gloucester, where she offers complementary therapies and has become a tourist attraction in her own right.

[www.lightshiptherapies.net](http://www.lightshiptherapies.net)

**Nature in Art** is the world's first museum and art gallery dedicated to art inspired by nature, and is housed in a magnificent Georgian mansion, Wallsworth Hall, located in idyllic grounds just two miles north of the city centre.

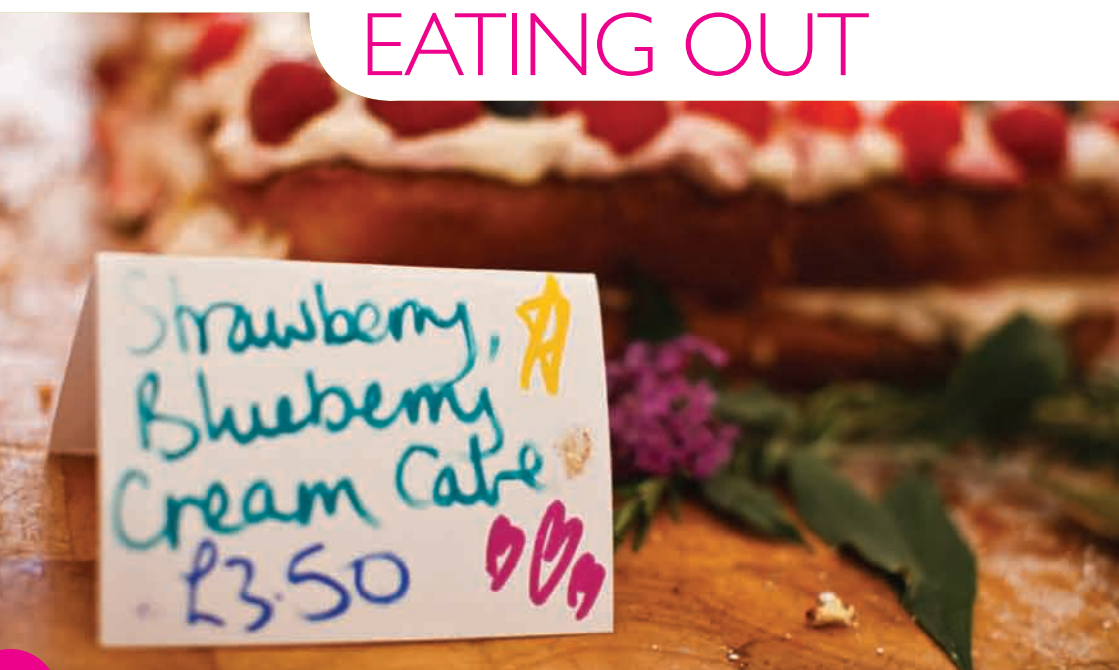
[www.nature-in-art.org.uk](http://www.nature-in-art.org.uk)



The **Barn Owl Centre of Gloucestershire** is just a short swoop from the city centre in Hempsted, and offers visitors the chance to see beautiful owls, hawks, buzzards, falcons and golden eagle up close and to find out more about the conversation and welfare of these incredible birds.

[www.barnowl.co.uk](http://www.barnowl.co.uk)

# EATING OUT



## HEDLEY'S Tea and Coffee House

A traditional but modern Tea and Coffee house set in the heart of Gloucester. Join us in a relaxed setting for breakfast, lunch, a selection of homemade cakes and afternoon tea. Located close to Gloucester Cathedral we cater for the individual, coach or private parties. Facilities include Disabled access and seating, baby change, WIFI and outside seating.

66 Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2NZ  
Telephone: **01452 500090**  
**www.hedleycatering.co.uk**

**Opening Times: Mon - Sat 8am – 5pm & Sun 11am - 5pm.**

This voucher entitles the user to a 10% discount off any of the items on the light lunch menu. (See online or visit us for details)

**10%**  
Discount

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Gloucester serves up an eclectic range of contemporary and traditional restaurants, cosy tea rooms and historic inns to cater for all tastes. Foodies can choose from a myriad of flavours from across the globe, including modern and classic English dishes, Chinese, Thai, Indian, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, African and Mediterranean.

### TEA ROOMS AND COFFEE SHOPS



The city has a great selection of independent coffee shops, cafes and tea rooms, such as **Hedley's Tea and Coffee House** in Westgate Street (see advert opposite), Italian coffee shops **Caffe Corretto** and **Cafe Tucci** in the historic docks and **Stanman's Delicatessen** and **Lily's Tea Room and Restaurant**, both in the city centre.

### RESTAURANTS AND FINE DINING

Those wanting to give their taste buds a real treat should head to the vibrant **Cafe Rene** with its friendly atmosphere and imaginative global cuisine, (see listing on page 15).

**The Tiger's Eye** offers up inventive Pan Asian fusion dishes and the unique Black Rock Grill, which allows diners to see their own sizzling cuts of meat and fish cooked and seared to perfection on volcanic rocks brought to the table (see listing on page 15).

Fans of Mediterranean and Portuguese food should make a beeline for **Sebz** (see listing on page 15), a brasserie-style restaurant with great tapas, a la carte and pizza menus.



## THE NEW COUNTY HOTEL

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Entertain with us...  
Celebrate with us...



## RESTAURANTS AND FINE DINING (CONTINUED)

Hugely popular in the city, **Blossom** offers up a great selection of Chinese food that's freshly cooked to order on an 'eat as much as you like' basis (see listing opposite).

The fantastic **Taste of Thai** restaurant has a warm, friendly and relaxed atmosphere, and its passionate chef serves up more than 100 traditional dishes (see listing opposite).

**The Wharf House Waterside Restaurant** at Over has become renowned for its modern British cuisine served with flair and imagination. Located

in a lovely setting overlooking the River Severn, the restaurant also offers four star accommodation (see listing opposite).

Recently refurbished and reinvigorated, the **New County Hotel** in the heart of the city combines the classic and the contemporary to great effect. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all freshly prepared using the finest local ingredients, with comfortable rooms also available.

## CAFE RENE

31 Southgate Street, GL1 1TP  
Tel 01452 309340  
[www.cafereene.co.uk](http://www.cafereene.co.uk)



A warm and friendly atmosphere awaits you at the Cafe Rene, where we serve a wide range of steaks from the chargrill, along with an extensive, varied menu and our famous home-made Desperate Dan burgers.

## THE TIGER'S EYE

9a Southgate Street, GL1 1TG  
01452 332993  
[www.theoldbell-tigerseye.co.uk](http://www.theoldbell-tigerseye.co.uk)



The Tiger's Eye Fusion Restaurant offers the amazing Black Rock Grill experience (check the website to find out more!), and your choice of steaks, sushi, speciality meats, sushi and dim sum at the historic Old Bell in the centre of the city.

## SEBZ

93 Northgate Street, GL1 2AA  
Tel: 01452 310599  
[www.sebz.co.uk](http://www.sebz.co.uk)



Sebz offers up Portuguese, Tapas and Mediterranean cuisine, including a la carte menu (seafood, steak, fish) tapas menu (eat as much you like only £13.95 per person from 20 and more dishes), plus Mediterranean Pizzas. Open 7 days.

## TASTE OF THAI RESTAURANT

117-119 Southgate Street, GL1 1UT  
Tel 01452 520894  
[www.taste-of-thai.co.uk](http://www.taste-of-thai.co.uk)



Located opposite the docks, we offer a mouth-watering taste of Thailand, with a hundred enjoyable dishes. Dishes are freshly cooked by our passionate chef using fine ingredients. Set lunch from £5.95 (Tue-Sun) and set dinner from £8.95 (Tue-Thurs, Sun)

## BLOSSOM CHINESE RESTAURANT

157 Southgate Street, GL1 1XE  
Tel 01452 550152



Blossom offers an extremely popular and hugely varied all-you-can-eat buffet, with all buffet dishes freshly prepared to order, as well as an a la carte menu. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner.

## THE WHARF HOUSE WATERSIDE RESTAURANT

The Wharf House, Over, GL2 8DB  
Tel: 01452 332900  
[www.thewharfhouse.co.uk](http://www.thewharfhouse.co.uk)



The Wharf House with rooms is set in the perfect riverside location. Our delicious menu has recently been awarded a red rosette by the AA and our 6 beautiful rooms are awarded with 4 stars by the AA.

# OUTDOORS



## SPORT AND OUTDOOR FUN

Gloucester's true colours are, frankly, cherry and white. The city's fantastic rugby team have a proud and successful history, terrorising opponents in the Premiership each season and, after lifting the LV Cup Trophy in March 2011, assuring themselves a place in the Heineken Cup for 2011/12. Your Gloucester experience really isn't complete until you've roared on the Cherry and Whites at Kingsholm! [www.gloucesterrugby.co.uk](http://www.gloucesterrugby.co.uk)

It's not all rugby, though. Gloucester AFC are known as the Tigers and have certainly bared their teeth and claws over the last couple of seasons. Boasting one of the best atmospheres in non-league football, the club is steadfastly building a squad with designs on moving up the ranks into league play. [www.gloucestercityafc.com](http://www.gloucestercityafc.com)

Those who want to participate rather than just watch sport can get their fix across a range of

activities, including swimming and lots more at **GLI**, the city's leisure centre, and tennis, at the fantastic **Oxstall's Indoor Tennis Centre** facility. [www.aspiretrust.org.uk](http://www.aspiretrust.org.uk)

The city also features a great climbing centre, **The Warehouse**, a thrilling go karting and darklight laser tag arena **JDR Karting** and the fantastic **Ski and Snowboard Centre**, which boasts one of the best and longest artificial dry ski slopes in the UK.

Gentler activity can be had by visiting some delightful green open spaces, including **Gloucester Park**, **Robinswood Hill Country Park** and **Highnam Court and Gardens**.

Special mention must of course go to the spectacular natural phenomenon that is the Severn Bore; a surging wave that travels up the River Severn when tidal conditions are right.

Check out Bore timetables at [www.severn-bore.co.uk](http://www.severn-bore.co.uk)

# Café René

## Le Pub & Restaurant

## Steak & Grillhouse



At Café René we have a full and varied menu but pride ourselves on serving the finest expertly grilled prime steaks, from traditional cuts of Ribeye, Sirloin and Rump to our premium range of Fillet and T-Bone.

Our premises have a friendly and relaxing atmosphere and are well stocked with many varieties of real ale, cider and fine wine.

The restaurant caters for parties and functions, and serves a traditional roast on Sundays, in addition to our regular menu.



We host live music on Wednesdays & Fridays and play host to our very own

## 'Gloucester Rhythm & Blues Festival'

in the summer from 25 to Sunday 31 July, 2011.

Open: Sun - Thurs 11am - midnight and Fri & Sats 11am - 3am  
Food served: Monday to Saturday: 11am - 10pm & Sunday: 12 - 9pm

## Café René is the place to be!



Café René, 31 Southgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1TP  
[www.cafereene.co.uk](http://www.cafereene.co.uk) - Tel: (01452) 309340

# THE WIDER AREA



## GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND THE COTSWOLDS

Gloucester is the proud capital of a county that has so much variety to offer. Stunning natural beauty and picture postcard villages and towns combine with world-class sporting activity, cultural events and festivals, independent shopping, food and drink, outdoor pursuits, visitor attractions, history and accommodation to suit all ages and tastes.

The Cotswolds is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful regions in the British Isles, with rolling hills and valleys punctuated by traditional villages and towns. Towns such as **Broadway**, **Bourton on the Water**, **Burford**, **Guiting Power**, and larger market towns including **Cirencester**, **Chipping Campden** and **Stow-on-the-World** are distinctly Cotswold in character and always provide a warm welcome.

The regency town of **Cheltenham** offers wide promenades, imaginative shopping, street cafes, beautiful gardens, a great annual programme of

entertainment and festivals and of course that most famous horseracing event, the Gold Cup.

Nearby **Tewkesbury** has real character; almost 400 listed buildings, a museum, heritage centre, food and history festivals, a great theatre 'The Roses' and the elegant 12th century Abbey Church of St Mary make the town a real destination for visitors.

The 'Five Valleys' of the Cotswolds meet at **Stroud**, where great independent shops, cafes and festivals and events are supported by a notable population of artists and craftspeople, drawn no doubt by the peace of small, hidden valleys around the area.

The **Forest Of Dean** positively crackles with magic. The fantastic **Sculpture Trail**, the unusual and spellbinding **Puzzlewood**, the dramatic **Clearwell Caves** and all those beautiful trees make for an experience like no other. Little wonder then that the region inspired the likes of JK Rowling and JRR Tolkien to create fantastical literary classics!

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## Historic Buildings and Churches

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2	Blackfriars Priory	C4	7	St Mary de Lode Church	C2
3	Gloucester Cathedral	C2	8	St Michael's Tower	D3
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13	Eastgate Viewing Chamber	D4	19	Nature in Art Museum	E1
14	Gloucester City Museum and Art Gallery	D4	20	Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum	C4
15	Gloucester Folk Museum	C2	21	Sula Lightship	B5
16	Gloucester Quays and Historic Docks	B4	22	Tailor of Gloucester Beatrix Potter Museum and Shop	C3

## Shopping

23	Debenhams	E3	27	Gloucester Quays Outlet Shopping Centre	B5
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26	Gloucester Antiques Centre	B5	30	Over Farm Market	A1

## Eating, Drinking, Accommodation and Entertainment

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32	Cafe Rene Restaurant, Bar + Venue	D4	38	Sebz Restaurant	E2
33	Gloucester Guildhall	D3	39	Taste of Thai Restaurant	C5
34	The New County Hotel	C4	40	The Tiger's Eye Restaurant	D3
35	The New Inn	D3	41	Wharf House Waterside Restaurant	A1
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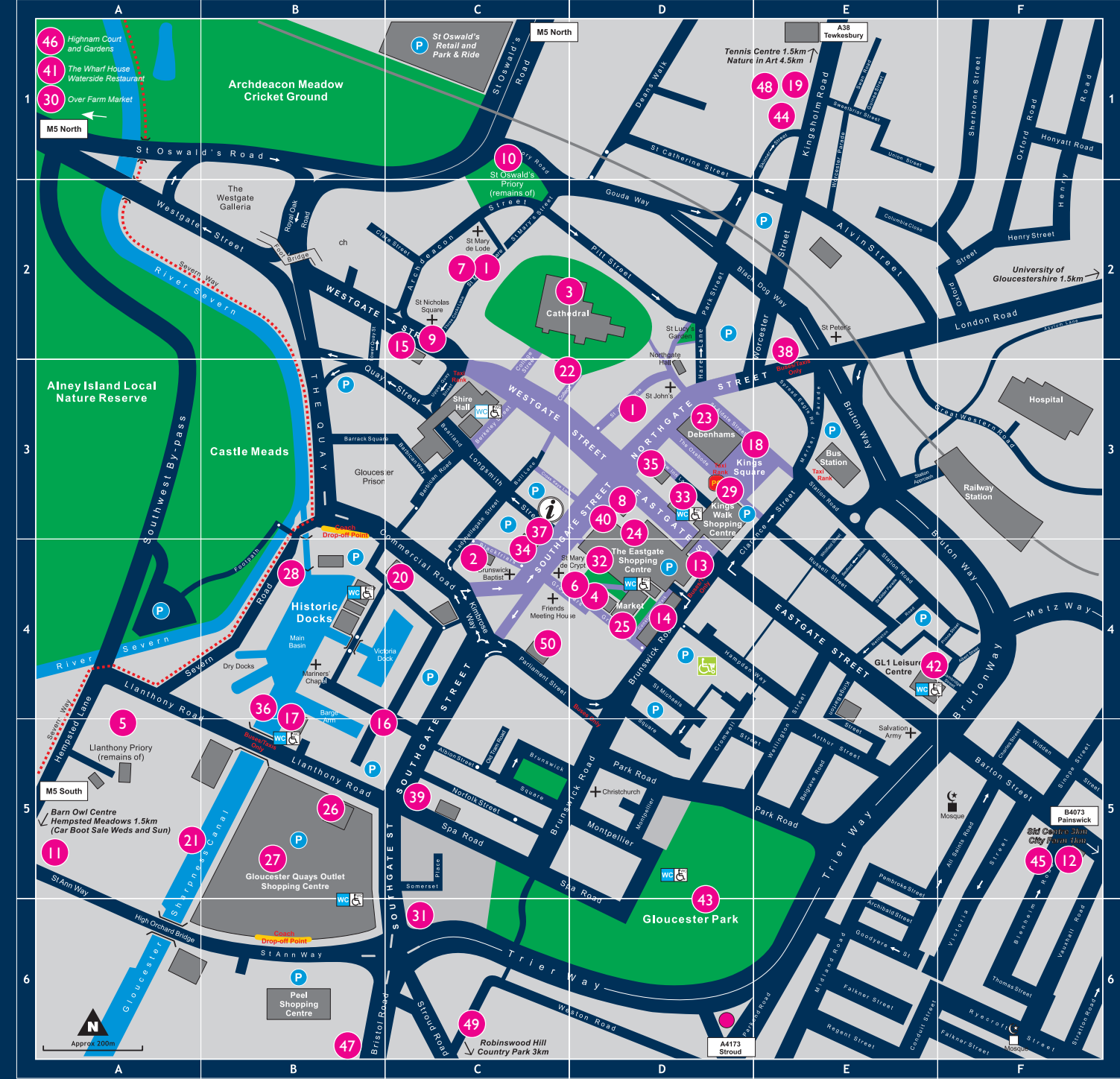
## Sports, Activities and Green Spaces

42	GLI Leisure Centre	E4	46	Highnam Court and Gardens	A1
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## Useful Phone Numbers

Tourist Information Centre: **01452 396572**  
 Police (non emergency): **0845 090 1234**  
 A+E, Gloucester Royal Hospital: **01452 394518 or 394324**  
 Gloucester Health Access Centre  
 (no appointment necessary drop in doctor): **01452 336290**  
 Shopmobility: **01452 302871**  
 Out of Hours Pharmacy (Boots, Eastgate Street: **01452 423501**),  
 (Asda, Trier Way: **01452 833017**), both open Bank Holidays and Sundays.  
 Travel Line (up to date bus and train timetables): **0871 200 2233**  
 Taxis: Andy Cars: **01452 523000**, Associated Taxis: **01452 311700**,  
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