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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 infamous 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 stumbling across Chichester's beautiful parks and gardens nestled within the city walls, including **Bishops Palace Gardens** and **Priory Park**.



Chichester Cathedral

# Experience Chichester

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

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, paddle boarding, 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, **Sit and Sip**, **The Escapist** and **Bar 54** are excellent choices in the northern quarter of the city and if you keep walking south past the **Market Cross** onto South Street you will discover more bars including **Trents**, **The Rocking Horse** and **The Foundry**.

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

And if you would like to experience a more indie vibe why not try **Artie's Kitchen** for the most delicious tapas, **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** makes for 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 **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 alfresco breakfast at **Carluccio's** at Eastgate Square, which is also home to the sculpture of John Keats. Next, wander into the city, where you will begin to get a feel for the wonderful mix of high street chains such as **Next** and **TK Maxx** and independent retail stores including **The Bazaar** and **Rosie Rose**.

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.



Eastgate Square

## Afternoon

After lunch, wander around more of 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 for even more of a 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.



Priory Park is steeped in history

For lunch you can either stay in the park for a spot of people watching from **Fenwicks Café** or head back into the centre to dine in one of the chalets at **The Barn** (booking advisable). Connected to The Barn is delicatessen The Barn's Larder, which was formerly a restaurant where a whole host of A-Listers dined including Sir John Gielgud, Dame Elizabeth Taylor and Lawrence Olivier. The restaurant gained quite a name for itself as the place to be seen pre-theatre and was even reviewed in the New York Times.



The Barn

## Afternoon

The choice is yours this afternoon, continue on an arts and culture trail, taking in the **Oxmarket Gallery** and **Novium Museum** or head south towards the **Canal Basin** for a romantic boat trip. You can also 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 **Crumbs & Cream**, **The Buttery**, **Sandra's Café**, **St Martin's Organic Coffee House** 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.

