

## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

## Within Cirencester

Cirencester, recognised as the "Capital of the Cotswolds", is an historic Roman town previously known as Corinium Dobunnorum, from which the hotel has taken its name. The Corinium Museum is only a five minute walk away and contains the Roman history of the town and surrounding area. The remains of the Roman Amphitheatre can also be visited nearby.

The Corinium Hotel is situated in one of the oldest parts of Cirencester with many buildings of interest in the surrounding area. It is just a five minute walk to the Market Place, which is the heart of the town and the site of the impressive Parish Church of St John Baptist with extensive grounds and a lovely river walk. Guided tours of the church are available.

Also only a short walk from the Hotel is the Bathurst Estate, which is the home of the Earl Bathurst. The house is not open to the public, but the park is well worth a visit and open daily from 9am to 5pm. The entrance gates are at the top of Cecily Hill with the Broad Ride continuing for just over a mile, all of which is lined with Chestnut trees.

Cirencester Market is held every Monday and Friday in the Market Place with the Farmer's Market every other Saturday. There are also regular antique and craft fairs in the Corn Hall and the Bingham Hall.

## **Around Cirencester**

Bibury, Burford, Bourton-on-the-Water, Stow-on-the-Wold and Tetbury are just a few of the towns and villages for which the Cotswolds are famous, with their cottages, churches of golden stone, their pretty gardens, antique shops and tempting tea rooms. All are within a 30 minute drive.

Barnsley House with gardens created by Rosemary Verey is 4 miles away and the renowned Westonbirt Arboretum is a 20 minute drive.

Chedworth Roman Villa with its fine mosaics and woodland walk is also a short drive away.

Just 15 miles away is Cheltenham, which is a great centre for shopping as well as its grand regency architecture.

For the children there is Butts Farm at South Cerney, famous for its many rare breeds. Cotswold Wildlife Park at Burford is 20 minutes away and Magicland, an indoor play area for children is located in Cirencester.

If you are a water enthusiast then the Cotswold Water Park is just ten minutes away by car and offers many water activities, including boating lakes and water skiing.