

HISTORIC VENUES

Bearland House

◆ D5

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Longsmith Street


Friday 8th September Tours at: 11.00 and 14.00

Pre-booking required Maximum 15 per tour

Bearland House is an impressive 18th century building with an ornamental façade, forecourt, and fine wrought iron railings and gates. The interior boasts a carved wooden staircase and decorated ceilings. It was purchased by a County High Sheriff in 1764, and the ghost of his daughter is said to appear at the staircase window. The guided tour lasts about 30 minutes.



Blackfriars Priory

◆ E5  (partial access)

Ladybellgate Street

Guided Tour: Friday 8th September at 11.00

Meet at the entrance off Ladybellegate Street

No booking required

A chance to explore Britain's most complete Dominican Priory, owned by English Heritage and managed by Gloucester City. Most of the 13th century church remains, including a rare scissor-braced roof. The guided tour will last about 1 hour.



Brockworth Court

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Court Road, Brockworth GL3 4QU

Saturday 9th September **(unfortunately we have had to cancel tours on Friday 8th. Those booked on tours then have been offered a slot on the Saturday)**

Tours at: 14.00 and 15.30 lasting 45 minutes per tour.

Pre-booking required with maximum of ~~15~~ 25 per tour.

Brockworth Court was initially the residence for the Priors of Llanthony Priory. Following the dissolution of 1540, Henry VIII granted it to the Guise family until the late 19th Century. It is now owned by the Wiltshires, the present generation of whom have lovingly restored the property and gardens. Interesting features include the tithe barn and a priest hole in the house.

More information at: www.historichouses.org and www.greatbritishgardens.co.uk



The Fleece Hotel and Undercroft Unique opportunity ♦ D5 **B**

Westgate Street

Friday 8th September

Five tours of the building and Undercroft at 10.30, 11.30, 13.00, 14.00 and 15.00

Pre-booking required Max 12 per tour

Meet at the Cathedral Quarter HQ at 21 Westgate Street.

The tours will last 45 minutes each giving time to prepare with Hi Vis jackets and Hard Hats.

Note: steep and ancient steps make it only suitable for the able bodied.


The Fleece Inn was built around 1500, one of the "Great Inns" built by the Abbey. By 1665 it was known as the Golden Fleece which reflected the wool trade. By 1700 it had fallen into disrepair after remaining empty for many years. The Dean and Chapter offered it to the Mayor and Burgesses for £150.00. The property was sold by the church in 1799 and remained in private ownership until 2004.

Now owned by Gloucester City Council, it is being completely renovated and you have a chance to look at the building work in progress and see some points of interest that have been uncovered.

The 12th century tunnel vaulted undercroft is thought to be the best example in Europe of a rich merchant's warehouse. Known locally as the "Monks Retreat", it was a lively and much loved bar when the Fleece was last open.



GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

♦ B5/6 

Saturday 9th September 10.00 - 17.00

Please note that the East End of the Cathedral and Tribune Gallery will be closed for worship from 16.00

Drop in No booking required

Entry to the Cathedral is by voluntary donation, however on Heritage Open Days we are delighted to offer events and tours to visitors free of charge.

A warm welcome and 1000 years of history await you at Gloucester Cathedral, a former Benedictine Abbey founded in the 11th century and one of the most spectacular buildings in the country. The Cathedral is famous for its extraordinary fan vaulted cloisters which appear as Hogwarts in the Harry Potter movies. A stained glass window the size of a tennis court, the tomb of the murdered King Edwards II and the mysterious Whispering Gallery are just a few of the treasures that visitors will discover whilst here.



Highlights from the Medieval Library

Chapter House, Gloucester Cathedral

Friday 8th September 11.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 16.00

Drop in No booking required

Come along to the Chapter House to see a display of the original items chosen by our Library volunteers from the Cathedral's historic Library and Archives.



The Stonemasons' Workshop at Gloucester Cathedral

Workshop of St Peter, Pitt Street GL1 2BH



Saturday 9th September 10.00 - 15.00

Drop in No booking required

Gloucester is one of only a few Cathedrals that still has its own onsite Stonemasons' workshop. Enjoy carving demonstrations and find out more about the work that this team do to conserve and restore an extraordinary building.



PRE-BOOKING is required for the following events. Tickets can be reserved online via the Cathedral website or in person at the Welcome Desk from Monday 21st August. If booking in person please check Cathedral opening times before travelling. Visit www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk or call 01452 508210 for more information.

Guided Highlights Cathedral Tour

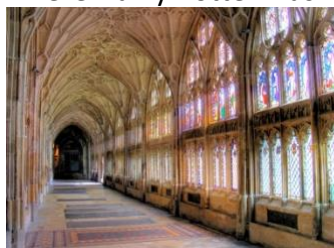


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Saturday 9th September 10.30, 11.00, 12.00, 13.30, and 14.00

Tours last for 1 hour

Find out about the fascinating world of the monks who used to live here, visit the tomb of the murdered King Edward II, hear about stunning stained glass and see where Harry Potter was filmed.



Guided Crypt Tour, Gloucester Cathedral

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Saturday 9th September 11.30, 12.30, 13.30, 14.30 and 15.30

Tours last for 30 minutes

Descend into the Crypt to discover the earliest part of the Cathedral. Explore the chapels and passages used by the monks 900 years ago, as well as the central chamber where bones were once stored.

Suitable for all ages but must be able to manage a flight of 10 stairs.



ACCESS STATEMENT - There is level access to the main Cathedral and Stonemasons' Workshop. The Tribune Gallery and Crypt are accessed by stairs.

Gloucester Furniture Exhibition

◆ F5



Southgate Street GL1 1TX

Friday 8th and Saturday 9th September 09.00 - 16.30

Drop in No booking required.

A historic Roman Wall inside the store is on public view. The lower level of the wall is part of a Roman Colonia dating back to 97AD. At street level it is a medieval building.



Kings School Tours to include:

◆ B6

The Little Cloister House, Old Bishops Palace and Dulverton House

Saturday 9th September

Times of tours: 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00 and 14.00 hrs to last for 50 minutes each

Drop in No booking required

Tours start at the Old Bishops Palace, Pitt Street and include:


The Little Cloister House: a 17th century timber fronted property next to Gloucester Cathedral, built over a medieval undercroft. The herb garden and remains of the old monastic infirmary are close by.

The Old Bishops Palace: The 19th Century residence of the Bishops of Gloucester built on the site of the medieval abbot's lodging, now used by The Kings School.

Dulverton House: Is currently used as the sixth form centre for Kings School but it holds many secrets from its long history. It was originally part of the medieval infirmary buildings housing a chapel and a residency. It has an impressive oak-panelled room and in several places the original beams can be seen.



Llanthony Secunda Priory

◆ G1 

Priory Junction (next to Gloucestershire College), Gloucester GL2 5FA

Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September 11.00 -15.00

No booking required

Step inside the newly restored listed buildings of Llanthony Secunda Priory. Founded in 1136, the history of this former Augustinian Priory is told throughout 5 acres of grounds. Marvel at the magnificent medieval timber roof and late 15th to early 16th century brickwork. In the medieval period the scholars of Llanthony Secunda were responsible for the creation of a very special library that is still considered one of the richest and best-documented medieval English book collections in the country. This remarkable library is no longer in Gloucester but is scattered across the world.

On Saturday 9th, there will be a demonstration of Wool Spinning and Basket Making between 11.30 and 13.30 followed by some traditional English music.

There will also be guided walks at Llanthony from Friday 8th - Sunday 10th September at 11.00 and 14.00 (*see entry under Guided Walks for details*)



Meek's (former shoe shop)

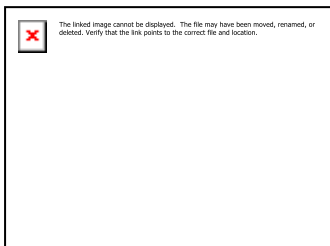
◆ C6

14 Westgate Street GL1 2NL

Sunday 10th September 11.00-15.00

No booking required

This Elizabethan building has a Georgian façade and on the first floor it has a fine plaster ceiling dating from around 1600. Formerly a shoe shop, it has recently been restored to preserve elements of the building's original features and the top two floors will become residential accommodation.



Mercer's Hall (Masonic Lodge)

◆ D5

Mercer's Lane, GL1 2HQ

Saturday 9th September 10.00 – 16.00

No booking required

Tours to be held on the hour starting at 10.00. Please meet at St Michael's Tower at The Cross where a guide will meet you.

Probably built in the second half of the 18th century, this building has been occupied by a perfumier, a cider maker and a brewer and has been used as a bonded warehouse and dance hall. It is presently occupied by the Gloucester Freemasons as their Masonic Lodge.



St Michael's Tower

◆ D6 

The Cross, Gloucester

Friday 8th- Sunday 10th 10.30 - 16.00

No booking required

St Michael's Bell Tower dates back to 1465. It has interesting heritage displays on the history of the church that once stood on the site, and 2 heritage bells made in Gloucester in 1710 by Abraham Rudhall.

A model of the medieval High Cross of Gloucester made by one of our Civic Trust members will be on display during the weekend.

The Tower is run by Civic Trust volunteers and you are sure of a warm welcome.

Refreshments available.

Please be aware that the Tower is undergoing maintenance work and is surrounded by scaffolding.



The New Antiques Centre

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26 Westgate Street

Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September 09.30 - 16.30

Guided Tours available - Saturday and Sunday 11.00 and 13.00

Pre-booking required. Maximum 15 per tour

Believed to be Britain's finest example of a timber framed town house, built in 1560, it was once the hall of the Grocers' Guild, the mansion house of a Mayor of Gloucester and, in the 19th century, a lodging for assize judges. Meet outside on Westgate Street. Tours last about an hour.



Wotton House

NEW



International School, Horton Road, Gloucester GL1 3PR

Saturday 9th September 10.00 - 13.00

No booking required for tours

Wotton House has been part of the Wotton landscape since 1707, home to some fascinating characters and, for almost 100 years, educating many students.

There will also be a talk "Wotton House: A Societal and Arboreal History" on Saturday 9th September at 11.00 at Wotton House. Pre-booking required for the talk. (*see entry under Talks for details*).

