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IMMERSED IN HISTORY

Explore ancient chambers
and sacred springs

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A family of four is sitting on stone steps in an ancient Roman bathhouse. The mother, on the left, is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. The father, on the right, is wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. They have two young children, a girl in a blue denim shirt and a boy in a red sweatshirt, both wearing blue jeans. They are all smiling and looking at each other. The background shows the interior of the bathhouse with large stone columns and arches.

Walk on ancient pavements

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Explore one of Europe's best-preserved sites
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Experience 2,000 years of history

Step into a time gone by

The hustle and bustle, the comings and goings, the gossiping, gathering and business deals to be done. Aquae Sulis was one of the greatest religious spas of the ancient world, attracting visitors from across the Roman Empire to worship and bathe in the healing hot spring waters of its magnificent baths.

Gaze down at the mysterious waters, breathe in the wisps of steam rising majestically from the surface and you'll be transported straight back to that ancient world.

Why not stick around a while? You'll discover a wealth of treasures and 2,000 years of stories just waiting to be told.

 romanbaths.co.uk/tickets

Left: The Great Bath

Reflect on the past...

Discover the Sacred Spring that has risen for thousands of years at the heart of our site. And follow its mineral-rich waters as they flow through the ingenious Roman plumbing to fill the many baths and pools.

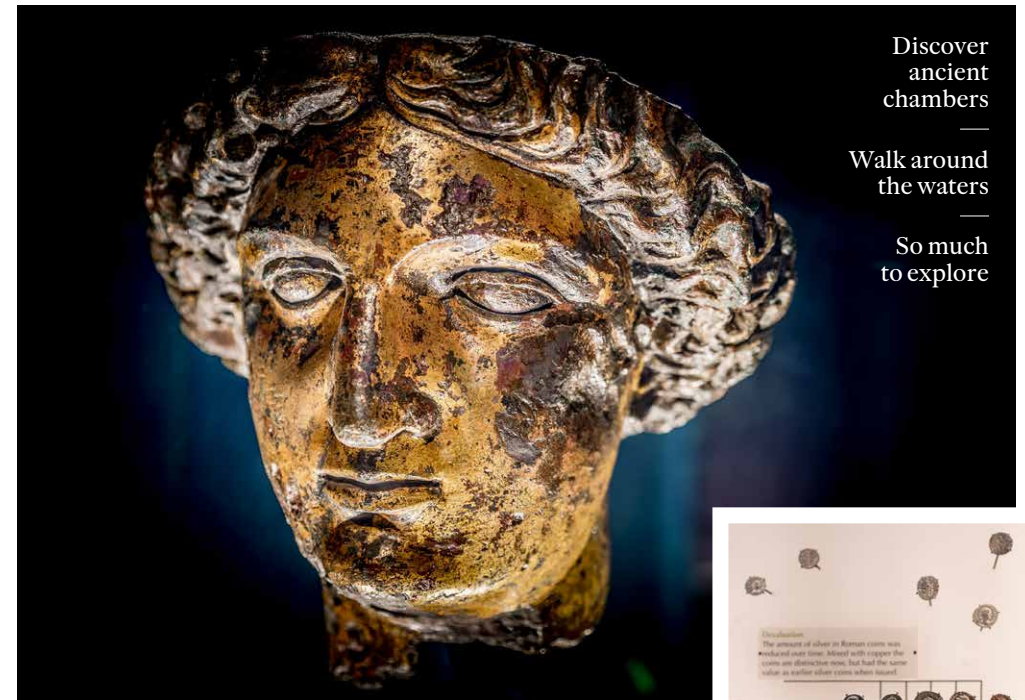
The beautiful Great Bath is the centrepiece of the complex, with its ornate columns and deep sense of what has gone before.

Newly opened is the remains of a gym and Laconicum (sauna). See where the

Romans kept fit and learn about ancient exercises from the wall projections.

Wander the walkways, while away time by the waters and you'll get a unique perspective on what it would have been like to slip into these inviting baths. You'll even get a chance to taste the famous water from a dedicated drinking tap.

Below: The Roman Gym made possible by the Heritage Fund



Discover ancient chambers

Walk around the waters

So much to explore

...and immerse yourself in history

Believing the warm waters to be sacred, the Romans dedicated the site to Sulis Minerva, goddess of wisdom.

They built a temple to honour her and altars for worship and sacrifice. As one of only two classical temples remaining from Roman Britain, this is a place with real historical significance. And the perfect spot to soak up the wealth of ancient artefacts from the area including the 17,660 Roman coins known as the Beau Street Hoard.

Main picture: Gilt-bronze head of Sulis Minerva

Right: The Beau Street Hoard

Marvel at the striking gilt-bronze head of Sulis Minerva – one of the most iconic and rare treasures of Roman Britain. Spot the famous Gorgon's head that dominates the Temple pediment, and learn about the curse tablets, which were thrown into the Sacred Spring to seek divine retribution on those who had committed wrongdoings.

Meet our costumed characters and learn about Roman bathing practices, such as the use of a strigil used for cleaning oils from the body



Above: Our children's audio tour is narrated by Michael Rosen

of informative audio guides in 12 languages, as well as children's versions, CGI projections and reconstructions throughout the exhibitions. So, you can really get a feel for what life was like in Aquae Sulis, not to mention what visiting Romans got up to during their time at the baths.

See stories brought to life

Come face to face with history when you meet our real-life Romans: people who lived and worked in Aquae Sulis 2,000 years ago.

These colourful characters will happily answer your questions, fill you in on what life was like and even pose for a portrait if you ask nicely.

And when our actors are otherwise engaged, you'll have access to a choice

Roman Baths events

FAMILY EVENTS

Free drop-in family events. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All times 10am-12.30pm & 1.30-4pm, unless stated otherwise.

Ex Libris

21-25 February

Be a Science Detective

11-20 March

Hands-on Science – Great Bath

14-18 March, 2pm-4pm



Animal Magic

11 April

Crowning Glory

30 May-3 June

Before the Romans

25-29 July

Brilliant Bathing

1-5 August

Caesar's Secrets

8-12 August

Little Britannia

15-19 August

Great Gorgon

22-26 August

Leafing through History

24 September-8 October

Seasonal Saturnalia

10 & 11 December

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Booking essential: **romanbaths_enquiries** @bathnes.gov.uk or phone 01225 477773

T'ai Chi on the Terrace

Tuesdays 8-8.30am

Join Paddy Nisbett, a qualified private instructor for Tuesday morning sessions.

Tales from the Metamorphoses

19 February, 10-4pm

Enjoy these myths and tales from the ancient world's master storyteller in this day school with George Sharpley.

Archaeology Revealed

18 July

Go behind the scenes at the Roman Baths on a special tour for the Festival of Archaeology.

Magical Evenings

Slow down time and experience the captivating beauty of the Great Bath, lit by flickering torchlight.

During the Easter weekend and July and August evenings we will be open later to allow you to linger as the sun sets and enjoy a drink from our pop-up Prosecco Bar.

OUT AND ABOUT

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Culverhay Archaeology Centre Tours

24 February; September (tbc)

Explore archaeological finds from Bath and beyond, including objects from the Roman and medieval periods.

Local History Centre Tours, Lansdown

31 May; September (tbc)

Explore the weird and wonderful objects from the spa collection.

i See romanbaths.co.uk for further information on all our events.



World-class learning

Opening summer term 2022, the new school and learning experience at The Roman Baths Clore Learning Centre will offer an educational visit like no other.

Teach history where it really happened! Students will be able to handle original artefacts and have a go at being an archaeologist excavating and recording their finds.

i Find out more at romanbaths.co.uk/schools-roman-baths for all learning resources including our virtual learning packages

Discover Bath's heritage at the new World Heritage Centre

Opening spring 2022 the World Heritage Centre, just a stone's throw from the Roman Baths, is a great starting point for exploring Bath. Discover more of our special city and create wonderful memories by picking up trails or downloading the mobile app.

i Find out more at bathworldheritage.org.uk



Left: Investigation Zone, Clore Learning Centre
Above: World Heritage Centre

Breathe in the atmosphere

Get close to history

Relax in grand surroundings



Refuel and relax in the Pump Room

The Georgian Pump Room has been the social heart of Bath for more than two centuries, boasting Jane Austen and Charles Dickens amongst its previous patrons.

Join us for morning bakery, Champagne brunch or afternoon tea menus. With every session being serenaded by our

resident pianist or the Pump Room Trio, it's a truly unforgettable experience.

i For something really special, take a look at thepumproombath.co.uk, where you can find out about our seasonal evening dining and other special events throughout the year.

Exceptional shopping

Our on-site shops offer an array of beautiful souvenirs and local products.

Choose from a range of quality gifts – many with a Roman and Georgian flavour – including toiletries, jewellery, confectionery, locally made crafts and much more.

Below: Exclusive Roman Baths water bottle



Image: Bhavesh Chauhan Photography

Weddings & events

Did you know that this unique and atmospheric venue is available for private hire?

The Roman paving alongside the thermal waters is sheltered, perfect in any weather and can be used in conjunction with our airy indoor spaces.

The Roman Baths make an inspiring and atmospheric location for weddings, parties and corporate events.

i For more information about private hire visit bathvenues.co.uk or call 01225 477786.

Planning your visit

Tickets and payments

Please pre-book your tickets to avoid disappointment. See our website for up-to-date information on social distancing measures which may be in place.

Luggage

Luggage, including large rucksacks and pull-along cases, is not permitted on site.

Bringing baby?

While we welcome babies on-site, due to the ancient pavements, we ask that you use a baby carrier rather than a pushchair. Baby changing facilities are available and we are proud to be breastfeeding friendly.

Accessibility

It is important to us that we're able to welcome anyone who wants to visit the Roman Baths.

Mobility

Our facilities are 90% wheelchair accessible. See our website for the full accessibility guide.

Visually impaired visitors

We offer fully descriptive tours for visitors with sight impairments or can arrange special hosted sessions if you prefer.

Hearing impaired visitors

We offer a British Sign Language tour providing an interesting insight into our baths and exhibitions.

Happy to help

Many of our team are trained Dementia Friends and we are proud to have received an Autism Friendly award.





VisitEngland **Large Visitor Attraction of the Year 2020 Silver**

VisitEngland **International Tourism Award 2020 Silver**

National Autistic Society **Autism Friendly Award 2020**

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* Fashion Museum Bath will be leaving its current home autumn 2022, see website

We're in the heart of beautiful Bath

The Roman Baths

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(closed 25th and 26th December)

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