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THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN BATH

There are many attractions in the lovely City of Bath, and just a small selection is included below.

There should be some free time for you to explore on your own over the weekend, but why not make a long weekend of it if you can and take in some more of what Bath has to offer?

Thermae Bath Spa - <https://www.thermaebathspa.com/>

As well as indoor attractions, this venue boasts an open air heated roof top spa pool. The Master has tested this ahead of the weekend and thoroughly recommends it!



Thermae Bath Spa

The Fashion Museum - <https://www.fashionmuseum.co.uk/>

The Fashion Museum holds a world-class collection of contemporary and historic dress.

The Assembly Rooms - <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/bath-assembly-rooms>

The Assembly Rooms, one of Bath's finest Georgian buildings, was purpose built in 1771 for a particular 18th century form of entertainment: the assembly; 'a stated and general meeting of the polite persons of both sexes for the sake of conversation, gallantry, news and play'. Guests would gather in the rooms in the evening for balls, concerts and other social functions, or simply to play cards and socialise.



*The Assembly Rooms housing
the Fashion Museum*

Scenes such as this feature in the novels of Jane Austen, who lived in Bath from 1801-1805. Her two novels set in Bath, *Northanger Abbey* and *Persuasion* both mention the Assembly Rooms, which she called the "Upper Rooms". Charles Dickens visited Bath on several occasions and gave public readings in the building. Adaptations of several historic novels have also been filmed in the Assembly Rooms, in addition to films such as *The Duchess* with Keira Knightly.

The Holburne museum - <http://www.holburne.org/>

An art museum including works by Gainsborough, Stubbs and Zoffany. There are often temporary art exhibitions and in July there will be one on Dutch Masterpieces in National Trust Collections.



The Pump Room

At the heart of the Holburne Museum is the collection of Sir William Holburne (1793-1874), fifth baronet of Menstrie. William seemed destined for a naval career but, following the death of his elder brother Francis, he inherited the family title and a modest fortune. He left the navy and embarked on a Grand Tour of Europe, visiting Italy, the Alps and the Netherlands. This sparked a life-long interest in art and his enthusiasm for collecting. He particularly loved bronze sculptures, silver, porcelain and Dutch landscapes.

The American Museum - <https://americanmuseum.org/>

The American Museum takes you on a journey through the history of America, from its early settlers to the twentieth century. With its remarkable collection of folk and decorative arts, the Museum shows the diverse and complex nature of American traditions. The only museum of Americana outside the United States, it was founded to bring American history and cultures to the people of Britain and Europe.

The Pump Room - <http://romanbathssearch.co.uk/>

The Grand Pump Room is a historic building in the Abbey Church Yard, where visitors came to drink the waters from the warm spring which is the source of the baths. This elegant setting now operates as a restaurant. Music in the restaurant is provided by the Pump Room Trio — the longest established resident ensemble in Europe — or by a pianist. There has been music in the Pump Room since the opening of the original building in 1706, when Beau Nash put together his own band to perform there. A "Pump Room Orchestra" later came into being, with Gustav Holst being one of its guest conductors during the early 20th century.