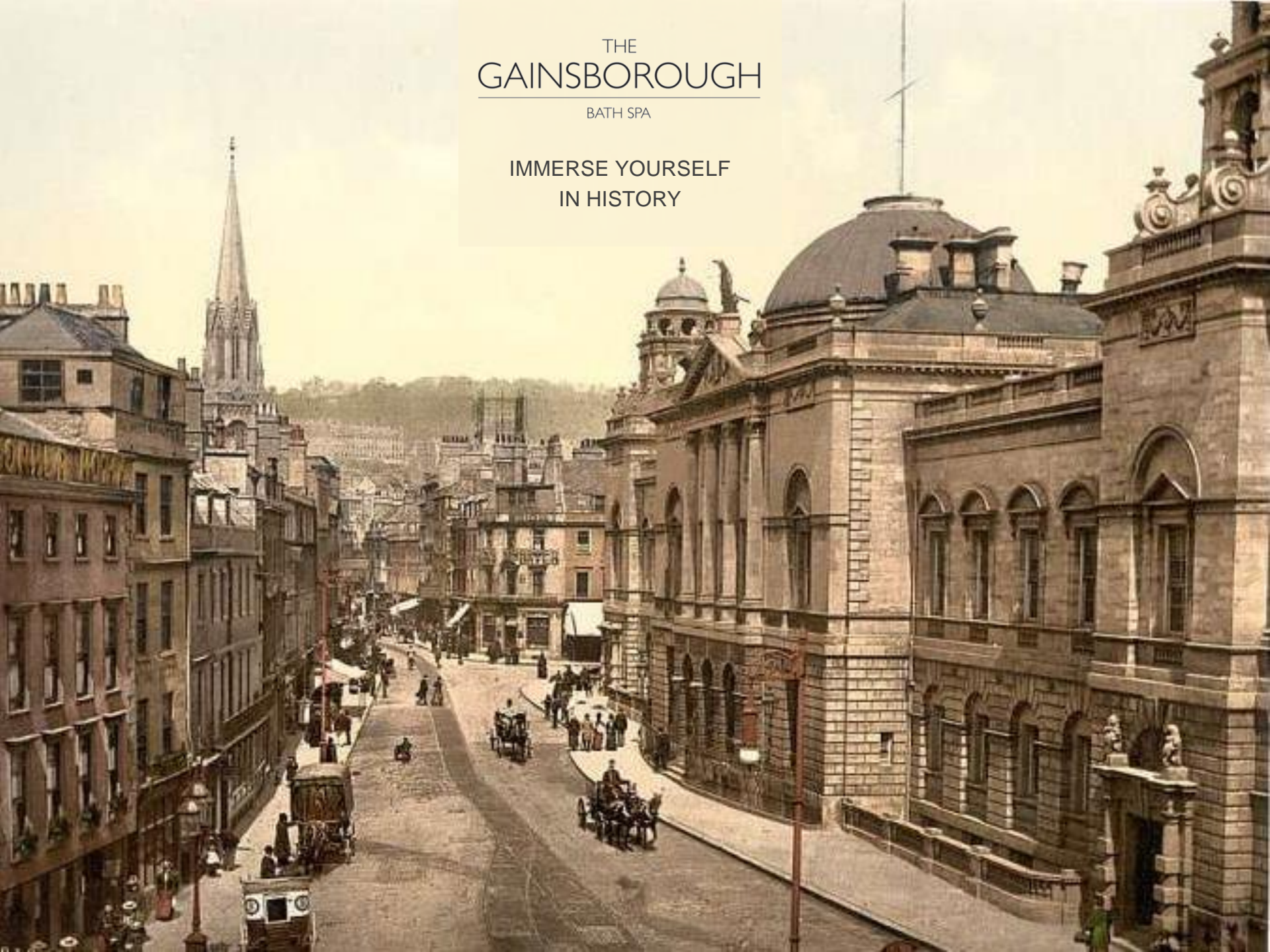


THE
GAINSBOROUGH

BATH SPA

IMMERSE YOURSELF
IN HISTORY





**THE HISTORIC HEART OF BATH
A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE**



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From its legendary beginnings around a thermal spring with waters that healed a swineherd prince to a magnificent Georgian playground that catered to both aristocracy and commoners alike, Bath has endured for over 2,000 years as a leisure and wellness destination.

Discover a city shaped over centuries by the Romans, warrior-kings and merchant corporations, reimagined by the vision of unconventional gamesters and eccentric architects; all of which culminated in its global recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987.



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The Gainsborough Bath Spa occupies two 18th century Grade II Listed buildings with distinguished Georgian and Victorian façades that were originally built as the Royal United Hospital and Bellott's Hospital in the heart of the World Heritage Site. The hotel's refurbishment included the main wings of The Gainsborough building, the construction of a new wing on Lower Borough Walls and the redesign of the neighbouring 17th century Bellott's, linked to The Gainsborough by a newly formed underpass.



Centred around Spa Village Bath and, uniquely in the UK, The Gainsborough Bath Spa has the exclusive privilege of having access to the natural thermal waters. Believed to have come from rain falling approximately 10,000 years ago which seeped to two kilometres beneath the earth's surface, the water is continually heated by hot rocks before rising up through the three famous hot springs in the centre of Bath, including the Hetling Spring that supplies the mineral-rich water to The Gainsborough Bath Spa.



The Gainsborough Bath Spa is the only hotel in Bath to be included in the Leading Hotels of the World family of iconic and legendary hotels. The affiliation verifies that the hotel meets a demanding set of quality standards which serve as the benchmark for the luxury hospitality industry, putting it in the company of some of the world's best hotels.



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HISTORICAL SNIPPETS



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Retaining significant evidence of Bath's illustrious history well beyond its façade, The Gainsborough Bath Spa's name pays homage to the famed portrait and landscape artist, Sir Thomas Gainsborough, who lived in Bath between 1759 and 1774 and was a central figure in Bath society. In honour of this artistic connection, the hotel has selected three students from Bath Spa University to create exclusive artworks for display in public areas within the hotel.



Thomas Bellott founded a hospital that bore his name for poor, sick people seeking the curative Bath waters. A one-time steward of the Elizabethan statesman, William Cecil, Lord Burghley, he commissioned Lord Burghley's coat of arms to be placed at the Bellott's Hospital entrance. The belt around the arms indicates Lord Burghley as Chancellor of the Order of the Garter, the oldest British Order of Chivalry founded by Edward III in 1348, while its Latin motto proclaimed, 'One Heart, One Way'. A carved Latin inscription on a stone tablet below translates as, 'Do not leave dormant in your store that would relieve the poor. If the poor sleep soundly, so will you'. When the original building was destroyed in 1856, the coat of arms and its accompanying stone tablet was relocated to its present site where it remains today.



The foundations of The Gainsborough had hidden treasures as an excavation in 1864, beneath the then Royal United Hospital, had revealed several rooms belonging to an ancient Roman spa complex that included the remains of an intricate 4th century Roman mosaic. Also found was a Victorian time capsule that was buried to commemorate the building of The Albert Memorial Wing. The glass bottle capsule contained two 18th century documents, a book of subscriptions to the Working Men's fund and a parchment scroll.

In 2007, a Roman hoard comprised of 17,500 coins weighing about 120kg was discovered amongst the foundations and declared to be a Treasure under the 1996 Treasure Act. Housed and under study by the British Museum, the Beau Street Hoard contained an unusual combination of denarii, silver radiates and base-metal radiates that dated from 32 BC to 270 AD, and is considered to be amongst the largest coin hoards yet discovered in Britain. The Roman mosaic remains preserved beneath an exact replica within the new Spa Village Bath while part of the Beau Street Hoard is on display within the hotel.



References to Bath Buns date from 1761, with origins linked with Dr William Oliver who was born near Penzance on 4 August 1695. A physician of great repute, he moved to Bath in 1728, became convinced of the curative properties of the local mineral waters and founded the Bath General Hospital. He first created the Bath Bun for his rheumatic patients but the sugar and fruit laced bun proved to be their undoing. Dr Oliver experimented and developed a plainer, less fattening biscuit to replace the buns.

Before his death, he bequeathed the recipe, 100 sovereigns and 10 sacks of flour to his coachman, Atkins, to carry on the biscuit manufacturing. Atkins set up business at 13 Green Street and named the biscuits 'Bath Oliver' in honour of his benefactor. Peculiarly crisp, not sweet, the Bath Oliver biscuit seems simple in its ingredients yet attempts to reproduce them by the uninitiated have resulted in unworthy imitations of the real article. The Bath Oliver biscuits are served with fine cheese at The Gainsborough Bath Spa today.



EXPLORE BATH AND BEYOND



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MUSEUMS & ATTRACTIONS

From the world renowned Roman Baths and Bath Abbey to the Jane Austen Centre, Fashion Museum and the beautiful Prior Park Landscape Garden. With the Royal Crescent, The Circus and Pulteney Bridge, the city is full of architectural splendours.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The Holburne is home to several masterpieces by our namesake, Thomas Gainsborough, and presents a beautiful collection of art and artefacts while the Victoria Art Gallery showcases works by a host of leading artists from the 15th century to the present day. The Theatre Royal presents a classic year round programme, whereas the Ustinov Theatre offers more cutting edge performances. The Little Theatre shows art-house films and Komedia is a popular venue for live music and comedy.



CITY OF FESTIVALS

Bath provides an eclectic mixture of literature, music, entertainment and art events year round. Highlights include the International Festival of Music, the Literature Festival and the Iford Arts Festival featuring opera, concerts and picnic proms. Special interest festivals include Jane Austen, Mozart, Film, Comedy and the Great Bath Feast. For a unique shopping experience, the Bath Christmas Market is not to be missed.



SPORT & LEISURE

Bath Rugby is one of the top teams in Europe and its home ground, The Rec, is one of the most beautiful. Leisure and sporting activities include walking, cycling, golf, horse racing, ice skating and hot air ballooning.



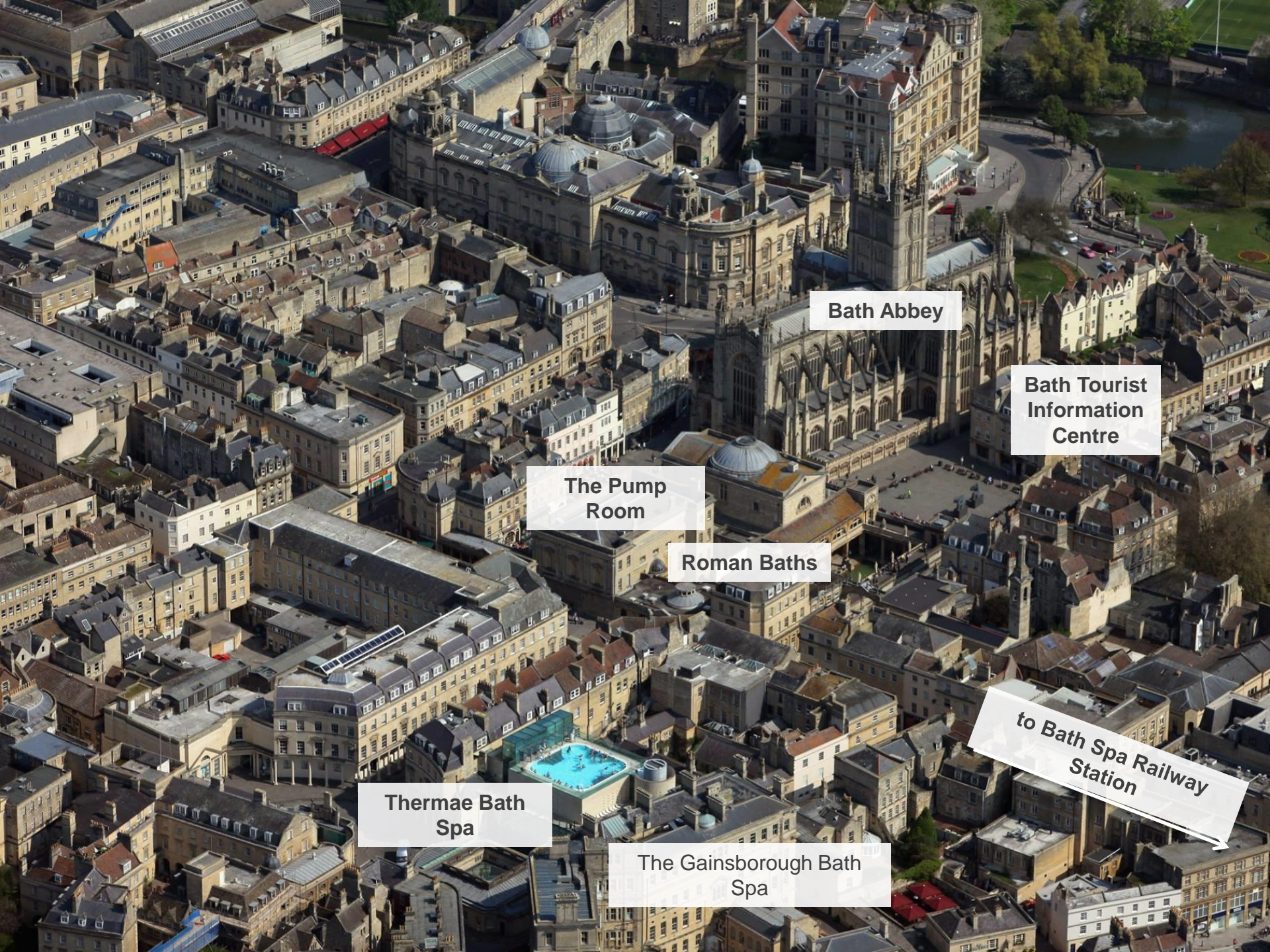
SHOPPING

Bath has a vibrant and varied shopping scene, with many designer shops, independent boutiques and top high street names. There is also a range of weekly markets at the historic Green Park Station. Just a short stroll from The Gainsborough Bath Spa you can find the city's main shopping area with a lively café, bar and restaurant scene, that includes Stall Street and Southgate, Upper Town and Milsom Quarter or Walcot Street.



SURROUNDINGS

The stunning village of Lacock is nearby with its cottages and inns dating back to the 15th century. Part of the National Trust, the village has been used in many film classics from *Pride and Prejudice* to *Harry Potter*. Picturesque villages, wildlife sanctuaries and historical monuments such as the Cotswolds, Longleat and Stonehenge are all within a day's drive.



Bath Abbey

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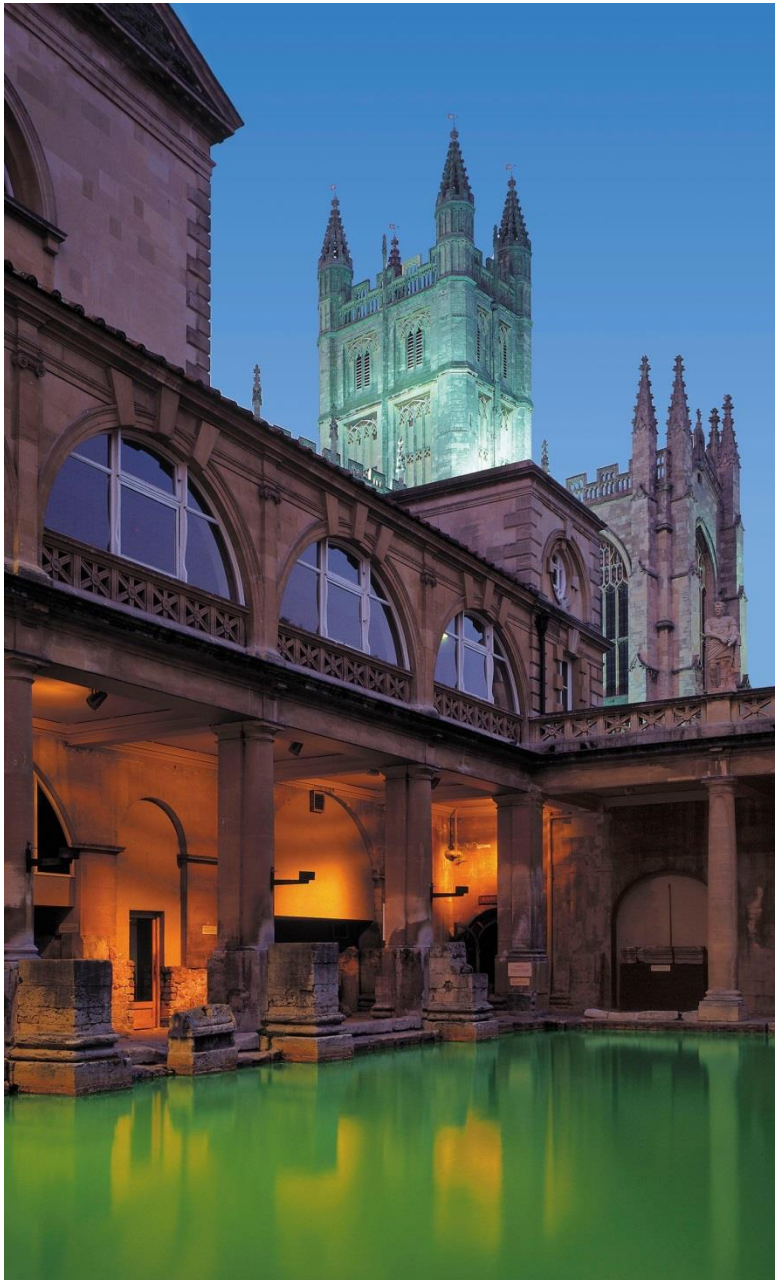
**The Pump
Room**

Roman Baths

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Spa**

**The Gainsborough Bath
Spa**



GETTING TO BATH

BY AIR

London Heathrow Airport to Bath is approximately 100 miles (160km)
Bristol International Airport to Bath is approximately 19 miles (30km)

CHAUFFEUR SERVICES

Services to and from London, including Heathrow Airport and Bristol International Airport, can be booked at the time of hotel reservation. Prices on request.

BY TRAIN

Bath Spa train station is a 5-10 minute walk from The Gainsborough Bath Spa. Taxis are available from outside the train station. First Great Western Trains offer frequent, direct trains from London Paddington to Bath Spa. The journey time is around 80 minutes. Bristol Temple Meads station is only 15 minutes by train from Bath. For information on timetables and tickets: www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk

CONCIERGE PICK-UP FROM BATH SPA TRAIN STATION

A pre-bookable shuttle service from Bath Spa Train Station to the hotel is available at £10 per journey.

VALET PARKING

20 valet car parking spaces are available to our guests which must be pre-booked. The spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis at £35 per car per day.

When you arrive at the hotel and the porter has taken your luggage, please present your keys to the concierge who will valet park your car. Whenever you wish the car to be returned, please allow 15 minutes notice to the concierge.

PARKING

Guests who have not pre-booked valet parking may wish to park in the Southgate Car Park (12 Southgate Street, Bath, BA1 1AQ) or Avon Street Car Park (Avon Street, Bath, BA1 1UF). Both are approximately 5 minutes walk to the hotel and are open 24 hours for long stay parking. For full details of car parks in Bath: <http://visitbath.co.uk/travel-and-maps/parking-in-bath>



**ACCOMMODATION CREATED BY
AWARD-WINNING CHAMPALIMAUD DESIGN**



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The 99 custom furnished guest rooms and suites subtly references period details combined with contemporary forms. Accommodation types, including a selection of rooms considerably designed for guests with impaired mobility, are:

- Deluxe Room: 25 sqm • Classic Room: 30 sqm • Courtyard Room: 30 sqm • Junior Suite: 35 sqm • Suite (with separate lounge area): 40 sqm

Suites with a separate lounge area and unlimited Spa Village access:

- Two Bedroom Suite: 42.5 sqm • Gainsborough Suite: 53 sqm



Guests who desire a more immersive spa experience can choose the Bath Spa Room or the restorative Bath Spa Suite; the only guest rooms in the United Kingdom to offer alcove roll-top bathtubs for in-bathroom access to the natural healing thermal waters. These distinctive accommodation include complimentary breakfast and unlimited access to Spa Village:

- Bath Spa Room: 30 sqm • Bath Spa Suite (with separate lounge area): 42 sqm



Our accommodation is inclusive of standard five star amenities from luxurious bedding and generous wardrobes to cordless phones and full black out window coverings. Standard features and services in all rooms and suites are:

- Flat screen HD television • 110 TV channels including Sky Sports • iPod docking station • Roberts radio with Bluetooth connectivity
- Radiant heated bathroom floors • Complimentary WiFi • Powered safe • Tea and Nespresso coffee making facilities • Complimentary minibar • Asprey toiletries • 24 hour room service • Guest laundry service • In-room climate control • Selection of international newspapers



DAN MOON AT THE GAINSBOROUGH RESTAURANT





Dan Moon at The Gainsborough Restaurant presents exquisite cuisine inspired by fresh, locally sourced ingredients beneath coffered ceilings, and surrounded by original artwork and a black marble fireplace. Separated by an impressive wine wall, a semi-private area can be arranged for a group of friends or colleagues. The restaurant has a separate street entrance on Hot Bath Street with access along a striking Bath stone walkway.



West Country born Dan Moon has previously worked at a number of top restaurants where he achieved numerous awards and accolades including The Caterer's Acorn Award. He has also recently been awarded three AA Rosettes at Dan Moon at The Gainsborough Restaurant. Taking inspiration from the desire to constantly innovate, Dan uses the best locally sourced produce to create stunning dishes which are delicate, beautifully presented and wonderfully flavoured.



RELAX AND SOCIALISE IN STYLE



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The Canvas Room offers the perfect place to relax and socialise in style. Its character and charm are quintessentially British and irrefutably modern with an understated elegance where guests can feel at home. Choose from the extensive drinks menu, including champagnes, fine wines and cocktails whilst enjoying the welcoming ambience and society atmosphere.

Our all-day dining menu and indulgent Afternoon Teas are also served by our dedicated waiters in the comfort of The Canvas Room.



The Gainsborough Bar is chic, modern and fun; a brilliant social hub and the perfect venue for a refreshing drink, pre-dinner cocktail or after dinner liqueur. Our expert bartenders serve delicious innovative cocktails tailored to your personal taste, along with traditional classics or simply choose from a stellar collection of champagnes, artisan gins, martinis, fine wines and local ales.



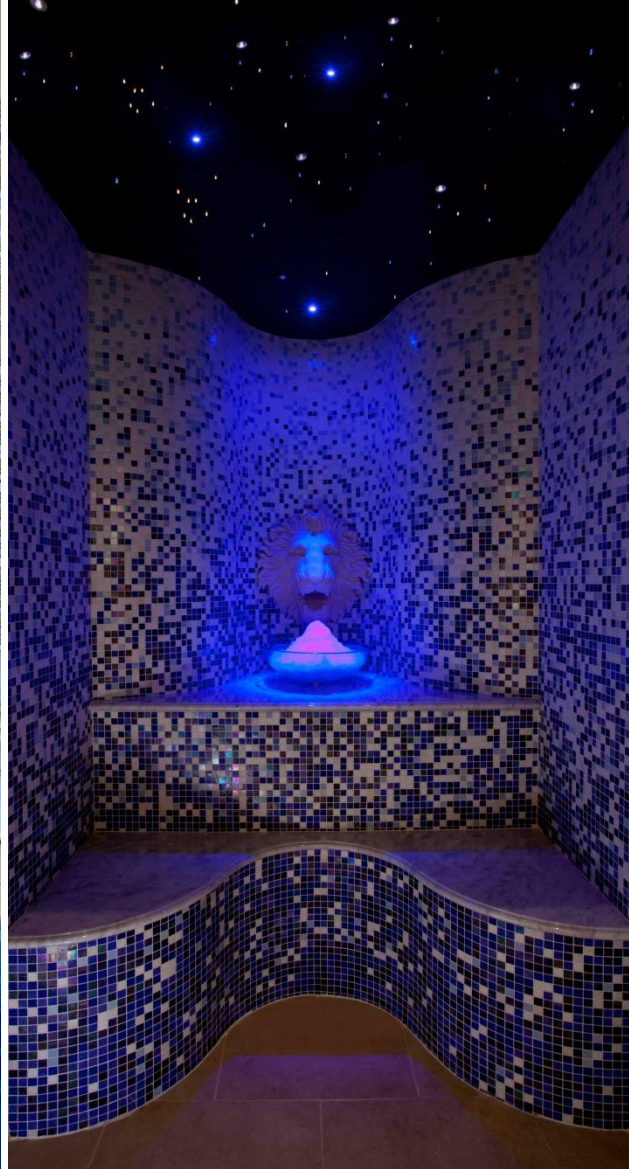
SPA VILLAGE BATH
HONOURING HEALING TRADITIONS



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Tapping into the original thermal springs, Spa Village Bath offers a contemporary perspective on the city's thermal water heritage. Coupled with the historic use of aromatherapy in Great Britain, this spa gently supports the brand's philosophy of honouring the healing traditions of the region. In recognition of its spa heritage, the award-winning spa group with its Malaysian origins also presents select signature therapies from the original spas in its collection.



The Bath House experience enables guests to ‘take the waters’ in luxury. Guests will begin their visit with a circuit that includes dipping in two natural thermal pools of varying temperatures, traditional and infrared saunas, a steam room, an ice alcove and elegant relaxation areas. Spa Village Bath integrates the treasured waters of Bath with private aquatic body therapies and classic treatments that focus on personalised aromatherapy.



The serene environment of the spa is bathed in natural light emanating from the four-storey glass atrium perched above the Bath House. Located over two levels, Spa Village Bath also features 11 treatment rooms which include a couple's room, a VIP Suite with private natural thermal waters, two tatami rooms designed especially for the award-winning Asian therapies, and a beauty salon. Guests can satisfy their daily workout needs in the 24 hour fitness room.



Exclusive membership to Spa Village Bath provides you access to the finest luxury spa facilities and unrivalled natural thermal water bathing. Subscriptions are limited to ensure optimal enjoyment of member privileges. Our full and midweek membership options provide access to the Spa Village facilities along with a host of other luxury benefits.



CREATING HISTORIC EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS



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The Gainsborough Bath Spa offers a variety of conference and banqueting facilities, ideally suited to weddings, wellness events and business meetings. The hotel is fully licenced for civil wedding ceremonies. This complex of historical buildings provides two different areas with additional breakout rooms available, easily accommodating multiple or large groups with a dedicated events team at hand. The entire hotel and its facilities have the potential for exclusive use, where the whole event can be adapted to the client's unique requirements, ensuring maximum flexibility and privacy.



The Chapel and The Somerset Room each have a setting for panel discussions and a head table or a lectern with audio-visual capabilities. The Chapel is spacious with a hanging chandelier, gracefully curved alcove and has direct access to The Chapel Terrace area adding an outdoor element to the space, allowing for further flexibility and an additional 60 persons to be accommodated.

The Chapel setup & capabilities (91.5 sqm)

• Theatre: 80 • Reception: 100 • Boardroom: 25 • Cabaret: 56



With its gorgeous Georgian architecture, stunning interiors and seamless service, The Gainsborough Bath Spa has all the essential ingredients needed for the perfect wedding. Elegantly period, The Somerset Room features historic detailing with a half-shell area making it an ideal venue for wedding ceremonies or events.

The Somerset Room setup & capabilities (64.5 sqm)

• Theatre: 60 • Reception: 75 • Boardroom: 20 • Cabaret: 32

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