

Reasons to visit Bath

I'VE travelled through Bath before but never stayed long enough to sample the delights on offer until a few weeks ago when we were invited to investigate '10 good reasons to visit Bath'.

It seems that there are many more reasons to visit this delightful city but as we were only staying for a weekend time was of the essence if we were to catch just a few of them

We were blessed with the start of the mini-heatwave and found the best - and least tiring - way to get around was by hopping on and off the sightseeing buses that travel to all the attractions.

Our first stop took us to the renowned Roman Baths - these magnificent buildings were built around Britain's only hot springs. We took in The Abbey opposite, a sight of worship for over a thousand years, and open to the public every day.

Other stops included the Royal Crescent,

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The Circus and The Pulteney Bridge, all unmatched architectural masterpieces.

The city of Bath is world famous for its hot springs, which were discovered around 500BC and then later, in AD 43 the Romans developed these springs into the baths which are what visitors see today.

As well as the Roman Baths, the city itself has over 5,000 listed buildings, fascinating museums and galleries and is a designated World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Our most comfortable base for the weekend was Brooks Guesthouse, an award-winning 4 star highly commended boutique guesthouse offering excellent B & B and having just received an AA Breakfast award 2009, mainly due to their use of only locally produced products.

For our evening meal we stumbled upon Sally Lunn's, Bath's oldest house c.1482, this was the home of a French refugee who - so the story goes - baked a rich, round bread known as the Sally Lunn Bun. Now the house is also a restaurant where we enjoyed a charming candlelit meal.

Bath has so much to offer, whether it's sightseeing, shopping or relaxing, a family break or romantic weekend for two and only an hour and a half away by car it's definitely on the list for a return visit.



■ The Roman Baths