



# DORCHESTER ROMAN FESTIVAL

## What's going on elsewhere in Dorchester this weekend!

### SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2025

#### 10 AM - 12 PM - GUIDED TOUR OF THE ROMAN TOWN HOUSE

Dorset Museum and Art Gallery are proud to have partnered with Dorset Council to offer the opportunity of a guided tour of the Roman Town House. Day access to the museum is also included in your ticket. Copy of our Roman Town House Guide to take home. Not suitable for under 5s. Adult: £25 Child: £10 Member/Unlimited Ticketholder: £15 Concession: £20. Book online via Dorset Museum & Art Gallery.

#### 10 AM - 4 PM - CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN ROMAN TIMES FAMILY TRAIL

Explore Shire Hall Courtroom Museum to find out how crime was punished in Roman times. Follow the trail and learn the gory details of Roman punishment and deterrence. Free entry with ticket.

#### 10 AM - 5 PM - GLADIATORS OF ROMAN BRITAIN EXHIBITION

A British Museum Partnership Exhibition with Colchester + Ipswich Museums will delve into the lesser-known history of gladiatorial contests in Roman Britain. Launching at Dorset Museum & Art Gallery in January 2025, the exhibition will tour four UK venues, tracing the footsteps of gladiators who once fought in Britain's amphitheatres. Included in museum ticket entry—kids go free!

#### 10 AM - 4 PM - HANDS ON HISTORY AT DORSET MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of Roman history by getting up close to authentic Roman artefacts. Free with museum ticket entry - kids go free!

#### 12 PM - 2 PM - MAKE YOUR OWN HELMET AND SHIELD

Bring history to life with this epic, free drop-in and self-service event at the Dorset Museum & Art Gallery (with museum ticket entry—kids go free!) Make and decorate your Roman helmet and shield to wear proudly or take home as a keepsake!

#### 6 PM - TALK - DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF ROMAN DORCHESTER

Join us at Dorset Museum & Art Gallery for an enlightening evening of talks exploring the fascinating Roman history of Dorchester. Tickets £20 and include welcome drink. Book online via Dorset Museum & Art Gallery.

### SUNDAY 13TH APRIL 2025

#### 10 AM - 12 PM - ROMAN DORCHESTER TOUR

Guided tour of Dorset Museum & Art Gallery followed by guided walk through the historic streets of Dorchester to uncover the hidden landmarks of Durnovaria. Your ticket also includes full-day access to the museum. Not suitable for under 5s. Adult: 20 Child: £8 Member/Unlimited Ticketholder: £12 Concession: £16. Book online.

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#### 10 AM - 12:30 PM - GUIDED WALK TO DISCOVER DORCHESTER ROMAN AQUEDUCT

A circular walk exploring the archaeology of Poundbury Hillfort and the Roman Aqueduct led by archaeologist Steve Wallis. £6 per person. Book online via Eventbrite.

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