

Thanks to the discovery of a natural spring in 1606, the Pantiles in Royal Tunbridge Wells became a popular destination for gentry and royalty, attracted by the health-giving qualities of the mineral-rich waters. A typical 17th-century holiday in Royal Tunbridge Wells involved drinking at least 2.5 pints of the water every day, attending chapel, meeting at a coffee house or a pipe house, and promenading along the 'Walks'.

Today, the Pantiles is still stylish, with independent shops, galleries and cafes spilling out of the 18th- and 19th- century buildings, and if you time your visit right, you can still sample the waters from the Chalybeate Spring – although brunch in one of the Pantiles' elegant eateries is much tastier!



- Websites: www.thepantiles.com | www.visittunbridgewells.com
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- © Getting there from Gatwick Airport: Pantiles in Royal Tunbridge Wells is 20 miles (30km) east of Gatwick. Travel time is approximately 40 mins by road.